

N^o. 484.
P. Douro

London, 39 A. Gracechurch St. 8th Jan^y. 1875.
F. C.

Falklands Islands Company.

Sir, Our last Despatches N^{os} 482, 3 were dated the 21st & 23rd both being sent forward by the 'Sparrow Hawk' & W. Tiber, but the former only left Deal yesterday. On the 4th inst. we received your Despatch N^o. 494 of 16th Nov with its Enclosures in order - it ought to have contained the 'Black Hawk's' Return N^o. 29 (2 Oct to 15 Oct '74), please send it.

2. N^o. 494, 3. Respecting the alteration suggested for the Credit at the River Plate Bank you have, as usual, not explained your views so that we do not understand what is wanted - if any open credit would be more convenient to enable you to pay liabilities and accounts at Montevideo, you have only to send draft on the Directors for purchase by the Bank with request to put the amount to your credit - but the Secretary of the Bank being consulted thinks you might wish to have a temporary credit at the Bank which you would close by payment other than by draft on the Board here, if such be the case authority has been obtained for such a course, as per copy of letter to the River Plate Bank on the 6th and their reply of 7th inst. now forwarded - we learn the Bank does not allow drafts on them so your proposed modification could not be carried out, we hope the new arrangement will suffice but if not send full explanation to enable us to see what further can be done.

3. Par 5. We are glad to receive the survey report of the 'Vicar of Bray' as it may make her insurance more moderate, you ought to have sent estimate of her cargo, number of bales of Wool &c &c besides the hides mentioned and the Board particularly hope she will leave as early in Feb^r as possible on account of the financial arrangements mentioned in N^{os} 480, 12, as it was expected she would leave in January.

4. Par 6, 8. We have left further dealings with M^r. Williams entirely to your discretion, looking upon his position with M^r. Elder the greatest caution should be exercised - the Board is gratified that you repudiate his claim for lambs as M^r. Williams wrote that he would be satisfied with your decision.

5. Par 7. The Board regrets that M^r. Yeoman is still considered unsuitable and wishes to have details of the habits & manners which render him obnoxious to our people, as we have had two or three people of standing speak well of him.

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Stanley.

He may not be perfect but we know him to be thoroughly conscientious and painstaking - considering the difficulties of the place allowances ought to be made, it must also be borne in mind that if he leaves there will be the greatest difficulty in providing a successor.

6. Par 10. With respect to Dip Tobacco at a cheap rate it is believed that such has not the virtue of the dearer kind, hence our sending what is considered the best value & the most efficacious for the object in view. As Tobacco is becoming dearer we trust the greatest care & economy is exercised in the preparation of the Sheep Dip, we presume that as the Scab is becoming eradicated the use of this expensive remedy will decrease, though perhaps with large numbers of sheep congregated together there will always be a necessity for some dipping.

7. Par 12. We shall attend to your suggestion about damaged vessels being consigned to the C. & W. telegraph, the Glen Tilt and Alpha have been a commencement of telegraphic correspondence. The Swansea Merchant Shipping Co. have appointed us their Agents.

8. Par 15. The Directors cannot entertain the idea of another hulk, it does not appear that the 'Egeria' has been fully employed or earned much rent.

9. Enclosed is duplicate of Sparrow Hawk's Bill of Lading - Capt. Lewis had £25 advanced against the £30 due to him for taking her out - by the 'Frederica' we shall send some Dup Invoices of Outfit &c. showing how expensive it has been how well she is found - the Provision Acc^t in Capt. Lewis' hands is heavy & must be properly accounted for, also the Tobacco Bill £4.6.3.

10. We send Post Office Notice of the Mails out for this year & learn that no letters are despatched except on the fixed date, so this and future extra Despatches will be sent through Mr. Humphreys.

11. It is strange that you have not mentioned anything about Shepherds, we have now fulfilled your requirements for last year & may get 2 or 3 for the 'Frederica', but you ought to have given some intimation of future wants to enable our Agents to lay their plans some time before Whitsuntide when Shepherds Agreements terminate.

12. We regret to state that the 'Frederica' is too small for our Cargo, 35 tons Bricks & 25 tons Pall have had

to be taken out and there is yet sufficient Cargo for a vessel of 200 to 250 tons, which will be chartered and despatched as soon as possible, for out only but with option of return if you can make use of her.

I remain,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Coleman

Sec^y

Enclosures.

Triplicates N^{os} 482, 483.

Sparrow Hawk's Bill of Lading, Duplicate.

Copy of Letter to River Plate Bank 6 Jan 74

" Their Reply ————— 7 " "

Post Office Table of Falkland Mails for 1875.

No. 4874

2nd June 1895.

The Secretary
of the F.C.B.

N^o. 185. London, 39 A. Gracechurch St. 15th Jan. 1875.
E.C.

M^{rs}. Frederica. Falklands Islands Company.

Sir,

We enclose Duplicate of our last on the 8th inst. - The next day we received letter from Capt. Lewis stating that the 'Sparrow Hawk' had drifted back to Deal, he had been ashore & incurred an expense of £5.15.9 as per copy of account herewith.

2. The Admiralty have at length paid Six Pounds for M^{rs}. Rodgers' Passage down in 'Black Hawk'.

3. N^o. 194, 9. We are told that a strong Long Boat 30 to 35 feet long of proportionate breadth & depth would be sufficient for a 7 horse Engine, the weight of which is about 27 cwt, such a vessel would almost have the power of a small tug - a five horse engine with a five inch cylinder weighs 15 cwt, costs about £170 & is packed in a case 5 ft square.

4. We learn at the Colonial Office that a Clergyman is about to be appointed for Stanley and that he will most probably be a married man. Mr. John W. Collins is appointed Schoolmaster & is to proceed out shortly, it is not stated whether he is married.

5. There has been great difficulty about the Cargo of this vessel, as the Invoices have come in for the entire orders they are sent on, though only part of the goods are on board, it being impossible to divide them - the Herosine Cooking Stove in King's Invoice went in 'Sparrow Hawk' but there was not room for the Herosine Oil, we think of sending some of this to keep a full supply at the Store. The two Stause Pipes are duplicates for 'Sparrow Hawk' in case of need, invoice not yet in from Turner. The Rope is the balance of Indent ex N^o. 188 part having been shipped M^{rs}. Teniers.

6. Our only Passenger is Adam Robinson M^{rs}. Kenzie 34 years for whom Landing Certificate is to be returned - it is arranged that he messes with the Captain who has been paid Ten Pounds for provisioning him. As the Long Boat cannot go the Emigration Officers wished us to make one of the two small Boats a life boat by placing 4 cork seats in her & providing two life belts, which can be landed if not wanted for home voyage, or if no use at Stanley, can be returned for another vessel. M^{rs}. Kenzie is procured by M^{rs}. Putyre, Schoolmaster at St. Cardine whom you visited - he will have an advance of £100.

I remain, Sir,
Your obed^t. Servant,

F. E. Cobb Esq
Colonial Manager
Stanley.

J. Colman
Secy.

Enclosures for 'Frederica'

Dup. Despatch No. 484.

General Invoice

44 Detailed Invoices

Frederica's Charter Party 30 Nov 74.

do Bill of Lading

Form of Landing Certificate

Mr. Kenzie's Agreement

do Receipt for £11.

List of Sundries on board 'Sparrow Hawk'

Duplicate Invoices of 'Sparrow Hawk's' fittings up

Plan & Sections of cutter 'Flora'

Copy of Lloyd's Certificate of do dated 7 Jan 75.

~~List of Cargo for others~~

" " Contents of Case No. 1501.

Letter for H. Rotherburg

" " Basquale Cilente

" " do do shipped on bd 'S. Hawk'

Letter for Mr. White in name of A. Salimona

Phillip Peter's Receipt for 3/3 for Shipwrecked Mr. J. J. J.

William's Freight Note £. 10. 6

Pamphlet on Photography by Jabez Hughes

" " Light Railways & Tram Roads by H. C. Phipps

" " Natural History

Hughes's Wool Report.

Lloyd's Reg. Supt Nov 9 & Dec 14 1874.

Navy List for January 1875.

Barraud's Testimony

Mr. Kenzie's Circular

Dothridge's "

Annings "

Nesbitt's "

List of Parcels for 'Frederica'

Freight Note for Colmested. £2. 12. 6

Emigration Agreement. 12 Jan 75.

Dup. Coleman to Cobb 26 Dec 74.

" " " Yeoman 23 " "

" " " William 18 " "

" " " Lory 21 " "

" " " Watts 21 " "

" " " Smith 21 " "

Nautical Magazine for Jan 75.

The Colonies for 8 Jan 75.

Copies of Captain's & Mate's Certificates of Gratuity for Sheep.

Enclosures per 'Frederica'

Copy of Hammond's ac of disbursements £5.15.9
 List of Sundries belonging to Cutter.
 Dup Invoice of Jones for Fodder &c £19.8.11
 Birt's Circular of Cow's Belts.

Letter Coleman to Capt: Lewis 15 Jan 75.
 " " " " " " " " 15 " "
 " for Col: Sergeant Grimes
 " " C. M. Dean Esq
 " " Cobb 15 Jan 75.

N^o 486.

London. 39. St. Gracechurch St. 8th Feb 1875.

M^r. R. M. W. Neva. Falkland Islands Company.

Sir, Enclosed is Duplicate of our last on the 15th ult. M^r. Frederica, which vessel I am happy to say, made a quick run down Channel passing Deadman's Point, Cornwall, on the 28th ult. - On the 1st inst. we received your Despatches N^o. 195, 6, dated 5, 6 Dec. 74, M. M. W. Fawn having delivered them at Ascension whence they came home by the Cape Steamer.

2. N^o. 195, 5. The filed letter to the Colonial Office of 7 Oct 74 about Peat is labelled as Copy sent to Stanley on 8 Oct, but in case this was not done, another Copy is enclosed: we do not think it would answer any purpose to have rough Peat sent home for pulping here, as Clayton's Machines are not in operation now, besides being so good in its natural state and not much demand for it it would not answer to incur expenses.

3. Par 6. Enclosed is letter for Col. D. Grey with Acc^t (note read before delivery) showing he owes 196.7.6 which it is hoped he will now begin to pay off by degrees.

4. Unfortunately the 'Sparrow Hawk' has been terribly delayed in the Channel, putting into Torbay where she incurred a bill for 1.14.8 and then into Falmouth whence she sailed only on the 30th ult. - her expenses here were £57.3.10 copies of the ~~the~~ being sent to be accounted for by Capt^m. Lewis: a seaman named James Adams deserted here, if anything still due from him for advance of wages we presume you will be able to recover it from the sale of his effects - Capt^m. Lewis thought it necessary to have another Mainboom made at a considerable expense we trust the old will be turned to some service at the Islands. We find the vessel has cost with all her Cabin Fittings 8^{/-} £2774.17.8 so we shall be entitled to insure her for £3000 upon a yearly policy from the date of her leaving Stanley upon Island service - we hope to be able to send particulars of her Working Acc^t. by this Mail.

5. I am afraid Capt^m. Prego was not told to have the Gunpowder ready for immediate delivery at Stanley, please arrange this as the present will get out before him. Though intimation was given of the intention to send 10 Rams the actual shipment was not notified, they were Lambs of last year, first rate Cheviot blood, being young they must not be put to the Ewes before being thoroughly acclimatized. I regret to state that M^r. R. M. W. Fawn cannot resist drink, he forgot himself at the Coffee House and again on board the Frederica at Provesent and when in this state becomes quite a madman, you must

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Therefore send him at once to Darwin to prevent him getting drunk in Stanley.

6. We learn from the Royal Mail Co. that the complaints about dirty insects from Steel, passenger of the Neva Aug 74 were occasioned by his fellow travellers Morrison & Hanity, this is quite likely for I noticed myself that they were very dirty; they came from the Post of Harris and we now send out another Shepherd from there, Angus M. Donald, wife, boy 3 yrs and infant upon a new Land Order which will be forwarded as soon as obtained, their Landing Certificate must be returned directly. We find you have not debited the Land Order Acc^t with the late Land Orders, with this last N^o. 43 there is £377.16.9 available for the purchase of Land which at 4/- an acre would give 16,889 acres, this ought to be obtained in the vicinity of Darwin, Mare Harbour or other eligible localities upon the Northern Peninsula or else the Government will stop the granting of Land Orders if we do not make use of them; you are aware of the working of them here which though it causes considerable trouble is well worth doing for the cheap rate it enables Land to be obtained.

7. We have been intending to ask for intelligence as to establishing a Meat Preserving Manufactory in case of others applying before we have made up our minds to do it ourselves - we ought to know how many Cattle & Sheep could be devoted to this purpose annually, the best locality for the Manufactory, whether the necessary common labour would have to be imported, of course the skilled labour for cooking, tinning engineering must be sent out, but perhaps at the end of your summer, when it is supposed the animals would be in best condition, there might be a certain class of men obtainable for killing, dipping &c. which would save sending men out for this purpose.

We await with interest your report on the working of the Tallow Extractor as doubtless much information relating to the above will be given, having Extractors at work only the best portions of the animals need be preserved. By request of a Gentleman we send six gallons Preserving Liquid (by the Peggy) which is reputed to keep meat fresh any length of time, we wish some good joints of Beef & Mutton to be treated as per description to be forwarded and sent home by first Steamer.

8. I regret to inform that we have not yet obtained any money on account of the D. H. Lade's Bill 473.5.5 & fear it will be a total loss with legal expenses still to pay - it will consequently be necessary to take security in future from German and other foreign vessels.

9. The cost & expenses incurred for Buildings and Plant & Utensils for the year to 30 June last have not been sent on with the Balancing papers to that date, should the omission not be made good by the incoming or next Mail the

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Balance Sheet for last year to 31 Dec will be so much short in Profit & Loss which with the late serious loss upon the Store may show a serious deficit.

10. The three masted Sch^r 'Peggy' Captⁿ Reeve has been chartered to convey the remaining Stores, at the high rate of £915 out, with option of home voyage at £1000, she is an excellent vessel & being a frigate may well earn the money by a rapid passage out - requiring a little more deadweight 30 tons Steam Coals have been stowed, so to 15 tons may still be sent in anticipation that the Detached Squadron may have taken some, you do not say whether the 54 was supplied to H. M. S. 'Prawn' were Steam from hence, or from the Coals purchased at Stanley. Tentons Coarse Salt has been shipped 16 tons Fishery Salt is offered, it will be decided tomorrow if she can take it.

11. The Black Hawk's Return N^o 29 of 2 to 15 Oct 74 asked for was received on 16th ult. from Captⁿ Campbell. Mr. John W. Collins the new Schoolmaster is passenger by this Sch^r he has an order for a first class passage fr^o 'Black Hawk' paid for here by the Crown Agents for the Colonies, a few cases for him will be in 'Peggy'; she will also have a Schoolhouse & from the S. Amⁿ Miss^{rs} Soc^y for Ushuwia, which is to be held by you on board a hulk ready for transshipment, the new 'Allen Gardiner' a yawl of 50 tons (about) gross register commanded by Captⁿ Willis was to sail from Plymouth about this time, the Society will feel obliged by any attentions to her or the Captain.

12. Mr. Dean informs us that the Bahia Tobacco has no strength for Sheep Dip, if it appears good & can be obtained at a cheaper rate than ours, a sample had better be sent home for analysis, but it is reported Captⁿ Packer had to pay £20 per ton freight from Bahia to M. Vides.

13. Angus M^r Donald has a parcel of heavy papers for you, amongst them printed Regulations for the Black Hawk (some he will deliver for Mr. Humphreys) remainder follow fr^o 'Peggy' - also particulars from Cheque Bank which is a cheaper mode of remitting small amounts than the Post Office Money Order.

14. We have heard that a Gentleman named Platt or Plant who returned from the Islands some months since discovered a most valuable deposit of Plumbago which if true would be the most fortunate thing possible since this article yields any amount of profit, our informant, an influential Shareholder, will

obtain particulars of position &c and we earnestly hope it may prove to be on the Company's Freehold or if on the Government Lands in such a locality as can be purchased through the Land Orders before mentioned, this discovery has only been reported this afternoon.

I remain,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Coleman
Secy.

Enclosures.

- Duplicate N^o 485.
" Frederica's Bill of Lading
Copy Letter to Colonial Office 7 Oct 74 }
respecting Peat Manufacture }
Charterparty of Peggy dated 20 Jan 75.
Ledger and Journal Entries
Remarks on Accounts N^o 14.
Coleman to D'Arcy with Acc^t } open to be
do " Smith " " } read.
do " Capt. Prefs
do " Holmsted
do " Cobb
Angus M^c Donald's Receipt for £0/8 being
a further advance to the Lib.

No 485
put to by 10/10
H. J. Smith
put to 10/10

London, 39 St. Dunstons Church - St. 18 Feb 1875.
E.C.

N^o 487.
Mr. Peggy

Falklands Islands Company.

Sir, Our last was dated the 8th inst. Duplicate enclosed - on the 16th your Despatches 197 & 198 of 26 Dec 74 and 1st inst. arrived with their Enclosures in order, except the List of Stanley Prices mentioned in N^o. 198, 2 as being sent to the Detached Squadron, we hope your next will make good this omission.

2. N^o 197, 3. This statement upon the Loss at the Store will be carefully considered at a Board on the 22nd.

3. N^o 198, 6. Telegraphing need not be resorted to except for urgent cases.

4. Par 15. The Board regrets to learn that a sale of Sheep at what you call a remunerative price has been prevented by their remarks in a former Despatch, under all circumstances we must leave details to yourself, if you find business cannot ~~be~~ done on the Board's terms the Directors are always open to receive explanations and agree to any course which you prove to be best, - as you say that fifteen shillings pays for Sheep we shall certainly sell at this price to Mr. Stickeney if he applies, though you do not state the age they would be, the sex, nor how many you could deliver or whether he would have to bear the expense of removal &c &c.

5. Par 16. After the pressure of this vessel is settled a claim shall be made on Messrs. Balf for the Governor's Beer but it is feared the time elapsed since the shipment, nearly nineteen months, will be urged against us.

6. The Directors are glad to hear from Paragraph 25 that the shearing is progressing favorably, but how is it that you have not given the result of the lambing which is one of the most important affairs for the Company. We see your purpose despatching the 'Vicar of Bray' by the end of this month and trust she will certainly sail at that time if not before, you ought to have given an estimate of cargo to guide us as to insurance, precaution has been taken by opening a policy for £9,000 upon her.

7. It ought to have been mentioned that our last Shepherd, August M^r. Donald of 'Neva' on 8th inst., was en-

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-gaged at lower wages than current lately because he had a family & wanted to go abroad. We are very much surprised to find there is no intimation given of the requirements for Shepherds to be engaged & sent off this Spring, considering the disappointment you expressed at their nonengagement last Spring because you had not sent requisition for them it is surprising particulars of number and sort likely to be wanted have not been sent to us in good time: you must be aware the engagement of Shepherds is a work of time & labour, becoming more difficult every year, and it is impossible for our Agents to procure good men at short notices, we ought to be in the market early to pick & choose for as our Shepherds have so much valuable property depending on their care and attention we ought only to send the best men obtainable.

8. By the Journal we perceive you send Rams to Mr. Melian at Montevideo, particulars of these sales ought to be furnished to enable us to arrange any business of this sort which might offer at Montevideo.

9. The later Shipping Reports do not mention to whom the vessels are consigned whether to the Company or Dean this omission is to be made good in future.

This Vessel has a very valuable cargo and it is hoped she will make a rapid passage.

I remain, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
J. Coleman
Secy.

Enclosures.

- Duplicate N. 486.
- Bill of Lading
- General Invoice £ 2076. 5. 10
- 65 Detailed Invoices
- Coal Certificates from Compton.
- Land Order for £100 N. 48 Part 1 dated 6 Feb 75.
- Journal Entry. Remarks on Stores per 'Peggy'
- Draught of Sparrow Hawk's Tail from Lund.
- Sparrow Hawk's Tonnage Account.
- List of Cargo for others and List of Cargo free.
- " " Timber &c for Ushuwia Station
- Certified Copy Peggy's Charter. Various Circulars & Price Lists
- Black Hawk's Printed Regulations
- Dr. Hutchinson's Pamphlet & Papers on Meat Preserving. Prof.
- Dupl. Coleman to De Troy, Cobb, Campbell, E. J. Smith, Holmsted, Capt. }
Letters for Cobb from Blake & Sharpe - Coleman
- " " Waldron " his Brother 2.
- " " Munro, a shepherd, from his Mother
- " " Dean 2 from his Father.
- Dup Birl's Inv. 2. 16. - for Life Belts &c. of 'Frederica' -
- Royal Mail W. Routes for 75 on 9 & 24 of month
- Lloyd's Register Supplements, 13, 24 Jan, 4 Feb 75.
- Beyrout's Inv. 5. 19. - Paperhangings wrongly shipped.

No 4402

18 Feb. 1875.

The Secretary
of the F. B. Co.

N^o 488.

J. R. M. G. Tiber.

London: 39A. Gracechurch St. 23 Mch 1875.
E.C.

Falklands Islands Company.

Sir, The 'Peggy' which passed Deal on the 24th ult. conveyed our last, dated the 18th ult.

2. Time permits to go more into N^o 198. Par 3. There are no prices given for the Peat in reply to N^o 479, 8 - we wish to know the cost of cutting, stacking & drying a ton, the cost at which same can be purchased in the open market, and as you say it takes up such a bulk the dimensions of a dried ton fit for use might as well be given.

3. Par 4. It is unfortunate the Wool Press Box was injured by the extra pressing, in future the box need not be used after the bale has been once made with the utmost safe pressure - it can then be taken out of the box and dumped, which means placed on end and pressed, a couple or more bands being put round lengthways which brings the bale into smaller compass & saves freight.

4. 198, 8. We have written to Mr. Elder respecting the insurance of Mr. Williams' Wool at his Farm on West Falkland but have not had any reply.

5. 198, 15. Upon further examination into the Sale of Sheep we do not find that our Despatches "have stopped a very profitable business by putting a prohibitory price on sheep" - N^o 460, 12 did not state sale should not be made unless at 20/- and 25/- p. sheep, we stated it was considered they were worth that value but left it to your judgment to sell at the old prices 15/- & 20/- We communicated with Mr. Stickney but he cannot decide upon the purchase of Sheep until his Sons arrive out, William & Bernard Stickney go by this Steamer so we trust you will be able to arrange to supply them with any Sheep required.

6. 198, 18. You express a wish to know whether Mr. Smith's charges for Notarial work are correct but give no means for obtaining a judgment upon the point, as you do not furnish length of protests, accounts &c: nor the charges made for same - we thought something could be learned through the Protest upon the loss of the 'Anne Brooks' dated 18 May 74 received ex N^o 186, but on looking over her accounts it is not recorded what amount was paid Mr. Smith for this work - if you will send particulars to enable the matter to be examined it shall be attended to.

7. On the 8th inst. at 2 P.M. the following Telegram arrived "Famatick twenty thousand Vicar fail Eugenie here damaged owner sloman Hamburg arrange credit squadron arrived thirtieth January" - which we translated into "Insure £20,000 Produce p. Vicar of Bray - December Mail arrived - Eugenie here damaged owner Sloman Hamburg arrange credit - Detached

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Colonial Manager
Stanley.

Squadron arrived 30th January." It is presumed you intended a reply should be telegraphed about the 'Eugenie' to catch the 'Black Hawk' on the 10th inst., but the Telegram though dated Montevideo 1 Mch arrived on 8th too late to enable communication to be made with Hamburg, we therefore complained to Reuters's Telegram Co. and learn that though received in due course the Cypher Indicator was so mutilated that the message could not be delivered until they obtained a repetition of the word - they refuse any responsibility for this delay but we write Mr. Cumpbrey about it, as we cannot understand why Lloyd's Telegram upon the same casualty should have been despatched from M. Video on 26 Feb, received here 1 Mch, and our Telegram not started until 1 Mch, was there another vessel to M. Video after the B. Hawk?

8. Application having been made to Messrs Robert M. Stoman & Co. of Hamburg owners of the 'Eugenie', they bind themselves to be answerable for her expenses & have empowered Capt. Flock to draw on Messrs John Henry Schroeder & Co. London, you will therefore be justified in attending to this vessel's wants.

9. Lloyd's will doubtless inform you how the Telegram from M. Video of 26 Feb reporting casualties to four vessels was so mutilated that only the Eugenie's name was right - this draws attention to our Telegraphic Code so to prevent mistakes through similarity of words the following alterations & additions have been made - Father altered to Feasible - Favourable to Feather - Favourite to Febrile - Fantastick to Feedpipe - Fecundity, means Near produce estimated at Pounds (numerals) - Federal, stands for (name of vessel) here damaged arrange credit with owners (name & place).

10. We have not been able to discover anything further up on the diminution of Profit at the Store but send Statement in reply to yours ex N^o 197 - returns for 72 and 73 drawn up on the same principle as your 74 N^o 7 - with two Epitomes upon these three returns - also a paper drawn up by Mr. Sawyer the Auditor to which he expects detailed replies - and the Board trusts that you will still search into the matter with a view to future improvement. It strikes us that all Stores sold to the Company's servants are at a dead loss of a heavy per centage seeing that the whole Store account only yields 8 per cent profit.

11. In consequence of the great falling off in the Profits of the Store last year the Directors caused a Trial Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Account for 1874 to be prepared, in order that they might have time to submit the same to the Island if necessary and have a reply before the Annual Meeting. These Trial Sheets have accordingly been made and though not duly audited they have been closely scrutinized by Mr. Sawyer as

well as by the Directors and are deemed by them substantially correct. The results shewn are as respects the present state of things simply disastrous & indicate, beyond the "great and culpable negligence" pleaded guilty to in your own words upon the management of the Store, a condition of affairs that has filled the Directors minds with surprise & indignation. To take the best view of the circumstances we must suppose, if the figures be anything like correct, that there has been an excessive overvaluation of the Assets in general in the previous year and a proportionate undervaluing last year, besides general waste, carelessness and extravagance: either these or other worse suppositions must be had recourse to in order to account for the desperate falling off from £18000 to £3000 as the net profits of the year 1844. In fact but for the sale of Sheep to the amount of £2960 as shewn in the Farm Acct. of last year there would have been no profit at all - this most extraordinary result now is arrived at although the net receipts from Wool, Hides &c. fully equal, indeed exceed, those of the previous year, while the home expenses are very little more than before. Unless a satisfactory explanation of the above most serious state of things is supplied and a corresponding improvement for the future takes place, the Directors will feel bound to take the most energetic steps to put matters upon a more satisfactory footing.

Should your examination of these accounts discover any great error, which can be explained briefly by telegram, you must use your discretion in going to this expense for reporting same to the Annual General Meeting in June next.

12. As there is such a small Profit for Dividend and Cash is short by reason of the late heavy shipments, the Board trusts that full particulars of balance of Produce coming home will be sent on 2 April, but should this not have been done, they instruct you to forward full ideas upon this point on 15 May and Telegram of value, based on then price of Wool & Hides, should be sent from M. Video to enable the Directors to report same at the Annual Meeting in June and estimate the amount available for Dividend: Fecundity will be the code word.

13. The Board has received from Mr. Humphreys copy of his letter to you of 19 Jan^r. in which he states that Capt. Campbell is continually intoxicated at Montevideo, this is a bad piece of news and the Directors trust you will thoroughly look into the matter. Capt. Campbell's seamanship has been called in question by Capt. Kent of 'Saugreal' who stated that

he is never prepared for emergencies, consequently sails and spars of the vessel are damaged, it is well known how dirty the vessel used to be kept so we mention this to put you on your guard leaving it to your discretion to take such action in the matter as may be deemed advisable.

14. Though the Return of Buildings and Plant for the year to 30 June 74 mentioned in N^o. 486, 9 has not been received as anticipated, the entry has been made good from the Journal.

We have not received the Live Stock Return for 1874, the last on record was sent in Jan^r. 1874 (ex 176, 18) and is presumed to be for 1 July 73.

Amongst the above Buildings charged £700 on 30 June 74 Walker Creek Dip Cookhouse figures for £200, there appears this same erection in the return of 30 June 73 entered at £120, explanation is required upon this point.

15. It should have been reported that Philip Pater Mate of the 'Garrow Hawk' has left a monthly allotment note of Three Pounds payable to his Sister upon & from the 3rd instant.

16. We regret to state that Wool still continues low, great care must therefore be exercised in getting our clip up, any symptoms of Burr must be at once eradicated for they would materially damage our prospects. As we unfortunately know so little of our Freshhold Lafonia a linen Chart double the size of the Admiralty ^{Chart} is forwarded to have the Shepherd's Houses and other Buildings may be entered upon it and returned - you might also give some idea of the range of the feeding grounds of the different flocks and denote those portions of Lafonia which are still unoccupied.

17. Mr. Gordon wishes you to observe the 140 Deals HSB the top cargo of the 'Peggy' as he considers them to be extra good, though invoiced at a low rate.

18. This Steamer conveys two cases both to be delivered freight free - one being prize books from the Christian Knowledge Society for the Sunday School at Stanley, addressed to Lieut. Tveroy - the other for Mr. Pherson our Schoolmaster at Darwin. The Mess^{rs} Stickney have kindly taken a parcel for you as per List herein.

19. Mr. Elder's Clerk has just called with request for us to look after the Insurance of Williams' Wool, I shall therefore call upon the North British Co. tomorrow.

Demeanors,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Coleman

Sec^y

23rd Mar. 1875
N^o 486
J. Coleman
J. Coleman

Enclosures for "Tiber" 24 March 1875.

"Trip Despt. N. 486.
Dup Despt. N. 487.

Peggy's Bill of Lading

Remarks on No. 16 (re: mistake in Journal Entries)

Journal Entries

Ledger Entries N. 16

Anne Brooks' Journal ^{& Cash} Entries

Epitome of Profit & Loss

Analyses of Farm of 1874/2, 77/38/3/4. - Memo on same

List of Consignments } with Exps on them
for London }

Land Order N. 413 for £100 Par 2.

Copy of Stornant's Letter 20 Mch 75. opening credit for Eugenie

List of things in Pet in charge of A. Stickney

Dups Coleman to Holmsted 19 Feb 75.

" " " Hansen " " "

" " " Packe " " "

Epitome of Island Admⁿ for 1874.

Lr. Coleman to Cobb 23 Mch 75.

N^o. 489.
P. R. M. G.
'Neva'.

London, 39 St. Gracechurch St. 8th May 1875.
E.C.

Falklands Islands Company.

Sir, Our last was dated 23rd March, Duplicate enclosed - on 30th March we received N^o. 199 and on 3rd April N^o. 200, upon both of which I wrote some remarks on 8th & 20th ult. to care of M^r. Humphreys at M. Video.

2. N^o. 199, 2, promised to write fully in the next Despatch about the Tallow Extractor, this has not been done, we trust therefore the reply to N^o. 486, 7. will contain full particulars, with plan of Establishment, estimate of future working & c. as you are going to considerable expense in making a Tramway for these works.

3. Par 5. Yates' bottled Ale is always a superior sort being of extra gravity and does not therefore foam so much, in future a lighter character Beer shall be shipped, younger so as to sparkle more.

4. N^o. 200, 5. The Directors are extremely glad to learn that there will be a full cargo of Produce for the 'Frederica', we trust the 'Vicar of Bray' will soon arrive & meet with a ready sale - Wool is now improving.

5. Par 9. We regret to find that Capt. Germain has divulged a matter between Messrs. Fougues Hon and ourselves, when he went out and a Credit of £2500 was granted him, Messrs. Fougues Hon proposed his drafts on them should be met at 10% or even sight if an inducement was offered them, as the amount was likely to be large and we were in want of funds it was proposed to allow 2 1/2 per cent for this accommodation, an arrangement to be entirely confined to ourselves and you will see from enclosed correspondence that Messrs. Fougues Hon are annoyed at Capt. Germain having mentioned the matter.

You have not reported that the Telegram about 'Glen Tilt' mentioned in N^o. 481, 2. did not reach you, there ought to have been estimate of loss & trouble occasioned by this miscarriage through Reuter's Telegram Co. as the foundation of a claim on them; on learning from M^r. Humphreys that it never reached him at M. Video we made application for return of the cost on behalf of Messrs. Fougues Hon & the matter waits from Reuter's Telegram Co's Agent at M. Video.

J. E. Cobb Esq
Colonial Manager
Stanley.

6. Pending reply to 484, 2. due in a few days we shall not alter the Credit at the River Plate Bank as suggested in N^o. 200, 11.

7. Par 15. The detailed steps taken upon this Telegram in N^o. 488, 7 - the original letter of 'Dumont's' to Rio Grande only arrived on the 16th ult. - Baillon & Maldrón's Wool is insured per Schooners of Frederica, as no amount is given for Baillon £5000 has been named.

8. Par 16. The P. O. U. was handed to M. Pies who has given up M^r. Holmstedt's in his favor for £84. 16. - which is now sent back.

9. Par 18. We regret extremely that there should have been the delay in forwarding the Tobacco, but being a bulky article we only shipped of L^o. 'Teniers' 12 tons as the freight was so heavy, anticipating that the 'Sparrow Hawk' would have sailed much earlier than she did, we shall certainly ship 30 tons to arrive by end of Dec. next, but we beg you will in your July Despatch send Indent for all Stores required to be sent out in a vessel to be despatched by the end of September, bearing in mind the very large quantity of stores now on their way out: this vessel is intended to bring home the early clip of Wool which ought to be ready by Jan^y. 76 and will be followed by another to sail about Jan^y next for the remainder of the Farm Produce.

10. Par 19. N^o. 195 merely enclosed copy of Baillon's Agreement to farm Speedwell Pold on shares with the Co. without remarks to be able to form judgment as to granting Lease for same at expiry of 3 years from delivery of Sheep (date not yet reported) so the Board waits further explanations on the subject and they are surprised you should ask them to form such a decision here, as they must after all leave it to your judgment as being the only person competent to fix the rent, which they trust you will obtain as high as possible.

11. Par 21. The 'Anne Brooks' did not have an Aneroid Barometer belonging to the Company.

12. Par 22. Terms for the engagement of Costin as a Labourer should have been given, M^r. Call writes word he asks £50 to 60, to which we have objected as being too high, such terms being those received by qualified Shepherds.

13. Par 23. We are sorry Bagging was not sent with the Hydraulic Press, 1000 yards goes by this L^o, it is 54 inches wide the same as before but we find this is not the usual width made so it has to be ordered specially, the regular width for Africa and Australia is 27 inches (twenty seven) and we wish to know whether this would be suitable for a constant supply, pray send full particulars, dimensions, mode of packing &c.

14. Par 26. The Directors approve of your suggestion for a new Captain for the 'Black Hawk' and have engaged Capt^m. William John Dixon as per Agreement dated 19th ult^o. herewith - his Master's Certificate being N. 30,385 dated 10th Feb^r. 1864 - he goes with this Steamer accompanied by his Wife who is to reside at Stanley, & carrying a letter addressed to him respecting the provisioning of the vessel on the same terms as Capt^m. Campbell, whose various privileges the Directors wish to be continued to him: he has been well recommended and we trust the appointment will prove favorable; we make him an advance of Twentyfive Pounds, (£25) against his Wages, there are some Cards with his name printed on them for use at Montevideo & elsewhere.

15. In addition to the beforementioned omissions the Directors now call your serious attention to the following and they trust you will in future be more particular in your Despatches by replying precisely to matters put to you, and sending such full details as will enable the Board at this distance to understand all the business and works conducted at the Islands.

No notice has been taken of the remarks on Nicotine & the Bahia Tobacco, a matter of the utmost importance for Sheep Dressing, which causing a great & increasing expense year by year, more in proportion than the increase of the flocks, must be sifted thoroughly.

The last Despatches have not given the stock of Steam Coals or whether the purchased Coal will answer for Steam as well as House, nor ideas as to future requirements so enable us to judge what ballast to provide for vessels out.

The shearing is mentioned as progressing favorably but no account of the Lambing is furnished, nor has there been a Sheep & Cattle Stock Return for some time.

The situation, plan & working of the Tallow Extractor is not given, nor of the tramway proposed for these works, all such particulars you can conceive are most interesting to the Board and actually necessary to understand what is going on and provide future improvements.

Despite the trouble experienced last year about Shepherds you have not mentioned the number required for the late respected increase in the flocks, presuming new hands must be required and this being the only time to procure good men, the Board has instructed that 7 or 8 be engaged if possible by Whitsum term the 16th inst^o. to go out by Steamer on the 24th June.

Though urged several times to send Accounts of Commission Charges &c on the 'D. H. Dade's' cargo for settlement with the

British & Foreign Insurance Co: entitled to part of the proceeds, you have not yet furnished these particulars consequently should they ask for settlement we stand a chance of losing our Commission &c.

16. Since drafting the above the Representative of the British & Foreign Insur: Co: has called for balance, which he considerably defers pending the expected particulars from you, he reports that you wrote them to say that there were no other charges but Commission, which you proposed at 2 1/2 per cent without naming any amount on which to calculate it, he stated that the Cash outlay on their account amounted to about £1400 and remarked (unofficially in a kindly manner) that 2 1/2 on this sum appeared but small remuneration to the F. & B. Co: for the trouble they had taken with the vessel & her cargo.

17. We have unfortunately to report that our Action against Mr. Bauer at Roslock to recover the D. H. Dade's Bill £473.5.5 has had to be abandoned, thus losing this amount, the Insurance paid & Law Costs £100 odd - such being the result of assisting a German vessel it will be necessary to protect ourselves in future by taking Bottomry Bonds from such German or other foreign vessels whose Captains have not authority to draw upon their owners, or indeed in any doubtful case.

18. The Directors are extremely sorry to hear such a bad account of your House, they trust the drain pipes sent out will enable you to improve matters, should the earth underneath the house prove to be saturated with sewage it must be excavated and filled up with concrete - if a thorough remedy cannot be discovered and it is absolutely necessary to build another House full details, plan of same & surrounding position, estimate of cost &c: must be forwarded, and it should be borne in mind that under present losses the greatest economy must be exercised, as the Board will not give their consent to an expensive mansion being erected.

19. Referring to the Amalgamated Lease for Land North of Choiseul Sound as per N. 179, 17 we have had another letter from the Colonial Office and replied with request for a consolidated Lease from middle of 1880 to continue for twenty one years, correspondence is enclosed. We require Copy of the Government Grant of the 160 acres purchased to obtain Lease of Section and Copy of such Lease - if these two documents are not always the same any important divergencies must be stated.

No 14019
J. H. J. J. J.
of the Ministry, 1898

20. The Hulks & Stores in them have been insured for one year from 26th ult. at 5/- p. ct as follows - Egeria £800, M. Chand £150, Margaret £50, Stores £500 is this sufficient value for such insurance?

21. Respecting the complaint of damage to Stores of 'Neva' 7 Nov 74 asp. Remarks ex N. 199 we communicated same to R. Mail Co. Capt. Herbert replies that he received a clean receipt from Capt. Campbell and the Chief Officer certifies that the Beer was stowed where it could not be plundered & left the S.V. in good order: in future a detailed survey report must be sent specifying the numbers of any packages damaged with full particulars of the injury & loss, as we cannot make a claim upon a mere statement. The R. Mail Co. state that you may engage passages for their Steamers in conjunction with the 'Black Hawk' accounting for the proceeds to Mr. Humphreys. The Liverpool Mail S.V. (Lampport & Hollis) to M. Video now sails on the 18th instead of 20th.

22. The South Am. Missionary Socy. have not yet decided to change their Agency as mentioned in N. 482, 7. but will instruct their people to act independently of M. Dean when they can get better prices for their potatoes & other produce, should this cause him to refuse cashing their bills & the Board would not object to your assisting them, but this preparatory arrangement is not to be made known; they talk of shipping their Wool direct to London believing they could get better value for it.

23. Mr. Elder has insured Williams' Wool as per 1988. We learn that M. Rodgers is not going out to her husband as his time is so short now. We send Letter from Mr. Plant the Gentleman alluded to in N. 486, 14, respecting Coal at St. Albans at the Falklands, at an interview with the Board it was decided that it would be too expensive to make an inspection as he suggests but the matter is to be borne in mind so if you can learn anything please report same. We have not yet heard what steps you have taken to test the accuracy of the report about Hidden Treasure upon the Co. Freehold at Lindy Sound.

24. The Government ship £2000 Specie by this Mail, all in new silver florins, which will be a great addition to the circulating medium we sent 11 Feb 74: some time since we informed the Crown Agents that the Freight of Specie by the 'Black Hawk' would be one per cent (1%). John Rutter at Falmouth 17 yrs old learning shoemaking was applied to go out, we shall offer a reduced passage by our next vessel if convenient & provided free passage of B. Hawk from M. Video. Cap. V. Packe does not take out Sheep by the 'Archimedes' as intended, he leaves Liverpool on the 10th hopes to be in time for the 'B. Hawk' at Montevideo.

I remain, Sir,

Your obed. Servant,

J. Coleman

Feb.

Enclosures.

Triplicate N^o 484.

Duplicate " 488.

Ledger and Journal Entries.

Agreement with Capt^r Dixon dated 19 Apr 75.

Statement of Cost of Cutter 'Flora' £483.10.9

do of Weight, Realization & Slip of Co^r Wool.

General Invoice £49.6.8

6 Detailed Invoices.

Invoice from M^r Alpin for Cobb £8.5.-

do " Adkins £1.2.- for Logbooks & for B. Hawk's

Holmsted's P. O. M. £84.16.- in favor of G. I. Rees
returned as per N^o 200, 16.

Copy Swansea Merch^t Shipowners C^r to Coleman 5 Apr 75
and reply 12 Apr abt Commission at Stanley.

do Col^r Office to Secretary 1 May 75 and Reply 4th day
abt Amalgamation of Leases.

do Coleman to Hughes & Co^r 12 Apr & their Reply 13 Apr 75
abt Capt^r Jermain Commission at Stanley.

do Plan to the Directors 15 Mch 75 abt Coal & Mumbago

Duplicate Coleman to Cobb 23 Mch 75.

do do " Lory " " "

List of Cargo and Parcels of 'Neva' 10 May 75.

Letter for Cobb from Simmitt

do " Rothenburg of 'F. Hawk' from his Father.

do " Bishop Stirling from Coleman

do " Rev^d Bridges " do

P.S. We forward a packet of Charts of Stanley
Harbour with Prices, Mails & Agencies printed
on the back - also some Price Lists of Stanley Prices
dated January 75 as per List ex 200, 2.

N^o: 490. London, 39 St. Gracechurch St. 8th June 1875.
P.R.M.P. 'Boyne'. Futhlands-Islands Company.
E.C.

Sir,
The Directors received your Despatch 201 of the 1st April on the 18th ult^o. - Duplicate of our last on the 8th ult^o. is now enclosed.

2. N^o: 201, 3. We are glad to learn the 'Vicar of Bray' sailed on the 20th March her arrival is anxiously expected, as the Wool is now shipped so much earlier is it necessary to continue the expensive Insurance of the Wool & Buildings at £10,000 as per Policy 296, the cost being £100 for six months to June of each year.

3. Par 8. Col. D'Arcy has written asking that the payment of his debt may be delayed until his return to England, the Board cannot agree to this & have desired me to inform him that unless Fifty Pounds (£50) is paid to you on or before the Mail leaving Stanley on 16th August and another Fifty Pounds (£50) by the 2nd Oct. next, the Directors will be compelled to apply to the Colonial Office - enclosed is Copy of his Letter of 2nd Apr 75 and our reply of this date, it will therefore be well for you to draw his attention to the necessity for these two payments at the stated periods.

4. Par 9. The description of the working of the Tallow Extractor furnishes the information required by N^o: 489, 15 - we now wait plan of works, tramway &c - you state the latter is laid down at three feet gauge and ask for a Truck, we concluded a similar one to that sent out of Lion Jan 74 but find it was only two feet gauge, however we have ordered a three foot gauge Truck.

5. Par 14. From enquiries made we learn that Sheepskins as soon as taken off should be rubbed with salt until they will imbibe no more salt, the salt causes the juices to run out of the pelt and it then dries, but considerable care is required for the proceeds to be done properly, when the 'Vicar of Bray' comes in the sheepskins will be specially examined upon this point, but it appears it will be necessary to find out the most profitable mode of treating such a number of sheepskins by the experiment of selecting 200 skins of the same size with the same length of wool, cutting off the wool from 100, which much be sent home separate, dressing the 200 skins with salt as above, then selling the shorn skins & the wool and testing whether they produce more than the 100 skins with the wool on, as we do not think these latter are of a suitable kind for making hearthrugs and such fine work.

6. Par 15. Your ideas about a Dock at the Eastern end of Stanley Harbour are good but it will be necessary to have very

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Stanley.

much fuller particulars of the place before any steps can be taken - could you not send enlarged plan of the spot with sections of the shore showing rise & fall of tide, depth and bottom of the Carriage, with estimate of expense for preparing the land for the quays & dock gates. When you heard of the Slip (presumed to be a Patent Slip) for sale at Colonia it is a pity you did not send up to Mr. Humphreys for particulars to be forwarded to us, as this would have saved time - immediately on receipt of your Despatch we wrote him for information, requesting same might be sent on to you, which would enable you to judge if the Board could enter into such a purchase.

7. Par 18. Application has been made to Mr. J. Littlefield at Boston for his ships' agency, also to Messrs. Hughes & Co. who have declined as per Copy of Letter herewith. In the early part of April we entered into correspondence with Mr. B. S. Debon N. 40 Burling Slip, New York, Editor (part Proprietor we believe) of the Nautical Gazette for him to recommend this Comp^y. and obtain some American Agencies for this purpose have contracted for a year's Advertisement and Subscription, some copies of the Nautical Gazette were forwarded you by Book Post, others will go by the Shepherds.

8. Par 19. With respect to the variations of Wages to Shepherds made here, we usually explain when they are lower than usual on account of large families, youth &c. and leave it to your discretion to raise them if deserving, as mentioned in N. 480, 6 in replying to 193, 4, and trust you will not fail to keep the men contented by suitable rewards. As to £65 a year for reengaged Shepherds being a fair limit the Board cannot give an opinion not knowing what expenses the men are put to for living &c., they conclude from the money always brought home by the time expired men that they receive sufficient wages and must leave it to you to get the work done effectively and at the least expense.

9. Par 21. Your suggestion to continue the numbers of the packages of Stores vessel after vessel is reasonable and shall be carried out up to 9,999 when N. 1 must be commenced again or we shall have to pay extra for five figures.

10. Par 27. The Directors are much disappointed that you did not take steps beforehand for furnishing the proper information required as to Live Stock, as they cannot give these particulars to the Annual Meeting to be held on the 21st inst^o which is fixed two days before the direct Mail that we may write if anything particular occurs. The Auditors discovered several items improperly remaining to the Debit of Island Administration for last year which have increased the Profit & as you did not telegraph in reply to N. 488, 11, the Accounts have been signed & will be published in the usual manner.

11. Par 29. We are glad to hear so much Produce is coming home by the 'Frederica': this morning your Telegram N^o 2 arrived from Rio de Janeiro, despatched yesterday - "Fecundity 15,000 insure Bottoury Agostino 500 Sparrow Frederica Peggy arrived arrived six fashion" - which we translate into - "Next Produce home estimated at £15,000 - insure Bottoury Bond upon Agostino for £500 - Sparrow Hawk, Frederica, Peggy arrived - (the second arrived a mistake) Lic Shepherds required by Sept. - This second estimate of the cargo of 'Frederica' is an improvement upon the first report. Instructions have been given for insurance of Agostino's Bottoury Bond £500. We are using our best endeavours to get Shepherds for the Mail S.V. of 24th but to the present have only one fixed, though 3 or 4 are in treaty.

12. Par 31. On receiving instructions from Mess^{rs} Stoman Mess^{rs} Bremer & Co: accepted the Eugenie's Bill for £935. 19. 8 Mess^{rs} Robert M. Stoman & Co: have appointed us Agents for their vessels at Stanley.

13. It was proposed to send a vessel away by the end of September to convey the 30 tons Tobacco you want by the 31st Dec^r, now however you ask (Par 17) for Hoop Iron and Bagging to arrive by 1st Dec^r, which necessitates the vessel starting early in Sept^r to be on the safe side, this makes it awkward as to getting home the Wool early for we had hoped the vessel at end of Sept^r would without incurring much demurrage have done for the early clip, still under all circumstances it will be better to arrange a round charter, as even with demurrage it would be cheaper than sending a vessel in ballast for the Wool. For guidance in future we want a statement showing when the Wool is begun to be clipped, the continuance of the process, stating the dates when certain numbers of bales are ready and when the whole clip is finished ready, also the numbers of bales at Walker Creek as well as at Darwin, and any further information necessary to guide us in arranging for two vessels yearly for Produce.

14. Mr. Humphreys has sent Copy of his letter to you on 24th Sept^r detailing proceedings about transshipments at Mt. Video, which can now be done direct from Steamer into Schooner at a charge of Ten Shillings (10/-) per ton, the R. Mail Co: are willing to assist us in every way but imply that this business & charge is made by Mr. Humphreys individually, we have therefore replied that if you consider it to be proper the matter can be so arranged, it appears a high charge but everything seems dear at Mt. Video.

15. Mess^{rs} Balf & Co: deny their liability for the spoilt Beer ex Governor as it was shipped after their time during a

not month and not reported on for so many months afterwards, but under the circumstances they make us a present of ten hhds Pale Ale: we wish to know whether a shipment of Beer from here in cold weather could be kept at the Islands until required, our shipments are usually at a bad time the Autumn & thus run risk of damage, whereas a Spring shipment would have the Ale in better condition - they advise that Pale Ale should be sent in future in preference to any other kind.

16. The Colonial Office have agreed to grant us an Amalgamated Lease of our Government Lands up to 1880 to be renewed upon reasonable terms afterwards; Correspondence will be sent on 23rd - by the Neva on the 10th ult: a Telegram addressed to me at Southampton was forwarded to you, as the Colonial Office wrote to the Governor by that Mail.

17. Having just enquired at the Brokers I must state that the next Tobacco will cost at least 9 or 9 1/2 p^{er} lb. This is a heavy increased price so the utmost care must be used in making the decoction for Sheep Dip, do you boil it two or three times as the Brokers state that one boiling does not extract all the Nicotine. It was intended not to notice 201, 5 as no such insinuation was made, but ^{now} think you ought to give a direct answer to our remark about the cheaper Tobacco and state whether the decoction made from it appears as strong or does the same work as that from the dearer Tobacco.

18. Upon further consideration we might send the Iron Hoopling & Bagging on 24th Sept: as these intermediate Steamers carry at a lower freight and then send the vessel by first week of October, which would enable her to be with you about the usual time for the early wool, still you had better push on and get the Wool ready as soon as possible.

I remain,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Coleman
Secy.

Enclosures.

Duplicate N^o. 489.

Copy Hughes H^o: Letter 3 June 75 about Ship Agency.

Copy Col. D'Arcy to Coleman 2^d Apr 75

" Reply to above 8 June "

J. Coleman, Secy.
24th June, 1875
N^o. 489

Enclosures

- Triplicate Despatch 1488
 Land order N^o 44 pt 1 for £ 100
 Copy of Emigration Agreements 19 June 75
 Form of Landing Certificate
 Four Shepherd's Agreements - Glendinning, Armstrong, M^{rs} Leod, (and King
 one Laborer's Agreement - Costin
 General Invoice £ 28.13.10
 6 Detailed Invoices
 Burrows' (2.17.6) and Silvers (£ 5.13/4) for Langdon - enclosed in Letter
 Letter from Roman dated 25 May appointing us their Agents
 Auditors Instructions for accounts
 Ledger Entries N^{os} 18 & 19
 Journal Entries
 Remarks on Accounts N^o 20
 Report and Resolutions for Colonial Manager
 Copy of New's (10 May) Freight Note, Measurements & Insurance of
 Correspondence re Amalgamation of Leases
 Copy of Col. Office to Company 8 May 75
 do " " " D'Arcy
 Copy of Letter fr Hughes & Co re "Jernian" 26 May
 Zoological Society Circular
 Letter for Cobb with Report 23 June 75.
 do from Zoo. Society
 Fell " Coleman 23 June
 Campbell " do " "
 Packer " do " "
 Panmer " Dyer 22 "
 Dup. Letters Cobb from Coleman 8, 20 Apr, 10 May
 Bridges " do 8 May
 St.irling " do " "
 Campbell " do 23 Apr enclosed in L^r mentioned above
 Circular fr Burgess & Key re Cotton Press
 Letter for Yeoman from Coleman
Contents of Case N^o 2
 Stationery from Houghton's as per Invoice
 Key on Shipmasters and Seamen 2 Vols
 2000 Receipt Forms } from Eastkey's
 300 Cards
 500 Charts with agencies on backs
 Elastic Stockings for Mr. Jennings as per Cow's Invoice
 Parcel from Lloyd's for Cobb (Lloyd's Agent)
 Box from Whan to his son
 Times 3rd to 16th June - Iron 12 & 19 June - Mitchell 4 to 18 June
 Nautical Gazette 21 Apr to 2 June
Other packages
 N^o 1 Leeds from Barr
 Clothes for Silver for Langdon
 Small box with M^{rs} Callit Yeoman's Watch
 Sundry papers

London, 39 St. Graicechurch St. 23 June 1875.
 F.C.
 J. R. M. W.
 "Guadiana"
 Falklands Islands Company.

Sir, N^o 491.

We have the pleasure of reporting that the 'Vicar of Bray' arrived on the 16th inst. Passengers all well, the Cargo appears to be discharging in good order. The Board intend obtaining present value for sale, estimate for repairs to put her in proper working order, cost of sailing her and will then determine whether to sell or keep her. Capt. Dyer having intimated she would make a capital Hulk for Darwin after 3 or 4 years use, we should like to know whether a hulk would be useful there & when it should be established. As it was uncertain whether this vessel would be retained in our employ it would have been wise if you so have given notice to terminate Capt. Dyer's Agreement on her sale, now we must send him back if she is sold as his Agreement continues until Aug^r 1876. Should it be determined to sail her it is intended to despatch her by the middle of Sept^r to land the Stoop Iron & the Tobacco by 1st Dec^r, trusting your next Despatches will order or give hints for Stores required by next vessel, so that she may bring home the early clip of Wool & other Produce, under all circumstances the Wool must be prepared for early shipment as the time is approaching when the Board must begin to declare interim Dividends as the Shareholders do not like waiting a whole year for their interest.

2. George Clark has gone to Scotland, you ask for him to be reengaged without stating the Wages to be given, he says he could not go out for less than what he has been receiving £90 a year and as his Submanager's situation would be filled up now it seems too much for a mere Shepherd, who you state are reengaged at £65 a year, another time give fuller details about such matters.

3. The Board has decided to send out an Hydraulic Press for the Tallow Works in order to make Greaves out of the refuse for shipment & sale here: Tallow Melters here make two sorts, the fine used for Log & poultry feeding fetch £10 to 12 a ton, the rough used for Manure realize £4 to 5 a ton, neither have bones in them, so if not entailing too much labour these had better be taken out, instructions on the subject will be sent. We have purchased a large Copper lined Jacket Pan 5.6 diam^r 3.0" deep, with Copper domed lid for extra rendering, a thing which will be required as the works progress. We had intended to send a Portable Steam Engine to work the above Press and be used for the Wool Baling but it is too expensive at present, as a Boiler would be needed,

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but as another Boiler will eventually be requisite for the Extractors, the Tallow Press will be arranged to be driven by steam, in hopes the like gear could be made at the Islands for the Woolbale Press at Darwin.

4. Referring to Par 5 of last Despatch abt Sheepskins we understand the best plan is to place a skin wool down, strew about 3 lbs Salt on the flesh side, put another skin with flesh side down upon it, and so go on until a pile is made, the salt causes the juices to run out & the skins after another dressing in the same manner if necessary may be hung up to dry.

5. You will learn with mingled feelings of pleasure and surprise, in which however doubtless the former will predominate, that on Saturday last just one day before the Annual Meeting Mr. Sawyer's head Clerk after repeated scrutinies of all the figures discovered the cause of the apparent deplorable falling off (beyond that of the Store Acc^t) in the last year's Profits. It lies in the item £6334. 9.6 being the whole of the Letter's Produce per Lion' debited to Est^d Admⁿ 73/4 whereas you had reduced the Debtors at Stanley by £5132. 2.1 being the estimated amount of the yield of such Produce. Thus as you will see last year's Profits are virtually to be increased by this last named sum; the same practise has prevailed in the last & former years and hence was not sooner discovered, it so happens that on previous occasions the amount has not been large & so the consequent deficiency not of moment. Of course it was too late to rectify the matter in the Accounts and Report, but in any case the Directors would not have divided more than ten per cent and there will be a correspondingly larger sum next year available for Dividend. Herewith are Instructions from the Auditors about keeping Cash & business for others distinct from the Island Administration Account which is essentially a Profit and Loss Account. We forward Copy of Report & Resolutions passed at the Annual Meeting on the 21st whereby you will see that at the request of the Shareholders there is to be another General Meeting in October near as we anticipate by that time you will have furnished full particulars upon the Store and Farm Accounts & other matters required by our former Despatches, by your August Mail we must certainly ^{have} the latest returns of all Live Stock.

6. The Directors learn't with more regret than surprise from Captⁿ Dyer that he had become cognizant & had made you acquainted with a practise, not to say possibly a system of larceny practised at the Store owing to its unprotected condition - how far this nefarious conduct had extended

it is impossible to say but at all events it helps to account for the lamentable diminution of Profits from the Store in last year's accounts. The Directors would be well pleased to learn that some of the offenders had been caught and an example made of them, they gather that opportunities for pilfering were habitually taken advantage of when cargoes were being landed & taken into Store by the labourers employed for this purpose, a practise, which now that you are made aware of it, you will no doubt take effectual means to prevent in future.

In communicating the above facts the Directors beg to express their continued & entire confidence in your integrity and ability and their full belief that you will by your personal and more rigorous superintendence reinstate the Store as a profitable branch of their business.

7. We have engaged the following Shepherds-

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| Henneth M ^r : Leod | Mrs' Ross of Puvvernefs |
| John King | Mrs' Finlayson of Fort William, & - |
| William Armstrong | } Mrs' M ^r : Call of Dumfries |
| Alex ^r : Glendinning & Wife | |
| William Costin a Laborer | |

M^r: M^r: Call nearly obtained Hugh Wilson & 2 Brothers but they will not be ready till Nov^r., inform us if they should be sent out by the Nov^r. or Dec^r. Mail.

8. The Post Office state there are letters for the Rev^d Bridges, Tierra del Fuego, we told them they should be sent to Stanley as the Governor or yourself would know of any Schooner to that quarter. Mess^r: Plante Bro^r: ship by this S^t: for the S. Am^r: Missionary Soc^y. 11 cases Biscuits & 2 Hunks Wood-ens, freight on which P. B. Hawk^r they wish to pay here on the measurements of the R. Mail Co., this is agreed to, but in case of any question you had better have them measured & charge made out for subsequent delivery if necessary. We only ship two cases, N^o: 2. Stationery & Sundries from Office, N^o: 4, Seeds from Barr. The Shepherds will have a small box with Watches for Rev^d: Yeoman & A. M^r: Call brought home by Cap^t: Dyer for repair - and a parcel Langdon's Clothes, whose Books are in case 2, also a box for Rob^t: Whan from his Father at Lockerbie - and a pair Elastic Stockings for Mrs^s: Jennings.

Plante are going to pay 13.12.10.

I remain, Sir,
Your obed^t: Servant,
J. Coleman
Sec^y

3rd Dec, 1895.

No. 491

The Secretary
of the S. & C.

N^o 492.

London, 39 A. Gracechurch St. 7 Aug. 1875.
E. C.

J. R. M. S^r. Elbe. Falklands Islands Company.

Sir, Enclosing Duplicates of our last N^o 490, 1, dated 8, 23 June I have to acknowledge your Despatch N^o 202 of 15 May to hand on 1 July.

2. N^o 202, 11. The Board & Auditors have carefully considered your explanations upon the Loss of Profit at the Store and the General Results of 1874 and are satisfied that you promise more care shall be exercised in all departments, especially as the since discovered error detailed in N^o 491, 5. makes 1874 rather better.

3. Par 16. White's Testimonials are enclosed.

4. Par 19. We are most glad to hear the Tallow Works are progressing so well, we shall ship fr. V. of Bray 500 regular Australian Tallow Casks to begin this speculation well as the packages of any new article of sale influence the price to be obtained, because of the look, safety of carriage & value of the packages when emptied, on this account Tallow in Bear Hogsheads fetches £1 more fr. ton than in other casks. We anticipate great results from this Tallow business not only as an addition to our income but also because our Wool will be improved through old sheep not continuing to be clipped but being boiled down thus keeping our flocks always young thereby producing better wool and a larger increase than breeding from old animals.

5. Par 20. Mess^{rs} Gibbs have already refused to grant us their Agency, we shall try them again shortly as well as some Foreign Houses. It is unfortunate you had so much trouble with Captⁿ Richards of the 'Martha', I regret to report that M^r Wade has refused to accept the Bill for £534.4.8 stating he will arrange the matter when the vessel arrives home, so Captⁿ Richards has evidently written him, our Solicitors say an Action cannot be commenced until Nov^r next so we trust M^r Wade will listen to reason before this time.

6. Par 21. Your suggestion for two Produce vessels will be commenced with the 'Vicar of Bray' leaving next month & as to the second vessel to leave the Islands middle of May 76 we must be guided by your requirements for further Stores or else charter in M. Video as you propose. Herewith is programme of her sailings, for three voyages in two years, for your consideration, we should like to hear whether you think it can be carried out profitably, if she has to lie up any time it ought to be here as there would only be the Captain & Ship-keeper upon wages. The R. Mail Co would carry Wool at 40/- and 10% all the year round, if there is any difficulty about our early clip coming home & perhaps two trips of the B. Hawk W^m Hawk would take a sufficient quantity up to make it worth while waiting for the balance.

Frederick E. Cobb Esq
Colonial Manager
Stanley.

7. Par 22. The Board approves of your action in regard to Mr. Williams, who has appealed against your decision upon the claim he made for Rams not furnished to his flocks, this is repudiated as per letter to him of this date sent open for your perusal before delivery. Anticipating that Mr. Elder might require a Manager for this Estate I called on him to recommend a Mr. Charles Purves Clay but learn that he leaves everything to you upon the Power of Attorney he sent you, so I may mention that this young man goes out trusting to find something to do and eventually an opening as Sheep Farmer or in any other business, he has had good experience herein as a Shipbroker's Office and has lately gone through all the details of Sheep Farming in Scotland, being 26 yrs old: his Brother has paid Fifty Pounds to be drawn by him at Stanley as needed and will be answerable for further advances to the amount of Two Hundred Pounds for sustenance or to commence any business pending his obtaining further Capital & the Directors will thank you to give him the best advice & assistance - he has a letter of introduction from our Chairman.

8. The Board approving of your request for a new Storekeeper have engaged Mr. Robert Sheprow Gilchrist for 3 or 5 years (the former period in case the climate should not suit his wife) at Salary of Two Hundred Pounds (£200) a year with a Commission of one per cent (1%) upon all sales above Six Thousand (£6000) with a House to live in and free passages out Home. He has been well recommended, his wife is to assist in the Haberdashery & Millinery Department and we trust the appointment will prove good & permanent - he finds Security for £500 (Five Hundred Pounds) from the Guarantee Society but thinks the Comp^y ought to pay the yearly premium of Ten Pounds - he goes out with his wife, son 5 1/2 yrs and mother in law - his furniture following in "Oscar of Bray". On the 21 July we sent a Telegram ^{at 2 o'clk} as requested "Felicity Oscar repairing leaves middle September" and trust it reached M. Video in time for the B. Hawk, of which however I am sorry to say there is a doubt as we heard the next day that there is a break in the line. He has received an advance of Fifty Pounds (£50) & left orders for £13 or 15 more.

9. We send Reports on Hides & Wool ex "Oscar of Bray" & regret to find that the former were heated in pile before shipment, we learn they should not remain too long without being turned over and some handfuls of salt sprinkled in the centre or they damage in the centre as was the case with these, thus showing it could not have occurred on board ship or the heating would have extended all over the hides. The Wool is unfortunately reported as deteriorating, being coarser & more kemfy than the previous clip, this may partially arise from so many old sheep

been kept & clipped, which will be prevented ^{now} through their being boiled down for Tallow, but we must never the less send out fresh blood more frequently and purpose shipping 15 to 20 Cheviot Rams of 'Vic of Bray' and 5 Shropshire Down Rams or other breed of fine woolled Sheep that will cross with Cheviots & make our Wool finer, Mr. Wat-dron says the Romney Marsh are very hardy & suitable for the Falklands, let us have your opinion on this point. I may here mention that the end bands on the Wool bales are not near enough to the end of the bales, they should be placed nearer & the others at equal distances apart.

10. On the 22 July we received your Telegram, N^o 3 Home, "Independence a federal Clarkson" & immediately applied to them to arrange credit for her, but could not get intelligence in time to reply by telegraph and have since learned that her Owners Agents here are Messrs Galbraith Springer Pembroke & Co. who guarantee the Master's Draft to the extent of Five Hundred Pounds (£500) & have written to Genoa for instructions should the repairs cost more. Mr. Perena, their Italian Partner, enquired if we would accept the Agency of the "Cassa Marittima" and the "Fiducia Ligure" two of the most important Insurance Companies of Genoa & being answered in the affirmative I have no doubt we shall obtain these appointments. It is unfortunate the above Telegram was delayed for it left Rio de Janeiro on 21 July only. Reuters Telegram Co. have returned the cost £8.18.- of the Telegram from Hughes & Co. about the 'Glenhill', as it never reached Humphreys or yourself.

11. Enclosed is Copy of Letter 14 ult. to Capt. F. B. Travers about coating the 'Democratta' and another Steamer going out for a West Coast Government this reply 22 July. Capt. Travers used to be in our employ in the 'Fairy' & as he asks for some little present for the Mess you might be justified in obliging an old servant of the Co. though it is contrary to our rules to send presents to vessels transacting business with the Company.

12. The Shepherds by this Steamer are
 Kenneth M^r. Leod (two late for the Guadiana) advance £4
 William Dooland " 6
 Rich^d. Sidney Burgess an English Lad } " 5
 well recommended } this makes

seven sent out this year and complies with your request for six by September - we shall have to engage a Shepherd for the Sheep per 'Vic of Bray'.

13. You will have understood from Telegram Out N^o 2 that it had been decided to keep the 'Vic of Bray', the value of her being only estimated at £800 (it being doubtful whether that would be obtained) so the Board ordered her to be docked & repaired in hopes the Clasp

Red A might be given her, unfortunately it proves too risky to have Lloyd's Register Surveyors about her for this purpose; so she must sail without a Class; under the present aspect of Legislation we have requested the Board of Trade to survey her for seaworthiness which has put us to some expense & we now only put her into decent order for sailing 3 or 4 years & then stationing as a hulk at Darwin, even this will cost £1000 or 1200 but the best must be made of a bad job, for it was a mistake to buy such an old vessel & spend so much money on her, which has been intensified by the late & present agitation originated by Mr. Plimsoll. We hope to have her ready soon to take in Cargo trusting the Despatch due 16th inst. will contain Indent, or the guide asked for to facilitate the loading of vessels - for your guidance a rough estimate of her Cargo is sent, every effort will be made to get her off by the middle of next month though if there is much of an Indent on 16th it will be a severe push to get every thing ready.

Mr. The Rev. James Foran has written from Walker, Newcastle on Tyne, saying that he expects to go to Stanley by the Mail of 24 Sept., presumably to relieve the Rev. Lory.

I remain,

Sir,

Your obed^t. Servant,

J. Coleman

Secy.

Enclosures Despatch 492.

Triplicate 489.

Duplicate 490, 491

Ledger Entries & Remarks on Accounts Nos 21722

Journal Entries

Copies of Reports on Wool & Hides ex Vicar of Bray

do " Letter to Capt. Travers 14 July & his reply 22 July

Land Order N^o 44 Pt 2 for £100

Copy of Emigration Agreement^{21/7/75} for "Neva" now changed to "Elbi"

Gilchrist's Agreement as Storekeeper

M^o Leod's do " Shepherd

Dooland's do " do

Burgess's do " do

Form of Landing Certificate for M^o Leod & Burgess

M^o Leod's Receipt for £4 as Advance

Dooland's do " £6 —

Burgess's do " £5 —

Gilchrist's do " £21 1/2 29 —

"Vicar of Bray's" Sailings for 2 years

Testimonials of Theodore White

Report from Zoological Society

Catalogue (sale) of Hides ex "Vicar of Bray" with prices

Report of Burning of Coal Cargoes by R Cooper Rendell

Butcher's & Hanning's Circulars Bowe's Wool Circular

Circular re Kidd & Barff patents "A New Heating Gas"

do re Robey's re Steam Engines

do of South Wales Coal Iron & Freight

Nautical Magazine for July & Aug 75

Silver & Co's Pocket Doctor

Dup Letter Coleman to D'Arcy 8 June 75

do " Cobb 23 & 24 June & 8 July 75

do " Langdon 23 June 75

do " Paete —

do " Yeoman —

do " Campbell —

do " Dixon —

Letter Coleman to Williams 7 Aug 75 - open to read

do do " Langdon —

Rough Estimate of Cargo for "Vicar of Bray"

Amended Epitome of Profit & Loss for 1874

Enclosed in parcel in charge of Gilchrist.

No 492.

7th August, 1895.

The Secretary
of the F. W. B.

N^o 493. London, 39A. Gracechurch St. 17th Sept. 1875.

E.C.

M^r. Vicar of Bray Falklands Islands Company.

Sir, Our last was dated the 7th ult. and on the 20th ult. we received your Despatch 203 ex M^r. Boyne, but regret to report that the letters entrusted to M^r. E. Paicke and M^r. G. Dean were lost in the wreck of that Steamer & there may be other communications not come to hand from the same cause, you had better therefore report fully what was posted.

2. N^o 203, 8. The D. & C. Dade's Acct. with the British & Foreign Insur. Co. is now settled by their having accepted £60 for the remaining 15,000 Bricks & the payment of the balance due to them for Iron less our Commission as per accounts herewith.

3. Par 9. The Board concur with your ideas as to erecting a new House in place of repairing the old one at a continuous expense, but to do this properly we must ^{have} plan of the ground with section of the same (it being on the rise of a hill which will have to be taken into consideration in designing a new house) and full details as to its position with respect to other land and surrounding houses: we enquired whether there was any other plot of ground on which to build that you might remain in the old house until the new one was ready but find the present position is the most suitable; as there is a good stone wing it might be retained so plan & elevation of same must be forwarded, as as every detail you can think of to enable us to carry out the design & plan well. Concrete is composed of 7 parts ballast or gravel or broken rock to one part of Portland Cement with a proper admixture of well washed sand, the whole to be thoroughly incorporated together - we trust you will already have learned how to do it through Costin the laborer ex 'Guadiana' who seemed a very intelligent man.

4. Par 18. We are glad to hear the 'Peggy' turned out her cargo so well her charter was expensive but has answered for the purpose: it is a pity you have had so much trouble with Capt. Prefs and the 'Frederica' but I warned you he was difficult to deal with, I trust you have sent details of days consumed in discharging & loading for I anticipate difficulties in settling the Charterparty.

5. Par 20. We could not get a reduction on the Insurance of the 'Agostino's' Bottomry Bond. Capt. B. R. Wilson has remitted the proceeds of this Bond as you will see by the accounts & copies of his letters herewith.

6. Your Telegram N^o. 4 Home about insuring £1500 on Produce of 'Mondeja' arrived on 30th ult. & has been effected. The cost of Telegrams is now reduced, the names being 1. 12. - and every word 1. 12. 6.

Fred^o. E. Cobb Esq
Colonial Manager
Stanley.

7. The 'Elbe' having been substituted for the 'Xeva', the Emigration Agreement of the latter is cancelled and one for the 'Elbe' is now enclosed.

8. We are informed that Mr. Smith's charges for Protests &c. are double those in England but there is unfortunately no redress for it - it is continually the case with foreign countries and has to be submitted to.

9. Through an oversight of the Clerk the third of your Bill N^o 391 for £50 was accepted for the Bill of like amount mentioned in the Statement of 2 July 75 ex N^o 203, which Mr. G. Dean states was lost in the wreck of the 'Boyne' but for which a guarantee is given. We have been obliged to refuse the £50 for Williams, as Mr. Barker could not produce a letter from him and would not give guarantee against a second demand for this amount.

10. There has been no reply from Col. D'Arcy respecting his debt to the C^o., but as the letter may have been lost the Directors have not applied to the Colonial Office as arranged, though they wish you to press him for payment and to report the state of his account.

11. I regret to state that the Wool ex Vicar of Bray only sold at 11 per lb having come to a falling market and being reported as deteriorated since the last shipment through coarseness and hairiness - it was well skirted and in light condition. It being considered that fresh blood would improve the Wool we ship 15 Rams & 5 Ewes pure Cheviots on which we require a special report as there is a diversity of opinion with people who have seen them here.

12. The low price of the Wool & other matters having made us very short of Cash the Directors desire that at least 150 bales Wool are to be shipped pp. Black 'Bank' on 1st Jan^r. next for transmission per steamer from Montevideo to place us in funds - we write Mr. Humphreys that he will have to secure freight. The Board considers that as Mr. Waldron obtains heavy advances from the C^o. he ought to consign his Wool to this Office tho' he can employ his own broker for the sale of it.

13. In order to expedite the boiling of Fat in the Steam Jacket Pan from Flinight shipped in this vessel a Fat Cutting Machine has been purchased. Mr. Briggs who has put the pan in order has made drawings & written instructions on this subject in connection with the Hydraulic Greaves Press we trust the same will be understood & fully carried out, Capt. Dyer can explain matters having seen the operations at Flinight's. The fat cut off the pure

London, 39 St. Gracechurch St. 17th Sept. 1875.
E.C.

N^o. 493 cont.

Fidklands-Islands Company.

inside fat will make the best Greaves and should be kept separate from that made from the meat & out of the Exc-tractors. We anticipate most favorable results from these Tallow Works not only in producing cargo for dividend but providing ballast for our wool vessels and causing an im-
-provement in the Wool through the old animals being turned to account & thus their poor wool not mixing with the young wool & through the breeding from old animals not being continued our flocks ought to be in stronger con-
-dition and always young. The character of our Wool being of the utmost importance we are advised to boil down all young sheep showing a tendency to have coarse wool or even a tender sort of wool, which in time would improve the whole bulk of the wool & it is estimated that even with a reduced number of Sheep the total clip would be as heavy as from a larger number of effete inferior animals.

14. The 'Vicar of Bray' has been thoroughly repaired & put in proper working at an expense of nearly £1800, she will now run several years & it is hoped may be profitably employed, we look for your careful remarks upon her sailing arrangements for the next two years as sent in last Despatch to enable this to be carried out: she will be insured at £3500 or 4000 but though in such good order as shown by the Certificates from the Board of Trade, Captⁿ. Cundy and Mess^{rs}. Fletcher there is still a prejudice about her and the rates are higher than usual. Captⁿ. Dyer has been most attentive and given us every satisfaction, so the Directors request you will not allow anyone to interfere with his duties at the Islands, if any one will make her pay we are sure he will do his best towards this end. We tried hard to obtain a married Shepherd with family to look after the Sheep but in vain, the only Passenger is Duncan Grant a Scotch Shepherd going out for Mess^{rs}. Holmsted & Blake, who has promised to attend to them. M^{rs}. Dyer will receive a payment of Eight Pounds (£8) on the last day of every month commencing from the 30th inst^l. The cargo consists of about one third the Indent of 2 Oct 74, (you asked for half but we could not afford & the vessel would not have carried it) with the additional & alterations mentioned in later Despatches, we believe it to be a most useful selection of Stores & trust they will come to a good market for ready sale, as it is absolutely necessary that you remit as soon as possible - we foresee you will allege there is a large proportion for Company's use but the remainder must be sold & returned at once.

I remain, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
J. Coleman
Sec^y.

No. 493

17th Sept. 1895

The Secretary

John F. Webb

Enclosures per 'Vicar of Bray' No 493.

Triplicate Despatch No 491

Duplicate do " 492

Remarks on Shoes per 'Vicar of Bray'

General Invoice £ 6693. 9. 8

66 Detailed Invoices

List of 'Sea Witches' Cargos

Copy of 7/8 Sale of 2 cks Tallowes 'Vicar of Bray' dated 20 Aug 75

" " " " " 1 " do " do " " " "

" " " " " 1 ble Hair " do " 19 " "

" " " " " 259 bles Wool " do " 31 " "

" " " " " 434 " do " do " " " "

Extract from Knight's Letter of re Greaves.

Directions - Briggs re Greaves-

~~Copy of~~ Plans of Jacket Pan from Briggs

Plan of Greave Prep " do

Copy of letter from Lambert & Butler re sample of Tobacco

Extract of Wilson's letter re "Agostino's" Bottomre Bond

Copy of 7/8 rendered British Foreign Ins^{rs} Co about settlement of "D.H. Co" Account

2 Catalogues fr Hoare Hudson re Wool ex "Sea Witch"

do of Wool ex "Vicar of Bray"

do " do " "Sea Witch"

Specification of Weights of 70 firkins Soft Soap fr Fenner per 'Vicar of Bray'

List of Tools for Tallow Casks with instructions - (on Dow)

Copy of Sheep Certificates

Bill of Lading for 'Vicar of Bray' dated 17 Sep 75. (Letter to Cobb)

Letter for Rotherburg of the Sparrow Hawk

do " Cobb } from Bailton

do " D'Arcy } from Bailton

do Coleman to Rev Yeoman 16 Sep 75

do do " Holmsted 17 "

do " " Russell 16 " "

do " " Capt^l Campbell 16 " "

do fr Ireland to Col^l Secretary

Duplicate Coleman to Cobb 8 Aug 75 / Sep 75

" " " Langdon 7 Aug "

" " " Williams 7 Aug "

Triplicate " " Cobb 8 July "

List of Cargo for Others per 'Vicar of Bray'

Gillon's Price List of Provisions

Morton's do " do

Barr's Catalogue " Seeds &c.

Peak & French List - Prices -

Higginson's Coal Circular for 31 July 75

Croft's Price List of Provisions

Ammings' Circular of Hides &c.

Nesbitt's do " do

Bowen do " Oils

Letter Coleman to Mr^r Levee 17/9/75

N^o 494.P. R. M. P.
'Guadiana'London, 39 St. Gracechurch St. 23rd Sept. 1875.
E.C.

Falklands-Islands Company.

Sir, Enclosed is Duplicate of our last by the 'Vicar of Bray', she passed Dover late on the 18th inst. & being in light trim we anticipate a favorable passage.

2. Since her departure I have gone into the matter of Mr. Dougall's Patent Carbolic Sheep Dipping, with a view to sending some out for trial on account of its being cheaper than Tobacco Dip, quite as effectual, besides having the advantage of improving the Wool. Your Despatch 166, 2 stated the cost of dipping to be 4^s per animal, now from the rise of tobacco it is perhaps more than 5^s; for large quantities Mr. Dougall would allow a discount of 20% which will make it 2²/₃ per animal, but for a trial quantity of 25 cwt to make a strong dip for 5,000 Sheep, 40% disc^t would be allowed, making the cost just over 2^s per animal (this being under the cost price of manufacture): it is therefore my intention to endeavour to obtain the Board's sanction to ship this quantity by Steamer of 9 Nov: next that a fair trial may be made and I write you thus early on the subject that preparations may be made for selecting a flock or flocks on which to make the experiment, as of course they must be kept entirely distinct to watch the effect thoroughly.

Two Pamphlets, on "Lecture on Diseases of Sheep" and 4 upon "Sheep & their insects" with printed Circulars & Remarks are sent.

3. The 'Martha's' Bill for £534.4.8 has been settled for £500 as Mr. Wade produced a Statement of overcharges in our account signed by Capt. Richards for £166.19.3: we would not acknowledge the Island Acct. to be wrong but with advice of our Solicitors gave up part of the Com^{rs} Interest to settle the matter amicably; copy of Richards' statement is enclosed for your perusal. The £40 for Williams & P. Ar. N^o 14 ex 203 has since been paid, a letter of his to the Schoolmistress of his daughters having been produced. £80 has been received from Mr. Bailton to be paid by you to Mr. Edm^d. Berry for his passage home. Mr. Blake has remitted £766.8.8 to his Son.

4. The Passengers by this P^{vt} are Mr. Willis & Mr. Hoerner, wives of the Captain & Mate of the Yawl 'Allen Gardiner', and the Rev. James Foran, now discovered to be a Roman Catholic Priest, going out to reside at Stanley in order to obtain the £50 a year allowed by Government in hopes the Catholic inhabitants

Fred^l. C. Cobb Esq
Colonial Manager
Stanley.

will subscribe for his support - all these have paid for Cabin passages #. B. Hawk - the latter has paid freight in his 3 cases Books. There are also 6 bales Wool Bagging as W. Russell's Invoice enclosed and 2 bales do do for Waldron shipped by Russell.

5. Mr. E. F. Baillon has asked us to advance £3500 on Mortgage of the Estate of Baillon Bro. on West Falkland, although such a matter would lead to profitable business for the C. I do not think it can be undertaken on account of our want of funds, for the expenses of repairs to 'Vicar of Bray' the cost of her Cargo of Stores and the 1000^l. Dividend payable on the 27th inst. make us so poor that remittances are imperatively needed, besides the 150 bales Wool on the 2nd January, which it is hoped will come to a better market than the last.

6. The little vessel mentioned by me on 8 Aug^r is named the 'Jessie Brown', 95 tons, now at Norway, presumably for Timber, has been reported to us as sailing from this port in the middle of next month & will be open for a little Cargo, as Holmsted's Galvanized Iron was too late for the 'V of Bray' it might go in her.

I remain, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
J. Coleman

Sec^y

Enclosures.

- Trip Despt. 492
- Dup do 493
- " Bill of Lading 'Vicar of Bray' 17 Sep 75
- " Coleman to Cobb 18 Sep - to Campbell 16 Sep
- " " Yeoman 16 " - " Russell " "
- " " Mr. Leod 17 " -
- do " Capt. Dyer 23 Sep
- " Account of V. of Bray's Sailings &c. for 2 years
- Copy Elbe's Emigration Agreement dated 7 Aug 75.
- do Hide Acc^t. Sales 2059 £ 2,225.8.7
- do " " " J.B 282 668.4.5
- do Capt. Richards' Account of Overcharges in Martha's Stanley Accounts £166.19.3.
- Extract of B. R. Wilson's Letter 13 Aug 75 abt Agostino's Bottomry Bond at Callao.
- Contents of Parcel in charge of Rev. J. Foran.
- Russell's Inv^t of Wool Bagging 86.6. "
- Information on Mr. Dougall's Sheep Dip.
- Ledger Entries N^o. 23.
- Journal do -
- Lr for Gloyus, Mate of 'V of Bray' from his wife.

N^o 495. London, 39, Gracechurch St. 8th Nov^r 1875.
 F.R.M.S. 'Elbe'. Falklands Islands Company.

Sir, I have the pleasure of reporting that the 'Frederica' arrived safely on the 27th Sept^r with your Desptⁿ 204 and on the 29th Sept^r we received N^o 205 and Mr. Waldron's Wool fr. 'Mondego'.

2. N^o 204, 2. The Directors are extremely sorry to hear that Mr. Langdon has met with such a severe loss in the death of his eldest Son, the Gravesone he ordered goes out by the present Steamer.

3. N^o 205, 3. When you were in London every-thing was explained as to Col. D'Arcy's debt, to make it more clear we send copy of the Account from commencement.

4. Par 4, 13. We must leave it to your discretion to manage the Sheepskins from the Tallow Works in the best manner possible, the experiment proposed in N^o 490, 5 of some to be clipped & a like number not clipped will decide something, it strikes me that we shall do better with the skins as pelts only than with a quantity of wool on them, but it must be borne in mind that wool from dead sheep is always 50 to 75% less value so the clipping should be done before killing, and all this wool must be kept separate as being from old & weakly animals it would prejudice our regular clip if mixed with it.

5. Par 5. The paper with soundings of the beach in front of the Store was not enclosed.

6. Par 6. We note the periods when certain Wool bales are ready and are glad to find that our programme of the 'V of Bray' sailing with a good cargo by 7 Feb^r next can be carried out - if you can ^{get} the West Falkland wool & balance of Produce ready by 1 May it will be the earliest time ever accomplished, but would the balance of the summer collection of Hides be ready? We fear there will not be much Tallow for ballasting 'V of Bray' as it is said sheep do not get fat for boiling down until end of March or April (par 12 does not state the month or months for the operations detailed therein) so great care must be used in procuring dry ballast, not sea shore stones & sand which injured her cargo home, even hides create a steam which damages the appearance of the bales & in some cases the wool itself, so that if our wool improves in quality & quantity it might prove better to bring it home separate. We wait your next advices for Prudent & I must then arrange for

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 Colonial Manager,
 Stanley.

a vessel to leave about 7 Jan^r. so that her earlier return to London may make it better for our wool sales.

7. Par 9. The sample Brazilian Tobacco was unfortunately lost at wreck of Boyne - the sample of used Tobacco ex 'Frederica' has been examined, both our brokers consider that all the virtue has been extracted and one asserts that part of it is not real N. American Tobacco - the reports of the crops there are bad so it will not be cheaper next year it is therefore fortunate we can turn to M^r. Dougall's Dip for the 56 1/2 cwt kegs shipped by this W^t. must not be looked on as an experiment since it is in successful use here, at the Cape of Good Hope & other colonies.

8. Par 12. The Directors are most happy in being able to praise highly the first shipment of Tallow fr. Frederica, which fortunately came to an excellent market; it is pronounced to be very well made & of great purity a feature which must be specially kept up as adulterated Tallow does not suit the manufacturers, the color is also good which is a great point - the only thing wanting was more hardness which is said to be obtainable by more constant stirring when cooling, let this therefore be tried: we learn Beef Tallow is always harder than Mutton Tallow but the two must not be mixed together but sent home separate, it is presumed we shall receive some of the former by the next shipment.

The Trotter Oil is also considered a superior article from its purity and good color - care must be exercised in making it in a Jacket Pan and daily from fresh feet as any mustiness or decay gives the oil a bad smell, besides producing an acid which militates against its use: the best casks are necessary for its shipment, such as Beer hogsheads which should be well washed out with hot water and dried before filling, which should not be done too full as a little ullage enables it to expand in passing through the tropics: we do not imagine there would be a very large sale for such a pure article at a high price, but if the manufacture is not expensive it would pay to sell at a low rate for soap making &c.: perhaps constant shipments in its present pure state would lead to a more extensive demand for this article, we must therefore that the greatest care will be taken to produce an article that can be relied on - report & letters on the subject are forwarded.

9. Par 18. The Frederica's Cargo has not come to a good market as regards the Wool & Fides, the former selling at the same price, only 11 per lb, the latter at lower prices than those of V of Bray. Mr. Waldron's Wool & Fides arrived 29 Sep ex 'Mondego' the R. M. S. V., proving that Telegram Home N^o. 4 related to her: we endeavour to cover by insurance the Settlers Produce though at times it is difficult to divide the quantities & learn the values. A mistake was made in N^o. 493, 6 the cost of Telegram Wools being 10/6 not 12/6.

10. Par 21. We have only received 8 1/2 bales Wool by the two vessels, 693 in V of Bray, 121 in Frederica. It is suggested that many more bales could be stowed if half bales were made, that is the same size long & broad but not so deep the box being only half filled with wool, this would necessitate a block of wood being fixed to the top of the press to go down into the box and press the smaller quantity of wool - these half bales would be useful in the wings & wherever there is not space for the full sized bales.

11. Par 22. We regret you have had trouble with the Frederica's discharging and loading days, we did not take any notice of Capt. Prefs' claim for demurrage but threw the onus of the claim upon the owner who after examining log & c. made it ^{ten} days to which we agreed - the two memos sent did not explain the matter so it was fortunate the matter was thus arranged: respecting her second account for 15.7.6 and Notarial Fees 7.17. received in N^o. 205, Capt. Prefs objected to the extra beef supply at Darwin & proving that the former account (the only one signed by him) was sufficient for his crew we had to abandon it and could only claim half the amount of the spar. On enquiry we found we could hardly claim for the wood put on board for broken stowage it being used for the Co's benefit to obtain a flat surface for their wool bales, the reason of some being required was that the Tallow Casks were not shipped in their sizes but sent to the ship large & small together, this was objected to but Mr. Fell would not alter his course consequently the stowage did not proceed properly, we can easily believe this as we learn on all hands that Mr. Fell is most overbearing, a matter that ought to be corrected if possible.

12. Par 24. The Freight of Mondego upon Waldron's Wool & c. was only 35/- per ton & 10% so that your arrangement being carried out there is no loss made, though the B. Hawk does not get quite her full freight: only about 10/- per ton & 5% - in round numbers the Steamer gets 2/3 of a penny, the B. Hawk 1/3 of a penny, which we consider will be sufficient under the circumstances.

13. Par 25. The Board expects the Sheep Farm of Cameron Petaluga & Smith will not require the Co's Sheep on entire credit.

14. It is unfortunate that Mr. Travis has divulged matters he has learned when auditing the Co.'s books, as it is actually indispensable the audit should take place it will be necessary to take a declaration of secrecy from Mr. Travis in future, a matter of common occurrence here in respect to Bank Clerks and others in confidential positions.

15. Par 28. The Board intends to support your protest against the Government doing away with the Common at Stanley, we have obtained copies of Packe's papers but learn from him that the Colonial Office have not yet heard from the Governor upon the subject, so cannot enter into the discussion until his report arrives.

16. Par 29. Whenever the stocks of Steam Coals is so low as at present you must report the quantity of House Coals on hand which could be used for Steam purposes in emergencies, if the Mexican W.^s mentioned in N^o. 492, 11 call at Stanley they will clear you out, in which case a small cargo ought to be shipped, for though they have not lately paid as Coals the Co. must not be without as the Admiralty are always told they can be supplied.

17. We forward another application from Mess^{rs} Starr & Co. for the cost of the Legal Books sent out to Mr. Smith and trust the dispute between him & the Governor has been settled, so that the claim may be settled as such matters bring the colony into disrepute.

18. As the Foot & Mouth Disease is causing such heavy losses in England amongst Cattle & Sheep the Board trusts the Government and yourself are alive to the necessity of preventing the introduction of this disease through any importations from South America or elsewhere. Capt. Packe is shipping 12 Cheviot Rams by this Steamer to go on by the B. Hawk, as a matter of precaution we have written to Capt. West to prevent the transhipment of any showing signs of any disease.

19. Does your Office derive any benefit from the Newspaper "Iron" posted weekly, the subscription expires 25 Mch next & need not be continued unless you find it serviceable.

20. As requested in N^o. 201, 18 we wrote to Mr. Littlefield, Boston, U. S. A. but the letter was returned as the address was wrong - it has now been sent to Mr. Osborn the Editor of the Nautical Gazette at New York with request that he would endeavour to find Mr. Littlefield.

21. Mr. J. M. Levy 52 Fisher W., Stranraer, Scotland, wants wheat from his son, a Sailor of the 'Anne Brooks'.

London, 39, A. Gracechurch St. 8 Nov 1875.
E.C.

N^o 495 cont.

Falklands Islands Company.

22. Telegram Home N^o 5 respecting damages to Baulah, Pensacola & Maggie Elliot arrived on 2^d ultimo, having been delayed through a break in the line we were not able to telegraph back but credit has been arranged with the Owners. This morning we received your Despatch 206 about the above vessels & others putting in to Stanley.

23. N^o 205 P. 14. The explanatory memorandum about the large sums due by Debtors at Stanley was not enclosed. It is with regret that we state our disappointment at the short payments by Settlers against the Produce of Frederica, the Ledger Acct. will show how reduced are the amounts in comparison to the Estimate ex 202, there are some few items to come to their credit not yet returned by the Brokers, but as the total of Sundry Debtors in your Balance Sheet is increasing yearly the Directors desire a report may be made to them on the ability of the several Debtors to pay the balances due and they require that such debts should be gradually reduced, as the proper system should be that the consignments of Produce, nearly, if not quite, balance the accounts each year. These ^{Debtors} all urge that the low price of Wool has reduced their payments here, but as the Comp^y suffer from the same cause it is doubly hard to have to find Capital for others. The Board considers that all Produce per Co^s vessel or otherwise upon debts at Stanley should be consigned to the Company, especially those farming upon shares, & wishes this to be done in future.

24. Mr. E. F. Baillon asked the Board if the Co. would advance £3500 upon Mortgage of his Estate, Live Stock &c. at West Falkland, though this might have been made a profitable business we have been obliged to decline through paucity of funds. Mr. Waldron informs us that Mr. L. A. Baillon engaged by letter dated 15 Aug^t last to transfer £388 next May from their account to his. Mr. Baillon has just written to say that the mails for his Louis shed shipped by Sparrow Hawk Nov 7th were not delivered & enquires where claim for same should be made, he has therefore been referred to your Office as you have particulars of delivery - we shipped AB N^{os} 1, 2, 10 to 97, 90 packages, he states the mails were in N^{os} 81, 2 but we think they were in N^o 83.

25. Mr. H. H. Cobb has applied for a return of Three Hundred Pounds (£300) from the proceeds of his Wool from the Lively Island Farm of Frederica, which was

refused, the proceeds not even amounting to our expectations, correspondence is enclosed, since which he has attended here to explain his ideas about the half of the £400 debited to him for Plant on his Farm in Dec: last; he appears to consider that as he need not have paid this expense until three years after the termination of the Agreement he was entitled to draw against half the amount, so this we replied that having elected one course by having the amount debited he could not avail of the alternative to let it run at interest, however as he stated that he will require cash for improvements it is agreed that this amount may be advanced at Stanley if you can spare the cash. When the Board examined this matter it was noticed that the Agreement seems to have run out though Mr. F. H. Cobb states there is a renewal for a year or more though you have not reported this, and the Directors could not find that any interest had been charged Messrs F. H. Cobb for the advances made to them from the commencement of their undertaking.

26. An Extraordinary General Meeting was held on the 30th ult. for which the Board prepared by the issue of a Circular on the 23rd ult., Copy of which is forwarded, as well as the Resolutions passed at this Meeting issued on the 3rd inst. we were unfortunately not able to state the number of Sheep & Cattle the proper return not having been furnished for some time, if not in the Despatch due in a few days you must supply full particulars without delay.

27. You have omitted to send particulars of the claim for £4.15.8 upon the South American Missionary Soc^y - the date of the sailing of the Sparrow Hawk from Stanley on her Island duties is required for commencement of her yearly Insurance £3000 as per Policy 304. Capt. Dyer's personal account is kept here also the Vicar of Bray and her Voyage Account so that supplies to her must be treated as if to a strange vessel, accounts are sent showing her cost to be £3237.16.11 to the present time. The Copy of Letter to Capt. D'Iscon dated 28 June last was not found in N^o 203 nor has Duplicate Copy come forward.

28. Since writing Par^y Mr. Davis who supplied Dip Tobacco by the Vof Bray has inspected the sample of used Tobacco ex 'Frederica' which being now dry (the little specimen sent him was quite wet from the ship) and asserts that all the virtue is not boiled out as some of the leaf & all the stalks are still visible, if thoroughly boiled he says that

even the latter would crumble to dust: he considers it was not such good Tobacco as supplied by him and requests his may not be mixed with the other ex Dof Bray as it would make a decoction fully one third stronger - I wonder when we asked for sample boiled Tobacco you did not think of sending a bottle of decoction from the boiling tanks, and a bottle of liquid as made up for the bath for the Sheep soap through, this had better be done though it is anticipated Tobacco dip will yield to M. Dougall's.

29. Copy of Letter 28th Sept. from Capt. Ledy about the Hidden Treasure in Seal Cove is enclosed, we really think you ought to take some steps to verify this matter.

30. The few Stores by this are those ordered by St. The numbers are some not shipped in Dof Bray & a continuation of her numbers from 3674 trusting you have not conscientiously numbered the extra cargo put on board the last thing without numbers, there not being time for these to be put on by the suppliers: to prevent mistakes in future let us know whether you continue the numbers under such circumstances because if you do we could do the same after the vessel has sailed as we keep record of the number of packages &:-

31. As an addition to Par 23 I am desired by the Directors to draw your serious attention to the large and increasing amount of debts remaining to be carried over to next year, and to state their strong opinion that, except under special circumstances, all balances due from Sellers should be discharged by the Produce consigned. The Directors further wish to know what rate of interest is charged on the running accounts & the balances carried forward.

I remain,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
J. Coleman
Secy.

No. 1193.

8th Nov: 1895.

The Secretary
of the F. & A. S.

Enclosures for "Elbe" 9 Nov 75.

- Triuplicate Despatch 493
 Duplicate do 494
 Ledger Entries N^o 25
 Remarks on Accounts N^o 24
 Journal Entries
 Ledger Entries (duplicate) N^o 13. 14. 15.
 Duplicate Journal Entries sent in Despatches 486 & 487
 General Invoice for "Elbe" £ 128. 17. 10
 9 Detailed Invoices
 ✓ Copy of Harris's Letter re payment for Smith's Books, 8 Oct 75
 ✓ " " Doby's " " Treasure at Islands 28 Sep 75
 ✓ " " Correspondence with H. Cobb
 ↳ from him dated 21, 28 Oct & 1 Nov 75
 ↳ " to " " 25 30 " " 2 " "
 ✓ " " Specification of Long Boat for Capt^r Dyer
 ✓ " " D'Arcy's account from Commencement
 Showing a Balance of £ 140. 8. 10
 ✓ " " Gracious Press Tender dated 9 June 75 & 29/6/75
 ✓ " " Frederic's account with Owners for pt home
 ✓ Copy of the following 40 Sales of produce at Frederica
 293 Bales Wool - 175 cts Tallow, Gly Hair 1 Horse
 ✓ Copy of Reports on Wool & Hides & Tallow
 at Frederica
 ✓ " " Letter from Anning re Tallow dated 6 Nov 75
 ✓ " " Reports on Sample of Trotter Oil
 Anning's 9 Oct, Linnond's 9 Oct, Fenner 28 Oct
 ✓ List of Wool prices (ea bale) since 1867
 ✓ Contents of case N^o 3738
 ✓ Letter to Cobb containing Counter for Divided Warrant, Consular
 of Resolutions
 ✓ do Coleman to Campbell 8 Nov 75.
 ✓ do do " Dyer " "
 ✓ do Lawrence (S. B.) from his mother
 ✓ do Coleman to Russell 8 Nov 75
 ✓ do do " Langdon " "
 ✓ do do " Long " "
 ✓ do do " Wharr " "
 Memorandum of View of Perry's case showing Cost
 Those that are ticked and done up in a parcel in
 charge of Miss Blake together with Times 5. 6. 8 Nov
 Sun 6 Nov, Nautical Gazette 27 Oct.

N^o 496. London, 39 N. Gracechurch St. 23^d Dec. 1875.
E.C.
P. R. M. S. 'Guadiana'. Falklands Islands Company.

Sir, Enclosing Duplicate of our last on the 8th ult. we now acknowledge receipt of your Despatches N^{os} 207 and 208 on the 16th and 18th ultimo.

2. N^o 204, 3. Your proposal for employment of 'Vicar of Bray' in Autumn of next year appears good though it is almost too heavy a risk and there is no capital to meet it - we have however written Croft & Co on 26th ult. with Copies of Certificates of Seaworthiness, asking their opinion whether cargo could be obtained and their advice on the subject.

3. Par 5. The Board regrets extremely that Mr. Gilchrist should turn out so badly after the pains taken in his selection, his agreement provides for instant dismissal in case of misbehaviour which we hope you will carry out if necessary & send him & family home by the 'V of Bray', as you can fill the office by King who has been understorekeeper so long, what a pity you did not think of this man for promotion before sending for a stranger.

4. Par 10. The Board has consented to send a Robey Vertical Steam Engine of 8 horse power with the extra gearing asked for to work the saw bench &c., I took the precaution to go down to Lincoln to see it in operation & believe we have obtained a first rate article, it will be shipped by the 'Macedon'.

5. Par 11. The Directors could not enter into a Patent Slip or Dry Dock on any account having quite enough of their own business to attend to but they would give any possible facilities for its establishment so as you seem to think so much profit may be made we hope some independent individual or Comp^y may undertake it for the benefit of the Port.

6. Par 12. We ship 30 tons Fleetsledge at 65^d p. ton for the 'Sparrow Hawk' and could forward some for the 'B. Hawk', as she has but 6 1/2 tons on board, if you give time to look out for it.

8. Par 15. As the Steam Coals are decreasing we ship 200 tons which will answer for Steam or House - though hearing that the Colony is stocked with House Coals out of the 'Terzo' of which the C^y had a supply, we are surprised to find that the Swire Stock Acc^t does not give any on hand.

9. N^o 208, 2. This purchase of Flour may be very good for the Colony but we shall have difficulty in meeting the £1000 Bill, it was only out Sep we met a Flour Bill of £421.19.6 and another of Croft's £492.4.5 falls due on 16th Feb^r. Mess^{rs} Balfour have not yet communicated upon the subject of a Cargo from San Francisco and until we see our way to have more means at command for such large purchases the Board will not enter into the speculation.

10. Par 4. Steps are taken to learn the best kind of Steam Launch to do a little service in towing as well, we

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believe if funds could be spared it would be better to build a full sized craft and sail her out, we must not send a toy but there is the difficulty that our vessels ^{being} small we are restricted to size and fear the V of Bray would not convey one longer than 40 feet, though she has a large hatch & a shifting beam.

11. We learn that the Sch^r: 'Jessie Brown' of 95 tons has gone out direct with Pall to River Plate and then to proceed to the Straits of Magellan where her owner Mr: James Henderson Junsonure has a timber Works at Sandy Point, intending to trade with the Falklands & River Plate in sawn wood & other articles, & gave him particulars of our establishment and recommended him to see you about carrying out such arrangements.

12. Mess^{rs}: Dewrance, Phoenix Foundry, 146 St Dover St. Boro' write us that our Engineer F. Martin has purchased 3 Brafs Cocks from them amounting to 65.7.7, which amount after some delay he promises to pay by monthly instalments of £4 each (Four Pounds) and requesting we will allow these remittances to come through the Company: we do not think Martin was justified in entering into such a transaction but if you think this the best plan of getting over the difficulty we are willing to be the medium of these payments - Correspondence on the subject is enclosed.

13. We are informed that a shipment of Neat's Foot Oil from Montevideo sold at Havre at 4/- to 5/- (four to five shillings) per gallon, which will be a guide for the value of Trotter Oil, being such a similar article - can you give any idea of the quantity of Trotter Oil which could be made annually, the times of making & by which shipment it would arrive here.

14. The Board is sorry to see that the Profit at the Store is again very small only £2,600, we forward two lines of calculations being continuation of Epitomes upon Store Accounts N^{os}: 11 and 12 prepared for last year (as sent 23 Mch last 488,10) when the income from this source was so bad, which show that the Profit for 1874/5 has but increased to 12 per cent, against 8 per cent for 1873/4 which was the occasion of such a great outcry, we fully expected better results for this year and the Directors call your serious attention to the same, for bearing in mind the expenses not charged, as mentioned on N^o: 11 Return, this business does not really pay.

15. On the 4th inst. we sent Telegram Out N^o: 3 as follows: "Pelonious - Elder refused Draft 700" - since then I have seen Mr: Elder who considerably engages to pay Mr: Williams' Draft on him for £700 at maturity (the 18th prox^e) though he was obliged to decline acceptance as not being drawn in conformity with his regulations given to you, viz against Wool in your possession - he says the Bills £670 and 358.16. - paid by him on 22 Oct and 1 Dec, were against the 68 bales Wool only arrived fr: Guadiana on 3rd inst. (having left Stanley 2 Oct last) and that his Draft £700 and Dean's £200 are against Wool

on the Sheep's backs - explanation is required why Elder's rules have been broken - this Wool has been sold at 10½ and 10 - Elder ships some goods for Williams and 30 bales Bahia Tobacco sent from Bahia by Williams, this will enable you to report on the use of this Tobacco, experts here pronounce it not fit for making Sheep Dip, its actual use must therefore be specially reported, the price at Bahia obtained from Williams and the cost delivered at Stanley.

16. The word 'Felonious' in before mentioned Telegram expresses "Clerk engaged leaves by first Mail" the Board having engaged Mr. Richard Wilkes to replace Mr. Longdon who it is understood is coming home - there is great uncertainty on this point, your letters, which it is presumed mentioned the matter having been lost in Bayne, & your letter of 16 Aug only implying his leaving, the subject has not been mentioned in any Despatch but having thrown out suggestions in my letter of 8 Oct as to the employment of Mr. Clay, precaution has been taken in Wilkes' Agreement that the same is void if he finds the office filled up - the terms are £200 a year from commencement of duties, for three years and two in addition, with six months notice on either side - being a bachelor house is not allowed - the Co. pays Ten Pounds towards his passage out, conveying him free by the B. Hawk - wanting a long sea voyage he left on the 10th inst. p. Lanchester & Holt's W. Kofse, to go down from M. Video, on 24th prox. - you can cash his Drafts on Messrs. Boucher, Mortimore & Co. to the amount of Fifty Pounds.

17. The above was reported in my letter of 30 ult. despatched by Liverpool W. to M. Video in hopes of going on before the present, in order to enclose important letter upon Finance from the Chairman, dated 27 ult., which was read to the Board of Directors and received their full sanction & approval.

18. This letter also reported charter of 'Macedon' 496 tons to give you the earliest possible intimation of such a large vessel being taken up for the round, to enable the collection of Produce to be made for the home voyage as large as possible, for by your arrangement to have this cargo ready earlier than usual she ought to leave W. about 17 May 76 to arrive here in time for the August Wool Sales - she will convey 2/3 or 3/4 of the Indent for Stores ex 207 and we have taken the precaution to return the duplicate of this indent ex 208 altered to what is actually coming. Some of the reasons for this reduction are the great cost and large bulk of this Indent there being a quantity of freight to be earned from others, which

would render a larger vessel expensive for the home cargo - also we have to reserve cargo for the V. of Bray next May, for though out of £6,700 she had only £3200 saleable Stores the present cargo will be delivered within four months of her arrival and she will deliver another cargo in another four months at the end of July next, so that there will be more than the Prudent ex 208 in two shipments which is better for quick sale &c. - the duplicate indent now returned with quantities coming will enable you to remark on same and send alterations by Mail of 15 Feb 76 which arriving here end of March will be in time for orders for V. of Bray.

The Charter gives us 10 to 15 proc^t for loading, and any days not used here to be at our disposal at Islands, we are trying to get her away by 8 or 10 Jan^r. But may not accomplish this through the late severe weather having prevented the Coals & other rough goods being loaded, should any days be saved however advantage must not be taken of them to detain her at the Islands for her Produce will be required here as soon as possible - especial care must be taken to send a proper account of her discharging & loading. If the Mail due end of this month brings any particular order endeavour will be made to get it on board if there is room, memo on her cargo and sundry matters is forwarded for your assistance.

19. Unfortunately we have not yet received back the Halifax Bill upon Abbot for 608. - 4, though on report of damage to the 'Maggie Elliot' we had telegram that he would accept Bill for her expenses - we have to remark that a letter of advice from the Captain to the Owner did not accompany this Bill, this is against the rule & must not be omitted in future.

20. We understand that Mr. Thomas F. Callaghan is to be the new Governor but as the appointment is not yet gazetted he has requested that it may not be needlessly made known, being a friend of Col. D'Arcy he has written to him so the matter may be known in the Colony; it is expected he will leave by the Mail of 9 Feb next to go down from Rio or M. Video by S.M. F. Volage, so that the present Governor can leave Stanley by her - before his departure he will have an interview with the Board of Directors. As Col. D'Arcy's time is now short he ought to be pressed for the balance of his account as it should be paid before he leaves the Colony.

21. We hope to receive the requirements for Shepherds in time to select a few to go out by V. of Bray in May next, as that will be the period when they change service in Scotland.

22. Mr. George Dean & wife return by this Mail, he has kindly taken charge of a parcel containing Almanacs for next year not ready for last steamer and other papers. I was talking to him about the length of time elapsing between the arrival of Despatches here and the day to answer them, thinking the Mail Service might be altered

might be altered, perhaps this point could be mooted when the new Governor arrives, as any alteration can only be made on your side: not having had intimation of continuance of the Mail Contract we addressed the Post Office and learn they will forward letters according to present arrangements though they will not publish a table as was done last year.

23. Ellis informs us that there is an improvement now made in Tallow Digesters by the addition of a saucer-like projection to the hole at top where the carcasses are putⁱⁿ, which enables the Tallow to be run off there instead of through the cocks by being floated up with water, whereby all impurities are seen as the tallow rises up & any delay through the clogging of the cocks from these impurities is prevented, the cost of this saucer or basin is 16.12. as per Ellis Letter 22 Dec and Drawing herewith, should you consider it advisable to have one we ought to know by return Mail to get it ready for the V of Bray.

24. The Royal Mail Co. have printed Bills of Lading for Falkland goods as follows. Copy enclosed, the charge to be five pounds (£5) per ton, being 6/- to M. Video, 1/- transshipment charges there 1/- and B. Hawk down 3/- - when this Co. ships a good quantity the charge to M. Video would be reduced to 5/-. I am told Mr. Humphreys & the R. M. Co's Travelling Agent are to arrange about your being provided with Passage Tickets.

I remain, Sir,
Your obed. Servant,

J. Coleman
Secy.

Enclosures for "Guadiana" 23 Dec 75.

Trip Desph N^o 494.

Dup do . 495

Journal Entries

Ledger Entries N^o 26

Bill of Lading for Royal Mail Co

✓ 21 Account Sales of Settlers Produce ex 'Vof Bray', 'Frederica' & 'Mondego'.

✓ Duplicate Indent with Alterations

✓ Royal Mail, Sailing Cards for Nov & Dec 75.

✓ Letter for Lawrence on board 'Vicar of Bray' for his Mother

✓ List of Cargo for 'Elbe' with dimensions

✓ Insurance Acc^t Waldron for 'Mondego' in L 20 " 8 " 6

✓ " " " 'Stickney Bro^s' 'Frederica' " 17 " 11 " 9

✓ " " " 'Baillon Bro^s' do " " 15 " 1 " 6

✓ Catalogue from Edenborough for Wool ex "Guadiana."

Copy of Letter to Cross Co 26 Nov 75 re 'Vof Bray'.

" " " N. British 1 Dec " Insurance of Wool re at Islands.

" " " for Devrance 14 " "

" " " Felix Martin to Devrance 11 Sep 75

Remarks on Settlers Produce

Continuation of Returns N^o 11312 upon Store for Profit Loss

Plan of Improvement for Tallow Digestor for Ellis

Copy of Letter from Ellis re do dated 22 Dec 75.

Macedon's Charter Party dated 29 Nov 75.

Wilk's Agreement dated 9 Dec 75.

✓ Sea Lions Pamphlet by Clark of Cambridge

✓ 'Thackerayana' Book for Cobb

✓ 2 doz 'Thorley's' Almanacs

✓ 1 " 'Whittaker's' do

✓ 1/2 " 'Punch's' do

✓ 11 Almanac Diaries for N. British for Cobb

Letter Coleman to Cobb 23 Dec 75

" " " Dyer " " "

" " " Campbell " " "

Dup. " " Langdon 8 Nov 75.

" " " Lory 8 " "

" " " Whan 8 " "

Memos on "Macedon"

Price of Wilkane's Wool for "Guadiana."

List of Settlers Acc^t Sales of Produce ex 'Vof Bray', 'Frederica' & 'Mondego'.

Dates of Second Vessel Out, now Macedon dated 20 Nov 75.

Copy of Edenborough's l^t dated 22 Dec 75 upon 12 bales Wool HB ex Guadiana.

Those marked ✓ are in Parcel in charge of G. Dean.

23rd Dec. 1895.

N^o 496.

The Secretary
of the S. & W. Co.

N^o 497, London, 39A. Gracechurch St. 4th Jan^y. 1876.
 E.C.
 Mr. Macedon. Falklands Islands Company.

Sir, This vessel being now ready for sea with a very large Cargo of Stores we have to enclose Duplicate of our last on 23rd ult^o and report arrival of your N^o 209 with enclosures on the 4th instant and a few days' delay has enabled us to add some goods you asked for.

2. N^o 209, 3. Not being able to obtain a definite answer upon the wording of the Botany Bay Bond we merely reported that it answered the purpose, leaving you to judge the form might be continued.

3. Par 5. As explained in 493, 8 we were aware that Mr. Smith's Notarial Fees were very high but could not move in the matter now however as the matter is referred to Mess^{rs} Vans & Mess^{rs} Newton, we shall call on them after departure of this vessel to see what can be arranged.

4. Par 9. We are surprised to find you estimate the cost of Tobacco Dip to be only 3³/₄ per sheep, believing it to be at present enhanced prices of Tobacco to be much more - as you enter the number of Sheep dipped to be 121, 488 we presume some have been dipped twice for on referring to the last Stock Return the number is —, but no it is useless mentioning the number for the return is dated so long since that those numbers would be no criterion now as to the Sheep which have to be dipped - the Directors must however that you will give Mr. Dougall's Dip a fair trial as it may prove useful for small flocks; I am however thankful to say that on the 3rd inst^o the proportions of the best Dip were made known to us by Mr. John Triline of Lyndon, New Zealand, a friend of Mr. Elder's, namely Lime and Sulphur - some four years since I heard of it but could never learn the proportions & would enquire in all quarters and several Brokers asserting that the Lime would injure the Wool I gave it up as a myth, now however we have every assurance that it is the right thing for Mr. Triline has used it upwards of five years and the other day I saw a sale Catalogue wherein his Wool in grease realized 15¹/₂ a lb. The proportions are 2 oz Lime & 4 oz Sulphur to one gallon Water boiled together for an hour, the sheep totally immersed for one minute at a temperature of 100° to 110° - this Dip with Lime tanned on the spot costs in N. Zealand not more than one halfpenny per sheep and is not only a cure but a great preventive of Scab - we forward particulars of preparation &c. and the Directors desire that this dip may be tried on the first opportunity, for New Zealand Lime is not made in the Islands it is shipped at a cheap rate & the cost would therefore

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be much less than the Tobacco Dip, more effectual & quite harmless which the Tobacco is not as regards the wool, for Mr. Tinline assured me the other day that ~~some~~ ^{some} sheep have been dipped seven times a year without injury to animal or wool through being infected from strange scabby sheep - we notice your return does not enter the cost of fuel but this would be the same for both dips, is peat or coal used?

5. Par 12. The Directors willingly allow a free passage in the Black Hawk for the Rev. Lory.

6. P. 17 & 19. Unfortunately Capt. W. Discou has not informed us about the bedding for the Black Hawk but to save a post we write him on the 8th to Montevideo to get his reply & prepare same for V of Bray in May next, when we shall send the Mainsail & Foresail. We much regret to hear of the sad loss of three Seamen through the upsetting of one of her boats.

7. Par 20. The Directors are strangely perplexed as to Mr. Gilchrist's behaviour and decidedly consider that he does not speak the truth - he was certainly told he would have to put up with lodgings until his Furniture arrived at V of Bray or why need we have shipped it - one of his references particularly mentioned some that he was most suitable for a Colony as he could rough it and had the knack of accommodating himself to circumstances & having no ties here would of course settle for good in the Colony - the Board fixed a salary which he accepted, but agreed to allow him a commission on the extra sales as detailed in the agreement - he certainly professed knowledge of accounts, which we took for granted at his age, having been in the business he represented & having no means of testing - and believed he understood store management having been with his Brother a Ship Chandler, which was considered an excellent introduction to our nautical business. As regards his complaint of having to pay the Guarantee Society it was arranged from the first that Security was to be provided, as he chose the Guarantee Society he must pay the premium, should we not hear before the expiry of this policy that he has left our service the premium will be paid for another year & debited to his account, this must be borne in mind in any settlement with him. He was certainly told that the Board suspected pilfering & bad management at the Store from the general reports and the bad return from the same, which is partially confirmed by a letter dated the 15th Nov 75 from Mr. Gilchrist to myself, received through Mr. John Lund who had a few lines assuring him that it was all true & leaving it to his

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judgment to forward to us or not, the Board think he has done right for surely no sane man would make such assertions if he could not prove them - I am therefore directed to forward you the original letter (two certified copies having been made) with the special instructions of the Directors that a most searching & severe examination may be made, calling in the assistance of the Magistrate if legal tests or examinations on oath are necessary - the Board is determined that the whole matter must be sifted and will decide at their next Meeting what extraneous assistance they will employ.

8. Par 25. Your letter of 2 July about Mr Langdon was unfortunately lost. at wreck of St. Boyne, Copy only being received in this Despatch, we have done our best to replace him by Mr. Wilks and trust the arrangement & the Telegram will be successfully carried out.

9. You will please understand that matters not answered are delayed for the decision of the next Board which can be communicated to you by the next Mail arriving out about the same time as this.

10. The German Government object to your undertaking the duties of French Consul, we have therefore written to the French Marine that the best preparations have been made for their transports, which were highly approved of by Capt. Respin of the 'Jura'.

11. As you have not reported the day of the first departure of the Sparrow Hawk from Stanley for the commencement of her Policy for £3,000 it is arranged that the same terminates on the 5 May next, but will of course be renewed. You will perceive from the copy of Insurance Policy on the Wool & Buildings that it is done at a reduced rate through the earlier shipment of Steamer of W of Bray - should further reductions or alterations be required for next year's clip let them be reported in time.

12. Now that the Bishop has arrived at Stanley we hope to receive details of the Co's claim of £4,158 against the South American Missionary Society, see N^o. 449, 5.

13. Mr. F. F. Callaghan having shipped a quantity of Stores by this vessel shows that he considers his appointment as Governor fixed, though he has not informed us of the fact, but he has been absent in Dublin & has written to say that he will call on his return, we still think he proposes starting on the 9th proc^o.

I remain, Sir,
Your obed^t. Servant,
J. Coleman
Sec^y

No. 4.97

11th Jan'y. 1896

The Secretary

of the N. S. A. G.

Enclosures ff. Macedon.

- Triplicate Despt. N^o 495.
- Duplicate do " 496
- Copy of Wool Policy dated 16 Dec 75 for £18,000. N^o 353.
- List of S. A. M. S. Timber
- Macedon's Charter Party dated 29 Nov 75.
- Method of Preparing Lime & Sulphur for Sheep Dip
- Proforma Mail Service Table for Brazil from Post Office.
- Copy of Weights of Stephenson's Barrels of Biscuits
- " " Correspondence with J. T. Morton re Stores supplied to H. I. King '62
- " " do " German Consul
- " " Letter fr Clitherow 20 Dec 75 requesting us to take pch.
- " " " Robert 3 Dec 75 - re Saw Bench
- " " Instructions fr do re Salt Water in Boilers
- Drawing of Engine. do shewing Shafts &c.
- Photo of Vertical Boiler
- Plan of Salinometer
- Form of Dis Embarkation Return in Duplicate for 3 R. Marines
- Freight Certificate for 3 R. Marines
- General Invoice £
- 93 Detailed Invoices
- List of Cargo for Others shewing how freight is to be paid
- " " Contents of pch N^o 5443
- " " Pch enclosed with Furniture Cases N^o 5457 &c.
- Royal Mail Sailing Card for Jan 76.
- 2 Circulars re Cyclops Blowers
- System of Business & Price List from Platt
- H. Co's Cards with Agency Names
- Wilson & Gibbs Price List of Sewing Machines
- Peacock's Sample Tints of Paints
- Circular fr Krupp on Non-conducting Silicate Cotton
- do " Burfitt - New Composition
- Letters to Cobb fr H. British
- " " do " J. L. Waldron
- " " Gilchrist fr Lund
- " " Mrs Deah " Mrs MacClinton
- " " C. P. Clay " his brother
- " " Mrs A. McCall fr Sister Bro Mor in law
- " " Wm Russell fr his wife
- " " Byron " " Mother
- " " Cobb fr Elder
- " " Williams " do
- Remarks on Stores ff. Macedon
- Letter from Gilchrist dated 15 Nov 75. re Store
- do Cobb fr Packe
- 2 do Backwash " do
- Duplicate Coleman to Cobb 30 Nov, 23 Dec 75
- " do " Capt. Campbell 23 - "

Eleven bales Wool ex Guadiana II B sold 10 ff. lb
 One " do " 9 "

N^o. 498.

London. 39 A. Gracechurch St. 8th Feb^r. 1876.

F. C.

J^r. R. M. W. Elbe. Falklands Islands Company.

Sir, Enclosed is Duplicate of our last dated 11th ult. 'Macedon' which leaving this Port on the 14th ult. only passed Pt. Mawes on the 23rd ult.

2. On the 15th ult. Telegram Home N^o. 6 arrived - "Famously black sixteen tons jagot vicar thirtieth November" - which we consider means "Produce shipped by Black Hawk 16 tons Wood, November Mail received, Vicar of Bray arrived 30th Nov^r."

3. N^o. 209.2. The Board having decided to provide a new House for the Co's Manager at Stanley have consulted an Architect Mr. A. R. Pite, who has drawn out Plans upon your Remarks which are forwarded for your examination and approval - This will be a great expense therefore the utmost care must be given to arrange the details beforehand that no mistake may be made. A very full Specification is sent to enable you to go through the whole matter & countermand anything procurable on the spot, for the freight will be something enormous. The Drawings are to be returned, extra tracing paper being sent for you to keep copies, with remarks & alterations if any, it will take two months from the date of their return here to prepare the woodwork &c, so that your proposition to have it shipped by Pt. of Bray cannot be carried, & a quantity of Bricks, perhaps Plates, will be forwarded by her and then we must charter a large vessel out only in Autumn for House & small cargo of Stores. There will be a difficulty & expense in engaging a Bricklayer & perhaps a Carpenter to accompany the Building and erect same - presuming its many advantages would induce you to select Plan 2 Mr. Pite made our large detailed plan of Foundations & Footings of Walls, thinking you might deem it well to get on with the excavations whenever spare labour offered, this might answer or may occasion mistakes and as time would be an object, it might be less expensive to send a couple of Bricklayers and a good Labourer accustomed to such work, all this will require your most careful consideration & full report to the Board, and whether any of these men should be permanently engaged, their wages, lodging &c. being specified. Mr. Pite considers it will take six months in erection.

4. Par 5. Neither Mess^{rs} Newton nor Mess^{rs} Venn have been applied to respecting Notarial Charges. Par 15. A Bill for £60 has been received from Valparaiso on account of the Sparrow Hawk's Cargo to Sandy Point, we await with interest the result of this trial trip.

5. Par 17. We learn that notice will be given by Lloyd's Register of Shipping of the ^{Black Hawk's} half time Survey & arrangements can then be made, it does not appear that she would absolutely have to come to England immediately on its expiry - meanwhile her copper sheathing must be carefully attended to and repaired by beacking or even dry docking at Montevideo, as no risk of worms must be run.

6. Par 22. On future Remarks on Stores must be sent on a separate sheet - Tobacco Stalks have little or no virtue for our use. Though

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you consider the Glycerine Sheep Dip sent out of Eudora 15 Jan 72 asp. N^o 429, is not suitable for us, we learn it's use is much increasing in the River Plate & other Colonies and have asked Mr Humphreys to send you the Standard River Plate News, Buenos Ayres 24 Nov 75, which has a letter from Mr. A.W. Martin, a Farmer at San Vincente to Messrs. Mulhall, the Agents for this Dip at B. Ayres. Our hopes are now however centred in the Lime Sulphur Dip as an efficacious cure & fine preventive.

7. Par 23. The Directors consider that the Co's guarantee for the Rev. Teoman's Salary to £100 a year has ceased, as you say the Government now allow him that amount, still they wish him to be supported, believing that the presence of a Clergyman is beneficial, though Mr. Teoman may be deficient in energy.

8. Par 24. The Board has carefully considered your remarks on Finance which are true in various respects but do not overcome the difficulties on this side: you state that the West Falklanders reimburse us with their Produce in June, the Directors would be content if this reimbursement really took place, but as you have allowed them to get into arrears the Directors require all credits to be restricted so that next June, and every succeeding June, the produce remitted may not only cover the restricted advances but largely reduce the arrears, until by similar proceeds they are ultimately paid in full. The Board perceives that you charge Sheep Farmers 5 percent Interest, but it is not clear whether on the balances at end of year or from the various dates Cash is supplied them, do not imagine however that this reimburses the interest on Loans here which often runs up to 6% and more, through our loans having to be obtained without security, as the Board has a great objection to raise cash temporarily required through Bills and it would not answer to issue Debentures creating a yearly expense whether cash is required or not. Whilst on the subject of Security the Directors wish to know what securities Sheep Farmers deposit against the heavy debts they contract, this should be required on all advances above £500.

9. Par 26. The Directors will be prepared to grant any needful consideration to Mr Langdon respecting his passage home, but we must when you saw what good accommodation is provided on board the V. of Bray you availed of her for this purpose, as Telegram Out N^o 3 (to hand about 20 Dec) would notify Mr. Wilkes' engagement & arrival about 5 Feb a few days before sailing of V. of Bray, which would give time for Langdon's embarkation. Unfortunately Copy of Wilkes' Agreement has not been kept here, so copy must be made & forwarded by return.

10. I am to qualify an expression in the last Despatch at end of Par 7 which states that the Board would decide what "extraneous assistance they will employ" in investigating Mr. Gilchrist's allegations upon robbery and bad management at the Store - it is not intended that anyone should go out from here for the purpose, but it implied that you would have their sanction in employing anyone not connected with the Co. to thoroughly examine the whole matter.

11. In consequence of the last Mail having been delayed ten days, we wrote to the Post Office and learn that Capt. Dixon ought to deliver the Mail Bags to the first Mail Steamer leaving for England as there is no Post Office Agent at Montevideo now; in this case the 'Pberia' sailed the day after the B. Hawk arrived, whereas the Mails were kept for the 'Mondego' which did not sail until 3 Dec - we have informed Humphreys and instructed Dixon to this effect.

12. As the House will run away with so much of our hardworked Capital the Steam Launch must be postponed, this delay may be beneficial in the end as it may enable a full-sized Steamer to be obtained.

13. Mr. J. J. Callaghan has not yet been gazetted as Governor though the appointment has been made for he leaves on the 24th inst. by R. Mail S.V. to proceed to Stanley by F.C. M.S. 'Volage' hoping to arrive there on 7th April - he states that Col. L. Argy has been advised of this by the Colonial Office by himself so we presume the matter will be officially notified in Stanley. The Directors' Interview with him is to take place after the arrival of the Mail due on the 15th and he will doubtless bring letter for you with Duplicates of the present V^c.

14. Enclosed are dates for the V of Bray's anticipated Valparaiso voyage, if carried out it would make the early clip of Wool arrive here one month later next year than this, any delay of this sort is objectionable - after realization of Wool now coming and the V of Bray's Cargo we shall be able to judge whether to have a much larger consignment of B. Hawk next year.

15. The Board would like to know if there have ever been any anticipations of finding Petroleum at the Falklands. We were extremely fortunate in receiving Tallow when the market was so high, the same quality is now unsaleable at 44/- cwt.

I remain,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
J. Coleman
Secy.

No 4921

July 26th 1896

The Secretary
of the D. L. B.

Enclosures pp. "Elbe" 9 Feb 76.

- Triplicate Despt. N^o 496.
 Duplicate do " 497.
 do B/L for "Macedon" dated, 12 Jan 76.
 Ledger Entries N^o 28
 Journal do
 Remarks on Accounts N^o 27
 Statement of Capt Brayp Valparaiso Sailing
 ✓ Produce Statement from 1870 to 1875.
 ✓ Holmstedt Blake's Account Sale of 12 B Wool at "Guadiana" £199.14.6.
 Waldron's Insurance do for "Frederica" £28.13.10-
 ✓ Copy of Correspondence with Post Office re delayed Mail
 " " letter fr Wilson & Price List of Boots & Shoes ✓
 ✓ Plans of Col. Manager's House as under
 Ground & First Floor Plans Design N^o 1
 Side East, Front North Elevations " " 1
 Ground & First Floor Plans " " 2
 North & West Elevations " " 2
 Foundation Plan, South East Elevations }
 Sections A B - C D - E F. Footings to Walls } " 2
 ✓ Specification for whole Building
 ✓ Pite's Remarks 1 Feb 76.
 Secy do 8 " "
 ✓ Tracing Paper Linon Thin
 ✓ Nautical Magazine for Feb
 ✓ Navy List for Jan
 ✓ Times 31st Jan to 7 Feb 76. Iron 5 Feb - Mitchell 4 Feb 76.
 ✓ Nautical Gazettes 5, 12 & 19 Jan 76.
 ✓ Royal Mail Sailing Card for Feb 76.
 ✓ Circular from Royal Alfred Institution
 ✓ Copstake's Christy's Circulars
 ✓ Pattern Book fr W. Jam Son
 ✓ Parcel for Collins from W. Young Son.
 ✓ Pinus Austriaca Seed
 Letter for Cobb from R. Cobb
 Trip Colerian to Cobb 23 Dec 75
 Diary do " do 13 Jan 76
 " do " Dyer 23 Dec 75
 " do " Campbell, Citchrist, Holmstedt, Morrison & Russell of 11 Jan 76.

Those marked ✓ went in parcel.

N^o 499. London, 39, N. Sparrowchurch St. 23^d Mch 1876.
 W. R. M. G. E. C.
 'Guadiana' Falklands Islands Company.

Sir, Enclosing Duplicate of our last on the 8th ult. we have to acknowledge your Despatch 210 of the 1st of Jan^r which arrived on the 16th ultimo.

2. N. 210, 7. The number of the Missing Bale of Wool is 765, it should have been in the 'Frederica'.

3. Par 11. We can but ship as much Coal as a vessel requires for ballast unless under peculiar circumstances as our last the 'Acodon', when we were able to throw in 48 tons more at last moment - the Coals you object to have for many years given satisfaction - the best House Coal would be too soft for shipping as it would arrive quite dust thus a hard Coal has to be procured, instead of the 'Yorkshire' we will endeavour to send Tynard by the next vessel, a coal we have shipped many years ago.

4. Par 13. The Directors learn with the greatest regret that the Rams & Ewes W. 'Vicar of Bray' had Foot & Mouth Disease, it must have been caught in the Railway Truck coming from Dumfries as they started in apparent good health, you have done quite right to isolate; enclosed is correspondence with Professor Simonds of the Royal Veterinary College and Professor Gangee from whose opinions it would appear that all chance of infection will have passed by the time this arrives, the precaution must however be taken to thoroughly dip them before leaving the Island, whose name & position we ought to know. It is a great pity you did not recompense Duncan Grant the Shepherd for the extra trouble he took with these Sheep, the reason of our giving him a gratuity of one shilling each only was because we had furnished him with much better accommodation than he was entitled to and the Captain and estate each had a gratuity, this was explained to him at the time & he appeared satisfied.

5. Par 14. The Board cannot undertake the Mortgage proposed by Mr. E. F. Baillon even in its modified form, but as he has now applied for Sheep it is arranged that you are to supply him with them if they can be spared and he can satisfy you as to security for such advances and agree to a reasonable time for repayment to the Comp^y as the Directors think such facilities may be safely granted to him.

6. The Directors are not altogether satisfied with the increase of Sheep as stated at Par 25., we make the figures as follows.

Lambing Account for 1875	28663	
Shearing Stock 1874/5	63,259	91,922
also Boiled down	7599	
Sold Fellon	1,000	
Allow for Deaths	923	
do " Consumption	400	9,922
		<u>Total 82,000</u>

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The number of Ewes & Ewe Stoggets are	33,165	
to which add the Ewe Lambs of last year	12,815	45,980
deduct for Boiled-down and Deaths, say		2,980
leaving for Breeding Flock		<u>43,000</u>

from which we trust a better return may be expected.

7. Par 27. I have looked through the Copies of my letters to Mr. Holmsted but cannot find the paragraph you quote so presume I must have written to him hurriedly not keeping copy which is unfortunate, however your Extract of Despatch is one some time since 8 Oct 74 since which period the Board's views upon the assistance to be granted to the West Falklanders have altered through the large advances becoming more heavy and thus putting us to inconvenience to find money for ourselves, this must be apparent to yourself from the late correspondence, we know it is to the Co's interest to assist good settlers who have capital but it must be done in moderation not being large Capitalists ourselves.

8. Par 28. The new edition of Findlay's Directory for the South Atlantic is ^{not yet} published, a copy shall be sent when ready.

9. Par 31. The sample of Mineral like Plumbago has been submitted to Brokers here and pronounced valuable, Mr. Callaghan has taken a sample in hopes of getting it analyzed by Dr. Percy, but we have not much hope of it for a like article coming from about the same part was analyzed some years since and pronounced of no use. The sample of Bahia Tobacco does not appear so good as that shipped 'H. Macdon' for Williams which was pronounced useful for Sheep Dip, we fear therefore that boiling such stuff must be a waste of money & labour - respecting the boiling of our Virginian Tobacco Mr. Waldron threw out a good suggestion the other day that it should not be kept boiling ^{point} long as the virtue of the Nicotine may evaporate with the steam, this seems reasonable, he says he has never boiled his much or at a great heat and yet his Sheep are free of Scab.

10. Par 34. Our Agents have been instructed as to our wants of Shepherds, we are in treaty with one for the 'Vicar of Bray' - we shall endeavour to reengage Mr. Goodwin & James Burgefs though you have not mentioned the Wages we should not exceed, for reengagements some of the men expect very high wages.

11. Par 35. As you asked for Baillon's Piano by first vessel it was shipped 'H. Macdon', this is unfortunate as we now learn his Father sent him one for 'Vicar of Bray'.

12. Par 39. We can only advise you to be cautious with Mr. Williams, for as representing Mr. Elder by Power of Attorney you must know all about his affairs - he has written a long letter upon the refused Bill which is not answered as he talks of coming to England, Copy of same is sent for your guidance.

13. Par 41. We are very glad to hear the 'V of Bray' made such a good passage and delivered her cargo in first rate order, it is hoped you will get her off earlier than mentioned to conform to our dates for her sailings, long delays with crew on board will much increase her expenses.

14. The 7 1/2 bales Wool sent to M. Video by B. Hawk as detailed at Par 42, were received by the Neva on the 15th ult. in good condition, 20 Hoggets were valued at 11, 5 1/2 Wethers at 10 to 11, but unfortunately they did not bring in more than 10 1/2 allround, the anticipations for the near Sales are at this price or even lower so every means must be adopted to economise labour and expenses - the Steamers freight was 50/- per ton meat: & 10/- - herewith are Report and Accounts

15. Par 43. The Board has carefully considered the proposal for Elizabeth Island, Magellan Strait, and directed me to enter into correspondence with Messrs Franklin & Hamilton, though at present they do not think it will come to any good: there are great doubts whether there is water on the island all the year round, heavy snow is reported to lie during the winter, there are no trees and it is very windy: you will see from the correspondence that the rent £30 a year is considered high, it is also very doubtful if the Pacific Steamers would buy many sheep as their passenger traffic is much reduced: at 200 sheep per trip the 'Sparrow Hawk' would consume a very long time in landing 1000 besides Cattle, which made us think the 'Doff Bray' might be utilized on her Valparaiso trip, we learn however that though she might get to Elizabeth Island (there being safe anchorage at Hook Point) after a long beat she could never get westward through Magellan Strait but would have to return and go round the Horn, such a voyage is therefore out of the question for her if she has to fetch Flour. From the prevailing winds we are told steam would not be necessary for the conveyance of sheep &c. between Sandy Point and Elizabeth Isl^d. as large boats could be well worked for this service. There is also the fear of complications arising between the countries who claim this portion of South America as the Argentine Govt. profess to look upon all territory east of Sandy Point as belonging to them, on this point we have just received from the Chilean Consul here a Pamphlet in French upon "The Question of the Boundaries between Chili & the Argentine Republic", issued on the 20th Jan^y last by Carlos Morla Vicuña, Secretary of the Chilean Legation at Paris, which we shall ask Mr. Callaghan to bring over to you.

Taking all things into consideration therefore the Directors would rather that your energies were devoted to improving the Co's own property, as they think some of our outlying Islands could be devoted to sheep Farms on shares with persons having capital - this reminds me to inform you that Mr. John Clay of Berwick on Tweed will write you respecting One Thousand Pounds (£1000) being at the service of his Brother Mr. Charles P. Clay, introduced to you by N^o 492, 7, who would much prefer his settling at the Falklands than going to Patagonia.

16. There is a mistake in the Statement upon Accounts N^o 25 sent in N^o 495 - the Cr entry to Est^d Adm^t: 75/6 Bills Rec^d: 892.11.0 should be 892.0.11 as per Copy of Journal Entries forwarded same time.

17. We learn that two married Royal Marines with children will be leaving after arrival of 'Macdoni', you might provide accommodation for these two families by their homeward voyage. Mrs. Thompson, the Tailor's wife, informs us that the state of her health prevents her returning by the present Steamer, tho' she is anxious to accede to her husband's wishes in this respect.

18. Referring to N. 1498, 13, the departure of the new Governor, Thomas F. Callaghan Esq., has been delayed until the present Steamer as arrangements could not be made for a Man of War to carry him on and even now it is doubtful whether he may not have to use the 'Black Hawk', in which case Capt. Dixon is ordered to afford him every facility. The Directors had an interview with him on the 14th inst. and were gratified to find him such an intelligent, careful person, going with every desire to improve the Colony; the following subjects were broached - Mail Service, whether possible to shorten the time in England between receipt & date for answering letters, which might do away with the long stay at St. Video and give more time at the Islands where the Schooner can be employed: the Drainage of Stanley was mentioned as being in a bad state: the removal of the Magistrate was notified as Mr. Callaghan is to combine the duties of Chief Justice, he has therefore been furnished with your complaints upon Notarial Charges to enable him to make enquiries on the subject before leaving: the subject of Prices at Stanley was touched upon, he being told that Col. D'Arcy had complained about their being high for our employes, though the Board explained to him that everyone was doing well there: it appears that Mr. Callaghan will endeavour to signalize his Governorship by the introduction of Trees, this would be most advantageous so the Board promised the Company's most cordial cooperation and they wish you to assist in every way as one of our Schooners might bring trees from Magellan Strait whenever they go there with cargo; he enquired whether the Population might not be much increased but the Directors could not hold out much hope of this, it is proposed to take a Census on his arrival towards which you must furnish particulars of our people, sending full list here, as well as of the whole Census. Land Orders were brought to his notice, which Mr. Callaghan said should be continued though we think the Government would have a fair excuse to stop them as the Co. has now £3,474.26.9 which has not been devoted to the purchase of Land, though we urged this matter on 8 Feb 75, N. 456, 6, of which no notice has been taken. Mr. & Mrs. Callaghan are Roman Catholics but not being bigoted we do not anticipate any trouble or differences upon Religion. We have not heard of a Clergyman for Stanley and fear the small pay, said to be only £300 a year, will prevent a good man undertaking the office.

19. The foregoing having been arranged under the Board's orders I have now to acknowledge receipt of your Despatch 211 of 5th February on the 20th inst. with a most welcome remittance of £1066.5.5 and the second half of a £5 note.

20. N. 211, 2. With regard to ballasting the Black Hawk what the Board wished is that she should be capable of again carrying (as in January 1874) 150 bales Wool to St. Video instead of only 74 as this last Jan^y, if necessary to have iron ballast to effect this let us know the quantity that it may be sent.

21. Par 3 & 10. We shall do our best to send suitable Coal for House purposes the next shipment, as explained at par. 3, and though you complain that Steam Coal does not pay the Board considers the Co. ought always to have a small stock at Stanley and are thinking of shipping 200 tons Powell's Duffryn by a vessel going round the Horn, if this cannot be done & a small vessel must be chartered, 50,000 Bricks may be sent towards the House and 100 tons House Coal.

22. Par 4. The Ordinance for Liens on Wool &c. enables you to obtain security for advances to West Falklanders whenever considered prudent or needful and in a shape not before practicable: you will doubtless have used

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E.C.

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doubtless have used your discretion in availing of this Ordinance whenever the state of any Settler's account seemed to involve risk, indeed where accounts are not discharged by produce consigned at the end of the current year security should as a matter of course be given and ought not to be considered invidious.

23. Par 5. We trust that before his departure Mr. Gilchrist will inform you about the letter addressed to me on the 15th Nov^r. last, forwarded to you & commented on in N^o. 497, 7, for the charges therein involve, at least indirectly, King as well as all others connected with the Shore, should you therefore have promoted him as we anticipate you would, his position will be most questionable during the rigorous investigation into these charges ordered by the Board.

24. Par 6. We are exceedingly sorry to learn that rainy weather has interfered with the shearing which will delay the return of the 'Vicar of Bray' and thus upset all arrangements for her future employment, you have done right to obtain other Settler's Wool to be consigned to the Company.

25. Par 10. Captⁿ. Dixon wrote us from Montevideo about the rumoured removal of the Naval Station from Rio de Janeiro to Stanley and we immediately applied to the Admiralty but find that there is not any chance of such a thing taking place. Captⁿ. Dixon informs us that he has to pay £30 (Thirty Pounds) for the Rent of two rooms and asks for an allowance towards this heavy expense, as the Directors believe him to be a good servant they are willing to grant him £20 (Twenty Pounds) a year on this account, provided you consider him entitled to this consideration, which he has been informed by letter on the 8th inst.

26. In N^o. 189 you sent a book of the Falkland Ordinances from 1853 to 1873, the last one being the Naturalization Ordinance of 1873, N^o. 3, have any been passed since that and the Lien of Wool Ordinance now forwarded, if so copies must be furnished for this Office and all future ones also sent here.

27. Mr. James L. Waldron, accompanied by a Mr. Perkes, sailed in the Leibnitz from Liverpool on the 18th inst. to go on in the 'Black Hawk' after inspecting some Boilingdown Establishments in the River Plate, should he learn any improvement necessary for us to know I have asked him to impart it to you, he talks of setting up Boilingdown works on West Falkland. I spoke to him about reducing his account, which he promises to do, and about his produce being consigned to us whenever he has heavy advances, he rather objects to this as he professes not to have much faith in our Wool Broker, but as his Hides are always sold by Shuning & Cobb our Brokers you may be able to get over this difficulty. Should there ever be a question of Commission do not hesitate to reduce our charge to 1/4 % which you say Dean charges.

28. As your Father in law Mr. Blake wished to send out a female Servant to his daughter we asked Mr. Callaghan if he would kindly look after her, to which he consented and the young woman Mary Phillips will travel with his servants a married man & his wife. Mr. E. F. Baillon is also a Passenger by this Steamer.

29. A Mainsail & Foresail are ordered for the Blt Hawk to go out in the Vicar of Bray.

I remain, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
J. Coleman
Secy.

Enclosures.

- Ledger Entries N. 29.
- Journal do
- N. 45 Statement on Acct. returned with our remarks upon complaints.
- General Invoice £151.13.3 and 3 Detailed Invoices. very plain -
- Copy Report on 74 bales Wool ex 'Newa' and Freight Note 130.2.9
- " Acct. Sales do do do 1502.17.5
- " Epitome of London Balance Sheets & Profit & Loss Statements 1866 to 1874.
- " " Stanley do do 1870/1 to 1874/5.
- ✓ " Black Hawk's Passages for 1875.
- ✓ " Cross' Lr 14 Jan 76 re Flour Shipment fr. V. of Bray.
- " Lr to Simonds 22 Feb 76 & his reply 25 Feb abt Foot & Mouth Disease in
- " " " Gangee 17 Mch " do 23 Mch " do Phaeo }
- ✓ " Correspondence about Elizabeth Island, Magellan Strait.
- ✓ Secy to Shanklin & Hamilton 22 Feb, 4 Mch 76, & 27 Mch 76.
- ✓ do " Pacific Steam Co: 25 Feb and Reply 4 Mch 76.
- ✓ do " Capt. R. C. Mayne 6 Mch 76.
- ✓ " Williams' Lr to Secretary dated Stanley 1 Jan 76.
- Lists of Stanley Prices for alteration & suggestions for improvement to be returned by first Mail.
- Account of Consignments of Stores to Stanley in 1875.
- Extract from Mr. Call's Lr 17 Feb 76 about Foot & Mouth Disease in Rams
- ✓ & Ewes sent out fr. V. of Bray 17 Sep 75 - Lrs & Replies of Simonds and Gangee above are on this matter.
- Letter Chairman to E. J. Smith, the Magistrate, dated 8 Feb 76, on above subject - open for the Manager's perusal.
- Letters Coleman to Cobb, Yeoman, Travis, Campbell, Russell.
- ✓ Triplicate Despatch 497.
- ✓ Duplicate do 498.
- Letter Elder to Cobb - ✓

London, 39, St. Gracechurch St. 3th May 1876.

N^o 500.

J. R. M. W. Elbe. Falklands-Islands Company.

Sir, Our last was dated 23rd March, Duplicate being enclosed and we have now to acknowledge receipt on 1st April of your Despatch 212 written on 15th February.

2. N^o 212, P. 8. The Accounts for last year have only just been passed, not being yet signed Balance Sheet cannot be forwarded, a good Profit is shown: the Auditors cannot give more instructions than those already sent, which it is believed would render the Store Cash system sufficient.

3. Par 14. We are glad to hear that the disease of the Cheviot Rams of Ewes ex 'Vicar of Bray' 30 Nov 75 was not so serious as first reported, care will be taken that the next exportation are accompanied by a Certificate of Health, this will be by the V. of Bray at end of the month for having been advised that it is necessary to keep up the character of our Wool and improve same if possible to counteract the lower prices, the Directors have determined to try a cross of Leicester which should add length of staple and give lustre & we have secured three Leicester two-year old Rams of the best blood though hardy & suitable for our Colony which will arrive in time to be thoroughly acclimatized before use next May at the Islands, enclosed is memo on this subject by Prof. Simonds of the Royal Veterinary College, the Board wish therefore this experiment to be carefully & judiciously carried out, full reports thereon being sent from time to time.

4. The Directors have read with concern a letter from a Shepherd John King, dated 8 Feb 75, of which they send certified Copy without expressing any opinion upon it, they feel it impossible to do otherwise than submit it to you for your careful consideration and they wish to have a specific & detailed explanation on the several allegations it contains. It certainly is most important that the various servants of the Company should be contented and should have no reasonable ground of complaint. From time to time doubts have arisen whether Fell is equal to the greatly increased duties of the supervision of the large Camp Establishment, and the Directors desire a full statement of your views on this grave question, which is incidentally raised in King's letter. But for the threat contained at the close of it, the letter would, apart from any question of the truth of its allegations, have rather commended itself, as being written by one apparently anxious to serve the Company.

It has long been the wish of the Directors to give their servants & dependents a personal interest in the prosperity of the Company; they have therefore decided that, beginning with the Dividend to be declared in 1877, a sum of 10/- (ten shillings) for each one per cent over five (5) of such Dividend should be paid to every one of the employes of the Company at home and abroad - such gratuity to be paid at Christmas in each year: we will send out a printed notification to this effect in due time. It is hoped that this plan will tend to increased zeal on all sides and will conduce to economy and contentment. The Directors have reluctantly given up

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any idea of offering rewards for clean flocks, on looking back to your strongly expressed objections to such a suggestion. Some surprise is felt that with the great number of Lambs reported virtually no increase is required in the staff of Shepherds, doubtless you are alive to the danger of an insufficient staff, which would be anything but good economy. As to the accommodation for the shearers at Darwin &c. the Directors would wish that it should be reasonably good - they will not further touch upon that point pending your report - reply to John King is sent for your perusal and delivery.

5. Mr. Langdon Family arrived at Southampton on 31st March by the R. M. S. 'Mondego' - the Board has received him again in this Office believing that his knowledge of the Colony will prove serviceable. As Capt. Dixon now has Mr. Langdon's House it will not be necessary to grant him the allowance of Twenty Pounds as mentioned in our last Despatch Par 25.

6. The Government ship by this Steamer Silver Specie £2000 (One Thousand Pounds) in new Florins, contained in three cases - Capt. Packe ships one case Specie £100 (One hundred pounds) in half crowns and florins. Your Brother Mr. H. H. Cobb returns by this Steamer & takes charge of a Case from Nicholas Hon containing a Seal skin Jacket & Muff prepared for your Wife by Miss Piper - a Watch from Mr. Langdon for F. King, Storekeeper, and sundry Enclosures: also case of Meteorological Instruments for the Government and a small case of Clothing for Capt. Dixon.

7. On the 22nd ult. we received Telegram N^o. 7 Home, dated Rio de Janeiro 21st. - "Vicar third March Macedon second" - which we presume means that the former sailed 3 Mch and the latter arrived 2 April. There are no news at present of the 'Vicar of Bray', this delay is unfortunate as it may interfere with her Valparaiso trip, the Board depend on your employing her profitably and beg to suggest that you might arrange to learn from Mr. Humphreys the price of Flour at Montevideo and then could instruct him if necessary to telegraph to Valparaiso in anticipation of the Vicar going there: we shall be as quick as possible here with the loading and trust to get her away within three weeks or a month of her discharge, this latter may consume 10 days or fortnight.

8. Referring to N^o. 499, 21, the 'Albany' 499 tons has been chartered from Cardiff to convey a cargo of Coals &c. consisting of

200 tons Coals Beam Powell Luffyn	80000 Bricks
200 " do House do	5000 Plates
10 " do Preserved Crown	36 bales Comp. Hay
20 bbls Coal Tar	2 " Sails for W. Hawk
3 Dinghies 8 to 10 feet	

The freight is 28/- per ton which will enable the Coals to be sold at a profit - the Owners Messrs W. G. Taylor & Co., Dundee, are to put 200 or 150 tons Coals on board as ballast, to be properly separated from ours, we have asked them to let these be House like ours to give you the option of purchasing: our Agents at Cardiff Messrs E. Tennant & Sons &c. state that she may finish loading about the middle of next week, so I presume she will not sail until the 20th instant.

I remain, Sir,
Your obed^t. Servant,

J. Coleman
Secy

N^o. 501. London, 39 A. Gracechurch St. 22 May 1876.
E.C.

'Albany' Fathland Islands Company.

Sir, This Vessel being at Cardiff now ready for sea has the following Cargo on board for us -

200 tons	Pruell's Duffryn Steam Coals	
238 "	House Coals	3 Dinghies
10 "	Preserved Crown Coals	36 bales Hay
30000	Bricks	5000 Slates
	2 bales	Sails for 'Black Hawk'
		200 lbs Coal Tar

It was intended that the Owners should put some Coals for Ballast but it was found that the Co's cargo filled her, she will therefore have to ballast at Fisleby before proceeding to Valparaiso.

I remain, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

Fred^o. E. Cobb Esq
Colonial Manager
Stanley.

J. Coleman
Secy.

Enclosures.

Triplicate N^o. 499 - Duplicate N^o. 500.
Certified Copy of Shepherd John King's Letter 8 Feb 76
Part 5 First Ten Years of a Sailor's Life
Letter for Dean & Son from Mr. Dean
Dupr Coleman to Cobb 8 Apr 76
" do " Campbell, Rev. Yeoman, John King 8 May 76.
Albany's Charterparty
Two Bills of Lading - the one for Steam Coals with Certificate -
General Invoice £ 590. 14. 0
10 Detailed Invoices
Letter for Cobb from North British Fire Office
Parcel " do " do in charge of Captain
The second Bill of Lading notifies that the total Cargo is 732 tons,
which makes the Freight £ 1024. 16. 0 - also that the Ship has eight
(8) tons House Coals with the Co's in the for stowage.
Also Tenant's Load £ 18. 16. 4 for expenses of Management here at Cardiff.

No. 501

From May, 1896

The Secretary
of the D. J. S.

N^o. 502. London, 39A. Gracechurch St. 23rd June 1876.
 W. R. M. Esq.
 'Guaniana' Falklands-Islands Company.

Sir, On the 17th ult. we received your Despatches 213 & 214 of the 28th March and 3rd April - on the 10th inst. Despatch 214 a of the 7th April - the 'Vicar of Bray' arriving on the 4th inst., the 'Sea Witch' on the 9th instant. Our last Despatch N^o. 501 dated 22nd ult. went by the 'Albany' from Cardiff.

2. N^o. 213, 5. The Board regrets that for the present the proposed new House at Stanley must be deferred in consequence of funds being so low through the falling value of Wool, Hides and every kind of Produce, which renders it difficult to meet the necessities of Procs and Drafts from the Colony. The Directors are disappointed at not receiving an estimate of the Cargo and value of same to be sent home by the 'Macedon', as they have been prevented calculating their income to prepare for the Dividend to be declared in the Autumn, and they make it a standing rule that an estimate of the second shipment of Produce is to be forwarded each year, either by the first vessel coming home or by the April Mail, ^{and direct} so that this information may be available for the Annual General Meeting which is held during June.

3. Par 7. The Directors having already decided (N^o. 498, 7) that their Clergyman at Darwin should be supported, we must leave it to your good judgment to do this in the best manner in consonance with the Rev. Yeoman's feelings - as to the School Prizes the Board will willingly pay for them, in hopes that the improvement of their employes may thereby be increased.

4. Par 8. With respect to the Interest charge d Lettlers upon open accounts the Board recurs to their former opinion (N^o. 454, 7) that the charge should be One per cent per month, but in consideration of the leniency hitherto exercised now fix it at three quarters per cent ($\frac{3}{4}\%$) per month, you have several times expressed fears that our clients would leave us as they could obtain better terms, we do not think this will prove to be the case but even should they their money can be used to advantage and come to the same thing as the late orders for reducing these debts: in no other Colony or foreign part of the world are advances to be obtained at a lower rate than one per cent per month & frequently much higher, even here $7\frac{1}{2}\%$ & 10% is the usual remuneration received for supporting people as although 5% is the nominal charge Commission, Brokerage & runs it up, if therefore the usury laws are brought prominently

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 Colonial Manager
 Stanley.

forward at Stanley you can get over the difficulty by means of these charges.

5. Par 11. Though you look upon the Steamer Freight for Wool as high we do not consider it so taking notice of the time saved in getting money home to pay debts running at interest, this year's shipment of 74 bales of 'Keva' will most likely prove a saving of money as it is extremely doubtful whether the Wool now here will fetch as much per pound as that sold in March last - still next year everything must be shipped by 'V. of Bray' as it is arranged she must leave Darwin 15 Feb 77 at latest so as to be home for May sales.

6. Par 14. Enclosed is Copy of Moveable Property Return dated 1 July 75 amounting to £10,242 - received in Despatch 207.

7. The Directors are glad to see by your General Report N. 7. dated 27 Mch 76, that the Company's affairs are in good order, they notice that no allusion is made to Scab which they fear is still rampant amongst the Sheep or there would be a larger increase of Wool and Lambs: your observations upon the Dividend depending upon the price of Wool are quite true, this year's prospects are not therefore encouraging the present clips being only valued at 9⁰/₂ and most authorities anticipate still lower prices, economy with judgment must therefore be the order of the day.

8. N. 214, 2. Telegram N. 8 Home arrived 29th ult., we immediately ordered a Boiler from Horton, which will be twice the power of the first one and be shipped by the V. of Bray.

9. Par 7, 8. Gilchrist arrived at Southampton on 16th ult. with his family by R. M. S. 'Keva', he has written to the Board requesting an interview which has been declined, I have also refused to see him - the Account for the S. B. W. 2. 15. 7 was handed to him when he called at the Office, which he said should be met when his account was paid thus implying that he had a claim against the Company.

10. N. 214 a - The 8 bales Wool for Greenhields & Felton will be sold with the Company's.

11. Par 3. You will see by the Remarks on Stores in Macedon's Despatch ^{N. 497} that we have already determined not to receive goods for others when they are Stores such as the Company ships for the Store at Stanley, where Colonists can purchase at a fair, if not moderate, price considering the distance and expenses of freight &c.

12. Par 4. The Directors notice your purchase from Capt. Laws which is an addition of £990 to the Capital Expenditure of the Comp^y, this may be a very good outlay but for the present they forbid any further expenses under this head, except actual requirements for the Sheep Farm, as since 1871 the Capital Expenditure has increased over £15,000 without any corresponding increase of Capital, this amount has therefore been taken from our Working Capital and the balance of Profit & Loss and accounts for the difficulties under which we labour, the Directors have therefore serious ideas as to the necessity of calling up more Capital for

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our increasing business, this cannot however be decided until after realization of *W of Bray's* cargo and perhaps *Macedon's*, by which time we shall also know how much of the debts at *Stanley* have been reduced as per instructions in N^o: 495, 23.

13. Referring to N^o: 500, 3, it has been decided to delay sending printed notice of *Gratuity* to *Shepherds* of Ten Shillings for each one per cent of *Dividend* over five per cent (thus each receiving £2.10.- upon a 10% *Dividend*) until your reply has been received upon the *Board's* proposal, though you can intimate the same to our staff as it is upon their present exertions that the next year's *Dividend* will be founded, in which they are to participate, and at the same time warn those who are negligent & wasteful that they will forfeit their share.

14. As the *Vicar of Bray* has made such a long passage home and cannot now be profitably employed in the *Valparaiso* voyage we have determined to detain her here until middle or end of August, when she will convey balance of *Macedon's* *Indent* & all stores ordered since, but you must arrange that the *Wool* *Whides* are ready for her that she may start not later than middle of February next & if possible a little earlier to arrive here in good time for the *Wool* sales: the *Sea Witch* will sail before or about the same time & it may be objected that by this arrangement *Dean's* *Stores* will arrive before the *Company's*, but we cannot entirely control events and have not found when our cargo has been delivered before his that the *Store* has been much benefitted. As the *Fairy* is bought the *Sparrow Hawk* might be sent to *Valparaiso* for a cargo of *Flour*, since the *W of Bray* cannot perform this intended service. You observe that fine goods could be shipped by the *Steamers*, we also thought of doing this thus dispense with the autumnal vessel and so not charter until Jan^r: next for the second produce ships, but *M^r: Humphreys* in his Letter to you dated 22 Apr 76 reports a change in the *Montevidean* Customs causing all goods addressed to that Port to be landed there, thus being delayed for *Black Hawk's* next trip & incurring expenses, we complained to the *R. & M. C^o* who state the difficulty can be avoided by cargo being consigned to *Falklands* only, perhaps however the *Montevidean* authorities would not allow transshipment in their harbour their intention being evidently to get money on these shipments, having written *Humphreys* we await his reply and shall ask him to send you full particulars upon the subject.

15. We have to report that we have agreed to alter the payments to *M^r: E. Cobb* on behalf of *Mess^{rs}: F. G. & G. Cobb* by an increase to Forty Pounds (£40) on 1st Feb^r: and 1st August, the first payment to be made on the latter date - we are also to pay him Twenty five Pounds (£25) from the proceeds of their *Wool* ex *Vicar of Bray*.

16. We consider the shipment of *Steam Coals* p. *Albany* will be a good speculation as *M^r: Dean* has chartered the *Albany* 390 tons for *Logs* & *Spar^{re}*, *Steam Coals* & *Bricks* at *Cardiff*, she may

leave about the middle of next month. The Albany's Hay was not pressed tho' orders to be so - the Patent Fuel in blocks may prove very useful if approved of, as it can be used for House purposes, we might open ship it from here being clean & convenient for top of the cargo: at last moment I promised Capt. Black a new hat if he got out in 65 days, should he accomplish this you had better present him with a guinea to settle the matter. The Owners of Albany's Mesta^o W. C. Taylor & Co. of Dundee have appointed us Agents for their vessels asst. Letter of 25 May '76 now enclosed.

17. We have had another Letter from Mr. John King Shepherd dated 30 Mch '76 complaining of the bad management of our Sheep which is enclosed for your investigation: the Directors cannot help thinking that there is a great deal of truth in his assertions and believing that he means well towards the Comp^y. have desired me to thank him for the many good suggestions he makes, he is evidently honest and certainly a person of ability they therefore suggest that you might place a portion of Laforia under his management independent of Mr. Fell, this would test the matter for there is evidently great room for improvement if the small increase in Sheep & Wool is considered. He is certainly right about our people being discontented for we have been prevented getting Shepherds by the bad reports which have come home, this has occurred with our Agent at Thurso, Ross near Inverness, Campbell of Elgin (both of whom have usually obtained us good men) and Mr. Call cannot get any one despite the arrival of Goodwin & Burgess with money in their pockets, these two will engage again in 2 or 3 months we trust however you do not class them with our intelligent employes - the result is we have only one Shepherd for this Mail Messrs. M^r Lean just married from Dingwall his wife being sister to Bethune P. B. Hawk in Sep '72. After the Mail we shall endeavour for the August M^r. by the offer of higher wages.

18. The Annual General Meeting was held on 14th inst. Report and Resolutions are enclosed - some of the Shareholders wanted a larger division of Profits but the Board had reluctantly to oppose this for the reasons mentioned at Par 12.

19. Our attention has been directed to the profit which might be derived from preserving the hind quarters of Mutton now thrown into the Digesters for Tallow only by a Mr. John Gay who has practised Meat Preserving in Australia, River Plate &c. - the difficulty with us would be the introduction of all the labor needed for a work of 3 or 4 months which would have to be kept during the whole year; as it may answer our purpose at some time to commence such a business we endeavoured to induce Mr. Gay to pay you a visit on his return to the River Plate, he said he would do so if possible for Fifty Pounds (£50) and all expenses paid, this does not appear high for the time expended 2 1/2 months, as one trip of the Schooner would hardly be sufficient giving him only 10 days to inspect our Establishment at Darwin, if you can arrange anything his address is Post Office, Galleguay chu, Entre Rios, River Plate. His advice upon many matters

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E. C.

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upon many matters would be most valuable, and if he can carry out his intentions of entering into the business of Tongue Reserving near Paysandu or Frey Bentos would be able to engage skilled labour for our short term of work.

20. On learning from your letter of 2 Apr 76 that there is short weight in the Butter firkins we complained to Messrs Yates & Son whose explanation dated 26th May shows that this is always the case & should be calculated for in the price put upon Butter for sale at the Store. Mr. Clay's Brother informs us that he would be willing to take a situation in our Store or anywhere else to have something to do so as to be able to wait for some Farming operations turning up.

21. Enclosed is correspondence with Shanklin & Hamilton about Elizabeth Island, we shall not come to a decision until your observations upon 499, 15 are received.

22. Yesterday morning we were surprised by the arrival of another Shepherd Walter Jamieson, a person of intelligence & experience as per five testimonials enclosed, he is almost above the situation having rented land and dealt in cattle & sheep, but offers his willingness to begin as a help to learn colonial ways trusting he will obtain promotion if deserving, as he would like to show how well he can manage a flock of sheep, we think such ideas ought to be fostered amongst the better class men: he is the first man from the Island of Eslay, we shall write his friends & endeavour to obtain others.

23. Since writing Par 7 there has been another disastrous fall in the value of Wool, prices being lowered 15 to 20%, so that ours may not fetch more than 7 1/2 or 8 tomorrow, the utmost attention must therefore be devoted to improvement of Wool and increased quantity per sheep, despite the ominous future the Board would not object to the outlay of a new dipping station, and even shearing station, in the Southern part of Lafonia for the southern & eastern flocks, believing that the long drives are most injurious to the Sheep, and the long absence from their homes leading to discontent amongst the Shepherds: we must have this convenience some time or other and probably a locality near the Bay of Harbours would enable the Produce vessel to lie near and thus save time & expense of Schooner transport-shipment.

I remain, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
J. Coleman
Secy

N^o 503. London, 39 St. Gracechurch St. 21 July 1876.
E.C.

H^o. Sea Witch

Falklands Islands Company.

Sir, Pending the Board's consideration of your Despatch N^o 216 of 13 May last I have to acknowledge receipt of same on the 30th ult. and take this opportunity of forwarding Duplicate of our last N^o 502 and Triplicate N^o 501.

2. N^o 216, 1. It was most unfortunate that the two cases N^o 5751, 2 H^o. 'Guadiana' should have been detained at Montevideo, we learn that they went on by the B. Hawk's succeeding trip so that you would receive part of the enclosures of Despatch 499 with the next Mail. The difficulty of transshipment of cargo at M. Video is to be overcome by our goods not being manifested for that port, which will allow of them passing direct from the steamer into the schooner.

3. Par 4. We are pleased to learn that the Rams & Ewes landed by V of Bray 30 Nov 75 had not suffered from Foot & Mouth Disease - we shall ship by her 3 Leicester Rams and 7 Cheviot Rams of an entirely different breed from Sutherlandshire by the V of Bray, they will arrive so as to have ample time for acclimatization before being put to the Ewes in May of next year. You may tell Mr. Smith that we always put medicine on board ships for our sheep as a precaution.

4. Par 14. I regret to state that Mr. Gilchrist has commenced an Action against the Company for compensation for breach of Agreement made with him, we shall defend it though it may prove a troublesome and expensive affair, care must therefore be taken to preserve all evidences of his misbehaviour.

5. Par 20. We notice the change in the loading of the 'Macedon' with Produce and trust it will not cause much delay in arrival here as her cargo is required for the Dividend due 1st Oct. - mention is not made as to Insurance, the cost on this head will be increased by your arrangement, we have taken the precaution to insure £7,000 from Darwin and Victoria Harbours to Stanley @ 4% - £6,000 by the 'Macedon' direct @ 3% - and £4,000 from the West Falkland @ 5% - these valuations being at the reduced rates now ruling.

6. Par 22. The Insurance was apportioned to the different Settlers in proportion to the damage done not in proportion to the number of bales each had - that falling to the Co. amounted to £155.6.4. The whole amount recovered £320.18.1 being deducted from the cost of Insurance which was very heavy last year - the entry crediting the Settlers must consequently debit Farm. The extent of the damage to Speedwell Ist. Wool was £40.12.1, two thirds being badly damaged. 2 bales A P were damaged to the extent of 4 lb. 10, while other bales were only damaged 1/2 or even 1/4 per lb.

7. Par 24. Col. D'Arcy arrived at Liverpool on the 14th in the 'Galileo' but having to visit some friends in the country has not yet come here.

8. Par 29. Our present arrangements are to despatch the V of Bray from 15 to 20 Aug with a full cargo if funds permit, we might then throw in a small supply of fine goods if necessary by Steamer, but

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if you want the second vessel to leave by May she must leave here earlier than usual so that an intermediate supply would not be needed. The August Mail gets out about the same time as this vessel & we shall be able to say then when the 'V of Bray' will sail - Staff Surgeon John Mulvaney goes out in her. Morrison's Pruning Knives not invoiced. J. Macedon had better be carefully returned by 'V of Bray'.

9. I have the pleasure of reporting that through a little fortuitous competition our Wool ex 'V of Bray' sold at 9 per pound, 73 bales being run up to 9 1/4, which was most fortunate for us - Mr. Dean's ex 'Sea Witch' sold a few days later did not bring more than 8 3/4, though we are informed the cost to buyers was about the same, as Dean's Wool is more washing than ours, that is heavier in grease & consequently carries more dirt with it, at present prices are stationary & some say we have seen the lowest, unfortunately the 'Macedon' will arrive just after the close of a sale and the next sales will not commence until the middle of October.

10. We learn from Professor Moseley that there is not the least probability of Petroleum being discovered at the Falklands.

11. We have received another Letter from John King dated at Darwin Harbour 8th May last of which Copy is enclosed. The Directors feel that some decisive action ought to be taken upon the whole of his communications as they consider reliance may be placed upon very many of King's assertions corroborated as they are by various matters and I understand the affair is to be thoroughly examined at a Board early next week so as to write you fully by the 8th Aug^r Mail.

I remain, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
J. Coleman Sec^y

Enclosures.

Triplicate N^o. 501. Journal Entries
Duplicate " 502. Land Order £100 N^o. 45. Part 2.
Remarks on Accounts N^o. 34, 35.
Detailed Acc^t. of Produce Home in 75 W. V of Bray and Frederica.
Prices realized for Wool in 76 W. Neva, V of Bray and Sea Witch.
Copy Reports on 2,334 Hides, 2 bales & 2 1/2 Sheepskins ex V of Bray dated 23 July 76.
" Acc^t. Sales of Produce ex V of Bray

1 lb Sheepskins	EGC	5.3.5	1 cks Tallow	HB	4.5.5
2 " do	♡	7.4.9	1 " do	♡	1.19.6
6,400 do		568.3.4	1 Skin	♡	-.13.2
117 Hides	RG	65.9.-	55 Hides	HB	60.8.7

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Draft Coleman to Cobb, King, Campbell, Dooland, Sharpe 23 June 76.
Letter for F. E. Cobb left at the Office this day.
Letters Coleman to Travis, Miller, Russell.

London, 39, Abchurch Lane, 8th Aug. 1876.

N^o 504.

M^r. R. M. W. Elbe. Falklands Islands Company.

Sir, I am now to express the Board's opinions and instructions upon your Despatch N^o 216 which was partially answered by our last dated 21st ult. as per duplicate enclosed.

2. N^o 216, 17. The Directors are surprised that these consignments have not been insisted upon or, as an alternative, payment of balance due to the Comp^y. - Their assertions as to our profit on the Stores sold them cannot be true or the Store account would show differently and we get very little pull out of the Insurance and Freight, & were our Wool to increase as it ought we might not be able to offer them this convenience.

3. Par 25. It is hoped your anticipations as to the benefit of the Haberdashery Store to be established in Church House will prove true - the utmost economy must be exercised with the 'Fairy' - whilst upon this point I am to state with reference to N^o 502, 14, that the Board does not wish any of the Co's vessels to undertake a voyage to Valparaiso except under absolute necessity, as Flour can be brought round to Montevideo by St. and brought down by the 'Black Hawk'.

4. The Directors consider it ^{Par 26} a very improvident bargain we have exchanged breeding Ewes for Wethers for boiling down, wethers having old stock to boil down would surely sell to the Co. at any price in preference to losing them by death or employ us to boil them down at a certain rate, in future it will be better to arrange on these terms.

5. Par 28. We regret you have assumed financial liabilities which belong to others, as this means that the Cash has to be provided on this side, and trust for such advances you have really secured the consignment of Produce into our own hands & taken into consideration the reduced value of Letter's Wool & Hides otherwise we shall not be cleared even with the Macedon's Cargo, it being almost certain there will be nothing left over for the Stores to be shipped in December by the second Produce vessel.

6. Par 31. The Board depends upon the utmost care being devoted to comparing M^r. Dougall's and the Lime & Sulphur Sheep Dip both in the effects, readiness of application, cost and lasting properties, for it is of paramount importance to secure the cheapest dip provided it is effective - certain doubts are expressed now about the Lime & Sulphur injuring the Wool, on which point we send Copy of M^r. Dougall's Letter of 1 Aug 76, this also shows how much estimation his Dip is held in Scotland.

7. Referring to N^o 502, 19 as to Meat Preserving, there is to be no expense incurred for experiments beyond the £50 voted.

8. Our Telegraph Indicator with Reuter's Telegram Co. has been changed from Doubery to Lamarche and the cost of each word is increased to fifteen shillings and eight pence (15 1/2), the cost of the Indicator being thirtyone shillings & four pence (31.11.4).

Fred^k. E. Cobb Esq
Colonial Manager
Stanley.

9. The Board have read with deep interest & concern the Letter dated 8 May 76 addressed by Shepherd John King to the Secretary and which, after being copied for future reference, is sent herewith to you. You will observe that its tenour is in complete accord with the two previous letters addressed by John King to the Compt^r, but it enters more specifically into detail. It is impossible after carefully reading this very powerful & remarkable statement, and considering the person by whom the circumstances under which it was written, and at the same time taking into consideration other facts some of which, such as the statistics of different years, are patent to all, to avoid coming to the conclusion that there is, to say the least, no little truth in King's letters and that they contain most valuable suggestions. The Directors had long since formed the opinion that the flocks of the C^o did not increase, any more than the quantity of wool, as rapidly as the number of lambs reported yearly would have led them to expect. The quality of the Wool has also been reported upon by the Brokers as deteriorated, while it is also stated that traces of Scab are plainly visible in the fleeces and still more in the skins sent home. While on this all-important subject it has been matter of remark that your Despatches have for a very long time been almost silent on the subject of Scab, a silence which would now seem ominous. In corroboration of King's letter, more especially as to general dissatisfaction prevailing amongst our Shepherds, there is the fact that the greatest difficulty exists in getting men to enter our service, that one of our agents in Scotland actually suggested lately the suppression by our authorities in the Islands of letters home, which either stated grievances or were even discouraging, indeed. I took upon myself, not believing in the truth of the complaint that men were set to quarrying &c, as stated in a Scotch paper, to deny the facts there alleged, a denial which has led to King's very natural reproach that the C^o deceived him. Without listening to more grumblers the Board undoubtedly desire that their Shepherds should be contented, or at least should have no valid ground for serious dissatisfaction; in fact it is essential to the interests of the C^o that all their servants should be fairly treated & should have no legitimate grievance. The quarrying question is no doubt a difficult one, but the plain truth is that if experienced Scotch Shepherds, such as the C^o desire to engage, were told beforehand they would have to do such work they would not enter our service, & certainly when they come out to Stanley we can hardly feel justified in forcing them to such uncongenial employment: the difficulty might possibly be met by a small gratuity if needful, but the Board has always been at a loss to understand why the fresh Shepherds should not at once be placed over their flocks, and King's letter seems to throw strong light upon this seeming anomaly, for he conveys the impression that between the shearing and dipping time the sheep are expected pretty much to take care

of themselves. It has always been the belief of the Directors that the dipping of each flock took place immediately after its shearing, a course which commends itself to one's common sense as the best if not the only effectual one, but it would seem that considerable delay takes place and that in the result the dipping is of very little efficacy.

It will be remembered that the Directors long since made enquiries as to the practicability of offering rewards for clean flocks, but they were told that the project was impracticable or undesirable, they trust that the plan of giving gratuities, proportioned to the Dividends to the deserving will tend to encourage their servants to feel a personal interest in the prosperity of the Company.

The unfortunate delay this year in getting the work of shearing proved very injurious owing to the steady & continuous fall in wool, of course the weather was the primary cause, but might not some stimulus to work overtime beyond the easy hours of 7 A.M. and 5.30 P.M. be held out in future? Upon this subject King's letter speaks very eloquently.

Donald Ross whose testimonial from yourself was read and noted at the Office gave a by no means satisfactory account of several of the matters touched on by King.

It is strange to read complaints that articles are sold at Darwin at exorbitant prices and at the same time to see so comparatively poor a result yielded in the net profit from the Store.

The statements in King's Letter confirm the impression which the Board had formed that the staff of Shepherds was hardly adequate to cope with the present flocks of the Co.

The Board see every reason to confirm & reiterate their ^{as a general principle} desire that ⁵⁰²¹¹⁰ John King should have a considerable section placed under his management & supervision, independent of Fell, so as to give his plans a fair trial, they will also send out the ingredients of the dip, which he recommends, in sufficient quantities to be tried on a large scale; they are struck by the reasonable nature of his suggestion that every Shepherd should have a small stock of dip at hand to be applied at once in case of any sudden outbreak of Scab, and indeed were under the impression that such was the practice.

From time to time complaints of Fell have reached the Board, not of sufficient importance in themselves to be referred to Stanley, but which coupled with the statements now made and, above all with the bad odour in which the Falklands seem to be held in Scotland, lead the Directors to the opinion that Fell like Greenshields, is not equal to the greatly increased duties of his situation. The Board feel strongly the importance of your personal supervision in the Camp and consider that every station should be visited once a year by the Colonial Manager, while his assistants should be constantly on the move to see that all are kept up to their work.

Finally in writing thus fully upon this subject the Directors have no wish to cast any serious reflection upon yourself,

No. 504.

24 August, 1876.

The Secretary
of the S. D. Co.

but they cannot help fearing that you have placed too much reliance upon your subordinates. It may be alleged by you that the Directors have not waited for your justification, their reason for thus acting lies in the vital importance and pressing nature of the subject, and in the fact that this Despatch is rather directory as to the future than an enquiry into the past - moreover the present remarks are not elicited solely by King's letter but, as above stated, are the result to a considerable extent of opinions already formed in the minds of the Directors. Our reply to John King is enclosed open for your perusal.

10. A little Hellebore will be sent to mix with the Sheep Dip but only to comply with the prejudices of the Scotchmen as we understand it does no good when put with M^r. Dougall's Dip (as per their letter of 1 Aug sent herewith) still it is necessary to use every endeavour to let the men drop for Scal whenever it breaks out - the Directors wish particular attention to be devoted to the establishment of Dipping Stations in proper localities as proposed in N^o. 502, 23. We trust to have soon a report upon Lambert's Snuff for Sheep Dip sent fr^o W of Bray Sep 75, which we understand is shipped by Dean's vessel for Green Shields and others.

11. With respect to Wool home by Steamer as fr^o. 216, 8, we send statement showing a very different result to your calculations, proving that the Wool fr^o. Neva 15 Feb 76 saved us money - still we ~~must~~ not have any home by Steamer next year as the Vicar of Bray leaving so much earlier must bring everything.

12. Your Telegram N^o. 9 Home about the 'Southern Cross' being in distress arrived 24 ult., it was despatched from Montevideo on 19 ult. but unfortunately delayed thro' break in cable so that it could not be answered: we informed Mess^{rs}. Shallerofs & Higham of Liverpool and Lloyds, the Underwriters now send out Captⁿ. Newman to superintend her repairs which are only to be just sufficient to get her Valparaiso, where she can be further repaired if necessary or sold to better advantage if condemned, we are therefore pleased that this will not take place as Pringley to give the poor a bad name - Lloyds have guaranteed £2,000 (Two Thousand Pounds) for the Underwriters and Mess^{rs}. Shallerofs have guaranteed Captⁿ. Owen's drafts for any reasonable expenses not recoverable on their policies - the drafts Captⁿ. Newman's are to be at Ten days sight (10 ds) in consideration of which we have agreed to charge only 5% Commission, but the Accounts had better be made out at 7 1/2 % and the reduction made by us here. Mess^{rs}. Shallerofs thought the Telegram very meagre, their objections seem reasonable as a few words more would have told cost of repairs, detention &c.

13. According to present arrangements the 'W of Bray' should leave the Docks on the 16th for it is no use detaining her for the arrival of the Mail which may not be in until 20th and the following Mail arrives about the same time as she does - respecting Stores intermediate by G^o. we hardly see the use as the next Produce ship ought to leave early in December to carry out your proposal, 216, 29, to sail from Islands in May or June, which being good we shall endeavour to carry out.

I remain, Sir,
Your obed^t. Servant,
J. Coleman
Per^o.

N^o 505. London: 39. A. Gracechurch St. 18 Aug. 1876.
E.C.

W. Vicar of Bray. Falklands-Islands Company.

Sir, We have filled this vessel with a large and valuable cargo and trust same will be turned to good account.

2. Her Passengers are -
Mr. & Mrs. Porter (Capt. Packe's Man) who has paid £20 for himself ^{travelling}
Mrs. Wilson, Daughter & Son, a Widow, Cousin to Stallett, the Co's
Carpenter, who goes out at his suggestion, her passage money
is to be paid by Stallett at a reasonable rate.
Christian Hansen, returning to his family, who are to be charged
for his passage.
Mrs. St. Rutter, on behalf of Capt. Campbell, who will meet his
passage money, as well as a small advance as per acc. herewith.
all are entered as Cabin Passengers, though the latter sleeps in the
Deckhouse - There are 7 souls, equal to 6 adults.

3. We ship three Leicester and Seven Cheviot Rams
as per breeding account herewith, these are all last year's lambs,
will arrive out so as to have nearly half a year for acclimatization
and being just two years ^{old} when put to the ewes ought to serve
two or three years after that with advantage - The Board trusts the
crop with the Leicesters will fine the Co's Wool, as well as render
it more abundant. They will be accompanied by a Bill of Health
from the Royal Veterinary College, this ought to carry great weight
with it as they have been there nearly a week, such a supervision
being much more searching than a cursory examination at the
vessel's side by a Veterinary Surgeon.

4. We send Arnold's Invoice of Sturdles supplied to M.
Clymont, who refused to pay the freight on them. Mr. Macedon, Arnold
has received the amount but now says that Dean has instructions
to deduct it from his timber invoice as M. Clymont has thrown
them ^{up}, this is dishonorable behaviour and the matter must be left
for your settlement, we shall certainly refuse goods for him in future.
There is a considerable quantity of Proves in this vessel for Edw. Packe
at 6% freight & 5% they are mostly provisions & wines, as his Prove
Acc. does not seem to be much and we do not receive his Wool
ought we to carry goods for him in future.

5. Yesterday your Despatch 218 arrived by a Pacific
Steamer to Liverpool as the 'Black Hawk' reached Montevideo
too late for the 'Royal Mail Steamer' to Southampton. It will be
considered by the Directors at their next Meeting and reply
sent by Mail of 23rd Sept. which arrives with this or only a
few days later.

I remain, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
J. Coleman

Fred^o E. Cobb Esq
Colonial Manager,
Stanley.

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Enclosures to Vicar of Bray Despatches

- ✓ Duplicate Desptⁿ N^o 504
- ✓ " Coleman to Cobb 8 & 9 Aug^r 76.
- ✓ " " " King 8 "
- ✓ " " " Doolan 8 "
- ✓ General Invoice £ 6373. 5. 8
- 92 Detailed Invoices
- ✓ Florbors particulars of 2 pkgs Boiler fittings
- ✓ Copy M^o Dougalls letter re Sheep Dip 8 Aug^r 76
- ✓ Rids-dales Pattern Book
- ✓ Particulars of Rams per Vicar of Bray
- ✓ Remarks on Stores " "
- ✓ Arnolds $\frac{7}{8}$ for M^o Clymorts' Hurdles £ 35. 10. 0
- ✓ Copy of Mortimer's letter 16 Aug^r re Hides
- ✓ Fodder Receipt
- Stevens on Stowage care of Captⁿ Dyer
- ✓ List of Goods for Officers
- ✓ Davenport's circular Gate Fastenings
- ✓ Copy $\frac{7}{8}$ sale yellow Metal ex Vicar of Bray
- ✓ 2 letters for W. H. Cobb from Sharpe
- ✓ 1 " " M^o Cobb " "
- ✓ 1 " " H. E. Cobb enclosing Invoices
- ✓ 2 " " Dean
- ✓ 1 " " Captⁿ Campbell
- ✓ Times Newspaper from 9th to 16 Aug^r

London, 39, A. Gracechurch St. 23rd Sep 1876.
E.C.

N^o. 506.
J. R. M. W.
'Guadiana' Falklands Islands Company.

Sir, Our last was dated 18th ult. p. 'Vicar of Bray' which vessel passed Prowle Point on 25th ult. - the 'Macedon' arrived on 23rd ult. - and on the 17th ult. we received your Despatches 217 and 218.

2. N^o. 217, 1. The weights of the 'Macedon's' Wool bales have unfortunately not been received by the Mail Despatch.

3. Par 2. As Mr Clay represented that the accommodation and provisions on board the 'Macedon' were but mediocre the passage money has been reduced to Twenty Pounds.

4. Par 3. It is very unfortunate that the Cyclops Forge has not answered at Stanley, we are assured they are found to do well here, the use of them increasing every day: you do not state whether an old-fashioned Blacksmith's Forge is to be sent, we presume one had better be obtained for our next vessel.

5. N^o. 218, 4. It is of course understood that the gratuity to the Shepherds is subject to the approval of their Superintendent or Overseer at the Falklands and is not to be received by the careles. The Directors are glad to learn that steps are taken to improve the housing of the Shepherds collected together at Darwin for the clipping. We shall endeavour to send out from time to time as many Shepherds as can be procured, our Agents give us hopes that in mid-term about 22 Nov some good men may be engaged.

6. Par 8. The 'Macedon's' cargo has fortunately come to an improving market, though her produce will fall far short of the Cash we require. We shall endeavour to avail of your experiment with her of obtaining the outlying cargo by our Schooners in preference to sending to the two other ports by giving the Shipowner the opportunity in the next Charterparty of naming a lower price for going to Stanley only.

7. Par 9. There was a delay last year in the issue of Lloyd's Register of Shipping but the books have been sent regularly since.

8. Par 10. You can allow Capt. Dixon's Travelling Expenses except the £1.5.0 for Medical Attendance on board the Sst 'Neve', telling him the Wines &c on 'Black Hawk' are excessive. Respecting his accounts at M. Video particular care must be taken to examine them thoroughly and charge him the full share of any Commission paid Thompson. If there is difficulty in paying sailors at M. Video in gold could not payment in silver be stipulated? With regard to Drafts on the Directors at M. Video for Cash needed at Stanley we must leave it to your judgment to do so if absolutely necessary at whatever expense it may be, though the Board's orders further on will show the necessity of the strictest economy.

Frederick E. Cobb Esq
Colonial Manager
Stanley.

9. Par 11. As Mr. Smith came to England in a Pacific Steamer from Montevideo there is a reduction in the fares which alters the amount obtainable from the Crown Agents, when the matter is settled details shall be furnished.

10. Par 13. New Wool Box is ordered for the Darwin Wool Press to be ready for the Nov. Mail: if this Press is useless for want of leathers the blame rests with you as the order received in N^o. 212 did not ask for them by Steamer, they were consequently shipped p. V of Bray with other Stores.

11. Par 16. The Directors strongly condemn the amount of credit given to Thompson, the Tailor, and greatly fear there are others equally insolvent who are largely indebted to the Comp^y; this will be cleared up under the orders now sent.

12. Par 17. We regret to hear that the Lime Sulphur Sheep Dip has not proved successful, it may be through a difference in the Lime upon which enquiries are being made, Mr. Tinline states this should be quick or fresh, we ship quick Lime and presume it arrives out in good condition, the Directors wish another trial to be made with the greatest care and as the West Falk Landers intended to use this dip their mode of operation ought to be learned. We are pleased to learn that the Tobacco has been so carefully used by Bell, it was anticipated there should be a reduction in the quantity through the stronger quality of the Tobacco as mentioned in Remarks on Stores p. V of Bray in N^o. 493.

13. In view of the very large and alarmingly increasing amount of Debts due to the C^o at the Islands, and of the entire failure of previous efforts, if made, to check the evil, the Board have determined on the following course of action which you will (subject as hereinafter specially excepted) consider as peremptory & of universal obligation, and will in no case deviate from, except under special circumstances of a pressing nature, and which are to be at once reported to the Board.

Immediate steps are to be taken to obtain, in every case, from Debtors either payment of their balances or security by way of Mortgage of their Property (inclusive of the next clips of Wool, under the Wool Ordinance) for their present debts to the C^o; such security also to be a continuing one for any future advances from the C^o; or supplies from their Store. In every case where such security is refused, instantaneous steps are to be taken, by legal proceedings, to enforce payment of the amount due. A difficulty here arises in the case of Debtors who have consigned Produce to the C^o in London, & which produce is now in course of sale, as well as in the case of Mr. Waldron & others who have sent home Produce by the 'Macedon', the proceeds of which are, or ought to, be paid over to the C^o in London, in such cases it will not be safe or practicable to proceed to a sale or indeed much further than a peremptory insisting upon security, as above, being given for past & future supplies which, coupled with the threat, if necessary, of legal proceedings,

will there is little doubt have the desired effect of obtaining security. In all cases where security is given, a close estimate is to be made of the present probable selling value of such security, including approximate amount of next year's clips, credit being also given for the estimated value at a safe rate of the consignments, if any, by the last produce vessel sent home of each such Debtor, and no further advances are to be made or stores supplied (except for cash) to any one whose nett balance against him, as above, already exceeds threefourths of the value of such security; nor to any one still having a margin of credit, beyond such threefourths. It is to be well understood and borne in mind that advances are in every case to be very greatly restricted in future, and are, as a rule, to be refused to all, even with the above restrictions, save where, the property being mortgaged to the E., it is essential for its maintenance to make some moderate outlay, thus the security will by degrees liquidate the amount owing on the property.

Having now dealt with Settlers, it remains to take action as to general Store Debtors in Stanley and at Darwin - the Directors felt great annoyance and no slight alarm when the paper was placed before them on which Thompson has written an acknowledgment of debt to the E. of £127.18.3; there must have been great laxity in allowing a man in such a position to get so largely in the E.'s debt, and it is a remarkable fact that even Gilchrist personally warned you against him; there is too much reason to believe that there are other debtors on the books of the E. who are little better able to discharge their accounts, at all events it is a melancholy fact that this large amount must be written off as a total loss. You are required therefore, without any delay, carefully to look through the Stanley Accounts, and wherever there is any doubt as to the ability of the debtor to pay in full, to take steps for obtaining payment or such security as can be offered, and at the same time to strictly prohibit the Storekeeper from giving further credit to such party in future. Further, you will notify to all customers without exception that you have orders to establish a system of ready money for the future, and that all acts must be discharged at latest once in three months, at which time they must without fail be sent in. You will further consider it your peremptory duty, where accounts are not paid within a week after they are sent in, to take effectual steps to obtain the amount after one week's warning. It was notified by you some years since that you had agreed with Messrs Dean to restrict credit to three months in all cases, at all events the E. will now therefore carry out this system, and you will instruct the Storekeeper that, as a rule no credit is to be given; in fact none, except to well-known & thoroughly dependable customers, whom it is hardly needful for the Directors to except, and who being perfectly safe are in fact virtually ready money customers; but, in all cases, where quarterly bills remain unpaid, no further credit is to be allowed. The same system will apply at Darwin, where applicable, though

it is believed that customers there generally have a balance of wages in their favor. In order that bad debts such as Thompson's may not remain as assets you will, after looking carefully through all the list of debtors to the C^o, report to the Board what amount should be written off as bad or doubtful respectively. In sending these instructions, which are in substitution for others of a still more stringent character which were at first considered needful, the Directors express their deep regret that they have found themselves constrained at once to take such measures, especially as the next Mail will bring the full list of Debtors to the C^o as they stood on 1st July; but they would remind you of their repeated injunctions to take steps for diminishing the heavy load of debt, and also to insist upon the consignment to the C^o of all produce belonging to our debtors; neither of these has been adequately carried out; indeed as to the former, the accounts up to the end of May, notably in Mr. Waldron's case, indicate a further large addition to his debt, while the C^o are entirely at his mercy as to any payment he may choose to make to them on this side: and here I am to add that, in future, the C^o will insist upon all goods brought home in their vessels being consigned to them, except where there is surplus room, and the owner of the goods offering is not in their debt.

With regard to the Millinery Store the first impulse of the Directors was not to send any articles of the indent for it, but they have reluctantly sent one half, credit is to be strictly restricted as this Store which is to be kept separate from the old Store so as to show the profit made.

14. In communicating these instructions the Directors are very averse to lock up Capital in the shape of advances on property which can only be secured by mortgages, but as has been before mentioned to you they altogether object to the locking up of Capital or finding capital for the Settlers, we are not in a position from our own Capital Account to make such advances and there must not be the slightest extension in this direction, on the contrary we are anxious to have these lockups reduced as much as possible and paid off. The advances on Wool or produce &c. are in a different category, anything of that sort may be made as much as it is offered to you, if you are careful that the amounts advanced are well within the value of the goods and not made until the produce is in your hands.

These accounts ought to be kept quite distinct from the Store Acc^t and not treated as security for it but taken as a specific advance, with interest running on it until Acct. Sales of the produce can be rendered.

15. On the 25th ult. we despatched Telegram N^o. 4 Out respecting the 'Southern Cross' for Messrs. Shallocoff & Higham - "Tell seven surveys received Southern Cross abandoned to Underwriters this modifies Shallocoff's letters forward surveys exact condition estimates repairing value if repaired." - On the 31st ult. we received Telegram N^o. 10 Home - "Diver reports Southern Cross keel broken cannot repair cargo forwarded Albany five hundred pounds fullow ship" - which was immediately communicated to Lloyd's and Messrs. Shallocoff, we now wait full particulars

London, 32 St. Gracechurch St. 23 Sep 1876.

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Falklands-Islands Company.

wait full particulars - fellow ship is not understood. It is now arranged with Reuter's Telegram Co. that Telegrams sent for you are to be delivered to Mr. Humphreys to be forwarded to you so that he may know our replies to the Telegrams he transmits to us, as there might be some matter to attend to in St. Video.

16. The Board has carefully considered your Remarks on John King's Letter and N^o. 218, 4 and believing there is need of better supervision of the Company's flocks have appointed Mr. Charles Curves Clay to be Superintendent of Lafonia under your orders, but corresponding with the Directors through your Office and making a report by each Mail. Lafonia is understood to be all the Southern Peninsula of East Falkland Island South of the Boilingdown Establishment, which belongs to Darwin Harbour Settlement and is, with the Co's Land on the Northern Peninsula, to be continued under the management of Mr. Fell, the Board trusting that a division of their Estate will enable each Manager to pay more attention to his portion and create a spirit of emulation between them. Mr. Clay's Salary is Three Hundred Pounds (£300) a year with residence in Lafonia, Butcher's Meat, Dried Meat, Horses and Dog, Stores at reduced price like other employes, Full Salary on passage out, free passages out home. As there ought to be another Dipping Station on the West or Southern side of Lafonia it will require the greatest circumspection to determine the position of such an establishment, as it may probably become the chief settlement in Lafonia, whence the greater portion of the Wool may eventually have to be shipped, and where naturally the Superintendent would make his head quarters. Mr. Clay's Agreement is enclosed.

17. We learn from Mr. Waldron that his Brother had not received case 5453 per 'Macedon' but presume it was landed though not sent on to him. The case brought back the Cargo Book as no one asked him for it at Stanley but it is now returned to your Office for reference. On representing the large amount of Mr. J. L. Waldron's debt to his Brother I am happy to say he has agreed to hand us £3000 (Three Thousand Pounds) on sale of his produce ex 'Macedon' though he did not anticipate having to pay us so much. Mr. Gickney promises about £500 (Five Hundred Pounds).

18. Thomas Hardy has been engaged as Cooper at Two Pounds (£2) a week with House and Butcher's Meat - he has received an advance of Six Pounds (£6). For Butcher we have obtained Mr. M. Allday, who leaves on 9th Nov^r with Wife & three children, the Wages are Two Pounds (£2) with House. The Passports by this Mail are Adam Lyons, wife & child, his Brother George Lyons, Mr. Goodwin and James Burgess engaged: the above go out upon a Land Order just procured, Mr. Call talks of getting another man.

19. As Mr. Wilkes has unfortunately to leave, the Directors

have reengaged Mr. Langdon upon a seven years Agreement determinable at the end of five years at £250 (Two Hundred & Fifty Pounds) a year from arrival at Stanley, half pay during passage out, with house to live in, free passages out & home for himself and family: he leaves by this Mail and we trust this arrangement will result in your Office being conducted with the greatest regularity.

20. There are two Miss Williams by this Mail going to join their Father at Stanley, the chief Cabin fare of these ladies by the 'Black Hawk' is to be paid immediately on arrival.

21. You may remember it was arranged that particulars should be sent of South American Missionary Debt £24,45.8 when the Bishop returned to the Colony, this having taken place we hope to receive same shortly as the Society are prepared to pay this claim when the particulars are furnished to them.

22. Mr. John J. Hamilton now in this country states that he has a concession from the Chilean Govt. for Elizabeth Island & a large tract on the mainland but we replied that the C^o could not enter into this matter, asking him to report his intentions before this Mail as we offered Sheep on favorable terms, he has not however answered. You have not yet fully replied to N^o. 499, 15 upon this speculation, only the other day I heard from a Naval Officer that Elizabeth Isl^d would not be safe from depredations by the natives of Patagonia and that all Shepherds going there ought to be well armed. Col. D'Arcy has forwarded a letter to him from Mr. Hamilton dated Punta Arenas 25 Apr 76 proposing Steam communication thence to Stanley & back for Mails to England by the Pacific Steam Navigation C^o to Liverpool & stating that a C^o was formed for this purpose, which hoped to obtain a concession from the Pacific C^o and the subsidy of £800, or more if possible, from the English Government, as they might arrange monthly Mails, this would be beneficial but it is questionable whether the passenger traffic could be comfortably arranged - we have written Mr. Hamilton for further particulars and should like to have your opinions upon this proposal.

23. With respect to the Missionary debt as at Par 21 if the Bishop has not given full details you had better send as many particulars as you know of yourself.

24. The Board is doubtful whether they will be able to despatch a vessel in Dec^r. next with Stores as funds are so short at present, much will depend on your next advices & the remittances received, should we charter we shall endeavour to send her away about 18 Dec to arrive about 3 Mch 77, giving 75 days at Poldo to leave middle May to be home here before end of July 77, which will be a much better time for catching the Wool Sales: should we not charter a few stores might be sent by steamer and you would have to engage a vessel in Montevideo only just the tonnage for balance of our produce and any settler's produce actually consigned to us.

25. We have unfortunately been forced to borrow £10,000 (Ten thousand Pounds) against the Vicar of Brays' Cargo to meet the Dividend payable on the 26th inst., as this will be running at interest it is of the utmost importance to expedite this vessel, the Directors desire

Therefore that every effort may be used for this purpose I trust that arriving about 5 Nov she may only be detained 75 days, leaving about 19 Jan 47 to be home here first week of April next; of course she must not be despatched with part cargo, but this will arrive in time to enable arrangements for clipping to commence earlier, and as no Wool is to be sent by Steamer she ought to have a full cargo by the time named: care must also be taken to send Bills of Lading for cargo shipped up to 2nd Jan^o next, which, on receipt here, would be handed to the Brokers to enable us to get a reduction of interest as the advance will then be secured.

26. You have never informed us about the two Rams sent up to Montevideo on 15 May last for the Buenos Ayres Exhibition, had there been particulars of them I could ^{have} asked a very old settler in Buenos Ayres Mr. G. A. Brown of Estancia Campana, whom I met at Southampton the last Mail, to give us his opinion of them, he was taking our Lincoln and Shropshire Down Rams, having a regular flock of the former, I mentioned all about our E: giving him our card and he might communicate with you about Cheviot Rams. I only learned the other day that the cross of Leicester with Cheviot does not prevent that sad objection of the Cheviots losing their belly wool, but the cross with Kent Down (like Packer's & Waldrovis) and Lincoln keeps the wool on the belly, you might therefore enquire of Mr. Brown about the price of Lincoln Rams - he said that hand dressing was a positive necessity for the eradication of Scab.

27. Messrs. Robey inform us that a Treble Purchase Crab for their Steam Engine would cost £85 (Eightyfive Pounds) we do not feel justified in going to this expense but if you consider it absolutely necessary and that it will pay well, you can telegraph 'Ferretory' if you are telegraphing on any matter, this would be to hand 27 Nov next & would enable it to be sent by the December vessel, that is provided we charter, which on further consideration I hardly see how we can, you will say if Stores are not shipped Cash must be provided for expenses, but the Directors will say, sell off your present stock of stores, which must be large, and collect in the debts to provide for the Island wants, until Cash has accumulated here to enable Stores to be purchased and sent out. The last Wool Bagging sent is stronger than formerly as the Brokers considered the bales were hardly in proper condition.

28. Since the foregoing was drafted we received on the 20th inst. your Despatch 219 of 17 July last by the 'South America'. One sheet of the Duplicate Indent is an original now, as the original order for Iron, Decklights, Wood &c: was not received - this applies also to one of the three Duplicate Statements on Acc't., as we learn for the first time that the Draft 104. 29. 1 for the Fortunate Marine Co: is cancelled, and that you had drawn for Capt. Lewis' Gold £100, though we paid him the order for £100 on presentation on 19th ult.

29. Messrs. Taylor & Co: were immediately informed of the Ataman's arrival. It is a thousand pities you have not sent particulars of the 'Southern Cross' as her Owners might have instructed Capt. Owen, and Lloyd's would doubtless have communicated with Capt. Newman their Agent respecting her. We shall endeavour to move the Anglo Peruvian Bank in our favor.

30. In closing this Despatch I need hardly sum up the great lesson to be gathered from it, viz: that the Directors require all outstanding debts to be got in and the proceeds, as far as possible, remitted to London with the least possible delay, and that in future the whole business of the Company is to be carried on upon a ready-money footing.

I remain, Sir,
 Your obedient Servant,
 J. Coleman

Enclosures.

- Dup Despt. N^o. 505. Trip: N^o. 504.
- " Remarks on Wof Bray's Cargo out!
- " Coleman to Campbell 18 Aug 76.
- Ledger Entries N^o. 38. Journal Entries
- Remarks Accounts N^o. 39.
- Land Order £100 N^o. 46 Part 1. Form of Landing Certificate.
- Copy Emigration Agents for Guadiana dated 16 Sep 76.
- General Invoice of Guadiana £411. 18. 8. & 10 Detailed Invoices
- do do " Wof Bray corrected to £6109. 4. 4
- Invoice for Arnold 107. 16. 1. not to hand when she above sailed
- Copy Invoice of Music £1 for Bourges.
- Langdon's Agreement as Clerk
- Clay's do " Lafonia Superintendent
- Hardy's do " Cooper
- Burges's do " Shepherd
- Goodwin's do " do
- Leyons' Adam do " do
- do George do " do
- Hardy's Receipts for Advance £4
- re Macedon's Produce - Remarks on same
- Report 1437 Hides
- " 436 cks Tallow
- " 346 bales Wool
- Catalogues, Hides, Tallow, Hair
- Contract for Tallow 22 Sep 76.
- Copy of Letter for Timline re Lime & Sulphur Sep 11 Sep 76.
- do do " Hamilton re Hails to Punta Arenas 25 Apr 76.
- do Estimate & Plan of March for Eugine fr: Robey 20 Sep 76.
- Merchant Shipping Act 1876.
- Macedon's Cargo Book of Stores Oct Jan 76.
- Ledger for Cobb with Lock & Key & Swiss Watches from Barrand Admed.
- Music for Bourges. Times 8 to 23 Sep 76.
- Lloyd's Reg. Supplements 14, 28 Aug 11 Sep 76.
- Letters Coleman to Cobb - Fryer
- Counterpart of Cobb's Dividend Warrant.
- Cargo by this Steamer.
- 6893/6907 - 15 pieces Furniture London
- 6908 - 1 cw Hats
- 6909 - 1 " Millinery
- 6910/6915 - 6 " Furniture do
- 6916 - 1 " Watches
- 6917 - 1 pl Office Linen
- 6918/6924 - 7 pks Haberdashery
- 1 1/2 cks Cherry
- 1 cask Whisky
- 1 cs Champagne
- 1 " Port
- 1 case Stationery for Government

The document
 is in full
 1. 505
 13th Sept 1876

N^o 504.

W. R. M. W. Elbe.

London, 39 A. Gracechurch St. 8 Nov^r 1876.
E.C.

Falklands Islands Company.

Sir, Enclosing Duplicate of our last on 23rd Sept^r we have now to acknowledge receipt on the 29th Sept^r of your Despatches 220 and 221, dated 14th and 15th August last.

2. N^o 220, 7. We regret to hear such a bad account of the House Coals and Bricks ex 'Albany', authenticated Certificates of inferiority should have been sent to enable us to make claims for damage, complaints have been made to the suppliers & if any reasonable vindication is offered or redress obtained you shall be informed.

3. Par 8. John King's representations of mismanagement amongst our Sheep are not exactly refuted by your statement of 12 Aug 76, though the Board gives you credit for having overcome a great number of difficulties and done well to a certain point but with the increase of numbers they believe they have done right to send out Mr. Clay as Superintendent in Lafonia, considering it absolutely necessary to have more supervision in that department than you can devote to it. According to your wish we enclose two Notices for Stanley and Darwin, stating that letters for the London Office must come through yourself, for your report upon them, before they can be attended to - we have thought it necessary to say that you would give a receipt as there is an impression, not only amongst our own people but also amongst the Colonists, that letters directed to England are not always forwarded.

4. Par 9. We have given up all ideas as to Meat Preserving for the present being convinced that more value is obtained by boiling down for Tallow than could be realized by preserving Meat under the present state of science. We do not think that your suggestion to make soap and candles would be profitable as a small manufactory with expensive labour, fuel &c could not compete with large firms here conducted with great experience and large capital.

5. Par 11. From your former strong recommendation of the Sheep Farm speculation upon Elizabeth Island, Magellan Strait, we are surprised to hear that you do not know more about the place than we do: it is fortunate the Directors were averse to it as Mr. John J. Hamilton now informs us that he will not return to his business at Sandy Point, and has given up the intention of organizing a line of Steamers thence to the Falklands, (as mentioned in N^o 506, 22), as he cannot rely on the promises & engagements made by the Chilean Authorities: notwithstanding this it will be necessary for you to let us have your opinion on this Mail route in full detail as it might answer at a future time to adopt this route. We must

Frederick E. Cobb Esq
Colonial Manager
Stanley.

This alteration in the firm Shanklin & Hamilton will not prevent us obtaining the balance £45.11.~ due from them, as per Balance Sheet of 30 June 76.

6. Par 13. We have obtained particulars of a Steam Winch from Messrs Chapman & Sutton, they recommend one with two cylinders $5\frac{1}{4}$ inch diameter, 9 inch stroke at Eighty five Pounds (£85) which is as expensive as Robey's addition to their engine so which we objected at 506, 27. This Winch would however be a most useful article capable of being worked anywhere steam could be supplied so if you telegraph "Ferretory" we shall provide this winch by our next vessel.

7. Par 14. From enquiries made at the Peruvian Guano Co. we find that the form of the old charterparty is still used, in which Messrs Dean & Hois name is inserted for all vessels putting into the Falklands, the Agency cannot therefore be altered without valid reason.

8. Par 15. You will doubtless have heard that poor Mr. Wilks died suddenly at Montevideo being only seriously ill two days. Our last Par 15 stated that we could not understand "fellow ship" at end of Telegram Home N. 10, which we now learn to be a single word "fellowship" meaning "clerk required at Stanley: it first came to us as "fellow ship" which we took to mean that the 'Southern Breeze' would follow the 'Albany', then they altered it to fellow ships; this shows that for telegraphing purposes we must not use compound words that can be divided in transmission.

9. N. 221, 2. We sent copy of the paper from the 'Medea' found at Bull Point to her owners Messrs Van Hoboken & Sons at Rotterdam, but have not had any reply.

10. Par 3. The Directors did not request you to sell Ewes to Mr. C. F. Baillon, N. 499, 5, stated that you might sell him some if they could be spared & he could satisfy you as to security &c, the price 15/- is considered low, and now that the Boiling down has proved a success, no more breeding Sheep are to be sold for we ought to keep up our breeding stock, as young as possible to the full number our land will carry, the Board trusting that the newly instituted management for Laponia will add materially to the usual increase. Par 6. We are pleased to hear Sheep are offered for Boiling down and trust you will not buy too dear - old sheep turned to account in this manner will improve the character of the wool from the Falklands & raise the average weight from each sheep through ~ sheep not being retained to an old age for clipping, it is therefore wise of the Colonists to avail of this Co.'s improvements & turn their old stock into money. We forward statement of Tallow showing that 75 Boiling down gave 20 lbs per sheep, each animal producing $7\frac{1}{9}$ (Seven Shillings and Ninepence) unfortunately the number boiled down in '76 is not given but you can enter it and this will guide you as to purchasing sheep for this purpose, bearing in mind that the cost of casks must be deducted - on examination I find freight, in

-surance and other charges have not been deducted, these would reduce the value per sheep very much, the skins would have to be added but not being properly prepared they do not bring in much. Since writing the foregoing the number of Sheep boiled down 18347 has been discovered, which being entered makes the weight and value per sheep singularly near for the two years, being for 75 - 20 lbs and $\frac{7}{9}$ - for 76 - 20 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs and $\frac{7}{10}$.

11. Parc. Mr. Henry Waldron delivered on the 20th ult. the Sealant and other effects of the late Capt. Vairo of the 'Fortunate', which were handed on the 24th ult. to the Prussian Consul for transmission to his representatives in Italy - this vessel was not mentioned in the Shipping Report.

12. The Board have read with the greatest dissatisfaction and surprise the list of Debtors contained in the Balance Sheet of 30 June 76 sent in N^o. 220, 15, amounting in all to £22,216 and being an increase of nearly £5,000 upon that of last year - this too in the face of their oft repeated wishes and latterly most positive orders to gradually and steadily diminish this deadweight of debt. It would have been far better to expend a portion of your time in explanation upon this vital matter, than to write at such great length as you have done in reference to John King's letters; not that the Board believe any thing can really justify so entire a departure from their directions, but at least they would be in possession, for instance, of your explanation now you have allowed Mr. Williams to become again their Debtor, and to the large amount of £1446. 13. 9, apparently too entirely unsecured, and with little, if any, hope of repayment. Your silence led me to write to Mr. E. J. Smith as to the payment of the £550 due from him on 1st July, but he appears to have since paid it to you, whereas it might well have been remitted to London to meet the balance of £478. 8. 7 drawn upon us by your Statement of Acct. 15 Aug 76. The Directors observe with regret that an admitted Loss of £303. 14. 8 has been incurred by the Black Hawk's working; you have from time to time intimated that in your opinion Capt. Dixon is apt to be extravagant and this disagreeable fact seems to confirm the suspicion, at all events his expenditure must be strictly scrutinized in future.

13. The Board have read with careful attention your reply to John King's second letter (30 Mch 76), they make every allowance for your natural annoyance under the circumstances and give you the benefit of having refuted some of his assertions; but much remains that is not satisfactory, more especially the proved and extensive existence of Seal, the utter neglect during a whole year of a large & valuable flock, the over driving and the great delay between the shearing & dipping, nor do your statistics by any means establish a satisfactory addition to the numbers of sheep shorn from the previous year's lambs as reported. You appear (erroneously) to suppose that the Board consider ^{you} personally answerable for all these defects, and moreover that it was their intention to replace Fell with King, on these and many other points the last Despatch will remove

misapprehensions. With regard to King the Board only contemplate placing him in charge of some small district as Suboverseer, or in some such capacity, in addition to a flock, so as to test his powers & his methods: you appear to have taken to yourself epithets which were applied by him to Fell, certainly his letter to yourself of 12 July last is not wanting in respect.

14. Statement upon Acct. of 3 July 76 stated that we were to receive £201.9.11 for E. J. Smith's passages to England, in consequence of a change of route the amount received was £179.5.9. When remitting Mr. E. J. Smith the £215. we asked for the Balance £550 to which we did not reply in a proper manner & claimed a return of Two Pounds upon the Cheque 85.15.6 remitted 10 Aug last against his Acct., you had not mentioned any overpayment but finding in the Journal for June that London Office Cash Acct. was debited 83.15.6 for this Cheque we returned him Two Pounds. Mr. Smith asked us to undertake to receive Tobacco for Mr. Cameron by our next vessel, this we declined and referred him to the Royal Mail Comp^y, who, having established a rate for the Falklands and granting us certain indulgencies, ought to be supported.

15. We have the pleasure of informing you that the price of Wool has improved since the sale of 24 June last - the Macedon's Cargo was sold on 25 ult. fetching 10¾ and 11 for the Company's - 3 Henshields' realized 11¾ & 11½ - Bonner's 12½ and Waldron's 12 12¼, 12¾ and even 13, but it was excellent Wool and clean - Thicket's fetched 10¾ and 11¾ - herewith are full particulars of all the prices - Williams' Wool was sold about a month previous by private contract and only brought in 9½. Mr. Thicketney who you are aware is a Sheep Breeder of Yorkshire has now removed to Sussex, where his Son has a large Farm, he reports most favorably of the Romney Marsh breed as suitable from several reasons for the Islands, so we shall probably send some Rams of the true Romney Marsh breed, not the Kent Downs such as Capt. Packer has sent out though he calls them Romney Marsh - we understand Romney Marsh Rams with Cheviot Ewes prevents the falling off of the belly wool, if true this will be a great advantage, you could learn this positively by an inspection of Mr. Waldron's flocks, we learn from the letter that the increase is more than the Cheviots and they are equally good mothers; Mr. Thicketney says they are so good for not shaying about, feeding quietly near their home & thriving on poor pasturage.

16. We have settled the Macedon's Freight deducting 143.14.3 being the Acct. 140.18.9 ex N. 217 and a balance of 2.15.6 fortunately discovered in the Balance Sheet - we had to pay the Gratuity of £10.10. for Captain mentioned in Charter though your Journal shows that Capt. Jane received £10 at Stanley on 13 June, as you have not alluded to this we presumed it was something extra.

17. I was fortunately able to elucidate for Lloyd's your last Telegram about the Southern Cross coming home in ballast with Capt. Newman as passenger & that nothing was to be arranged until his arrival.

18. The Colonial Office have enquired if we could recommend a Medical Man for Stanley during the absence on leave of Dr. Watts whose half pay £225

London, 39 St. Gwynchurch St. 8 Nov 1876.
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Falklands Islands Company.

whose half pay £225 would be available for him, our reply stated that we did not know of any one, and we considered such a moderate emolument for only a short time would hardly induce any one to go out - the Government are evidently desirous of reducing expenses at the Colony, doubtless the time may come when an independent Doctor would have a fair chance of doing well, if the Camp requirements could be combined with practice in Stanley. We embraced the opportunity of stating that upon the appointment of another Medical Man there should be a stipulation as to more moderate charges for visits to the Co's and others employes in the country, as the present high fees are a source of complaint. Copy of the Letters are enclosed, Col. Off. 18 Oct, Co's Reply 27 Oct last.

19. The Brokers will forward detailed instructions about the Tallow as the inside and carcase fat ought to be boiled down together to form the whole lot: the numbers of the casks of 'Macedon' could not be distinguished, nor the marks so you will have to divide the account sales and account for them, as well as can be managed - Williams two casks were sold with ours and must be paid for, deducting freight, when the weights are furnished, if prepared at his establishment it would be roughly done, the lowest rate ought therefore to be allowed for them. To prevent confusion in future it is arranged that the Co's Tallow, being the largest quantity, is not to be marked but to have the number of each cask well scribed upon it, which had better be done near the bung - casks belonging to others are to be marked plainly by scribe with number near the bung, a plain mark such as a cross, circle or diamond will be sufficient, but every mark and number must be done with the scribe, which cutting into the wood renders them indelible. The sample of Oil which you describe as floating on the top of the Tallow in the casks was omitted to be forwarded in the 'Macedon'.

20. The Board has decided not to send the usual vessel next month or January with Stores for return with the second cargo of Produce, as funds are so low and you have a good stock of Stores to work on - it will depend on the next advices whether a small supply of Stores are sent by Pt. of 23 Dec or 8 Feb 77, but unless your remittances are good we shall not be able to afford even that. As rough cargo will be much wanted by middle of next year we think it would be well to expedite the 'Vof Bran's' return so that she may, if possible, be here by first week of April, then to leave on her return voyage to Stanley arriving there towards end of July 77, if no cargo from Dean or others offering it would be almost advisable to send her home in ballast to be ready for Stores out in Decr 77 or Jan 78 - under these circumstances the second Produce cargo

1877 and the first clip of Wool of 1878 will have to be sent home by vessels chartered in Montevideo: we write Capt. Dyer on this subject for him to consult with you and we hope some good arrangement will be made, at all events we look for her present return as soon as possible to reduce the interest upon the advance obtained against her Wool.

21. As Wool frequently runs short & is expensive for building Shepherd's Cottages we recommend to your notice concrete for walls, formed of one eighth Portland Cement to about 5 parts rough ballast or Gravel and 2 parts Sand, which makes strong walls to support floors & roofs, herewith are particulars from Mr Manning who says the Portland Cement should be of the best kind, perhaps you may have purchased some good out of the 'Southern Cross', if not some could be shipped by the next vessel provided gravel and sand are obtainable, which we fancy will be the difficulty at the Falklands.

22. The Passengers by this Steamer are the new Butcher Mr. Tho. W. Alday, wife & 3 children and five Shepherds obtained through our new Agent Mr. P. Fleming, Government Emigration Agent, 44 High Street, Dundee - Peter M. Lean wife, George M. Hay wife, John & Angus M. Cullum, George Stewart, all appear to be the right sort of men, good characters have been furnished & they understand hill shepherding - these seven go out upon two Land Orders of £100 each & 47, 48, Landing Certificate must therefore be returned as soon as possible: we have now sent 11 eleven men and one Lad against the fifteen asked for in 218, 4, though you stated before that ten would be sufficient, it will depend upon next advices whether we supply more men by the Dec. Mail, there are two or three enquiring about our terms. Alday & family being better class people travel second. There is another Passenger a Shepherd for Mr. M. Elymout, George M. George, 21 yrs old, from Castle Douglas, Kirkcubrightshire, whose wages are much higher than ours, Five Pounds Ten shillings (£5.10/-) per month with lodging and all board found him, term three years from date of arrival, I have requested him not to let our people (his fellow passengers) know these terms or they will be discontented - he pays half his passage out himself.

23. Upon refusal of Par 20 I find it has been omitted to state the regret expressed by the Directors when they found that the Company's Wool fetched the lowest price of all, they look upon this as another proof of the false economy of stinking the dipping and shepherding.

24. With regard to the V of Bray (as mentioned at Par 20) returning to England in Sep 77 in ballast should there be no cargo, we might do better by sending her to M. Video for charter to London, so write Mr. Humphreys enquiring whether this could be managed, the rate of freight and specially the port charges which we fear are heavy - as she is required here we could accept a low freight

provided too much time would not be consumed at Montevideo.

25. Referring to the Steam Winch at Par 6 we thought as well to obtain estimate for Boiler to be attached in case of need and should it be deemed advisable to change Robey's Engine or sell it - the whole cost would be One Hundred & Ninety Pounds (£190) but the Directors do not wish to incur any expense that can be avoided, and all future improvements must be undertaken on the principle of paying a good interest on the outlay. Chapman Hutton's Estimate of 7th inst. is enclosed

26. Messrs Rowson & Co. have allowed Nineteen Pounds Ten Shillings (£19.10.-) for the Blacksmith's Forge sent back in the 'Macedon'.

27. Capt. Alex. Laws has obtained his Certificate as Master from the Board of Trade.

28. Some of the Remittances by the last Despatch were to places abroad and to Scotland, as there is sometimes difficulty in obtaining receipts for these payments the Board desire you to let the senders understand that the Cash is at their risk from the time of its leaving this Office, as the C. cannot be answerable for its reaching the right person though every precaution is used in making these remittances.

29. We have received from W. Sickeroy Six Hundred Pounds (£600) out of his Wool ex 'Macedon' - from W. Waldron Eight hundred Pounds (£800.14.7) upon the Hides, we expected some thousands from his Wool he is to call here this day if paying any Cash we shall add postscript.

I remain, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
J. Coleman Secy.

Enclosures.

- ✓ Dup Despatch N^o 506
- ✓ Langdon's agreement as Clerk dated 19 Sep 76 omitted fr last Des.
- ✓ Land Order N^o 46 pt 2 for £100 & N^o 47 pt 1 for £100
- ✓ Emigration Agreement dated 4 Nov 76 - Landing certificate Form Agreement for Allday, M^{rs} Lane, A. J. M^{rs} Cullum Stewart & M^{rs} Kay List of Passengers for "Elbe" - Ticket of Bray's Voyage 1876
- ✓ Albany's Bill of Lading for 200 tons Steam Coal with Colliery Endorsement of Powell Duffryn Co as returned to Taylor & Co to obtain balance of Exp
- ✓ Ledger Entries N^o 40 - Journal Entries
- ✓ Statement on Accounts N^o 41 with 7 Account Sales as per Statement General Invoice £57.9.6 & 7 Detailed Invoices
- ✓ Copy of Letter to Admiralty dated 30 Oct and their reply 6 Nov - re Bottle
- ✓ " " do fr Arming & Cobb dated 7 Nov re Tallow for Macedon Inked up
- ✓ " " do " Chapman " " " " " Winch steam
- ✓ Letter to Manning with his red ink notes
- ✓ Northampton Herald 23 Sep 76 with notice of Sale of Rams of Smitkin
- ✓ Letters fr Lee dated 8 Nov 76 to Langdon & Dyer also F. E. Cobb
- ✓ Copy of Account Sales of produce &c ex Macedon

By Bones realizing	£ 5. 3. 0	HB 219 Hides	£ 422. 15. 4
" " "	11. 1. 1	W 1022 "	1100. 14. 7
1136 lbs Tallow "	5155. 17. 4	256 lbs Wool	5329. 19. 11
5 B 243 Hides "	260. 4. 2	Old metal &c	66. 2. 9
- ✓ Ticket of Bray's Bones 9/8 sale £1. 3. 10
- ✓ Press Copy of Receipt for Waldron's £3811. 5. 5 & Statement showing £5000 pd by him
- ✓ Copy of Letter from Colonial Office of 18 Oct } re Colonial Surgeon
- " " " " do " " 27 " }
- ✓ Letter for Russel Greenhalgh & Dyer fr Secy.

Those ticked are in case for Office

P. S. Mr. John Waldron has just called and has
happily made up a payment of £5000 (Five Thousand
Pounds) taking into account the debt from Baillou £388-
we send Copy of Account made out for him, which we send
to his Brother to explain matters showing that he has
paid Cash this day £3811.5.5

I have only just learned (3.30 P.M.) that the
'Vicar of Bray' was spoken on 3 Oct - '48, 33 W -
a very good position for a quick passage out.

No 509

Genl Rivers 1876

The Secretary
of the R.C.C.

N^o 508. London. 39 A. Gracechurch St. 23rd Dec^r. 1876.
E. C.

M^r. R. M. W. Guadiana. Falkland Islands Company.

Sir, Since our last on the 8th Nov^r. we have received, on the 14th ult^r your Despatches N^{os} 222, 223 and 224, dated 1st & 30th Sept^r. and 2nd Oct^r. - N^o 222 was a Duplicate, the Original of "M. G. Russell" was not delivered here until the 20th Nov^r. though she arrived in London on the 5th November.

2. N^o 222, 1. The broken cross bar of the Digester has been replaced by Ellis free of charge and is returned in Tyler's case 6996.

3. Par 7. Our former Despatches informed that we had given up all intention of the Elizabeth Island project & as you now find transactions with Sandy Point do not in any way coincide with ours: on the 28th ult^r. we received a remittance from Messrs. Shanklin & Hamilton as per letter of 16th Oct^r. of Chilian & American Specie, which realized £87.14. - (Eighty seven Pounds Fourteen Shillings) copy of correspondence is forwarded herewith.

4. Par 8. On examining the Salaries & Wages Return we are surprised to find M^{rs}. M^c. Call entered as a Laborer, we have always considered him a first class Shepherd & being an elderly man rather who has had great experience & thus fit for a responsible situation - Capt^o. Campbell & Dixon are not entered nor the crews of the Co's vessels. There is a Brother here of J. Stead the Stonemason, who would like to go out, he is also a Stonemason. M^{rs}. Ann Cartmell, 19 Hill Street, Preston, Lancashire, wishes to know about her Son in one of our vessels.

5. N^o 223. The Directors have most carefully read & considered your very lengthy & elaborate reply to John King's third letter, dated 8 May 76, and give you all due credit for its ability & comprehensiveness. Doubtless King has in some things fallen into the temptation of exaggerating and in others you have shown him to be mistaken, but, in many important respects, the Board are of opinion that King has made valuable suggestions and shown that serious evils do exist, and therefore, in the main, the Directors conform & adhere to the views which they expressed in par: 9 of Despatch 504.

Having also again perused and carefully epitomized every portion of King's three letters to them, bearing in mind too that they were not written for your eye, but were only penned, after due notice to you, and after repeated requests (made in vain) that you would yourself investigate his complaints, the Board consider that in spite of two or three isolated expressions, where you are coupled with M^r. Fell as being ignorant of sheep-management, you are not justified in taking such exception to the tone of the letters and in treating them as in any way impugning your personal character. The Directors are bound to state their opinion that King has written honestly and disinterestedly, and bearing in mind the explanation in their Despatch 504, par 3, as to his employment, and that his letter of 12 July last to you was written in a proper & respectful tone, they adhere to the desire that he should, in lieu of or in addition to the supervision of a flock, have some limited opportunity of developing his energies in the treatment

Frederick E. Cobb Esq
Colonial Manager
Stanley.

and management of Sheep, as Suboverseer or otherwise, always provided that he has not, by subsequent misconduct or personal disrespect to yourself, forfeited the claim which the Board considers him to have upon them. This quasi promotion you need not make at once but let it seem to come by and by from yourself, rather than from head quarters; indeed if King be under Mr. Clay it will be made through him. As to the Returns of Sheep clipped &c: no one could think of treating them as if you pledged your personal veracity to their accuracy, they must be drawn up by subordinates, and the fact of King's tallying with the others only proved that all were so far correct, even Bell could not be present to count and must trust to others.

Your reference to the comparative prices fetched by our Wool and that of other growers in the Falklands was most unfortunate for your argument, and is another convincing proof that our flocks have greatly deteriorated, seeing that even Greenshields' Wool, whose sheep you mentioned as notoriously affected with scab, fetched a better price than the Company's. The purchase too of wethers to melt at 10/- (Ten Shillings) each against prime clean ewes at 15/- (fifteen shillings) each, the Directors quite agree with King in thinking a very bad bargain, as probably little if anything over 5/- (five shillings) will be netted on each sheep. The Board cannot but take strong exception to two expressions in the beginning of the last paragraph of your Despatch as to King, the Shepherd, viz: that you were "bitterly attacked" by them in the matter of the Store accounts, and that you "carried the day", neither of these expressions is at all warranted by the facts. You yourself strongly impugned the management of the Store and invited all that was said on this side in respect of it on that occasion, the Directors could not fail to be as dissatisfied as you expressed yourself to be with its management by Cameron, and they are quite at a loss to understand what you mean by having carried the day - had you originally recommended Frederick King to take charge, as most unfortunately you did not, the Directors would at once have endorsed your action and much expense, loss & vexation (the last by no means yet ended if Gilchrist goes on further with his Action) would have been saved.

In summing up this matter, which they desire may now be considered as finally closed, the Directors charge me to express their great regret that you have, though unavoidably, been left for some time without help in the Office-work, and that they were glad at the earliest possible moment to supply the needed assistance. They wish also to record their settled conviction that the proved evils, which have come to the surface, have mainly arisen from the unlimited system of advances to the Settlers, which by absorbing all available cash, have compelled a too rigid economy upon our own property; that system however is now and from henceforth to be abolished. In conclusion I am to add the unabated confidence of the Board in your zeal & integrity, neither of which have ever been for one moment in question.

6. N. 224, 8. The mistake about the damage to the keel of the 'Southern Cross' is most unfortunate, Messrs. Shall cross & Higham have accepted the Bill for 196. 4. 7 and we wait her arrival for further particulars. Capt. Owen died on board the Pacific W. Britannia, on her passage to Liverpool, five days after leaving Montevideo.

7. Par 10. Respecting your suggestion to lengthen the Cutter 'Flora', put an engine into her and turn her into a screw launch, Estimate and plan were obtained from Woolfe, the builders, amounting to Four Hundred & Fifty Pounds (£450) but the Board decided not to undertake this expensive alteration at present - particulars are enclosed.

8. Par 12. Former observations point out that the Directors do not consider that Pether's accounts are sufficiently reduced, how have you "dropped Williams" when the balance against him on 30 June last was 1446.13.9 - the discontinuance of Llamosa's Acc't. is but a trifling reduction seeing that the balance 20.7.6 due on 30 June '75 was paid in Aug '75. We trust Greenhills' matter will be brought to a satisfactory conclusion.

9. Par 13. The Board regrets to hear that there has been a strike amongst the Carpenters at Stanley, every effort has been made to obtain a good man, they now send Robert John Allan, 23 years old, at Nine Pounds (£9) a month with lodging, he was apprenticed to Fletcher's as Shipwright, and received good character from them, he has had experience in shipjoinery & carpentering, perhaps not quite so much in the former as could be wished, but such operatives are very difficult to obtain & look down upon the wages we offered, we therefore thought it best to engage a youngish man who would be more amenable to orders and not object to go into the country to build shepherds cottages &c. as others have.

10. Par 16. The Indent received is estimated to cost with balance of other orders about £6,500, our last indent that no shipment would be made this or next month, but we send by this Steamer the sugar & tea ordered by telegram and shall ship by W. of 8 Feb next an assortment to the value of £2,000 (Two thousand Pounds) reserving the remainder for the 'Vicar of Bray' in May next; for your guidance we send epitome of Stores for 8 Feb Mail and Statement D of Stores Out in 1874 and Produce Home in 1874, 8. Since this was drafted our Brokers report that Tobacco in Apr & May next is expected to be about same price 9 perts as last, but later in the year it may be much dearer.

11. On 1st inst. Telegram N. 11 Home arrived, "Vicar twelve November after Sugar one hundred fifty tea one hundred feathers wanted Eudora Sparrow presses useless without" - which we translate into, "Vicar arrived 12th Nov^r, ship as soon as possible Sugar value £150, Tea value £100, Shepherds by Nov^r Mail wanted, Eudora's & Sparrow Hawk's Wool Presses useless without - We are glad to hear of the safety of the 'Vicar of Bray', it is unfortunate she made such a long passage out, 82 days, as we want her back quickly: the Sugar & Tea go by this Mail: by the Nov^r Mail you will have received five qualified Shepherds, which make eleven & a boy sent out since June last, the Board trusts therefore it is only exaggeration to say that for want of these men the Co's two Wool presses would be stopped working, when there is already a large staff of Shepherds at the Islands; we have done our best to obtain several for this W. but have only succeeded in obtaining John Coulston from Dumfries, this makes 12 out of the 15 asked for and we shall endeavor to send more by 8 Feb next, it being the Directors' wish to support you with men in case of any alterations through Mr. Clay's appointment.

12. The Board has decided that you had better print at Stanley the Notice for the Gratuity of Ten shillings per cent (10/- 10%) upon all Dividends above Five per cent (5%) as per Despatch 500, 4, subject to your remarks in N. 218, 4 - and that all employes of the Company are to participate in this Gratuity at Christmas of each year: some copies of this Notice to be sent here.

13. Finding that it was not necessary to insure against Fire the whole clip of Wool in the sheds at Darwin & Victoria, but only so much as they could or might contain at one time, we have this shearing season reduced the amount to £10000 instead of £16500 last year, apportioning £6000 (six thousand pounds) to Darwin and £4000 (four thousand pounds) to Victoria, the Wool sheds remaining the same Darwin £10000 Victoria £500, as per copy of Policy 381 of the North British Insurance Co. enclosed: we wish to know whether this arrangement will cover the risk, whether there is ever as much as £6000 & £4000 in the sheds at one time, and how long the second lot remains in the sheds, whether some at both or only at Darwin: this alteration arose through our considering that the 'Vicar of Bray' would be loading the present clip of Wool as fast as it was shorn, consequently there would not be much in the shed, as this policy covers subsequent clippings, which may remain in or pass through the shed afterwards, you will perceive there is a great saving effected, which, considering our yearly increased value of Wool, is a great point. Whilst on this subject the Directors mooted the insurance of the Tallow, which can be done at £2 or 3% (two or three pounds per cent) per year or half that amount for a quarter of a year, according to the style of buildings & arrangements, if stone walls & the fire for Boiler thoroughly separated at the lower rate, provided other fires and lights are not in the main building; respecting lights the Manager of the North British Co. was told that on emergencies work was carried on during the night & lights believed to be used, he was shown the sketch Plan of the Works ex 203 but requires further details, you must therefore send full particulars about this risk & the advisability of covering it, which will arrive here about the time operations are commenced, so if necessary insurance can be effected. It will be prudent to send frequent intimations of the stock of Tallow Casks and anticipated requirements to enable us to ship if extra opportunity offers.

14. We have taken the precaution to open an insurance for Two thousand pounds (£2000) for Produce of Schooners & Wharves, in case the 'Vicar of Bray' receives any Settlers' goods - her cargo being insured to the present at Seventeen thousand pounds (£17000).

15. An application having been made to the Board by the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland at Edinburgh on behalf of the Rev. A. Yeoman, it has been decided to allow him from his arrival at Stanley, as subscription from the Co., Twenty Pounds (£20) a year, with the House he occupies at Darwin Harbour, Butcher's Meat and Horses for travelling about, he intends leaving by the next Mail on 8 Feb 44.

16. We have the pleasure of reporting that the Rev. Lowther E. Brandon of Hollyport, Gorey, Wexford, Ireland, has been appointed to the Chaplaincy of the Falkland Islands and has applied here for various information, which has been afforded, but he has not replied to our enquiry whether married - he goes by next Mail on 8 Feb 44.

London, 39A. Gracechurch St. 23 Dec 1876.
E.C.

N^o. 508, cont^d.

Falklands Islands Company.

17. The Board could not understand the Statement upon Cattle Killing, dated 6 Sep 76, enclosed in N^o. 224, until they received the Colonial Office Letter of 8th inst. & Correspondence with the Governors D'Arcy and Callaghan, respecting Cruelty to Animals in the mode of killing cattle hunted by the Gauchos; the Directors having already (N^o. 434, 7.) intimated their wish that this business should be conducted as mercifully as possible, now desire that instructions be issued to the Gauchos to this effect and that whenever practicable animals are to be killed when cut down, or as soon after as possible, but certainly during the day on which they are cut down. Enclosed is copy of correspondence referred to.

18. We forward copies of letters from Compton & Arnold, respecting the complaints about the Coals and Bricks per Albany, and regret that under the circumstances no claims can be made.

19. Mr. Hobbs of Newcastle on Tyne has applied for 99.5.7 as per acc^t. for Stores shipped to Messrs. Holmsted & Blake, but as they owe a large amount & there are no orders to pay the Board has declined to meet it. He has sent them a newly discovered preparation of Tobacco for Sheep Dip, viz: Concentrated Essence of Tobacco, manufactured by Messrs. Curry & Soper of London, whom we have seen & believing the article will be useful for making a dip to cure Scab, like the boiling tanks do with the raw leaf Tobacco, we send a small supply for careful trial, as well as some Long's Specific for hand dressing between the dipping times at the outstations, which is very highly recommended being a great improvement on that shipped years ago by Ransome & Co.

20. We learn from Capt. Packe the great necessity of having sufficient English Provencher sent out with Rams to enable them to be fed upon it for some time after landing at the Falklands, he says he has lost a great number through being turned out to the poor pasturage after the high feeding on board ship, we have never heard of this with ours perhaps because we send a good supply of provencher which lasts for their food after arrival, still it is necessary to have your ideas on this subject for future security, as we may decide to ship Rams by the Vicar in May next.

21. The Directors have the unpleasant duty of informing you that Mr. Gilchrist is continuing his Action, which will cause us great expense and annoyance; they much regret that you should have treated him so leniently after he had misconducted himself to the extent you have since described, and of which you might easily by enquiry have become aware. He ought to have received immediate dismissal instead of being paid six months salary and an opening thus left for this Action. We send Gilchrist's Statement of Claim, dated 24 Nov 76 - Particulars of wrongful Dismissal & amount claimed £ 334. 8. 6, dated 14 Dec 76 - the Company's Defence, dated 18 Dec - Opinion of our Counsel Mr. Webster dated 2 Dec - and the Co's Interrogatories for examination of Gilchrist dated 18 Dec. Probably by next Mail the Action will be sufficiently advanced to send out a Commission for taking evidence at Stanley

which will then require your most careful attention.

22. We ought to have reported that Hoare & Hudson paid on 19 July £237.10.2 for Bailion's Wool ex 'Macedon', it passed to credit of Produce, a journal entry has now rectified the omission. Enclosed is Statement E of the Debts due by Sellers 30 June last, with their subsequent payments in Cash & Produce, showing that they still owe the large amount of £6,334, which is now continually increasing. Mr. Henry Waldron is going to send at his expense the 'Graphic' to Mr. Emile Boyer for the years 1877, 8, it is ordered through Gilbert.

23. At your suggestion we wrote to Mr. C. W. Bertaux 113 Pearl St., New York, respecting Timber & other goods, he has not sent a decided answer saying the prices vary so much, but that he would execute any orders and that we should require an Agent at Buenos Ayres to receive the goods, the vessels' passages being 35 to 40 days - under such circumstances we have not thought it proper to go further into the matter. Should sawn Timber be urgently required for Dipping Station &c. in Lafonia before arrival of W. of Bray end of next July, the best plan will be to let Humphreys purchase at Montevideo as we get the freight down free - this must not interfere with the anticipated Cargo hence W. Ellis 8 Feb next.

24. Herewith are the Co's Mail Service Tables for next year - also Post Office Tables of the Royal Mail Co. and the Pacific Co. from Liverpool.

I remain,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Coleman

London, 39A, Gracechurch St. 8th Feb. 1877.
E. C.

N^o 509.

M^r. R. M. W. 'Elbe' Falklands-Islands Company.

Sir, Enclosing Duplicate of our last on 23rd Dec. 76 we have now to acknowledge your Despatch N^o 225 of 28th October last, received on 29th Dec. by the 'Sea Witch' - and N^o 226 of 15th Nov. last, to hand on 1st ult. by the regular Mail.

2. N^o 225, 6. The Board is alive to the necessity of providing a new House as soon as possible and have taken steps to learn from the Architect the prices, quantities & particulars of the materials required, and have notified to him the alterations proposed by your Notes ex N^o 212. Enclosed are two Statements on which he was consulted - he agreed that if Sand is procurable it would be better to plaster the walls & ceilings, you have not afforded information on this point: electric Bells are not practicable: a Bricklayer and a Carpenter are not procurable under £130 a year - it is strongly urged that Lime & Cement should not be sent until they can be used as they deteriorate so much by keeping, this creates a difficulty as to freight, precluding them being sent out as ballast for our stores vessels and may necessitate a charter for the whole House independent of other goods, in which case the foundations ought to be prepared before hand to save the wages of artificers and demurrage. Herewith is Statement I of Stores for 77, 78, from which proposal it will be perceived how difficult it will be to combine shipment of the House with the Stores to be supplied this year - you will doubtless be disappointed at the small value proposed to be shipped, which, leaving out the 1 Oct vessel as being doubtful, amounts to £12,780, the average supply for the last four years having been £14,500, it is presumed the reduced amount will suffice as sales will probably be restricted through curtailment of credit to Settlers. We trust you will carefully deliberate on the House & Store matters letting us have your conclusions as soon as possible to guide us respecting shipments by M^r. in Aug & Nov and perhaps by vessel 1 Oct, meantime the Directors look upon the outlay for repairs to present House as an avoidable and in a measure compensated by the interest saved on outlay for new House, until we are in a position to provide same out of means reserved for the purpose.

3. Par 8. Though perhaps the reduction of credit to Settlers may in a measure curtail their purchases at the Store, the Board does not imagine they will be totally alienated from the Compt^r who have done so much for them and who are still willing to provide for their wants in a reasonable way: we are glad to see they are progressing so well and intend melting down their old Sheep at the Co^s Tallow Works, but we must warn you not to give more than four or five shillings (4/- or 5/-) apiece for old sheep all round to be on the safe side, as Statement I sent last Mail shows our Sheep realized between five & six shillings for their Tallow & Skins, and probably animals brought from West Falkland would lose fat and condition before arriving at the Tallow Works.

Frederick E. Cobb Esq
Colonial Manager
Stanley.

4. Par 9 & 226, 22. The 'Southern Cross' arrived here on the 8th ult., the Bills on her behalf have been paid, we have not heard anything about her; she did not however come home in ballast for she returned with a considerable portion of her cargo she loaded here in Jan 76, upwards of 270 tons. The 'Sea Witch' also did not come in ballast as she brought a quantity of Produce probably amounting to over £2000 - she has been uncomumously quick on the round barely five months and a quarter.

5. N. 226, 7. We now understand Telegram Home N. 11 which asked for Leathers for the Hydraulic Presses, instead of as we imagined for more Shepherds, as explained at N. 508, 11: the substitution of the word feathers for leathers is a most unfortunate mistake made by the Telegraph Company in the transmission of this message, but at the same time we cannot think why you could not have put the word hydraulic before leathers when the meaning could not have been misunderstood: on reference to Tyler's Invoice for Hydraulic Leathers p. B. of Bray 19 Aug 76 we find they are all for 8 inch Rams, though the order was distinctly given for the three different sized Presses p. Eudora Sparrow Hawk & Vicar of Bray having 5, 6 and 8 inch rams, and ^{ing} have therefore given them notice that we hold them answerable for the consequences, which, we trust however, will not be so serious as you anticipate, for surely leathers could be altered on emergency to fit smaller rams: we now send proper made leathers for each Press, but as we take the precaution to send out duplicates of all wearing parts with machinery, there must have been inattention in not informing when the second leathers were taken into use, so that a set might have been sent out to be always on hand ready for immediate use - this mishap must be a warning in future that this system is rigidly adhered to.

6. Par 11. The Directors are gratified at the loyal spirit in which you have received Mr. Clay's appointment, and trust your intention to make the best arrangements possible will smother over the difficulties anticipated: not having heard anything about the Cattle for so long they were not taken into consideration with Mr. Clay's superintendence of Lafonia, but if they were formerly under Mr. Fell's management they will now fall to Mr. Clay, without you can arrange better, but so as not to have any interference between him and Fell - please therefore send a full Report upon the Wild & Tame Cattle and the prospects of the quantity of Beef Suet to be obtained from the melting down of the latter.

7. Par 12. It will be most unfortunate if Mr. Waldron has not received his case as we shall be answerable for it. I am happy to say his Brother has paid in, on 23 ult., £83. 19. 10 to close his account up to 30th June last (as per letter to John Waldron on 9th ult. herewith) and informs us that Mr. James L. Waldron's Account will be settled every year upon realization of his Produce.

8. Par 14. We always understood that Bishop Pirling knew the particulars of the debt due for Stores by the P. A. Missionary Society, we feel sure they would pay it here if you can get him to give some description of the goods this certificate that they were supplied for the Society.

9. Before closing Par 6 I ought to have reported that a fourth Letter has been received from Shepherd John King, dated 4 Nov 46, certified Copy now enclosed together with a formal answer for your perusal before delivering to him, but as this matter is already closed the Board does not wish to reopen the subject.

10. Par 20. We have written to our Scotch Agents respecting Education for children in outlying districts and send copies of their replies containing information of various modes for supplying this necessary benefit for our people, but we understand the Rev. Geoman will obtain further intelligence from official sources in Edinburgh so that some plan may be initiated on his return; on learning his views we may write you further, as if reasonable the Directors would be ready to support an arrangement promoting education amongst their people, which would doubtless retain in their service many of their valuable servants having families growing up around them.

11. On the 20th ult. Telegram Home N^o. 12 arrived - "Famifful five hundred fether tobacco five hundred federal Tyrol Jones at Holyhead" which we consider means - Pent Bills value five hundred pounds. Ship as soon as possible Sheep Dip Tobacco five hundred pounds. Here damaged barque 'Tyrol', arrange credit with owner Jones at Holyhead. Ten hogheads Tobacco are shipped with our present Stores, as per Statement D and Memo of Stores with amount ^{£2000} sent in last Despatch. We wrote immediately to T. W. Jones about his Barque 'Tyrol' (Lloyd's having also Telegram showing that the damage was serious) but no arrangement was made for credit, on our again reminding him that inattention to this would increase expenses by necessitating Bottomry Bond for repairs if they were heavy, or delay until Capt. Ellis received instructions, he writes that the Underwriters & Clubs do not wish anything undertaken until they hear from the Captain, you must therefore be guided by circumstances & arrange to the best of your judgment. We could not have replied by Telegram as there was a break in the cable between Bahia & Rio making a delay of nearly four days, this is now repaired so that if Despatch due on 17 inst. contains important news we could telegraph by 12 prox^o, which would go down with the present.

12. It being doubtful what quantity of cargo the 'Black Hawk' could stow instructions were sent Humphreys to learn, and on the 25th ult. we received from him Telegram Home N^o. 13 stating that she can carry forty five tons, this is unfortunately a smaller quantity than we expected, but we took the precaution by the last Mail to order the forward berths to be taken down anticipating that our present cargo of Stores would be fifty tons, if not more, so it is hoped the whole will be taken; but to add to the difficulty we have ^{since} been obliged to accept from the Admiralty four privates of the Royal Marines going out under charge of Lieut. Roger P. Coffin (with his Wife) who goes out to relieve Lieut. Pweny. Capt. Dixon asked us to send new Main Wire Rigging & Fore Topmast Stay on account of these parts being damaged, as other parts might also have suffered it was deemed advisable to send the whole Rigging fit for immediate use, as any portion not actually required can be retained or may come into use for the 'Sparrow Hawk'. He complains that the vessel's speed is much reduced through loss of copper and implies that she cannot be recoppered at Montevideo, as there are worms on the Coast & in Stanley Harbour this is most serious & precautions must be immediately adopted to prevent injury - there was an idea that she ^{this time last year}

might have to come home for half time survey, though it was hoped this might not be absolutely necessary as she could bring but a small cargo and the Mail Service would be interrupted, now however that this can be undertaken by the 'Sparrow Hawk' through the latter's duties being carried out by the 'Fairy', no risk of damage to the 'Black Hawk' must be run on account of the expense of bringing her home, as this would be very false policy for such a good vessel, the Board wish therefore that this matter should be most carefully considered and reported on as soon as possible to enable future arrangements for shipping stores &c. to be made. In order to distinguish the cabins for different passengers Capt. Dixon is instructed to number them, the even numbers starboard, the odd on the port side and to send full details of the berths in each. We may send a little Gessly's Composition to keep the bottom clear of weeds.

13. The Oriental & American Telegram Co. inform us that our name and address and yours are now registered under the word "Comyhear" for messages from Lima, as this Co. appears to be connected with the West Coast of South America, this will be reported to Bumpfreys with enquiry whether it would ^{not} be well to have them registered at the different ports there, as occasion might arise for a Telegram from Valparaiso & other places.

14. Bumpfreys informs that there is very little chance of loading the 'Vicar of Bray' at Montevideo in Sept. next for London in a reasonable time, and that the Port Charges would be 32. 4. 7 - should there be no cargo home in Sept. she must come in ballast, if we are to utilize her for Flores out in Dec. or Jan. next and the second Produce home in 78, and really it appears to me worth while to incur this expense, as we thereby find her employment for eight months in duties for which we must otherwise pray heavily, and if she does not undertake them there is nothing else to put her to, for it would be more expensive to keep her 4 or 5 months at the Islands, with full crew on board, waiting for the first Produce of 78, and she is too large to send to Valparaiso during that time for a part cargo of flour - besides as this article is now more grown in the River Plate of equally good quality, we ought to make use of the Mail Schooner to bring down supplies at little or no freight. We have told Bumpfreys that you are likely to get him to charter vessel early in May next for the second Produce home of this year.

15. Messrs. Starr & Co. have again called about the Legal Books sent for Mr. E. J. Smith, we read them from 44 of your Despatch 210, and they now wish these books to be packed at their expense and to be returned in the cheapest and quickest manner, it is extremely annoying that Mr. Smith's improper behaviour should bring discredit upon the place, and as Messrs. Starr have already been great sufferers you must try to get them home free, with this object perhaps the delay until our next produce vessel would be justifiable. Mr. Pater the first Chief Officer of the 'Sparrow Hawk' states that a parcel was sent out for him by one of our vessels, please find same and return it by first opportunity.

16. We forward copy of Letter from Colonial Office dated 26 Dec 76, expressing Colonial Minister's satisfaction that the Directors have given orders that the killing of Wild Cattle is to be conducted as mercifully as possible - of course you will report our whole proceedings to Gov. Callaghan.

17. As Mr. Waldron's Wool proves to be so good from the crops with Romney Marsh Rams, the Board has ordered ten to be sent out by the V. of Bray in May next, this breed being reported to be very suitable for crossing with Cheviots & for our Colony in general.

London, 39 A. Gracechurch St. 8 Feb 1877.
 E. C.
 Falklands Islands Company.

18. It is presumed the next Despatch due shortly will instruct us as to the number of Shepherds to be engaged at Whitsum term (26 May next) for our increased flocks, but as we have been disappointed in former years we consider it better to engage when we find good men, though it has been stated that only at this Term can proper men be obtained. Of the ten required for last year, afterwards increased to fifteen, we sent twelve and a boy and are now in treaty with three Shepherds (one married) to go by the Mail of 23 March, one of them being a Nephew to Mr. Call our Agent at Dumfries; we regret it has taken so long to furnish your requirements but giving now better wages we trust future needs will be more rapidly filled up. The advances to Robert J. Allan, Ship Carpenter, by last Mail were Eleven Pounds (£11) altogether. A young labourer Joseph W. Napper goes by this Mail for Godmead & Blake from Somersetshire, Mr. Blake who sends him only informed us of this after we had ordered the berths to be taken down for our cargo, we asked to have him deferred till the next Mail, but this not suiting, we have had to give notice that we cannot guarantee him going on, though Capt. Dixon is told to use every effort to accommodate him.

19. We understand that the Rev. Foran, the Roman Catholic Priest at Stanley, receives a yearly allowance of One Hundred Pounds (£100) from the "Propagation de la Foi" a society in Paris. It is to be hoped that the Assembly of the Free Church in Edinburgh will grant an allowance to the Rev. A. Geoman, who has married and returns by this Steamer.

I remain, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Coleman
 Secy.

Enclosures for "Elbe" 9 Feb 1877.

- ✓ Trip Des. No 507
- ✓ Dup " " 508
- ✓ " Coleman to Langdon, Callaghan, Travis, Holmsted, Russell 23 Dec 76.
- ✓ Letters " " Cobb 7 Feb - Clay, Pagke, Collins King 8 Feb 77
- ✓ Ledger & Journal Entries No 45 & 46.
- ✓ Remarks on Accounts " 44-
- ✓ " " Stores for "Elbe"
- ✓ ~~Land Order No 75 Lib part 2.~~
- ✓ ✓ List of cargo
- ✓ General Invoice £2459.17.7-
- ✓ ✓ 27 Detailed Invoices
- ✓ ✓ Copy of letter fr Yeoman, M: Fall, Robt Campbell dated respectively Jan 2, 6, 6 77 -
re educating children in outlying districts.
- ✓ ✓ " " " King dated 14 Nov 76 re Farm
- ✓ ✓ " " " to Waldron re his Account dated 9 Jan 77
- ✓ ✓ " " " Colonial Office re Cruelty to Animals 26 Dec 76 -
- ✓ ✓ Particulars of Home Charges 1876
- ✓ ✓ Notes regarding Managers' House dated 19 Jan 77
- ✓ ✓ List of cargo for "Sea Witch" (Home) arrived 28 Dec 76.
- ✓ ✓ I List of Stores out for 77 & 8 -
- ✓ ✓ Receipts, Gilberts, and M. Alpin's Invoices for F. E. Cobb
- ✓ ✓ Copy of letter to Admiralty re Royal Marines to Falklands dated 27 Jan -
- ✓ ✓ Navy List for Jan
- ✓ ✓ Bulgarian Horrors & Question of the East by W. E. Gladstone
- ✓ ✓ The Cruise of the "Challenger" by W. J. Spry -
- ✓ ✓ Times 6 Jan for 6 Feb 77 -
- ✓ ✓ Lloyd's Reg: Ships Jan 1, 15 & 29 -
- ✓ ✓ A Good Word for Feb containing an Acc. of Falkland Islands
- ✓ ✓ Pacific Steamship Table
- ✓ ✓ Staff for Eastern Telegraph Co
- ✓ ✓ " " Oriental " do
- ✓ ✓ 9 Numbers of "B. Diaracti"
- ✓ ✓ Sanitary Hints to Working Men fr Dr Mey for Cobb & Collins
- ✓ ✓ Match for C. P. Clay
- ✓ ✓ Parcel fr M. Alpin for Cobb
- ✓ ✓ Packing Coyage round the World (Circular)
- ✓ ✓ Catalogue fr Edensorough & B Wood ex "Sea Witch"
- ✓ ✓ " Barr Sugden of Leeds
- ✓ ✓ 10 Circulars fr Ransomes Sims & Madon construction of Portable Engines
- ✓ ✓ Hardware Metals & Machinery for Jan 77 -
- ✓ ✓ " " Arriving
- ✓ ✓ " " Warron
- ✓ ✓ " " Croze
- ✓ ✓ " " Clay
- ✓ ✓ " " Schipartze
- ✓ ✓ " " Hindeler & Bowes (Fluctuation List for 12 yrs) of Wool
- ✓ ✓ " " Millar Co re Patent Fuels
- ✓ ✓ " " Thomas Nicholsons re Anchors

Those marked ✓ are in charge of Rev. A. Yeoman

N^o 510, London, 39 St. Dunstons Church St. 16 Feb^r 1877.
E.C.

Mr. Sea Witch. Falklands Islands Company.

Sir,

This vessel having been considerably detained by Mr. Dean enables us to acknowledge your Despatches N^{os} 224 and 228 received yesterday - and to enclose Duplicate of our last on the 8th instant.

2. N^o 224, 11. This unfortunate that our employes in the Camp are so unsettled about Medical attendance, we shall adopt your proposal to correspond with the Colonial Office and endeavour to arrange with them for a Doctor to be stationed at Darwin, as you will always have the Marine Doctor at Stanley, you had better therefore let them know that the Board will use their best endeavours to promote their comfort in this respect: unfortunately you have not stated the number of inhabitants at Darwin and upon Lafonia, nor given any idea as to the income a Doctor might anticipate, we trust your next will afford details of these points & other particulars necessary for the information of any gentleman applying for the office. Whilst on the subject of population it was mentioned in N^o 499, 18, that Gov^r. Callaghan would probably have a census made at the commencement of his administration, of which copy was to sent to this Office, as this has not been done we wish to have a list of the inhabitants of Stanley as soon as you conveniently can, as there are frequently enquiries after names of which we know nothing - to this ought to be added the settlers on the Northern Peninsula & West Falkland.

3. Par 14. We note your objections to married Shepherds and shall in future only send single men, though you will acknowledge they are not so likely to remain with us as the married ones: the Rev^d. A. Yeoman saw our Agent Mr. John M^r. Call at Liverpool who threw out some good hints about placing two cottages together for two married couples, for the protection of the wives during the absence of the husbands at clipping (an absence that causes great discontent) which he is to explain to you & Mr. Clay, if one building could be erected for two families the expense of materials would be reduced. Should there be any hitch about the married man mentioned in our last at Par 18 he will be declined - and as there stated we shall engage the ten men required by November next from time to time, as doubtless you can locate them better when coming in twos & threes than when altogether, besides you may find some of the 'Endora's' may re-engage when we should be saved the expense of sending new men - I think Mr. Call procures us the most suitable men & he certainly takes great pains in the matter. The really deserving ones if single might be sent home by Mail but remember that the Vicar coming home in ballast next Autumn could accommodate the families from Hampshire and several single men.

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Colonial Manager
Stanley.

4. ^{Par 20.} This monstrous that Hayward Tyler & Co are so

careless and disobedient, even in the last order just gone ff. Elbe they have ^{not} provided the moulds for the Hydraulic Leathers, we upbraided them for this omission but they assure us that the leathers can be used without the moulds, which are only necessary for making future leathers, the moulds and Press Boxes now ordered will be despatched by D of Bray - correspondence is enclosed.

5. Par 22. The Directors will give their serious attention to

Mr. Clay's Report upon the Sheep in Lafonia and I am sure they would be quite satisfied by your taking immediate steps to reduce the number of Wild Cattle & Horses, which doubtless interfere with the Sheep. We shall be very anxious to see the sample of Wool from the Sheep dipped with Lime & Sulphur with further report on the same and presume their Wool will be put up in separate bales duly notified to enable us to obtain the opinion of brokers & buyers on the same. The Dip Tobacco telegraphed for left in the Elbe on 9th inst., of the same good quality as before costing 8 1/2 (being rather cheaper just now) which is good economy as you acknowledged in 218, 27 of the Tobacco used, that less was required through its being stronger - from that return & the shipments ff. D of Bray & Elbe the stock for dipping next month will be 42 bbls, at £56 each the average value an outlay of £ 2352 a heavy per centage on the value of our Wool. The cheaper Tobacco may answer with Mr. Waldron under his personal supervision and smaller number of Sheep but with our rough & ready process the best Tobacco is cheapest in the long run, we have never had your observations upon our remark in N: 495, 28 that the whole virtue of the Tobacco does not appear to be extracted by our mode of boiling.

Mr. Clay speaks of some of the Lambs being coarse & hairy, these must not be bred from, having the means to turn them to account for Tallow it will be wiser to do so than deteriorate the character of our Wool.

6. The Board will be pleased to find that you have made a

good arrangement with Mr. Waldron and are obtaining security from other Farmers & reducing their debts - you have also sent a good remittance this time.

7. N: 228, 4. We await Mr. Bumphreys' particulars as to

coopering the 'Black Hawk' at Montevideo, which however expensive may have to be done for the safety of the vessel from worms.

8. Par 5. The printed papers are sent herewith & we shall

endeavour to ship the few other goods by next Steamer.

Other matters not answered wait the Board's decision at their next Meeting, but the above has been penned in hopes that it may reach you two or even three weeks before the next Mail.

I remain,

Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

J. Coleman

Secy.

17 Feb 77 - P. P. This morning we received letter from Messrs Duncan & Archibald saying that they can only accept Mr J. Wright Collins' Draft on them for £52. 3. 9 to the amount of Twenty Pounds (£20) and stating that they are not aware of any further funds belonging to him coming into their possession, which remarks will naturally make you careful in dealing with Mr Collins - copy of their communication is enclosed.

Enclosures.

Triplicate N^o 508.

Duplicate " 509.

do Coleman to Cobb 7, 8 Feb 77.

do do " Packe & Clay, King }
Collins 8 Feb 77.

Letters Coleman to Cobb 16, 17 Feb 77.

do do " Yeoman, Langdon 16 Feb 77.

do for F. E. Cobb from Elder

do " G. A. Cobb " Sharpe

do " Clay " his Brother

do " Rev^d Yeoman, Wree,

Land Order for £100 N^o 48 Part 2.

Copy Letter to H. Tyler 16th 12 Feb & their reply 13 Feb about Hydraulic Leathers p. Elbe 9 Feb 77.

" " " Linstead 12 Feb and Freight Account £172. 2. 8 per Elbe 9 Feb 77.

" " from Duncan & Archibald 16 Feb abt J. W. Collins.

1,000 Memorandum Forms for Stanley } from Southey
500 Extra Wages do } Account by
500 Freight do } neat Mail

Times Newspapers 10 to 16 Feb 77.

Lloyd's Register Supplement 12 Feb 77.

Christy's Circular, Patterns & Prices of Hats & Caps for 1877.

No. 510

16th Febry 1877

The Secretary
of the S. A. C.

N^o. 511.

London, 39 N. Gracechurch St. 23 Mch 1877.
E. C.

M^r. R. M. M^r. 'Guadiana'. Falklands Islands Company.

Sir, Our last went M^r. 'Sea Witch' dated 16th ult.
Duplicate enclosed - on the 16th inst. we received your
Despatch 229 dated the 4th Jan^r, which containing only
Duplicates, does not require special reply, and I now answer
those parts of your Despatches N^o. 227 & 228 which required
instructions from the Directors.

2. N^o. 227, 11. We wrote to the Colonial Office on 23rd ult.
respecting a Medical Man for Darwin & have received a reply of
the 14th inst., stating that a Despatch is expected from the
Governor when the matter will be attended to - copies of these
letters are enclosed.

3. Par 14. The married man mentioned in N^o. 510, 3, has
declined going on account of his wife's bad health. Respecting Dogs
for our Shepherds they have never been actually promised free,
though I have told them they are obtainable at the Islands pre-
-suming as they have sold their dogs in Scotland they could buy
one on arrival, let us know whether there are any for sale and
the price, for each dog sent from this country costs the Comp^y
between £4 and £5 and we have been informed they deteriorate
much on a sea voyage, so it might answer our purpose to provide
them with dogs on arrival. As Adam & George Lyons are useless &
bad characters they have engaged under false pretences, their
agreements can therefore be cancelled, taking care this is done
in a legal manner, that they may have no claim on arriving
here, and they could be sent back by the Black Hawk or Vicar
of Bray, such a dismissal might have a good effect amongst
those who are not altogether the right sort of men.

4. Par 20. On further investigation we find that we are
so blame as well as Mess^{rs}. F. Tyler & Co. about the Wood Prefs Box, for
in ordering same we did not specify it was for the first press sent
out, which is smaller than the second, as you had not drawn
our attention to this fact - two Boxes are now being made for the
Darwin press as strong as those made for the Walker press, it will
be a pity if you return the other as it must be kept for emergencies.

5. Par 21. Neither the Owner nor Underwriters of the 'Tyrol'
have arranged anything about her repairs, we presume therefore
she will come on in due course with the Captain's draft on Owner
for her expenses. There has been a Telegram to Lloyd's & one to the
Owners Mess^{rs}. Frice & Co., Liverpool, about the 'Eastern Empire' having
to leave part of her cargo at Stanley & being in the Co's hands to charter
a vessel at Montevideo to carry it on, which we hope will result in a
good rent for our hulks.

6. Par 22. The Directors confirm the last Despatch 510, 5 -
as to killing off the Wild Cattle and Horses upon Lafonia to prevent

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Colonial Manager,
Stanley.

injury to the Sheep and are satisfied with Mr. Clay's partial Report upon Lafonia, to which I have been instructed to reply, and you will perceive that Returns have been drawn up for the "Lafonia Stations" to give the Shepherds, Sheep, Horses at each, &c., in order that we may understand the operations there - and as this information is required of our flocks on the Choiseul Sound land a return is sent for the "Northern Stations" to be filled up in like manner - you will also see that we attach importance to the map of the country Mr. Clay was instructed to send which we hope will be carefully attended to.

7. N: 228, 2. Insurances for the West Falklanders were effected, a few days afterwards we heard from Mr. Waldron that he had insured by his Brother's desire, ^{tho} this was done after ours his broker declined to cancel half as he ought to have done, we also cancelling half, and we had therefore to cancel ours, which made it unpleasant with the underwriters, we shall not therefore in future insure for Mr. Waldron.

8. Part 4. As the coppering of the 'Black Hawk' would have been so extremely expensive at Montevideo and so uncertain and perhaps dangerous at Stanley the Directors determined to have her home for this purpose & for half time survey, and telegraphed on 3rd inst: "Send Black Hawk England coppering" - which reaching you with Despatch 509, of 8th ult., you will understand that we presume the 'Sparrow Hawk' will be allowed by the Government to undertake the Mail service, though the Contract of 7 Oct 73 has no clause for substitution of another vessel, and it does not appear that you have ever mooted the point since we have had another vessel fit for the service. It is anticipated the 'Black Hawk' will perform the next voyage up returning to Stanley by 5 May and could then load in ten days for London, or if sent round to West Falkland for Produce would be delayed until end of May, arriving here at the end of July - she would thus be able to repair & leave at end of August with the Stores proposed (by Statement I of 19 Jan 77) to be sent by Steamer on 8 August and might reach Stanley early in Nov^r. for the Mail up on 15th, after an absence of a little over six months. Should she have to run another Mail not leaving the Islands until end of June and arriving here early in September, she could leave London middle of October with Stores instead of first Wool vessel for 1878 as proposed in above Statement I - perhaps this detention at Islands favorable for collecting Settlers's Produce and later arrival here brings her more near half time survey. Dixon's Agreement of 19 Apr 75 allows a voyage to England but he being more suitable for Mail Service had better be transferred to Sparrow Hawk and Campbell bring home the Black Hawk, which would prevent the expense of Mr. Dixon accompanying her husband - unless Dixon's increasing deafness renders it necessary to make a change, his agreement enabling the C^o to give him six months notice. Policy 384 for £2,400 covers a voyage to London. Dixon has been told he would most likely be transferred to the Sparrow Hawk. The forward berths must be taken down & kept at Stanley for future use, and suggestions for alterations of Cabin to make berths like the Sparrow Hawk should be forwarded, the latter's plan with dimensions being in this office - a fore & aft rig has been recommended but we do not think such an alteration would be useful the vessel's Reply to above will be here 4 July time enough to order the Stores for 8 Aug^r Steamer should they have to be sent. She could bring

As soon as the 'Eudora's' time expired people, and W^m Russell, the baker, who we understand is leaving the colony - her cargo will reduce the tonnage of the second produce vessel which has to be chartered, at Montevideo. Enclosed are two Telegram Forms which the Captain is to be instructed to use in the Channel if opportunity offers so that we may be prepared for her, and as time will be an object a Tug should be taken if the wind is unfavorable.

9. It is now arranged with the Architect that quantities and tonnage of the materials for the House are to be here for the 1st of 8 May next to enable arrangements to be proposed for freight outwards, but as N^o 227, 13 stated it was difficult to obtain sand free from salt, we asked the quantity required, and learn it is 170 tons, should further investigations prove that good sand cannot be obtained, it may be necessary to send even this out, despite the expense, as washing the island sand might cost even more money. Referring to N^o 509, 2, the two Statements therein enclosed are now marked "House A" for Alterations - "House B" for Requirements. If you or some one else cannot superintend preparation of foundations, Carpenter must be sent out by Mail prior to shipment to get this part ready.

10. As you stated in N^o 228, 3, that we should have to arrange with Mr. Elder for the proceeds of Mr. Williams' two kiln-derkins of Tallow ex Macedon 23 Aug 76, we examined the matter and proposed to pay him £8. 14. 0, but this being objected to the correspondence & account are sent for you to settle same, bearing in mind that doubtless this Tallow fetched better price through being sold with ours, as it stands to reason it could not be so purely made as the Co's - this brings to notice that we must not in future allow Tallow prepared by others to be sold with ours to prevent the good character the Co's has being injured - in any arrangements made for boiling down other Settlers' Tallow this must be considered, as even the quality and differences of the Casks may have an influence.

11. Amongst the enclosures of Despt: 227 was a letter from Mr. Langdon to the Directors, dated 27 Dec: last, applying for a Commission on the Profits of the Co: as an augmentation of his Salary, and begging that his Furniture might be conveyed out free, the Board has ordered the enclosed letter of present date to be handed to him, whereby they grant him a Commission of One per cent (1%) upon all Dividends paid by the Comp^y. above Ten per cent (10%) and will pay the expense of his Furniture by the Guadalupe so that the £35. 1. 4 (Thirty five Pounds One Shilling and Four Pence) is to be charged to Treasury Office and no charge is to be made for the Black Hawk's services in this respect.

12. N^o 228, 5 - The Stores ordered go by the present Steamer, but we are exceedingly annoyed at learning that the Sugar & Tea ordered by Telegram Forme N^o 17 and shipped fr. W. Guadalupe on 25 Dec: last were not carried on by the Black Hawk on 26 Jan: last, through her being filled with cargo for the Co: and others, letters from Humphreys & Dixon showing that neither knew of these goods coming, though you had opportunity of writing twice to the former and on 1st had personally instructed C^p: Dixon on the subject: the delay of these goods at Montevideo is doubly unfortunate & expensive because the subsequent Steamer of 9th ult^o carried a large cargo quite sufficient to fill the 'B. Hawk'

and we now learn from Humphreys that he may have to send on these, being in quarantine, without shipping the Guardian's goods, in which case they will arrive three months later though telegraphed for; as we are likely to send a like cargo by the Steamers of 8th Aug & 8th Nov. next better arrangements must be made, we have told Humphreys that the Mail Contract gives the right of ten tons only for the Governor & inhabitants of the Falklands.

13. As 226, 3, reported that the Hurdles refused by M^r. Elymout would be useful we have purchased them at cost price from Arnold for 35.10. and included the amount in present Steamer's Invoice through they went out in the Vicar of Bray 17th Sep 75.

14. You are doubtless aware that there has been a proposal for a travelling Gardener to go round to our Shepherd's Cottages and attend to the vegetable gardens, as many men suffer from the want of green food, perhaps some of the discontent may arise from ill health, in which case it would well answer the Co's purpose to institute some arrangements to this effect; Col^l. Dickey has however thrown out good hints for securing water cress beds by enclosing small squares of the streams with iron hurdles to prevent sheep & cattle getting within plant, which we consider worthy of trial so send some seeds of water and american cress, and shall ship a few iron hurdles by the Vicar of Bray, a commencement might therefore be made with Arnold's wooden hurdles.

15. M^r. C. G. Williams has addressed ^{me} under date of 4th Jan^y. last, respecting the reduction of his credit, our reply is enclosed stating that you did this in conformity with the Board's instructions.

16. We regret to state that we are informed that M^r. Fraser of Knockchoilum Gorthlick, Inverness, has not received the Seventeen Pounds remitted by Alex^r. Fraser, ordered by Accounts Statement N^o. 22, we sent Post Office Orders for the amount, the Post Office has investigated the matter and say they are not to blame, it is very unfortunate but according to our rules we are not answerable.

17. Accounts Statement N^o. 36 - Captⁿ. Laws has not paid 3.10. for Bonner, he is to write to you - also Captⁿ. Newman who cannot understand why he should pay £10, please send copy of your letter to him & further explanations. It was too late to send the 1st Feb^r. instalment of £150 to F^r. P. Cobb on your behalf, but we shall not pay the one due 1st May next.

18. A plan of Stanley is sent to have the names of the present owners of the Town sections and other property entered on it and returned also they to the Country Sections upon the Chart to be filled up with the fullest particulars to the present time and returned.

19. Our Shepherds are Archibald M^r. Call, Glasgow to our Agent at Dumfries and James Maxwell, also from Dumfries - M^r. Baillon is endeavouring to engage shepherds in Scotland - as notified in last Despatch we shall try to procure two or three for next Mail or Vicar of Bray, but anticipate our greatest number should be obtained after Whittear term, 26th May next, for the Mail Steamer of 23rd June.

I remain,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Coleman

Secy.

N^o. 511
29th March, 1875
The Secretary
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N^o 512. London: 39 A. Gracechurch St. 8 May 1874.
F.C.

J. R. M. W. Ellis

Falklands-Islands Company.

Sir, Since our last on the 23rd March we received your Despatches 229^{in Duplicate} and 230 on the 28th March and N^o. 231 on the 12th April - Original of N^o. 229 came to hand on 26th April - and the 'Vicar of Bray' arrived on the 2nd instant with N^o. 232 after a very rapid passage, being off Plymouth on the 24th April, but detained in the Channel by Easterly winds.

2. N^o. 230, 8. As there is usually so little Wool in the sheds we must still further reduce the Fire Insurance and shall be guided by the present information for next year's valuation. As you report that the Tallow is at little risk we shall not insure it against fire, should any alteration take place causing the need of this precaution we must be informed immediately.

3. Par 14. The Board is glad to hear that M^o. Dougalls Dip has cured the scab and improved the Wool so much - the Brokers have been told the differences of dip in the Wool bales and instructed to report specially on this subject. There are not any Dip materials of any kind ordered, so we presume you are waiting until an estimate can be made of the cost of each Dip and then the most suitable will be indented for.

4. Par 16. We have heard before that the Rams sent from England are not thought much of at the Islands though we know they come from good breeders, but as the Board has determined to send 10 Romney Marsh Rams they have been chosen by an excellent judge, M^o. Charles Surgeon, & though we have had to pay the high price of Twelve guineas each it is anticipated the cost will be well repaid by the improvement of our Wool from this cross.

5. Par 18. Your trip round the Islands is very interesting and must have added greatly to your experience, the Directors observed that they would have liked to have had more description of Lafonia.

6. Par 20. We see that you have corrected the mistake of not having arranged for the 'Black Hawk' to receive the Stores by Steamer by despatching the 'Sparrow Hawk' to Montevideo and as she made the passage up in 11 days with inferior sails the Government cannot refuse her for Mail Service during the 'Black Hawk's' absence for repairs in England.

7. Par 21. The Directors approve of M^o. Clay's letter N^o. 2 and trust you will support his endeavours for improvement:

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understanding that the Saddle provided for him was not suitable we have sent a good one, with a bridle, to be charged to Farm, also an air bed and rugs for travelling I hope you have meantime let him have the tent & bed sent out for you. Mr. Black Hawk 9 Sep 72: The Board concludes that when he is at Darwin you have placed at his disposal the house erected for yourself as Manager in March 1873.

8. Par 22. The Directors consider your proposal for a Wire Fence at the new Station in Laponia so good that they willingly incur the expense & will ship by the V of Bray a sufficient quantity as per particulars and details enclosed.

9. N. 231, 2. The Board does not think it advisable to object to the Mail Contract at present, though ^{you} might try to obtain permission for an extra charge for Passengers - let us hope the Schooner will perform increased service for the C^o in conveying Stores sent out by the Steamers, for as the 'Vicar' cannot do much more than convey three London cargoes in three years, she ought to be loaded with rough goods only, leaving the fine goods for the Steamers, which coming at more frequent intervals might lead to increased consumption.

10. Par 5. You are right in thinking that Mr. Williams has written to us but we have declined his request to make further advances, copy of correspondence is enclosed and the Directors wish you to act according to circumstances with due regard to the Company's interests and the credit & welfare of the Colony.

11. Par 9. The Directors have carried out your recommendation by granting a free passage in the 'Vicar of Bray' to Mr. Short and his family in consideration of his long services, a boon which we understand he appreciates much. I regret to report that the London Hospital declined to receive Fred^r Biggs as patient for rupture, as they cannot do more for him than continue the truss he already wears, further enquiries will be made but we fear he must return in the 'Vicar' as he came.

12. Par 10. You do not state whether the Swires entered upon Order Sheet N. 8 dated 13 Feb 77 ex 230 are actually required by Steamer, so they will be despatched with the balance of the large Oindent by the 'Vicar of Bray'.

13. The 'Vicar' has surprised us all by coming home so much earlier than expected, we had already issued orders in anticipation of her loading at the end of this month, these are now expedited and we shall use the utmost exertions to start her by 8 or 9th June, we have prepared programme of her ^{future} employment showing that she could leave the Islands about 15 June 78 with second Produce and about 1 Mch 79 with first Produce - this voyage she will have to leave Stanley towards end of September next in ballast or with whatever little cargo she can get - statement of these voyages is enclosed - When we were anticipating that she could not leave with her present cargo until end of next month, it was debated whether it would not be

wise to ship some of the fine goods by 23 June Steamer to save time and enable her to stow rough goods, this may still be done, should it therefore be found that some are left out we should telegraph about 6 prox. to catch present Mail "Fermented" with number before to denote the quantity of tons of Stores to be shipped by 23 June ^{ST.}, so that space may be reserved in Mail Schooner - this code word will do for any subsequent operations of a like kind. Herewith is programme for the Vicar's future employment showing that she must come home this voyage, with whatever she can get or even in ballast, to enable her to bring home the second Produce of next year and can then be sent out with Stores to be in time to load the first Produce in 1879. Her cargoes from this port ought to be mostly rough goods, the fine goods which will bear extra freight being sent by steamer in small quantities, it will be necessary therefore to make exact arrangements for these two ends by sending careful indent's for steamer supply & pre-paring the rough stores for the Vicar, so that we may know what to reserve for her - of course if she makes longer passages than allowed the delays in both ports must be shortened to compensate for this.

14. Mr. Emile Noel who visited Stanley about Peat manufacture has not yet called, we await from you the particulars of his proposals and your replies to the same, as we have been informed by the Emigration Board that he has applied to the Colonial Office for a grant of land, we told them the C. would support any such industry likely to be beneficial to the Colony.

15. The Oriental & American Telegram Co. have registered this Comp. to the West Coast Ports as per numbers sent herewith - we impart this information by present Mail to Mr. Humphreys.

16. I am instructed to bid you to caution Fred. King our storekeeper not to sign papers of a libellous ^{or defamatory} character, he having done so with respect to a complaint against Lieut. Twenny about the disposal of the butter from Heffel Island.

17. I regret to report that the Rev. Lory complains that two Pipes were missing from the box sent Lieut. Twenny in charge of Mr. Alday, our Butcher, passenger by S.W. 'Elbe' 9 Nov 76 - the pipes cost 32/6 one a plain meerschbaum with amber mouthpiece, the other a briar root with silver round the centre & a silver screw, GBD - we write Mr. Alday about this to bid him to make explanations to you as well as reply to us on the subject - Mr. Lory asks us to write to you to make enquiries so we trust these Pipes may yet turn up.

18. At the last moment our Architect disappoints us by not sending the quantities of the Stanley House, he states the delay will not matter as the weights would have to be calculated after the quantities so that the June Mail will report full particulars, still it would have been better to be able to make observations at once about freightage & especially as we might arrange this for one of the Vicar's voyages, Capt. Dyer states that there is no sand at the Pelands free from salt, but suggests that it could be obtained from M. Vider by degrees by the Schooner.

19. Messrs. Taylor & Co. of Dundee informed us that they had paid for 6 tons House Coals, though the 'Albany' only had 3 tons for her use, this proving to be so, we paid them Five Pounds & have recovered four pounds ten shillings from Messrs. Compton & Hardey, the transaction is brought to account on the Invoice for Stores by this Steamer.

20. Enclosed is copy of correspondence with Mr. John Waldron respecting advances to his Brother James at the Islands and agreeing to pay the balance due on 30 June in each year on arrival of the subsequent Mail in England, which agrees with the arrangement made by you with Mr. James Waldron, the Board trusts therefore that this account will now be continued in a comfortable manner.

21. Though the 'Vicar of Bray' brings 594 bales Wool you send particulars of only 578 bales, of which you state N^o. 49 is not come forward. As Capt. Dyer finds it so inconvenient to have his sub-officers in the cabin it is arranged to build a house on deck in front of the poop, this will enable more passengers to be carried whenever there are time expired Shepherds to be sent home: we hope to get a couple of Shepherds out by them to look after the rams.

22. Mr. Gilchrist's Brother called here in hopes of being able to force his Brother to a compromise, which the Board would have entertained in preference to the expense & uncertainty of Law, but this not being accomplished we now send out Commission to take evidence & have named Mr. Travis, Lieut. Coffin and Dr. Mulvany, a large bundle of papers goes out by this Mail on this subject, with instructions from our Solicitors.

23. The only Passenger by this Steamer is Elizabeth Rowsell a domestic servant for yourself sent by your Father in law, as cargo there is case 7584 Saddle, Bridle & Bed for Mr. Clay - Printed Labour & other Accounts - Watercress Seeds from Col. D'Arcy for Collins - Flag from Rowsell - Cloth Patterns & Fashion Sheet from Worthington, cases 7585, 6 are Private Effects for Holmsted & Laugdon, freight to be charged them.

No. 572
Gen. Lang. 1871
The Secretary
of the S. S. Co.

I remain,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant
J. Coleman
Secy

N^o 513. London, 39 N. Gracechurch St. 2 June 1877.
E.C.
W^o Vicar of Bray. Falklands Islands Company.

Sir, On the 15th ult^o we received your Despatch N^o 233 with Enclosures.

2. Par 18. The arrangements for the 'Black Hawk' coming home are good, we are glad to see that the 'Sparrow Hawk' has made such good passages to & from Montevideo, which augur well for her performance of the Mail Contract.

3. Par 11. On hearing that the present would be a bad time to send Shepherds as there would not be work for them on arrival we broke off negotiations with the Agent and with the exception of one man Alex^r Ellis engaged to attend to the Rams by this vessel shall not send any men until the Mail of 8 Aug or the 'Black Hawk' by middle Sept^r, but shall endeavour for most by her to avail of her extra cabin accommodation, and can then ship the balance of men required by Nov^r by the 23 Sep Mail, there will therefore be seven to ship after this vessel; should you obtain any from Montevideo the number must be notified by first Mail or even Telegram, though as the West Falkland Farmers must be constantly wanting men any engaged extra would doubtless be gladly received by them.

4. Par 12. The Board is extremely pleased that you have managed to obtain men at a reduced rate for the Tallow Melting and hope your good arrangements will finish off well, we should like to hear whether any of the men remain in the Colony as Shepherds or for other work.

5. Par 14. The Directors must leave the question of smoking in the Wool Sheds entirely to your own discretion but if there is any risk counsel that stringent orders should be given to prevent it - printed notices are sent herewith to be used in case of need.

6. Par 15. We made many attempts to obtain Curr's Prize Essay on Scab published at Adelaide but without success, we have now applied to a gentleman who holds out hopes of getting it - we intended to send Mr. Ely by the last Mail Blacklock's Treatise on Sheep, but it was out of print, we learn it will be reprinted at once & being a good practical work shall send him 2 or 3 copies, meanwhile you had better let him have your office copy.

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Stanley.

7. Par 16. On enquiry we cannot learn of any rough & ready method of testing the quantity of Nicotine in decoction of Tobacco, authorities saying this can only be accomplished by careful chemical analysis - we believe Mr. Hobbs is about obtaining analysis of Curry Hoyer Extract of Tobacco intending to send more of it for Messrs. Holmsted & Blake. Par 20. You have placed me rather in a difficulty about the Dip Materials through not stating the number of Sheets to be dipped and the quantity of each ingredient required $\$10,000$ however we have shipped Leaf Tobacco, Tobacco Extract and Mr. Dougall's Dip according to statement herewith, & have sent some cheap leaf as you recommend - we hear that Messrs. Fair & Co. of Montevideo import cheaply from America direct & shall enquire of them if we can do the same.

8. Par 17. As you once requested us to bestow an order upon Messrs. C. Thomas & Bro. of Bristol we have obtained some Soap from them for the present shipment, they say it is not made out of our Tallow - it must not be compared with Beach's being higher priced.

9. Par 21. A new Boiling Tank is sent for Walker Crk also one for Bailton, this was asked to be filled with Maize, which was ordered for the purpose but had to be declined at the last moment as through taking rough goods for others we were confined for space and so had to use it for our passengers' water, you will therefore have to make a reduction in the freight.

10. Par 24. We have not been able to ship more Timber than that indentured for so hope you have been able to purchase out of the schooner, we had intended to have done so but other rough goods filled us too fast, but we ship as much as possible by the 'Black Hawk'.

11. Par 25. The suit of Sails for the 'Fairy' has been ordered from Laphorn to go by N. of 23rd, the present vessel carries an excellent Windtarp for her.

12. Par 29. As the telegraphed Tea and Sugar arrived six weeks later than it ought we have not thought it necessary to make a special shipment by Steamer (in fact could not do so before the 23rd) so the whole remaining Indent has been ordered for this vessel, but as we have considerably accepted a quantity of rough stuff for other settlers, besides our own, there will be a large quantity shut out, which it will answer our purpose to send by P.V., we shall therefore telegraph the number of tons on the 6th as arranged in last Despatch that space may be reserved in the 'Sparrow Hawk'. our deadweight is more than the 'Vicar' has ever carried which makes her deep, still she may sail just as well, perhaps better; she would have started this day as intended had we not had to wait for Mr. Dougall's Soap Dip and crushed Sugar from Holland.

13. We learn from the Insurance Office which had to deal with the Cargo of the 'D. F. Lade' that £60 (Sixty pounds) has been paid twice for the freight of a cargo of Iron to M. Video by the 'Black Hawk', being charged by the E. here in their statement and the same freight being received by Melian from Congreve and accounted for by him to your Office, please look into this as we must refund the £60 charged here.

14. Capt. Dyer strongly recommends his Brother Philip Dyer should we need a Master for any of our vessels, he holds a Master's Certificate, is a strict abstinence from all alcoholic liquors and would settle at the Islands being married with only one boy 9 years old, if you think such a man could be turned to account please bear him in mind.

15. Our Agent M. M. Call of Dumfriesshire has heard that our shepherd John M. Finnel is dead and has left money in the hands of James Brown to be remitted to his Father Samuel of Dalmakerran, Dumfriesshire, this must be looked into.

16. Mr. W. Buchan Ritchie of 18 Cowgate, Dundee, has placed his two vessels the 'Lord Finnaid' 844 tons and the 'Lady Finnaid' 680 tons in our hands if they ever put into Stanley.

17. The Board wishes that in future Mail Contracts all restrictions as to the conveyance & charge for passengers & goods should be done away with, the subsidy for the Mails is little enough so we ought not to be bound down in other matters and it is now the custom here with Mail Contracts to be paid so much for work done and allow the Steam Co. to make usual mercantile charges for passengers & freight - we believe the Mail Contract commences on 1 July of each year so you will have ample time to report on this & prepare accordingly.

18. You report that dry Sand can be readily obtained for building the House, is this Sand really free from Salt? Where is it obtained, now and can a stock be laid in?

19. Another Lighthouse Keeper goes out by the Mail of 23rd to relieve M. Brown, we endeavoured to obtain him wife & two children for this vessel but unsuccessfully, you had better tender passages by her for Brown this family, for having erected a house on deck for the second Mate, Carpenter Neward & Boy, her cabin accommodation can be entirely devoted to passengers, she can take 4 single men & 2 married couples, this must be availed of for time expired people whom the Co. have to return to England on free passage.

As she returns to England directly in ballast her time at Stanley will be limited you had better prepare as much ballast as possible on board the 'W. Phaul' to save time: thro' the above alteration & allowance for crew space her Registered Tonnage is reduced to $352 \frac{51}{100}$ tons, which is a consideration in every way.

6th June 1844.

20. In order to have the valuable ten Romney Marsh Rams properly attended we have engaged Alexander Ellis as per Agreement herewith he has had an advance of £13 - Mr. Blake sends Donald M^r Caskill for M^r Holmsted Blake, his passage money £20 to be paid here, also for three Dogs at Five Pounds each. At the earnest solicitation of M^r Baillon of Nottingham who could not get a Shepherd anywhere, I have engaged William Blain for his Sons at Fox Bay, through our Agent M^r Call at Dumfries, his Wages are £65 a yr for five years with meat & lodging, free passage out Home, also passage for his sweetheart - enclosed is Copy of Agreement - his Passage money £20 and five pounds for Dog is to be charged in the Stanley Acc^t of Baillon Bro^s. - W. Blain has an order on you for Twenty Pounds (£20) for Cash deposited here. The other Passenger is Fred^r J. Biggs returning to his Father who we think ought to be charged something for his passage, provided you think fit, or else it may be taken as a precedent for people to visit England at the Co^s expense.

21. We have been obliged to shut ^{out} a quantity of Goods as per list herewith, estimated to be 50 to 60 tons, we have therefore telegraphed this day "Sixty Fermented" to catch the last Mail so that the 'Sparrow Hawk' leaving 2 July may receive orders to take these goods at Montevideo, as they will be shipped by the W. Guadiana on the 23 inst^s. - we have been able to arrange favorably with the W. Mail Co^s for rough at 4% - medium 45% - fine 50% - with 10% so that we shall actually gain by accepting freight for others at 6% & 5% and carrying a large quantity of our own rough goods for the Vicar has an enormous cargo on board. I am sorry to say that some of the Invoices have not been delivered, this cargo & the steamer's will be considered as one shipment, advices of which will most likely reach you before this original.

I remain,
 Sir,
 Your obed^t Servant,
 J. Coleman
 Sec^y

London, 39A. Gracechurch St. 23rd June 1877.

E.C.

N^o. 514.

J. R. M. P. 'Guadiana' Falklands Islands Company.

Sir, On the 15th inst. we received your Despatch N^o. 234 and on the 19th inst. N^o. 235, the quickest on record having come by Pacific S^o. 'Sorata' to Panillac & thence through Paris. Our last communication went by the 'Vicar of Bray' which passed Deal early on the 20th inst. & just then an Easterly wind fortunately set in.

2. N^o. 234, 2. The Board is very sorry to hear the Sheep-skin Shed has been blown ^{down}, as its re-erection will cause a serious expense besides the chance of delaying the Sheepskins coming home.

3. N^o. 235, 4. The Tobacco now shipped costs 8⁰ per lb for 123 cwt, 5⁰ per lb for 185 cwt, there is also 12¹/₂ cwt Tobacco Extract costing 3³/₄ per lb, if this can be used successfully it may prove the best thing after all, for since ordering M^o. Dougall's Dip we have been told that it discolors the Wad & is much objected to at Bradford, as to this particular enquire is being made, we are therefore much in doubt about ordering it again, but shall wait your further report: having been informed by Mess^{rs}. John Fair H^o. Sheep Farmers at Buenos Ayres that Mess^{rs}. Charles F. Zimmerman H^o. 58 Pine St., New York, have supplied Leaf Tobacco costing 2¹/₂ per lb delivered at B. Ayres, we have written for particulars for a shipment through M^o. Videw as at this price a great saving would be effected - the above will show you that we are quite alive to the necessity of procuring dipping materials as cheap as possible. To the present we have not heard of a test for discovering the proportion of Nicotine in a decoction of Tobacco.

4. Par 5. No promise was made to Smart & M^o. Callum that they should have a dog given to them at the Islands: we believed that puppies were always obtainable at a reasonable ^{rate} for the men to break in themselves, if there is a difficulty on this head the Board would not mind going to the expense of sending out a good bitch to breed from as it stands to reason that a Shepherd is not of much use without a dog, and it is stated that a dog broken by the man himself is much more serviceable than one educated by another man. We never implied that you should send home free men who had transgressed, but that if any useless man was drawing wages it would be more economical to give him due notice to terminate agreement & send him to England in a vessel of our own, the cost being for provisions about L^s certainly under Ten Pounds. You have done quite right to dismiss Adam Lyons.

5. Par 12. We did inform Humphreys of the Sugar & Tea to be sent by N^o. of 25 Dec 76 - I have looked into the matter again & adhere to my former statement but the Board does not wish me to say more on the subject.

7. Par 14. The Letter for Captⁿ. Newman was delivered at Miss Brother's Office, he has gone to St. Helena, we may therefore be kept out of our money for some time.

Frederick C. Cobb Esq.
Colonial Manager
Stanley.

8. Par 16. It is vexing that Mr. Humphreys neglected to enter in the 'Erl Kenig's' charter that she should return to & sail from Stanley, we have told him we are sorry that a German vessel has been engaged as after the loss by the 'D. H. Dade' they ought to be avoided - we learn the 'Sea Witch' was to sail about the 8th inst., so if the 'Black Hawk' sailing end of June cannot take what these two vessels shut out, there will be something to pay the expenses of the 'Vof Bray' coming home next September.

9. Par 20. It shows bad farming of Mr. Baillon to have allowed the sheeps on Speedwell Island to become so scabby, the Board does not like parting with breeding ewes but hope the arrangement with Mr. Dean will turn out satisfactory, though they cannot understand why he should take them if so bad as reported.

10. Par 21. The Directors are pleased to learn that the people are now more contented an alteration due to the improvements lately initiated by the Board, which they trust will be kept up & enlarged, your report is substantiated by others: this Office does give the glowing description of the Falklands you mention as we invariably endeavour to correct any such impressions, if used by our Agents to obtain men.

11. Par 22. The Board considers the Church at Darwin Harbour should be kept up by those for whom it was erected, but are agreeable to carry out your suggestion to supply the iron at cost price. The Rev. Peoman having requested that the cost of his Wife's passage out might be allowed him, as a passage was offered for her in one of the Co's vessels, the Board has directed that Fifteen Pounds (£15) be paid to him on this account, which you will please put to the credit of his account.

12. Par 25. The Directors do not approve of your having leased Speedwell Island to Mr. Baillon for so long a term as 21 years at such a low rent as £20 a year, this rate might have been granted for 7 years, as with the present progress of the Colony it will certainly be worth more after that time - they do not wish any more of the Co's Land to be let until full particulars are reported: we trust the buildings & plants are to be paid with cash down to avoid another expensive running account.

13. Par 30. The Board have authorized an Hydraulic Press being made for the Sheepskins at the Tallow Works, it is doubtful whether it can be shipped before the 'Vicar of Bray' in January next.

14. Par 31. We have passed on your complaint about the Tobacco from Davis on 3 July 76 being inferior to the former shipment, which was reported as so good, but they shut us up immediately by pointing out that their first supply on 16 Aug 75 was branded DQ - FV - H L U - which brands appear on 3 July invoice, some of the numbers being actually running, and again this present shipment on 18 May, proving it to be the same Virginian Tobacco, thus although one kind might differ from another kind in degree of strength the whole bulk must be similar - on our suggesting you might think its remaining in the Docks here would lead to deterioration we are told that Tobacco is constantly kept for years to improve in strength & flavor that this particular importation was so strong to be taken for home consumption.

15. I am to draw your attention to the fact that last year our income from Hides (£1700) and Tallow (£2580 nett) are together less than that derived in 1872 from Hides alone (over £7000) and as the Wild Cattle are to be gradually exterminated it is highly necessary to take steps to raise the Tame Cattle to 20,000, of which one third could be slaughtered every ^{year} this would create an income available on the arrival of every vessel, as Hides have not to be kept like Wood. Further it is

observed that while the Wool, Tallow & Hides have together yielded over £20,000 the net profits irrespective of Store barely amount to £7,000, shewing that £13,000 has been spent in wages and other outlays - This points to the need of great care & economy in all branches especially as profits have diminished.

16. The shipments by the 'Vicar of Bray' and this Steamer will be considered as one consignment, full accounts cannot therefore be sent until next Mail, which will not convey the Stores proposed by Statement I of 19 Jan last - and 4 or 5 Shepherds intended for her must be delayed until the 'Black Hawk' early in October, though I am afraid you will say they will arrive too late, unless Mr. McCall says Lammass Term 1 Aug next is the best time to engage men; it will be a thousand pities if we cannot utilize the B. Hawk's large passenger accommodation. Enclosed is Mr. Pitt's Bill of Quantities of Stanley House, showing a tonnage of 436 tons though Lime & Cement are not entered and very little Timber (it appears to me); this only arrived during the sitting of the last Board, thus no instructions have been given about its being got ready, & cannot therefore say whether we shall send it by a vessel in end of Oct. which could return with first Produce of next year. The late arrival of men above mentioned may not occasion inconvenience as you imply some of the Montevideo men wish to engage as Shepherds after the Tallow works is done, also that Shepherds are coming from Montevideo.

17. Par 11 & 23. We have just settled for Mr. Williams' Tallow by paying Mr. Elder £9.8.8.

18. The Annual General Meeting was held on the 20th inst. when a Dividend of Ten per cent was declared, which brings into action the promised gratuity to all employes of 10 per cent upon any dividend above five per cent, as notified by the printed circular of last month received in Despt. 235 - though we hope this was made known to the Shepherds & others after arrival of the Mail of 23 June 76 - you will therefore have to inform our people that £2.10.0 will be payable to them at Christmas next.

The same Meeting passed a vote of thanks to yourself and the Officials of the Compt., which the Directors transmit to yourself with instructions to thank the heads of the various departments.

19. Par 13. It has been found impossible to trace the man who cashed the Post Office Order for £17 sent to Mr. Fraser.

20. Referring to Par 12 I find I ought to have said that you are forbidden to let any more of the Co's Land without the Board's sanction except upon a yearly tenancy to include a charge for use of Buildings &c and provided the party has Capital to stock the Station.

I remain, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Coleman
Secy.

London, 39 A. Gracechurch St. 8th Aug^r 1877.
E.C.

N^o. 515.
Mr. M. W. Elbe. Falklands Islands Company.

Sir, Our last was dated 23rd June, Duplicate being now enclosed - unfortunately the word "not" was omitted in Par 10 between the words "Office does" and "give the glowing".

2. Our Wool ex 'Vicar of Bray' was sold on 29 June bringing the rather improved prices 10 and 10¹/₄ per lb - Maldron's was sold by private contract on 7 July at 12 all round, being the same proportion above the Company's Wool as the last Sales 25 Oct 76 - detailed prices are sent herewith, also Sale Catalogue.

3. Three kegs M^r. Dougall's Sheep Dip have been deducted from their Invoice of 21 May last but are now stated to be on board the Vicar of Bray, if found send particular notice as we shall have to pay for them.

4. Unfortunately Telegram Oct N^o. 6 "Lisby Fermented" sent 6 June did not arrive at Montevideo until 9 June too late for the Black Hawk, Humphreys states it went on Mr. Allen Gardiner's on 26 June, which would be too late for the Sparrow Hawk, but as you already had N^o. 512, 13, showing that this Telegram was to denote the number of tons of Stores to be shipped by the Steamer of 23 June we trust you did not accept other freight for the Sparrow Hawk - this Telegram being useless the cost 3.2.8 has been claimed.

5. M^r. Collins has not instructed Mess^{rs}. Duncan & Archibald of Edinburgh to pay the balance 32.3.9 of his Bill on them for 52.3.9, tho' his letter to you of 15 May last enclosed in Despatch 235 stated that he had done so, he must therefore be called upon to pay immediately.

6. Referring to N^o. 513, 7, we learn that M^r. Hobbs does not consider the Analysis of Corry Hoper's Extract of Tobacco to be favorable, we believe he will now ship Leaf Tobacco for Holmes & Blake: on the other hand Capt. Packe has visited Corry Hoper's Manufactory and means to ship their Tobacco Extract, particular attention must consequently be paid to the Sheep Dip made from this article as opinions vary so much about it. We have ordered a trial shipment of two hds Tobacco from Zimmerman & Co: 58 Pine St., New York, Post Office Box N^o. 4324, to be consigned to Humphreys at Montevideo & trust it will reach you without too heavy charges for transshipment - enclosed is their proforma Invoice dated 3 July 77 showing that a hd would cost 16.11.2, so which abt 3.4.7 must be added for freight to M. Vidao, please let us know the cost delivered in Stanley and whether the right sort for further shipments. Has it ever been mentioned that Leaf Tobacco ought to be soaked in water 24 hours before being boiled?

7. Respecting the Shepherds returning to England by the Mail of 15 May last - John Campbell fully expected to be paid the cost of Steamer 'Porata' and was much surprised when the receipt for £20 in satisfaction of claim for passage was produced, the matter seems therefore to have been hardly fully explained to him. Robert

Frederick E. Cobb Esq
Colonial Manager
Stanley.

Campbell complains that he could not learn when the 'Black Hawk' would sail for England as he would willingly have waited for her until the end of June - also that though promised a free passage to Montevideo & B. Hawk he was charged £3.6.0 for 11 days Board until Mr. Mondego's started, which he expects to be returned to him - both these men express their determination to do all they can against the C. in Scotland, for such small economies is it worth while to raise their enmity? Robert Campbell said he worked a week extra at Darwin. Unfortunately James Campbell came to the Office during my absence in the country. Thomas Watson arrived p. 'Porahá' in Liverpool and went home direct. Referring to 513, 3 about sending Shepherds p. B. Hawk in middle of Sept., as she cannot now leave until middle Oct. or even later we are thinking of obtaining 2 or 3 men for next Mail W. on 23rd Sept., and then 2 or 3 more by the 'Black Hawk'.

8. Mr. C. W. Bertaux of New York having shipped a Cargo of Timber p. Brigantine 'Lauritta' Capt. Gilliatt from Windsor, Nova Scotia on 12th ult. has asked us to advance upon same, which we have done for £600, interest to be charged at 10% (Ten per cent) per annum from 3rd inst. to 20 days after arrival of 'Lauritta' at Stanley, the vessel to be consigned to the C. and the cargo to be deliverable to your order - he states that half of this cargo is purchased by the C., we have arranged a Commission of 2 1/2% (two and half per cent) on all cargo sold to others - you are to account for the whole shipment to Mr. Bertaux either direct to New York or through this Office according to your option. Mr. J. Earl Burgess is supercargo but is to obey your instructions as per letter of Mr. W. J. Harvard V. 6: 2 East India Avenue (Bertaux's Agents here) of 3rd inst. enclosed, who have furnished Mr. Dean with Copy of Invoice of this cargo amounting to \$5207.62 Gold; we now hand you two Bills of Lading dated Windsor, N.S. 3 July 77, one for cargo under deck, the other for cargo above deck endorsed by W. J. Harvard V. 6: together with copies of correspondence as at Foot. As security we hold a Policy of Insurance for \$4125 in Gold of the Boston Marine Insurance Co., dated New York 20 July 77, payable in London on proof of loss or claims for damage. Humphreys has been advised (yesterday p. 'Liguria' from Liverpool) and told not to ship you any Timber, as the 'Lauritta' is expected to reach Stanley by 20 Sept. - we have sent for specification of this cargo to guide our future shipments of Timber, it being expected such a quantity will stock the market for a long time, this will create a difficulty in filling up the 'Vicar of Bray' on her next two voyages out.

9. Understanding from the Architect that the Stanley House would take a year or more for its erection the Board has decided not to delay any longer and have arranged to purchase the materials and ship them off by the end of Oct. next to avail of the vessel we must charter for the first Produce home of 1878 - a vessel will therefore be taken up early next month for the round to be despatched not later than 1st Nov. and as the tonnage has been increased she must be 5 to 600 tons register to convey everything comfortably, have cabin accommodation for 3 men (perhaps a Shepherd or two) and

carry a little cargo of Stores and anything shut out of the 'Black Hawk', as we presume the next Mail will bring an indent. We purpose sending a Carpenter, Bricklayer & Labourer as per statement of expenses for Wages, Passages &c: amounting to £400, at first it was proposed to send them by P.M. beforehand to make preparations, but as the Carpenter ought certainly to see all the materials put together & even stowed he had better accompany them in the vessel, a little wages might be saved if sent by Mail later but there would be a risk in this and as you state that the excavations for the foundations can be prepared beforehand full sized drawing is sent for guidance, the Bricklayer can commence work at once as though the bricks will be stowed at the bottom he can begin on the stock there, the full quantity 16,000 will be sent, almost sure to be the Burham Gault like the last off. V of Bray. Preparations will have ^{to} be made for lodging & perhaps boarding these three men, as Mr. Pite who has to engage them may find it expedient to provide the latter, the Carpenter & Bricklayer must be of such a good sort as almost above settling at the Colony, though this will be proposed to the Laborer - it has just struck me we might find it expedient to send the Bricklayer & Laborer by the 'Black Hawk' though I shall certainly endeavour to send them in the House Vessel. Enclosed is Estimate of Cost upwards of £4000, showing what an onerous matter the Directors have undertaken on your behalf. The 170 yards Building Sand will have to be obtained to be ready for use on vessel's arrival. The Architect has been counselled to send everything in excess of the positive requirements, to prevent any stoppage for want of materials, as all surplus stock could be turned to profitable use or sale after the House is completed: he proposes to buy a contractor's plant selling off at completion of a work to obtain scaffold poles & other sundry building materials. If all goes well the vessel ought to arrive out about 10 Jan 78, the two next Mails will therefore be delivered before her, so that further instructions can be forwarded - if anything particular occurs you can telegraph on 2 Oct, which would be here before the House vessel sails, we thought of arranging code words but it is impossible, still important ommissions being noticed would pay for a long telegram in plain words.

10. The Royal Mail Co. has asked us to institute a through parcel ^{rate,} on examining the matter it was found that Humphreys' charge of 2/6 each made it too expensive, we have therefore written him, as per copy enclosed, to modify the rate for transshipment on parcels and Stores, & trust as the shipment of the latter are now so frequent he will be able to make a reduction, for our Agency must be paying him well.

11. We forward correspondence with the Colonial Office about a Medical Man for Darwin, at their last Meeting the Board rather reluctantly agreed to devote £50 ^{a year} towards this object, the Col's Office now ask for £100 a year, to which the Government will add £200 the matter will be decided at the next Meeting, I hope they will agree to it for it would add much to the importance of the Co. to have a Resident Doctor at Darwin and might be the commencement of further improvements there.

I remain, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
J. Coleman
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Enclosures.

- Triplicate Despatch 513 - Duplicate Despatch 514.
- Supr. Coleman to Cobb 23, 25 June - to Clay, Travis, Yeoman, Packe 23 June 77.
- Letters do " do, Byer this date.
- Arnold's Timber Invoices W. of Bray 20 Aug 76, returned in Despatch 235.
- Journal & Ledger Entries N. 52.
- Remarks on Accounts " 53.
- Settlers' Acc. Sales - 560 Hides ΔP 536. 7. 10
- 33 b Wool HCC 447. 13. 1
- 53 " do H & B 879. 10. 10
- 60 " do JLV 1,044. 7. 11
- Copies of Brokers' Acc. Sales 1360 Sheepskins 170. 19. 7
- 1560 Hides 1,675. 14. 3
- 421 do 420. 7. 1
- 597 b Wool 11,110. 17. 1
- Samples do 3. 5. 9
- " Griffiths' Acc. Sales of Yellow Metal 54. 6. 9
- " Report on 2,541 Hides
- Epitome of Wool Prices ex W. of Bray, 29 June & 7 July 77.
- Copy of Correspondence with W. J. Harward V6: abt Cargo of
Timber. P. Lauritta' do w Sect. 31 July, 2, 3 Aug 77.
- Sect. w do 1, 2, 4 Aug 77.
- Invoice of Timber shipped P. Lauritta' \$ 5,207. 62.
- Two Bills of Lading for same, Above & Under Deck, dated 3 July 77.
- Two Letters for J. E. Borge's from Harward V6:
- Copy of Correspondence with Colonial Office about Medical
Man at Darwin Harbour - to Sect. 4 July, 3 Aug 77.
- w Col. Off. 26 "
- Copy of Correspondence with Limerman V6: abt Dip Tobacco
Sect. to L V6: 16 June 26 July 77.
- L V6: " Sect. 3 July 77.
- Copy of Pro Forma Inv. Tobacco 3 July 77. £ 11. 2
- Copy Letter to R. Mail Co. abt Parcels Rate to Islands 24 July 77.
- " " " Humphreys " do & Cargo 7 Aug "
- Original Plan of Excavations for Col. Manager's House.
- do Bill of Quantities " do do
- with Pitt's Alterations of 24 July 77.
- Statement of Estimated Cost of L. L.
- do " do " Wages for Artisans for L.
- Vicar of Bray's Freight Statement 97. 12. 10 7 June 77.
- Copy Acc. of R. Mail Co. Through Freight showing 24. 8. 8
due to F. S. Co. for Black Hawk's services.

ex Vicar
of Bray
2 May 77.

The Secretary
 of the
 Vicar of Bray
 2 May 1877
 No. 5-15

'Koenig' is pronounced by the Architect unworkable, the Land was put on board at Buenos Ayres.

5. Par 11. Mr. James L. Waldron's Produce of 'Erl Koenig' was handed to his Brother John here, who has honorably carried out the arrangement by paying £1000 on account of the Wool & instructed his Brokers to hand us the proceeds of the Hides &c.

6. Par 17. We are happy to be able to report that the Colonial Office has decided to devote £200 a year for a Medical Man at Darwin upon the retirement of Dr. Watts, and the Directors have agreed to subscribe £100 a year, so that with our employe's subscriptions we trust an efficient man may be engaged, enclosed is Correspondence.

7. Par 24. The Board regrets you have had so many difficulties to contend with in working the Tallow Melting last season, but is pleased to find you got over them well & put them down as experience for next year: I am happy to say that though our casks were reported as so bad Capt. Nausch says there was no Tallow pumped out of the 'Erl Koenig' in the Tropics & all have been landed in good order: we are however sorry to have to state that six casks contained Water as per enclosed return from Gun & Shot Wharf, care must be exercised upon this point in future to prevent complaints from the buyers. An assortment of Scribes are sent to enable the Casks to be marked, the wharf people say a large C on each head will be best for our casks, the marks of other Sellers to be also on each head, and it would be a great convenience if the tare weight of each cask were marked on it, I shall enquire of Watson & Dixon if there is a weighing machine at Goose Green to enable this to be done & if not send one out. The Manager at the Wharf is collecting proper Tallow Casks to be shipped by the Black Hawk & Trofsachs, perhaps some by the latter whole to fill up: he has also advised us to send out for economy used Wool bale Iron Hooping and has obtained some, acting on this hint we have had the iron hoops cut off the bales ex 'Erl Koenig' to be sent back again, as they can be used for the Sheepskins if not for the Wool bales; it was a wise precaution to place old sacking under the iron hoops of the Sheepskin bales, this had better be continued as some reports state the iron may do great damage - the 'Trofsachs' will carry out an Hydraulic Press for the Sheepskins. To prevent future difficulty about Coals we hope to be able to send 50 or 100 tons Steam Coal in the 'Trofsachs' for delivery at Darwin for Goose Green Boilers, or even ship a small quantity in the B. Hawk as she will require some deadweight.

8. Par 26. The Directors are grieved & annoyed that you should have allowed Mr. Williams to get into the Co's debt again, we fear a loss but can do nothing on this side, Mr. Elder read me a letter to Williams of 31 May last advising him to sell as he could not continue increasing the account, this went out I believe in our Vicar and would scarcely arrive in time to prevent Williams leaving by Mail of 15 Aug as it was reported he intended to do, if duplicate went per Mail of 23 Sep it might prevent a fruitless errand, in this state of uncertainty the Board can only instruct you not to advance any more Cash and to take strict measures to obtain the debt.

9. N^o: 239, 2. The delay of the 'Black Hawk' is unfortunate as we may not be able to get her off by middle of next month, as intended, to enable her to resume Mail Service on 2 Jan 78 - also because in loading her we trusted to send a select cargo and let the 'Trosachs' carry all that happens to be shut out. As there is not any Prudent on hand there is a difficulty in ordering Stores for these two vessels, at present we intend devoting about £1,200 for the 'B. Hawk' and £2,000 or a little more for the 'Trosachs', as per detailed list of values for each trade herewith: the Mail of 4 pres may modify this by Prudent & Stock of Stores on hand, but as Stores are now shipped from Montevideo by Messrs Hoard & others it is presumed the demand at the C^o's Store is reduced: we shall be glad to receive hints for the Vicar's Cargo end of next Jan^r. We now learn that the 'Lauréttas' cargo of Timber will not be so advantageous as anticipated, thro' pine & spruce not being suitable for outside work &c: according to the experience of Pite & Arnold as expressed in the latter's letter of 14 inst. sent herewith, you must therefore be careful about the prices you give for this timber, I am afraid this advice will arrive too late for you to act on.

10. Par 8. Enquiries have been made & we could engage a really good Engineer at Twelve Pounds (£12) a month, but as it would take a new man some time to get into the duties of the Colony during which time the C^o. suffers disadvantages, the Board thinks you had better agree for Martin to remain at a slight ^{an} advance of Wages as possible. With respect to Mr. Pherson as it would probably be more difficult to obtain a suitable Scotch Schoolmaster, it will be better to grant him a rise of salary, as you say his services have been much appreciated, we presume his duties in teaching are increased through the growth of the population.

11. The Directors have read with interest your Annual Report N^o: 8 and must the improvements therein detailed will be continued for the benefit of all concerned. We consider you are right about the accommodation for the Shepherd's wives at Darwin, as it would be impossible to build houses for them there according to Mr. Clay's suggestion, it will be far better to build larger houses in future and make two together, or else very near to each other, for the comfort & protection of the wives during the absence of the husbands at shearing & dipping.

12. We send six copies of Wood's Lecture on "Diseases of Sheep" and 4 copies of his Lecture on "Abortion & Mortality amongst Ewes", which seem to be practical works by a high authority on Sheep.

13. All our endeavours to get Shepherds for this Steamer have been frustrated, only Tho. Watson & his family going; these Emigrants fill up the Land Orders open and we must really insist that you make use of those in your possession by purchasing Land according to instructions on 8 Feb 75 in N^o: 486, 6 - as therein stated if this is not attended to the Government will be justified in declining to issue any more Land Orders in our favor, seeing that there is the large sum of £3947.16.9 not used. Campbell is endeavouring to engage Shepherds, he says those from Montevideo were very good & advises more to be obtained, which we believe you have given instructions.

14. The Passengers by this Steamer are Tho^s. Watson Wife & 3 children, Shepherd reengaged according to your wishes, and Mr. Henry Burleigh, for the South American Missionary Society, his passage wth L^{ts}. Hawk, first class, will be paid there.

15. As the 160,000 Bricks required for the House would be too much deadweight for the 'Tropachs', only 100,000 will be shipped, the balance going by the 'Vicar of Bray' next January which the Architect says will be in time, besides she carried some of the same sort, Galt, the last voyage and we presume there are still some of the 'Albany's' Bricks which would do for foundations & inside work. Mr. Pike is in treaty with a Carpenter John Pacey to go out and superintend the whole work as well as perform his own carpentering, the terms are Four Pounds a week, with Furnished Room to live in, half pay on passage out, he is married and will leave some of his pay for his wife and children here: it is anticipated the engagement will last 1 1/2 or 2 years - being a very good workman this wages rather more than anticipated Mr. Pike suggested that the Laborer might be dispensed with, I objected to this knowing the difficulty of procuring labour at Stanley for it would be false economy to let the Carpenter or Bricklayer attend to the lower duties of building the House, or even be idle for the want of a little assistance, at the same we think it would be wise for you to arrange that the services of Steele, the Stonemason, and Coshin, the Laborer, should be at command if required. Referring to Par 4 we now learn from Capt. Batchelor that the 'Tropachs' will require to have three hundred tons (300 long) weight of cargo or ballast on board for shifting ports.

16. I am to observe that it would have been better to say that Par 6 of our last Despatch, should have mentioned cold water for soaking the Tobacco before boiling - and at Par 10 that "shipment" referring to Stores might have been in the plural. Enclosed is Invoice L^{ts} 25.14.1 of ~~two~~ hds Tobacco from Zimmermann & Co. of New York wth Annie R. Storer to Montevideo, which we anticipate will go down in the 'Sparrow Hawk' with this Despatch - as you will learn the freight paid by Humphreys, the charges at M^o. Video & Co. we wish to know the exact price per pound delivered, full particulars of this Tobacco & especially a report on its quality, with your advice as to further shipments if cheap and suitable.

17. This Despatch has been written at various times and submitted to some of the Directors but is closed this day the 2^o to avail of Duplicate going by the 'Sea Witch' sailing from Gravesend early tomorrow morning. The Board to be held tomorrow may give further instructions upon it and give orders for answering parts of N^{os} 239 and 239 not alluded to here - the continuation will be the same Despatch the paragraphs running on with consecutive numbers.

I remain, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
J. Coleman
Sec^y.

London, 39A. Gracechurch St. 22nd Sep^r. 1877.
E.C.

N^o 516 cont^o

Falklands Islands Company.

18. N^o 238, 14. The Board has decided that you may be charged second class fare for your servant Elizth Rowsell by the 'Black Hawk' - a first class ticket was issued because M^r Blake who sent her out expressly asked for one.

19. Par 21. Please thank M^r Clay for his Letter of 24 June last N^o 5 which does not require specific answer. The Directors have read your General Report N^o 8 of 28 June last which is approved but does not need detailed comment.

20. Par 30. From the Despatches since received the Board considers you will modify your ideas as to leaving the Colony, they certainly think in the face of the large outlay for the House you should be present to superintend the building and they therefore postpone any decision on the proposed visit to England, especially as a longer stay at the Falklands will not be detrimental to your health the climate being so good and yourself & family can obtain change of air by visiting Darwin Harbour & the Camp generally.

21. N^o 239, 7. We shall ship by next vessel Three Hundred Pounds (£300) in Silver Specie for the gratuity on the Dividend.

22. Respecting M^r Williams' Debt the Directors say that you must not advance further for they would rather lose what he owes than continue sending good money after bad: you will see that M^r W. B. Waldron withdraws his offer for the Estate.

23. The Board decided yesterday to ship Ten Romney Marsh Rams by the 'Trosacks', they will be last year's Lambs & having nearly four months for acclimatization will be in good condition for putting to the Ewes on 1 May next, being then two years old or a little over, and we trust you will take care to have a carefully selected stud Ewe flock ready for them: since writing Par 3 we are informed that M^r Dean's Rams are this year's lambs and being so young it is expected the voyage & confinement will have a detrimental effect on them, also that they are not the true hardy Romney Marsh breed, we throw out this hint for what it is worth but wish you to examine them most carefully without being prejudiced.

24. M^{rs} Dewrance & Co. have not received any cash from Felix Martin for the debt he owes them, they requested leave to appoint you ^{their} Agent by Power of Attorney to sue him for same, we rather objected to this saying a blank Power of Attorney could go out for you to appoint some one but this not being possible it is made out in your name and they request you to kindly do the best you can for them.

25. The 'Sea Witch' has sailed without the Despatch sent down to her at Gravesend as mentioned at Par 17.

26. Watson has received an advance of Five Pounds.

I remain, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

J. Coleman
Sec^y

London, 39 St. Gracechurch St. 30th Oct. 1877.

N^o. 517.
 Mr. Trossachs. Falklands Islands Company.

Sir, We now forward Duplicate of our last on 22nd Sept. and acknowledge receipt of your Despatches 240 (in duplicate) and 241 on the 24th Sept. - the 'Black Hawk' arrived on 12th inst. with Original of former.

2. N^o. 240, 5. We have forwarded the particulars of the unfortunate mistake in the Walker Creek Wool Box to Messrs. Tyler & Co. who express regrets for this as per letters enclosed, it is to be hoped the box can still be retained for one of the Hydraulic Wool Presses.

3. Par 6. The Black Hawk is now passing half time survey, proving all right, being sheathed with pure copper to enable her to remain out 6 or 7 years and having her cabins altered - she was brought home in a dirty state as regards hold, fore-castle &c, with great waste of cordage & sundries, dunnage wood &c and too much stone ballast: Capt. Dixon has agreed to a new engagement on old terms, minus house, & promises economy, we shall have to bind him down strictly in several points. According to present views we shall despatch her from the 20 to 26 Nov. so as to reply to the incoming Mail and perhaps delay her for the Telegram due latter day, but do not know what cargo to put into her as the Trossachs has taken so much - she will be ballasted with 20 tons new Kentledge.

4. N^o. 241, 3. From all accounts we had better stick to the Leaf Tobacco for Sheep Dip, the two hds from New York will test that quarter for supply, as to price & quality, but this vessel carries 24 hds excellent Tobacco at only 5¹/₂ per lb, if this is carefully prepared & used we believe it will be found most efficacious - for distant flocks and spottings we consider Mr. Douglass' would ^{however} if small quantities of Tobacco cannot be properly prepared, but if the new portable Boilers in this vessel enable this to be done it will be best to adhere to the one remedy.

5. Par 12. In requesting a stock of Cattle not be kept up for Hides the Board was under impression that Famine Cattle did not require the large extent of ground Wild ones do, surely there must be some truth in this, and as their carcases could now be used at the Tallow works we think this branch of our business should be kept up, for Hides sell well and the moment a vessel arrives, besides saving ballast.

6. Par 23. We trust the Store Profit you mention will reach our hands, your late remarks on the boasted improvement in the Compt. have not been answered, but the Directors now bid me observe that of course there is a better state of affairs than ten years ago but they fear there is, apart from lower prices of Wool &c here, a gradual retrogression so that as the concern gets larger it is worked at less profit and entails more proportionate cost, instead of exactly the contrary. The gratuity on the Dividends to the Shareholders though doubtless beneficial for the future will cause an outlay as we forward £300 in silver specie for distribution at Christmas, but this is not to be paid to such men as have misconducted themselves like King and Boulton (see Clay's Report N^o. 6) are said to have done by gross neglect of duty or in any other way.

7. Par 23, 4. Respecting the West Falklanders Waldron has paid up through his Brother, also Sticker through their Brokers for the Wool; the Hides & Tallow we sold in due course with the intention of

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accounting for the proceeds through your Office but Mr. Pickney put in a claim for them which we allowed, as he had paid sufficient to cover his Tons' debt, and produced a letter from you showing that he might fairly expect to have every thing handed over to him, we think you ought to have reported this letter & not merely mentioned that the Wood was to be handed to him: he objects strongly to the 2 1/2 % Commission charged on sale of Hides but being usual we would not deduct it, he said he would write to the Directors strongly on the subject but has not done so yet.

8. Par 26. We trust the Lauritta's Cargo will supply Timber for North Arm, Bertanoo has not attended to our demand for specification of this Wood as he ought to have done, we are told the freight is \$20 per ton. As Wood is so much required we send a quantity in this vessel and shall probably fill up the B. Hawk with more.

9. Par 28. The Chairman has waded through the correspondence with Williams, some explanatory letters appear to be missing, he cannot however comprehend why knowing his position you should have let him run into our debt for so much, and it was certainly a waste of time making copies of such correspondence - (this latter remark also applies to the letters to Felt and Clay and their replies) Williams has not yet been able to make any proposal for paying off though he states that he is in a fair way of obtaining a Partner or other further assistance.

10. The Emigration Agreement for the P.M. Guadiana last Mail was on an improper form so another one is sent, the Emigration Board have written to the Colonial Secretary to correct this. It does not appear that a mistake in Despatch 514, 10 has been called to your notice, the word "not" is omitted between the words "this Office does" and the words "give the glowing" - the context will however have shown this.

11. Everything for the House at Stanley is on board this vessel excepting the 6000 Bricks mentioned in last Despatch as to be sent off by Vicar of Bray - for Carpenter John Pacey is engaged at £4 (four pounds) per week with plain furnished Room, half wages on passage out commencing on 1st prox^o, he leaves order for £6 (six pounds) to be paid monthly to his Wife commencing on 1st Dec^r. - for Bricklayer we have John Oliver at £4 a week with above terms and £4 to his wife from 1st Dec^r. - the Laborer is James Watts at 50/- (fifty shillings) a week & lodging, half pay out from 1st prox^o, his wife is to receive £4.10. - monthly from 1st prox^o. - the Architect considers he has engaged good men & trusts they will carry out the work in the best manner: the advances are Pacey £25 Oliver £25 Watts £15, receipts and Agreements are enclosed.

12. I am happy to be able to report that James Campbell returns at his old Wages by Mail of 8th prox^o with his Wife & daughter - he has engaged the following Shepherds for this vessel, his Brothers John (who returned lately) and a younger one William 18 yrs, W^m Milne 19 yrs, James M^r Laren, age not known at present, as per Agreements herewith: he hopes to get a man for the B. Hawk, which will fill up the number you asked for.

13. There are 12 Romney Marsh Rams on board from Mr. F. Neame of the breeder mentioned at 516, 3, as going to supply 12 Ram Lambs for Vicar of Bray next Jan^r. - these are last year's Lambs, they have not mipped so will be in fine condition for 1 May next, we send particulars of their prices as per Auction at Ashford on 2nd instant - also Murrison's Pale Catalogue and de Chair Baker's another celebrated Breeder.

14. I ought to have said the above Shepherds go out upon Land Order N^o 56^{herewith}, so Landing Certificate must be sent to this Office.

15. On the 17th Telegram Home is arrived - "Vicar 29 August 26 September" which we construe as - Vicar arrived 29 Augt, sailed 26 Sept. - if this is right you have despatched her very quickly: we furnished this information to Lloyd's and they afterwards received your Telegram announcing damage to 'V of Gray', 'Wardale', 'Craig & mullen' and 'Tynd.'

16. You asked for some of the Goods to be sent by Mail not knowing that there would be a vessel starting at this time, such being the case they are shipped now, but we may send by the Mail of 8 prox. a little more Tea. Robinson say they cannot furnish a Tram Truck for the Tallow Works on such meagre order, they were to have written a letter with particulars required but have not done so yet. We endeavored to get this vessel away earlier to give you the advantage of more days in the Islands but have been prevented through the delay of the Architect & Builder, only two days are now saved. From all enquiries made it appears we ought to put the 'Procedo's' or any vessel engaged by the C: into seaworthy order for our Wool cargo and thus should provide Ballast, the only loophole is the shifting of the ports when the vessel would have to provide herself, but then we are told our Charter party ought to contain notice that any Ballast required would have to be found by the ship; for the purpose of some ballast to put 500 tons Coals for Goose Green so that with the 700 tons of other goods for Darwin there would be nearly enough, still under the circumstances we hope you will be able to prepare some Ballast for her and we think it will be correct to meet the Owners help may be either paying this expense or a portion of it. Tell Capt. Campbell to be much look out for ^{her} when he is going up to start her on 2 Oct. next.

17. With reference to the Reef running out South of Piquit Point at the entrance of Darwin Harbour approach you had better put a beacon there instead of our sending out a buoy as proposed, for the beacons would not run further risk of damage there, or the price for such a voyage will be much raised against the Compt.

Darwin,
 Sir,
 Your obedient Servant,
 J. Coleman
 Secy.

Enclosures per Trossachs

- ✓ Despatch intended for Sea Witch
- ✓ Trossachs's Charter Party dated 27 Aug
- ✓ Letter for Cartmel
- ✓ " " Travis from Secretary 30 Oct 77
- ✓ " " Langdon " " do " " "
- ✓ Copy Lr fr N. Tyler re Wool Boxes
- ✓ Land order N^o 50 Pt 1 for £100
- ✓ General Invoice £
- ✓ 37 Detailed Invoices
- ✓ Pacey's agreement - also Oliver & Watts
- ✓ Lr from Emigration Bd for Col Sec
- ✓ Surgeons Invoice £ 28.19.6
- ✓ Meagers do 16.15.8½
- ✓ Letter fr Capper for J.H. Waldron
- ✓ Receipt from Oliver £ 25 - Watts £ 15
- ✓ Letter Secretary to Clay 30 Oct 77.
- ✓ Remarks on Stores
- ✓ Printed prices at Stanley (20)
- ✓ Bill of Lading
- ✓ Letter Secretary to Colonial Manager

London, 39A. Gracechurch St. 8th Nov^r. 1877.
E.C.

N^o. 518.
W. R. M. W. 'Elbe'.

Falklands-Islands Company.

Sir, We addressed you on the 30th ult. by the 'Tropacks' and now enclose Duplicate - she passed Deal on 2nd instant.

2. At the last moment the Carpenter John Pacey wisely suggested that he ought to have contents of Lascelles' cases of House goods, this is now furnished, together with Invoices of the whole of the House Materials amounting to £2974.10. in and General Invoice of Stores £3942.18.4 making a total of £6920.8.4 - insured for £7,500.

3. Mr. James Campbell, wife & daughter return by this Pt., we hope his situation as Overseer in Laponia will be still open for him for he is an intelligent man and takes a great interest in the Co's operations, we have instructed him upon everything that has occurred lately and have learned much from him - yesterday he inspected Keame's flock of Romney Marsh Sheep, from which the 12 Rams of 'Tropacks' came and chose the 12 Ram Lambs for 'V of Bray' next January - as we shall have despatched 34 Romney Marsh Rams within 7 months it is decided not to send any more until we learn how these succeed and whether the cross with the Cheviots answers - it is suggested that as the Cheviots are so suitable for the Colony we might send 10 or 12 Rams end of next year or beginning of 1879, just consider this matter and let us have your ideas. The Veterinary Certificate was unfortunately omitted to be put on board the 'Tropacks' but two are now sent, which will arrive before the vessel. Campbell stipulated for 2nd Class passage as his wife's health is not over good, this was granted and he is not sent out under the Emigration Comp^{ts} to make a distinction between our old servants and the new ones: he has paid in £150 to be drawn in Stanley. The Iron Wire Fencing sent in Vicar of Bray 7 June 77 was explained to him, he thought Morton's No. 2 Fence would be very good, but rather inclines to wooden posts because the lower wires can be put closer where necessary, we shall look for your full report on this subject with some anxiety, believing it will be necessary & answer our purpose to erect much more fencing than we have yet done. He approves of the wooden Hurdles bought from Arnold, being sent out for Mr. Clymont, and asked for some to be ordered, but on being shown some Iron Hurdles considered them superior, we may therefore perhaps send Mr. B. Hawk 50 for penning Lambs & 50 for penning Sheep: he has also satisfied us that a Cart will be necessary for North Arm, if made in time it will go Mr. B. Hawk: at his suggestion we shall send 4 Pack Saddles for moving Sheep Nets, Trakes &c. - He has heard the explanation of Mr. W. J. Gibbs as to his method of drying Sheepskins and has a paper with particulars of information to be furnished on this subject, for as so much value has been lost through these skins being wet, we think steps should be taken to dry them artificially.

4. The other Passengers by this Pt. are Mr. J. Waldron and a Shepherd, and Rob. Man wife returning for Mr. Williams - the latter has asked the Directors for an extension of time for settlement to the 23rd prox: stating there is every chance of his successfully obtaining assistance - he says this day that Mr. Elder writes you that the matter is delayed: should we have occasion to telegraph about the 7th prox: he has asked us to put the word "companion"

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or "opponent" at the end of our message, the meaning of which he writes by the present Mail to his wife, you will therefore hand her the word immediately on arrival.

5. On examination of the Tea going out it is decided not to send any by this opportunity, a statement herewith will explain our reasons.

6. James M^r. Laren did not come up for the 'Tropsachs' we may engage him for the 'B. Hawk', also another man from Refo near Suvernets to make up the number asked for. A younger Brother of Steele, the Mason, would like to get out, if to be obtained at Laborer's Wages Campbell says he could be turned to good account, as there are some passengers offering for 'B. Hawk' we may send him, Short's family have applied for passages but cannot decide until Mail arrives. It was not known until after Milne's departure that he could have his new out a good dog per 'Tropsachs', it may be sent by 'B. Hawk'.

7. Upon further consideration it is doubtful whether the 'Black Hawk' can be ready before the end of this month, even then we trust she would be in time to carry up the 15th Feb. Mail, at present there is no cargo for her having laid out so much by the 'Tropsachs' the Board are averse to spending money for further Stores, the Despatch due next week will guide us greatly.

8. I am sorry the 'Tropsachs' Journal Entry has not yet been made, an approximate one is enclosed for your guidance.

9. Campbell has seen and takes out particulars of a new Press as one will be required for North Arm we think it would be more easily worked than an Hydraulic and certainly much cheaper.

I remain,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Coleman

Per

Enclosures for "Elbe" 8th Nov^r 1877-

- ✓ Trip Despatch 516 and Dup 517
 Dup Coleman to Cobb 23 Sep & 30 Oct, Langdon, Geoman, Packer,
 Hobmested 23 Sep, Clay & Travis 30 Oct 77-
 ✓ Letters do " Brandon 8 Nov -
 ✓ do for M^{rs} Batchelor to Capt^l Batchelor & Blunden, to
 James Math, John Pacey & Oliver from their wives
 Journal & Ledger Entries N^o 56 & rough pt Entry of Trovachs Ship
 ✓ Trovachs' General Invoice £120.8.12 also Invs from
 Tyler, Gilbert, Neame, F. Morton Co., Elliott-
 ✓ House Invoices - Arnold, Lascelles, M^{rs} Colla, Roher, Rowson,
 Tongue & Yates -
 ✓ Land Order N^o 50 Part 2 -
 Trovachs Charterparty dated 27 Aug -
 do Duplicate B/L " 31 Oct -
 Remarks on Stores
 ✓ List Cargo for Others per Trovachs with full particulars
 ✓ Trovachs Sailings and Arrivals particulars
 ✓ Statement of Stores at Stanley
 do " Sea ordered for Mail
 ✓ Sale Catalogue with prices for Rams Capt^l Batchelors Ret for
 ✓ Ram certificates from Sherwood & Savory - Fodder
 ✓ Copy of Correspondence with Harvey re Trovachs Ballast -
 to them 23 Oct & reply 24 Oct & 3 Nov -
 ✓ " " letter fr Irving 15 Oct re Tobacco
 " " " " Rowson 7 Nov " Tram Truck
 ✓ " " " to Campbell 6 " " Sheepskins
 ✓ Joinery particulars for Pacey & Specification of House
 ✓ Copy of ltr from Samuel M^{rs} Kinnell re Money left by his Son
 with Authority endorsed in favor of Col^l Mg^r received.
 to him 29 Oct & reply 31 Oct 77 -
 " " 1 Nov " " 3 Nov " -
 " " 5 " " letter from James Brown
 14 Sep 76 -
 ✓ Black Hawks Cargo Home ^{yes viz -}
 Report on 171 cks Tallow
 " " 260 Hides
 ✓ "Koenigs" Broker's Catalogue 236 bales Wool
 41 " do
 3221 Hides
 197 Sealskins
 202 cks Tallow
 857 B Wool "Sea Mitch" -
In charge of Campbell.
 Times
 Land & Water
 Almanacks for 1878
 Navy List 1 Oct 77
 Biggs & Photographic Baths
 Prices at Stanley
 Provisioning Scales
 Stock exchange Year Book for 1877 -
 also Enclosures marked ✓

N^o 519. London: 39 S. Gracechurch St. 6th Dec^r. 1877.
E. C.

W. Black Hawk. Falklands Islands Company.


Sir, On the 14th ult. we received your Despatch 245 with Duplicates of N^o 242, 3 & 4, but N^o 243, 4, were mostly illegible - Originals arrived as follows, N^o 242 on 22nd ult., N^o 243 on 28th ult. and N^o 244 on 1st inst.

2. N^o 242, 2. We are sorry to learn the 'Vicar of Bray' suffered so much going out, you have done well to get her repaired and started so quickly, Capt. Dyer has again brought her home rapidly and most economically - a great proportion of expenses will be recovered from the insurance as per Average Statement herewith.

3. N^o 243. The Notes on Dipping Materials have (since arrival of original) been carefully examined, requiring Cargo for this vessel we had already ordered a portion of the Order N^o 16, ex 245, amongst it 2 tons Sulphur & 100 lbs Lime, as we cannot put more heavy stuff on board 8 tons Sulphur will be shipped by next Mail W. - if Lime is required some of Meat W. 'Trosachs' could be used as the 'Vicar' could replace the quantity for the house: as to Tobacco the 'Trosachs' carried out an ample supply, if we do not hear of your ordering from New York, upon the sample sent by Zimmermann & Co.; we must take the precaution to send some W. 'Vicar of Bray'.

4. N^o 244, 4. Mr. Collins' second Bill has not been honored so is returned noted & protested, we concluded this was to meet the unpaid balance of the first bill, but you imply the first should be noted but it cannot be done as the acceptors for part of it would have the draft on payment, we think you had better make Collins pay up at once & be careful how he is trusted in future.

5. N^o 245, 6. The Royal Mail Co. have undertaken to inform you whenever there are through goods to Stanley paid here.

6. Par 7. As this touches on the matter of Sheepskins I now send instructions drawn up at the last Board in consequence of those W. Vicar & Erl Koenig proving so bad. - The skins ought to be commenced to dry as soon as the animal is killed & put up to dry either by natural or artificial heat at once, from the appearance of these skins we are sure they are all placed or allowed to lie in a heap until heat or putrefaction has set in, by which the skins on arrival here are nearly all rotten. The bale  and the one marked HB though not in as good order as they might be are a great contrast to the Co's skins. A man or two men ought to be specially detailed off for the drying of these skins at the time of killing the sheep, and as soon as they are fairly dried they ought to be immediately packed & as close as possible.

7. Par 8. The Board has carefully considered your remarks upon the Postal Contract and excellent letter to the Government and have

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determined that it will be better to give notice to close the Contract, we there^{fore} telegraph the word 'ferocious' - the Directors wish you to endeavour to get all restrictions removed or better still an increase of the subsidy to £1,000 (one thousand pounds), even at this rate the Black Hawk cannot pay commercially unless freights & passages are more numerous and the vessel economically managed.

8. Par 9. We regret that you have sent the lengthy correspondence with Clay & Fell respecting the Rams on Sea Lion Island as it ends without showing where the blame lies, it only shows that more care must be exercised in future.

9. Par 10. Should the Coals be sold out of the 'Margaret' it would doubtless be well to turn her to account by sinking to extend the jetty, to prepare for this you had better send particulars of the proposed distance from the 'W. Strand', height of piles required, width of iron jetty & estimate of expense of laying it down, the Board could then decide whether it would be well to undertake such a matter.

10. Par 11. We shall send in Vicar some pillar supports for seashore fencing recommended by Morlon H^o.

11. Par 13. Mr. Williams has not seen the Board so you need not fear his speaking against you, to the present he has not made any definite proposal for settlement, we must threaten to call him up if nothing settled by the 22nd inst., though unfortunately we have no security to go upon.

12. Par 14. The Board is sorry there is such a scarcity of Cash but trusts the late £300 in specie will relieve some of the difficulties, if the short sales continue we shall have to reduce the Stores sent out, and forward Specie from time to time: through the low price of Wool and the heavy expenses for the Farm the Directors for this year will not show much profit and laying out so much in Capital Expenditure they look forward to the necessity of reducing the Dividends, this would be a severe blow to the Shareholders so they urge economy and strict attention to curing the Scab and careful breeding of the Sheep to improve the Wool.

13. The late Shipping Reports have omitted to state whether the vessels are consigned to the C^o or Dean, please let this be attended to.

14. Col. D'Arcy having lately brought to the notice of the Board the charge of £20 for Commission & Interest on his last Account of £400, they deemed it high and have refunded £15 (fifteen Pounds).

15. Understanding from Messrs Partridge H^o that they would recommend the German Corvette 'Ariadne' bound to the West Coast to call at Stanley for Coals, it has been agreed to allow them five per cent (5%) on all Coals purchased at 6s-4d. low - correspondence is enclosed.

16. Our attention has been called to the fact that last Sept^r Mr. Barton of Keppel Pat^r mentioned incidentally to the South Aust. Mission^r Soc^y that you had 1,000 good Ewes to W. Bowner at five shillings (5s) each last Autumn (according to our seasons) surely there must be some mistake in such an assertion, still explanation is required.

17. We were much put out with the illegible Despatches, another time when they are not well copied, it will be better to reserve the originals for the mail when there is a likelihood of its arriving before the sailing ships as in the instance of the 2 Oct Mail.

18. We have the pleasure of reporting that the "Black Hawk" has passed her half time survey excellently & has been put in thorough order, new sails, wire & rope rigging, real copper sheathing, one main Saloon made, with three large cabins, Captains Waterroom, Mate's berth, Cabin, Steward's Berth, Bread Locker, Water closet and every other convenience, the large port cabin even having a bath; the whole has been well done costing a large sum - there is a fore cabin with two enclosed berths with two bunks each and four open bunks - the fore castle is contracted to six seamen, these alterations have caused less to be deducted from her gross tonnage so she is now 113 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons: her cargo space is now 150 tons measurement and being mostly forward of the centre of the vessel she has been most difficult to load, to compensate for the large Saloon aft 20 tons ^{new} Iron "Kendledge" has been stowed under it, with about $\frac{1}{2}$ tons old Iron "Kendledge" (which she brought home) together with 6,000 heavy Bricks, despite this we have had to take out 50 jars Spirits Tar that was stowed in the fore Cabin, even then she was too much by the head so the water casks had to be placed on deck quite aft, which fortunately brought her down to her proper trim, 2 feet by the stern: the Spirits Tar will follow by Viceroy it being believed the Troops took out a good supply. She has been well salted between all timbers & especially at each end where she was very dry & likely to suffer from dry rot, this expense will be compensated by the year's extension she will be allowed at her next survey: the Bow sprit has been raised, double Topsails made, new caboose with old galley, so she leaves this in perfect order. The chains were found in a disgraceful state and it is now ordered that they are to be hauled on deck & examined every two months, a record being made in the Logbook.

19. Capt. W. Dixon has been reengaged for three years as per enclosed Agreement at £12.10. per month with strict injunctions to be economical & cleanly, as he brought her home dirty in places not exposed to view - he is not permitted to trade in any thing except fruit & vegetables from Montevideo, and is not allowed a house - he has the privilege of taking out his Wife & some furniture free of charge - Twenty pounds (£20) has been advanced him against Wages. An excellent Mate in Henry Greenfield has been engaged for two years as per Agreement herewith, he is accompanied by his wife & daughter $3\frac{1}{2}$ yrs old, who go free also a little furniture, we hope they will be useful inhabitants of Stanley - also Robert Allen the Steward & Cook, a most respectable man, who takes his Wife with him in hopes of settling comfortably at Stanley. Capt. W. Dixon wanted two men to be engaged, one for Steward, one for Cook, but this extravagance was not permitted, he says one man cannot do the whole work - we believe a good one can, or in cases of emergency a young lad could be engaged at Stanley to assist. The crew six men have signed Articles for two years - she has been amply provisioned for three months.

20. There are two passengers under the Emigration Comf^{ts} John Steel, Laborer, Brother to Steel the Mason, engaged at suggestion of James Campbell at moderate wages, and John Wallace a young Shepherd at low wages, they sleep & berth in the Saloon, landing Certificate must be returned: this will now make up the number of men required, there must be another Shepherd engaged for the 12 Rams to go out by the Viceroy next month. Our new Agreement has clause for immediate dismissal for idleness or disobedience.

21. This day at 3.15 P.M. we despatched Telegram
 Cut N^o 7 - "Black tenth ferocious" in order to catch the Mail
 of 8th inst. at Montevideo, it means that the 'Black Hawk' would
 sail on the 10th inst., this for your guidance as to postal services
 the last word for notice to close the Postal Contract according
 to Paragraph 7. Unless this vessel gets out of Channel quickly
 and has a good run out, Duplicate of this Despatch will reach
 you by the next Mail of 23rd inst. before her - we are sorry
 the bad weather has delayed her but must she will yet arrive
 in time to run the Mail to Montevideo leaving Stanley
 on the 15th February, she is not deeply laden so with new
 copiers ought to make a speedy voyage.

22. We were much surprised at learning yesterday that
 Messrs Hoare & Hudson disposed of at their public sale on 4th inst
 of 12 bales Wool marked H. G. C. ex 'Erl Phoenix', we wrote them
 for particulars and the proceeds to which they replied in a rude
 manner, I have not had time to examine the case but surely
 there must be some mistake for your Brothers having been
 started in business by the Company and still supported by them
 would never consign their Wool to any one but the Co's Brokers,
 we shall look further into the matter, meanwhile correspondence
 and sale catalogue are enclosed - if really shipped by our vessel
 'Erl Phoenix' I cannot think how it has escaped my attention.

I remain, Sir,
 Your obedient Servant,
 J. Coleman
 Sec^y

Enclosures per "Black Hawk"

- Dup Des. 518 and Trip 517
- do Coleman to Brandon 8 Nov
- Letter do . Langdon, Packe, Blake, Cleoman, Holmsted
- do fr J. M. Dean for C. M. Dean, for Williams to W. Williams
- do " D'Arcy for Henry Waldron and Travis Card for Hyde for ...
- do " " Coleman, 2 for Pacey for his wife, 2 for Walter
- do " for his wife, for Oliver from his wife
- Journal & Ledger Entries N^o
- General Invoice & Detailed Invoices - £
- List cargo for Others
- Memos on Stores
- Bill of Lading dated
- Capt. Dixon & Stentiford's Agreements dated
- John Steels (Shepherd) do "
- John Wallace's (Labour & Mason) do "
- New Shepherds Agreements & Mail Service Tables for 1848
- Copy Average Statement of damage to Vicar of Bristol
- " do for Partridge 13 Nov & Enclosure & reply to them 19 Nov 1848
- " do for Hudson Correspondence
- 4 Blank Inventories for Ships' Stores
- Protest of Collins' Bill for £44.4.10 & Bill.
- Copy of Sale R.C. 42 B Wool ex B Hawk.
- " " Report on Sheep Skins " Erl Koenig & B Hawk
- Capt. Dixon's Receipt for £20 as an Advance
- Henry Stentiford's do " £14 " " do (Mate)
- Brief Newspaper for C. M. Williams for his wife -

Parcels.

- for Capt. Fairfax to Cleoman
- 2 for Charles Dean for J. M. Dean
- Appleby's Handbook of Machinery
- Ward's Bk for Auctioneer
- Ransomes' Catalogue of Machinery
- Times
- Land & Water
- Lloyd's Reg. Sups
- International Code of Signals
- Stencil Plates

N^o 520.J. R. M. P.
'Guadiana'London, 39, A. Gracechurch St. 22 Dec 1877.
E.C.

Falkland Islands Company.

Sir, Our last was dated the 6th inst. J. 'Black Hawk' which left Gravesend on 10th and sailed from Deal on 14th inst. On the 19th inst. we received your Despatch 246 of 9 Oct. per 'Hildegunda' direct to Falmouth.

2. Par 4. I believe the levers for drawing the Wool bale noops tight are shipped in the 'Trosachs', the price shall be enquired, we are glad to hear they can now be made cheaper at Stanley.

3. Par 5. Respecting the Patras Currants which you order to be sent by Mail, there is no necessity to do this as the 'Trosachs' had 10 cases and the 'Black Hawk' 5 cases, full supply shall be sent J. V of Bray. The only Stores by this Steamer are 80 kegs Sulphur, which the remarks on Sheep Dipping Materials said was urgently needed and some Almanacks for next year, with Sundries in a case from the Office. We are now thinking of the arrangements for despatching Stores next year to tie in with the V of Bray end of next month & middle of next October and send statement of our ideas for your guidance and remarks thereon, which would be here in time to arrange for June shipment. Bray keep some Hides for the V of Bray's ballast next June.

4. I ought to have asked for the following particulars of the Essence of Meat made by M^{rs} Alday - from how many pounds of meat - cost for cooking and draw meat - how much could be made in any particular season - could it be carried out by the labour now at Stanley, Darwin or Goose Green - these and any further particulars which occur to you ought to be furnished to enable judgment to be formed whether it is a business fit to be undertaken.

5. We have had to pay Six Pounds for the 7th Passenger for 'Trosachs' who did not arrive, as the Provisions were put on board and M^{rs} Harvey will not take them for the ship: you will therefore have to claim the various articles in the quantities as per List herewith.

6. M^r Williams has given no decision but informs us that

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Colonial Manager
Stanley.

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E.C.

N^o 520. continued

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he has promised M^r. Elder to come to a settlement before 8th Feb^r. next.

7. We have the pleasure of reporting that Falkland Postage Stamp is to be issued, this will be great convenience & will enable the Colony to become a Member of the Postal Union, which secures many advantages.

8. Referring to Par 22 of our last Despatch it now appears that the bales of Wool marked H. G. C. sold by Mess^{rs}. Hoare on 4th inst. were most probably Lot 29 of Edenborough's Sale 29 June 77 ex 'Dof N Brang', this being a resale, which Mess^{rs}. Hoare might as well have informed us - we shall soon be able to send statement of the prices realized by the Wool of the three last shipments, if not now ready.

9. We have now to report the melancholy intelligence that on 20th a letter arrived from Captⁿ. Dixon stating that he had been obliged to put back to Dartmouth through a refractory Crew. Hurried down to Dartmouth (where I am now writing this) found that four of the Crew had been convicted on the 20th; yesterday we shipped four men, I was in hopes of getting her away that afternoon but the men would not join until this morning but she ought to leave by noon. You are aware that Captⁿ. Dixon has had several disturbances with his crew when at the Falklands, I did not report in mine to yourself at Gravesend on 8 & 9 inst. that he lost his temper twice & behaved most rudely to me, in so much that on returning to Office after such bad behaviour, when he ought to have been most grateful to me for being reinstated, I looked to find your Despatch wherein you said he had better be reengaged, thinking it was just the contrary but there it was to my surprise - from all I can learn the man Hoammitt has been cruelly illused and gross injustice has been done to the others, but I am powerless in the matter, the man is in command and the vessel must proceed, but the whole circumstances will be reported to the Board on my return, see above for your guidance on his arrival. The Agreement signed after the ship's Articles is said to be the more binding legal document.

London. 39 A. Gracechurch St. 22 Dec 1877.
E.C. 4 P.M.

N^o. 520. com^r.

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10. I am happy to say the 'Black Hawk' left Dartmouth Harbour at 2.30 P.M. I went out to sea with her and returned in the Pilot boat - spoke to Capⁿ: Dixon sternly expressing my great regret that such disturbances should take place on our vessel and warning him that he must curb his temper better in future, he had but little to say for himself and as there is an excellent crew on board I trust the voyage will go on well. Some Provisions have not been mentioned which came home with her, viz 3 cks Bread, 1 ck Sugar - also an extra tierce of Beef was put on board Invoice 5.16. - fresh provisions here are 2 1/2 cwt Beef, 2 cwt Potatoes with Vegetables costing £9.2.11 so that she is well supplied, if quick passage will not require stores for some time, I have counselled economy in every way. The old Cooking Stove had to be condemned at Gravesend as it would not draw through the short draught, Badger supplied a new one which answers well - the old one properly repaired was put down below so we shall not send the Rawlings Stove asked for as this is exactly the same. I find the new Hawser from Lund costing 22.5.6 is needlessly this is the Captain's extravagance. As the scuttles still leaked they have been covered over with felt and lead. We must observe that the outside bulwarks have been needlessly painted over several times, when the paint had to be burned off there was great difficulty through the number of coats. I think it will be well to number the starboard Cabin 1, the port cabins 2 and 3, the latter the one forward with the Bath in it, then we could order certain Cabins to be reserved for Passengers going out. I placed Steel in St. 1 Cabin & Wallace outside in Steward's berth, upon the excuse of the Mate's Cabin leaking the Captain has put him outside the Saloon with Wallace, this ought not to have been allowed but there was not an opportunity of altering it.

I remain, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Coleman
Secy.

No 520
22nd Dec 1877

Mr Secretary

of the S. & L. Co.

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Enclosures for "Guadiana" 22nd Dec: 1877-

- Dup. Des. 519, Trip 518-
 do Coleman to Cobb, Langdon, Geoman, Blake, Holmsted, Packer per "Blackhawk"
 ✓ Letter for Cobb and Langdon
 Journal & Ledger Entries N^o 4 & Remarks on ^{ps} N^o 4
 General Invoice for "Guadiana" £124.16.2 3 Detailed Invoices
 Corrected do "Blackhawk" £1608.12.9
 ✓ Bill of Lading " do dated Dec: 77
 ✓ List of cargo for Others. do
 ✓ Buick's Inv for Cooper's Tool for do 3/3
 ✓ Yates's do " Piece Beef for do £5.16/-
 ✓ Gilbert's do " Baby's Opera - Cobb 4/2
 ✓ Summary of "Erl Koenig's" of Sales & of Sales as per list
 Account Sales of Stickney's Produce 2 cks Tallow ex "E.K." £4.7/- } settled
 64 Hides " do 83.3.1 } in London
 ✓ Weights of Soda & Soft Soap for "Blackhawk"
 ✓ Copy of Pite's letter re Pitch dated 8 Dec 77
 ✓ " " Bischoff's " " Travis's charge " 20 " "
 ✓ " " Edenborough's " " H&C Wool ex "Erl Koenig" dated 17 Dec
 ✓ Scale of Stores for 1 passenger per Trospacks for one week
 ✓ Estimated Value of Stores transferred for "Vost Bray" to "Blackhawk"
 ✓ Copies of Contracts of Sheepskins ex "Erl Koenig", "Vost Bray" & "Blackhawk"
 and Hides ex "Black Hawk"
 ✓ Mail Service Tables for 1878
 ✓ Pro Forma Mail " for Post Office
 ✓ Hoare Hudsons Catalogue of 146 bales Wool
 ✓ Hill's Illustrated Catalogue of Iron Fencing
 ✓ Lloyds Reg. Sups.
 ✓ Times
 ✓ Almanacks for Gilbert
 ✓ Baby's Opera " "
 ✓ Butcher's Inv Forms. Southey

Those marked ✓ are in case for Office N^o 648-

N^o: 521. London, 39A. Gracechurch St. 30th Jan^r. 1878.
E.C.

W^o: Vicar of Bray. Falklands Islands Company.

Sir,

Our last was dated 22nd ult^o, contents confirmed also Letter of 24th ult^o except that "not" was left out between "Stanley can" and "afford to spend". On the 27th ult^o your Despatch 247 W^o: Lauritta arrived from Rio de Janeiro through France - and on the 3rd inst^o: N^o: 248 by R. Mail S^o: to Southampton.

2. N^o: 247, 2. As you approve of the Lauritta's Cargo of Timber we trust the sales to others will make it a profitable transaction so that another shipment may be arranged, as the Sheep Dip Tobacco from Timmerman of New York may turn out suitable and more being required could be combined with such a cargo - also Glass as mentioned at Par 3. though it must be remembered imports are often sold at a Foreign Port at a loss to cover advances - by this vessel we ship Glass from Robertson at a cheaper rate than formerly. Have you ever heard whether Coals from North America would answer for House use, if so it might answer to send some as Ballast to a Timber vessel.

3. Par 4. The word "ferocious" in our Telegram our N^o: 7 was altered at M. Video to "serocious", still you would understand. I have given six months notice to close the Mail Contract; having put the "Black Hawk" in such good order for this service at a great expense it will be a serious matter if it is undertaken by another vessel, for we cannot keep our competition in Stores nor always fill her ourselves, so it would be better to obtain an increase to the subsidy or a higher rate of freight on Merchandise from M. Video. Respecting M^o: Collins moving in the matter he doubts - wants his own other Stores at a lower rate to commence a little business of his own, as we had an enquiry on the 4th inst^o: from the United Discount Corporation Limited, 38 Lombard S^o: about his position and means, I told them candidly that his Bills on England had not been met, referred them to the Colonial Office List for his Salary and they seemed to think he was not worth doing business with. With regard to Mess^{rs}: G. C. Hoard & Co: starting an opposition Store as mentioned at N^o: 248 P. 16 the Directors consider it can only be done as you observe by our being able to supply good Stores, which we ought to do as cheap or even cheaper than they for genuine articles, and other legitimate rivalry, but certainly not by selling at a loss - perhaps joint action with Dean might be advantageous, but the whole Stores supply seems to me to be undergoing a change, M^o: Waldron is now supplying himself, Williams is entirely in Dean's hands and as you state the Stanley sales have decreased, and Shipping certainly does not call at the Colony, our shipments will have to be diminished and greater economy exercised as to service, stock on hand & at the Store, of course the Colony must feel the commercial depression now suffered all over the World and therefore the greater need for care in our business.

4. N^o: 248, 2. We have not heard anything more as to the Medical Man for Darwin and were not aware that the Company had engaged to build a House for him, should there be question on the point of a habitation we can now make a merit of providing one since

Frederick E. Cobb Esq
Colonial Manager,
Stanley.

you state that one room reserved for yourself would be sufficient.

5. Par 3. I regret that through the carelessness of the Clerks you have been deprived of the reports on 2467 Hides, Tallow & by the 'Earl Franig', we trust they went on by a later Despatch but as there is no record of this copies are now furnished. The Coals of 'Trosachs' though called Steam are very much used for House being preferred to 'Sunfall' as not breaking in shipment, they are an inland Coal from Leicestershire called 'Roaster', the 'Black Hawk' & this vessel have the same - we believe they will keep better ashore than the softer kind - we should like to have your ideas about a cargo of House Coals from the North direct, would 3 or 4,000 tons sell and keep, there is such a difficulty in securing sufficient keel ballast by our vessels thro' all our other goods being mostly dead weight or very heavy stuff, no fine or light measurement, Liverpool Salt could easily be got across though eventually I suppose this would not be required so much as the Wild Cattle are being killed off. We lately told you that Iron to make a jetty across from the W. Strand to the Margaret if she were sunk could not be sent without further particulars as to length, cost &c. but as the 'Margaret' leaks so badly & is such an expense for pumping would it not be possible to use the long balks of Ship Timber sent out by Macdon N Jan 76 and Wof Bray 29 Aug 76, for this purpose, it being presumed they are still on hand. Through some vessels having put into Stanley for repairs, this would turn expensive articles to account & save demurrage by enabling vessels with Tures to discharge at once.

6. Par 6. The Board thinks you have done well to retain Martin and send him to the River Plate to gain experience amongst the Tallow Works there, we trust he will make many improvements on his return: at Liebig's Factory he will see how the juice of the Meat from boiling down is evaporated to make the Extract and may be able to emulate his wife in this respect by turning this waste product at Goose Green to some account, though we must not attempt to compete with Liebig's Extract. We enclose Letter & Estimates from Messrs Glover & Son about Meat Preserving by their new process tried with reasonable success in the River Plate and should wish you to calculate whether such a matter could be commenced with a fair chance of success for it would answer the Co's purpose to hold out inducements of cheap meat and assistance in labour and machinery, to be able to dispose of the best joints which certainly cannot produce much Tallow - unfortunately these people from the R. Plate have such large ideas as to numbers of Cattle to work on & the business carried on all through the year, whereas our numbers are small & work can only be done at one season.

7. Par 7. I am sorry to find that we did not directly answer N. 247, 18 about using the Land Orders in the purchase of Sections 8 & 9 when the Leases are out, if you think this the right course the Directors will be satisfied - I had an idea you agreed to our proposition to buy various plots of land on the Sections North of Croisent Sound to secure water frontages there & thus prevent others wishing to purchase when those Leases expire, I see there will be sufficient in hand still to do this there being a balance of £4,177.16.9 equal to 20,893 acres.

8. Par 8. The Board is glad that you are getting on with the benches for the House, at the last moment it was thought best to engage a labourer so Walls was sent out, at that time we were not aware that labourers were so plentiful at Stanley, besides one

accustomed to assist a Bricklayer in House building, as Watts has done, will do far more work and be more useful than a mere working man - in reply to Par 11 the Trotsachs carried sufficient Lime & Cement for the House, and the 54,000 Bricks by this vessel with 3,000 out of the B. Hawk makes up the full number of Bricks.

9. Par 10. Though you asked for the Dividend Gratuity in Gold we sent Silver Specie having always understood that it was better because Gold went up to M. Vides & was hoarded, also that there was generally a dearth of small circulating coinage, should sales of Stores decrease and Wages have to be paid in Cash. as you intimated some time since, which would necessitate Specie being sent out, we ought to know beforehand the proper kind, if you can obtain Silver by drawing on the Directors it would be better to do so thereby saving freight and insurance.

10. Par 12. The Board cannot give a decided opinion as to the Government discontinuing the Royal Marines at the Falklands though it appears to them that it would lower the importance of the Colony, prevent proper order being kept and certainly decrease the expenditure of the place, besides we have always understood they were useful as working at small trades - we must however leave it to your better judgment to give an opinion for the Compt^{rs}; of course there should be a stipulation that the amount saved ought to be devoted to the improvement of the Colony (as you justly observe) on which point we have always been led to believe that there is great scope for action.

11. Par 14. Your complaints upon the Sails of the Fairy and Perseverance were forwarded to Mess^{rs} Laphorn, who are of opinion that we will make them stretch and fit properly, we trust this surmise may prove true as they assure us they were made according to the dimensions received from Stanley, pray look into this, the correspondence is enclosed for your guidance.

12. Par 18. If Mr. Bumpfords does not buy well for us it would surely be well to candidly tell him so and change, with such a business as he has he would not surely be annoyed at losing our little commission, especially as he would continue to act for us as to Steamer business & other matters, perhaps our little purchases of so many sundry stores may give him more trouble than profit, even should he take umbrage he could not neglect our through cargo as he must attend to the interests of the Royal Mail Company.

13. Par 19. If Mr. Burgess is so desirous of continuing business with the C^o: could he not be induced to bring out Timber and other goods at his own risk, he must know the market well now & the assortment of Stores suitable, if the New York Sheep Dip Tobacco proves the right thing that freight could be offered to him - did he offer to bring out Clothing, Provisions, Ironmongery &c because as you approve of his prices we might draw supplies from New York, even arranging for his vessel to bring home our Produce. Would Flour thence answer as you state in Par 20 that the Monte Videncis is not liked - meantime we think that if the Sparrow Hawk is not actively engaged she might with due precautions go round to Valparaiso, still the utmost care must be exercised that Captⁿ Campbell fully understands the route & has a good crew of the full number for working the vessel efficiently.

14. Par 23. The Directors are much pleased at learning that the Sheep are doing well and promise a good clip of Wool, trusting this will prove true funds being so much wanted - though the Wool market is improving in a slight degree we must look to better condition for higher prices and increasing quantity in comparison to the working expenses to keep up the profits of former years. The Directors regret that the division of their working Farm business should cause you uneasiness, they see no need for this state of things, the two Managers ought not to be in opposition to each other if decided rules have been laid down and the Board trusts you will visit obstructiveness or perversity with severity.

15. Referring to 519, 22 and 520, 8 we have now learned that the 18 bales Wool marked H. G. C. were a resale through their having been found unsuitable by the first buyer in consequence of being badly skirted, the price shows this as the second sale was at a lower ^{rate}, this is unfortunate as bringing discredit on the Falkland Wool and we wish Messrs H. G. Cobb to be warned to be more careful in cutting off the skirts in future, and sending them in separate bales properly described, for their own sake as well as in the interest of this Co. and other Sheep Farmers of the Colony.

16. Since our last we have been informed that a good plan of preserving Sheepskins is to salt the flesh side well, placing two flesh sides (being two skins) together and keeping them close in a pile, this has been confirmed by a letter from James Campbell or M. Video, detailing how the Butcher of the St. Elbe preserves his Sheepskins in the same way and stating that he would explain the process to you, we therefore trust this will be carried out as soon as possible for an early shipment for trial, a careful man being specially deputed to see it properly carried out.

17. In settling Messrs Fletcher's acct. for 'Black Hawk's' repairs they allowed something for the Deadlights leaking though they assured us the work was done by one of their best men, should you think it well to remove the lead placed over them at Dartmouth and can discover the reason of the leak, we wish to know to be able to inform Messrs Fletcher. As I cannot find any record of a detailed Inventory having been sent one is now forwarded to enable you to check Capt. Dixon's management - at the last moment I handed him two stamped Telegram forms, these not having been used in the Channel ought to be handed to you for use on one of our homeward bound ships. It was discovered that Wallace could not write, we have forbidden M. Call engaging such as cannot write in future. John Steel was disappointed in not being able to marry at the last moment, I promised to send out his sweetheart if possible and made arrangements for her to go now, but being young her Mother thought she had better wait until they heard how he was settled. Milne per 'Trosachs' had a Dog which was to have followed him in the 'Black Hawk', but was unfortunately lost at Euston Square when in charge of the Railway people; through the collar being imperfect the full value could not be obtained therefore they made a little compensation to Milne's Father.

18. Please tell Peter M. Levy that his Father is unable to earn much and requires a little assistance from him.

London. 39A. Gracechurch St. 30th Jan. 1878.
E.C.

N^o. 521. cont.

Falklands Islands Company.

19. N^o. 248, 4. We are informed that Mr. Dean has con-
-sented to advance Mr. Williams £12,500 nearly, paying off Elder
ourselves, his Firm, other debts & providing about £1400 for working
expenses and taking a first Mortgage on the Estate, we are promised
£983.5.2 in a day or two with interest, it being arranged that you are
to receive the balance of the surviving account at Stanley immediately
after the arrival of the next Mail.

20. Par 13. Respecting Insurance upon Goods in Island
Schooners application has been made to the British & Foreign Ins^r. Co.
but reply not yet received: it is considered at Lloyd's that an open
Policy for £2 or 3,000 could be instituted at perhaps 15/- of (fifteen
shillings per cent) on the understanding that every Mail brings
particulars of all shipments which would have to be written off and
paid at the time - would be 15/- to 20/- p.c. be paid by shippers at the
Colony - Congreve & Goddard are the Agents of the British & Foreign
Insurance Co^r at Montevideo.

21. Par 24. Copy of your letter to Messrs W & R. Wright about
the 'Star of India' was taken and the original sent to them: on the 19th
inst. we sent for them Telegram Oct N^o. 8 costing £14.14.8 "Tell
'Oliver owners agree first survey without replacing, bootopping, metal
'some height as before proceed Callao" - on enquiry at Lloyd's their
code would not simplify this to lessen the expense.

22. I ought to have said at the end of P. 19 that on the 23rd
inst. we despatched for Mr. Williams Telegram N^o. 9 Oct "Companion"
which we hope arrived at Montevideo before the Sparrow Hawk sailed
to enable you to hand this word to his wife according to former
advice - the charge £2.7. - was paid by himself.

23. The General Invoice by the 'Black Hawk' is one shilling
less than the Journal Entry through Buck & Hickman's packing being extra.

24. Mr. Waldron has chartered the Scht. Lily (of Ipswich)
147 tons Regt. with 5000 in Port Howard and Produce home at £650
with we believe £25 gratuity to Captain & unlimited supply of Beef -
we shall not therefore get his Hides & Wood this time: he has also
purchased for use at Islands the Scht. Yacht 'Peronelle', 70 tons meas.,
42 tons register, sending her out with cargo, she sailed from Gravesend
on 22nd & put into Ramsgate badly damaged on 24th - she was built
at Southampton in 1843 by Capt. Haus Busk & others for lifesaving
off the Goodwin's but has never done anything and was presented
by him to the National Life Boat Institution who sold her to Wal-
dron at £300 - she is a most unsuitable vessel being slightly built,
iron fastened, therefore only sheathed with zinc, had a centre board
which has been taken out of her & a rudder like a barge - diagonal
planking inside fore & aft outside, therefore most difficult to repair:
it is a pity his Broker did not come here for some advice before
buying such a craft, it is said £8 or 900 has been laid out on her
after purchase but it is barely credible - Capt. Eger has seen Capt.
Palford of 'Lily' & Capt. Ferson of 'Peronelle' giving them instruc-
-tions, the latter only takes her out for a fixed sum we understand.

25. I now approach a difficult matter, we have been strongly advised to get rid of the 'Vicar of Bray' but how to do this without a heavy loss will be a difficult thing, she is said to be much changed and the underwriters say she must go into dry dock before another voyage for recoppering, we wished to avoid this knowing it would lead to an awful expense - we are told the best plan would be to exchange her with a shipbuilder for a new vessel but is it advisable to own a vessel for trading with the Islands when they cannot be fully employed, coming home in ballast sometimes only lying up here, one of our size being too large to send to Valparaiso for Flour or to the North for Coals, besides we can always charter just the sized vessel required almost as cheaply considering Insurance, Docks Charges, Captain's & Shipkeeper's wages always running out, of course Demurrage at Islands should be carefully considered but as more vessels are loaded there this can be avoided through fixed regulations being made - again the Royal Mail Co. have reduced their freight to Montevideo to 3% to 4% - as per special rates herewith, which are likely to be continued, this would enable the Co. to utilize their Mail Packet by sending a small consignment of fine goods every three months - rough goods such as Bricks, Coals, Pall, Fencing, Timber &c. would have to be shipped separately as occasion needed, there is always a difficulty with these with every vessel through their proving too much deadweight, this time we have had to take out 10 perhaps 15 to 20 tons Coals and have sent some ^{cases goods} by the Steamer of 9th prox^o, having warned Humphreys on 18th inst. that this might have to be done, I am sorry to have taken out the Coals but could not get at other heavy cases or goods. We have written to ask Humphreys if she could be sold there, she is too short for the Norwegians for a Timber vessel & does not shift without ballast - would she answer if she carried with fine and sent out for a hulk, but that runs the risk of heavy repairs when docked, thenails must be renewed & no one knows the end when once an old vessel is commenced to be pulled about. Capt. Dyer has been consulted on all the above, so you may safely advise with him, we should be sorry to lose him being such a careful man & having the Co's interest at heart, he says he would command the 'Black Hawk' for 2 or 3 years if necessary. The Directors expect your full report on this by return Mail if possible to enable proper arrangements to be made.

26. The Times of 18th inst. will inform you of the sad Perrott and Melfacre at Sandy Point, how fortunate we looked so closely into the proposed Elizabeth Island Speculation & declined same - unless you took steps before this ruination of the place occurred to obtain the Debt due from Shanklin & Hamilton we fear the chance of obtaining it now is but small.

I remain,

Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
J. Coleman
J.C.

Enclosures per "Vicar of Bray" 31st Jan 1878-

Dup Dec N^o 520 and Trip N^o 519 2 to 6 Oct 22 & 24 Dec 77-

Letter Coleman to Clay, Langam, Baillon Bros
do for Dean Sons, Callaghan & Tallack, James Watts, W Malldron & Darby
" Dixon for Evans Mottet Video.

Journal Ledger Entries N^o 7

General Invoice £ & Detailed Invoices

List of Cargo for Others Remarks on Stores

Land Order N^o 51 Part 1 for £100

Munro's Agreement as Shepherd dated 28 Jan
do Receipt for Advance £2

Sheep Veterinarian Certificate dated 25 Jan

Copy of Letter Dr re Ale dated 10 Dec 77

" " Frost Prot. re Rope " 19 " "

" " Rowson's " Pitches " 29 Jan 78 & Credit Note £5.5/-

" " Lamb Horns " Sails " 16 " " & 22 Jan -

" " N. British Policy for Wool & Hides

" " Report on Wool. ex "Erl Koenig"

" " " " Hides " do

" " " " Tallow " do

" " Glover's Dr re Meat Preserving dated 15 Jan

" " "Vicars" Certificate for Fletcher & Capt. Cundy
"Black Hawks" Invention

Settlers' % Sales R & H Bico Skins

HB 2 " do } ex "Erl Koenig"
" 1 " do }

55 1/2 % Sales "Stock" }
R & H 2 " " " " "Black Hawk"

Invoice for Fairbairns for "Black Hawks" Groceries £4.4/-

Dock Weights of 16 Lbds Tobacco

List of Shut out Goods

F. Mortons Fencing Particulars

Circular about Zucfato's Patent Papyrograph

do Edinborough V.C. 31 Dec 77 -

do Calvert's 26th Sheep Wash

Copy Remedy for Foot Rot from "Times"

Catalogue of Seeds, Barrs & Legder's

Lunds Prices of Cordage, Paints &:-

Royal Mail Books

N^o. 522.
P. R. M. S. V.
Elbe

London, 39A. Gracechurch St. 8th Feb^r. 1878.
E.C.

Falklands-Islands Company.

Sir,
Enclosing Duplicate of our last by the 'Vicar of Bray' on the 30th ult. we have the pleasure of reporting that she sailed from Deal early on the 2nd inst. with a favorable wind so trust she has had a good run out of Channel.

2. Referring to Par 9 where we answer your complaint about our having sent Silver Specie for the Dividend Gratuity instead of Gold as you asked, we learn that Capt^m. Packer ships by this S^t. £350 in Silver Specie, also the Government £500 in silver being florins, by your account therefore the Colony will be overstocked with Silver Coinage, though other people seem to think it the right thing to send; should you require Cash at a future time pray let us know the exact coins suitable. As the Royal Mail Co. had not instituted a rate for Specie from Montevideo to Stanley, it is proposed to charge half per cent, seven shillings & sixpence (7/6) going to the Co. for Schwoner freight, two shillings & sixpence (2/6) to Humphreys for transshipment expenses, this arrangement reported to him by present mail is subject to his confirmation on which he is requested to write you.

3. In continuation of Par 24 the 'Lily' passed Deal on 3rd inst. the 'Peronelle' has put back leaky with rudder damaged & boarded her at Gravesend after leaving the 'Vicar', Capt^m. Fern spoke most unfavorably of her, it is said a new keel is to be put into her, but it would be madness to patch up such a weak built craft; the 'Lily' was offered money to call at Ramsgate for her cargo but declined perhaps she may have taken it at Gravesend, we feel sure Waldron will lose heavily in this matter and are sorry for him.

4. Respecting Par 25 - 17 tons Coals were taken out of the 'Vicar of Bray' and sold at cost price by the Stevidore, even when she was full deep at Gravesend after receiving Compressed Hay, Sheep Pens, Raisin, Provender &c. though some heavy Provisions, Tobacco &c. were left out and are forwarded by this Steamer as per List enclosed. When replying about advisability of owning a vessel or not, mind you bear in mind that Ballast has to be provided for our own vessels and ought to be mentioned in Charter parties for vessels taken up as Owners will expect us to find it or inform them the cost of so doing which would be an item in the cost of the charter to the Company. we have already mentioned the time consumed at the Islands which is a most serious consideration, but if Waldron's example is followed we shall not carry the produce of other settlers & smaller vessels will be needed which can be loaded quicker.

5. You asked us to allow a parcel to go out for Broome the Leg^t House keeper, number was sent his friends but it did not come to the Dock, on enquiry we learn he sent an order to the Port of London Co-operative Society for £70 (Seventy Pounds) but not remitting Cash the goods were not supplied, this appears to be another instance of private people getting out Stores for sale.

Frederick C. Cobb Esq
Colonial Manager
Stanley.

6. Referring to 521,20 we learn now that the British & Foreign Insurance Co. would feel disposed to open an Agency at the Falklands if you will send them full particulars of the shipments of goods, description of vessels, risks run by: and the premiums you think the owners would pay - they cannot give an idea as to the premium to be charged until they are furnished with the fullest details you can render.

7. In continuation of Par 19 we can now report that Mr. Dean has assisted Mr. Williams as follows -

Loan on Mortgage	10,500	- paying Elder	7,250
" " " " 1874/8	1,350	Dea. Hou	2,470
" " " " of this year	400	B. P. Co.	983
	<u>£ 12,550</u>		

which leaves him a reasonable amount for current expenses. As this Mortgage Deed has to be registered at Stanley to make the Security valid, our debt cannot be paid now as was expected, but £ 983 is deposited by Mr. Dean at the London Joint Stock Bank at interest, which will be handed to us by Mr. Dean on his learning from Stanley that his mortgage is registered & gives him a legal claim to the Estate - the interest allowed, which is very small, belongs to us, but we lose the claim to 5% for which we had intended to hold out for, but having no security were obliged to agree to this arrangement - the balance of 5.5.2 and any running account at Stanley you will claim of Mr. Williams on his arrival - enclosed is copy of Dean's Letter of 6th inst. detailing this matter. We understand you will be furnished as Elder's representative with legal documents & particulars, which will enable you to understand this complicated affair better than we can - and we trust the whole matter will be arranged satisfactorily. Of course Mr. Williams' business will now be conducted by Messrs. Dean & Son, the Board desires therefore that all transactions with Williams, which Messrs. Dean cannot attend to, are to be put Cash down. Mr. Williams' retires by the present Season.

8. We send statement showing that the Black Hawk's Repairs, Alterations & outfit have cost £ 1755.7.4, which will be added to her value in our Books - she is insured for £ 4,000. Also Statement of the Vicar of Brays' Expenses here £ 648.11.1 with other accounts for your guidance - we have not reported that she conveyed for the Board of Trade 93 tons Oil for Cape Pembroke Lighthouse, freight paid here.

9. We anticipate that we need not forward Piores until the Mail of 23 June, which will give ample time for you to send home orders after receiving intelligence of the late shipments - and we might combine sending out a few Shepherds by her should you need any from England for the increase of the flocks.

I remain,
 Sir,
 Your obedient Servant,
 J. Coleman
 Dec 9

No. 522

8th February, 1875

The Secretary
of the F. S. G. B.

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Enclosures for Elbe 8th Feb^r 1878.

Dup Des N^o 521.

- to Cobb, Clay Langdon, Steel & Bailton p^r Vicar 30 Jan
- ✓ Letter, Dyer, Dixon, & C. Smith & M^{rs} Geoman 8 Feb
- ✓ " " Cobb for Capt^m Laws
- " " Dyer do
- " " Pacey for his Wife

Journal Ledger Entries N^o 62.

- Vicar of Bray's Bill of Lading dated 31 Jan
- General Invoice for Goods p^r Vicar & Elbe £5353.0.2
- List of Cargo for Others p^r Vicar of Bray
- List of Cargo p^r Elbe & shut out of Vicar
- ✓ Land Order for £100 N^o 51 part 2.

Epitome of Vicar of Bray's Cargo Out 30 Jan & Remarks on Stores
Copy of Deans' l^r 6 Feb re Williams

Corrected Inv for Ardold £48. 19. 0 } p^r Vicar of Bray

Copy " " " Sturgeon

Eldrid's " for Harness Rings 2. 8. 0

Rownson's " " Ironmongery 25. 3. 7

Hewitt's of " Veritas Books 1. 5. 0 } p^r Elbe

Irving's Charges on Tobacco 0. 5. 0

Yates's " Provisions 0. 4. 1

Copy of Gordon's " of
Account of Vicar's Expenses.

Meager's Dup Inv £22. 10. 7 for Sheep Pens
Cost of Blackhawk's Repairs

Copy of Account Sale of 236 Hides £250. 10. 11

" " " " " 7 13cks Tallow 118. 6. 8

" " " " " 1ty Sheepskins 205. 10. 3

" " Enthoven's of " Old Metal 51. 17. 6

"Vicar of Bray"

- Rough Memo of Stores not sent out as ordered
- ✓ James, Landl Water, Lloyds Reg. Sups, Veritas Books, Harness
- ✓ Rings, Royal Mail Co's Freight Books & Papers -
- Copy of Scarth's l^r 31 Dec 77.

Those ticked are in Case N^o 2325.

N^o 523.
P. R. M. S^r.
Guadiana

Corporation of the
Futland Islands Co.

London 23rd March 1878.

Sir, Our last went forward on the 8th ult. as per Duplicate enclosed - on the 13th ult. we received your Despatch N^o 249, with Enclosures, dated 2nd Jan^y last.

2. N^o 249, 3. We are glad to hear the American Tobacco from New York for Sheep Dips is expected to be as efficacious as that from London being so much cheaper; after trial if it answers we presume you will order direct from New York or furnish us with particulars as to quantity, time for arrival &c. to enable us to order it. Mr. Burgess talks of forwarding some if he makes a shipment as he knows the kind and Mess^{rs} Timmermann & Co. the suppliers of that by the 'Annie R. Storer' - by your statement of the cost of this the expenses mounted to as much as 75 per cent, enclosed are particulars & remarks upon our shipments last year.

3. Par 5. In answering N^o 517, 6. you do not notice our remarks about the retrogression of the Comp^y. as regards profits and the Balance Sheet for last year affords a most melancholy proof of the justice of the observation, as the profit on the Island Administration is reduced nearly half: the Accounts have not yet been fully audited but we fear it will prove true; the following statements have been drawn to try to elucidate this matter but unfortunately to the present without result.

Company's Produce from 1870 to 1877 showing that last year it realized £1,000 less - and that there was not much increase in the Wool quantity -

Stock of Sheep & Cattle from 1870 to 77 showing that the Sheep do not increase so fast as formerly - this return may not be entirely reliable through the years 74 to 77 not being entered on printed forms as formerly with Births &c., which Forms the Board desires may be made up for those years and continued in future.

Company's Servants at Islands } showing increase in numbers
do Wages " do } and amount

Analyses of Farm and Store Accounts

Wool Prices for 'Erl Koenig' & 'Black Hawk' last Autumn being even lower than in early part of 1877.

The Directors wish you to seriously consider all these documents and endeavour if possible to find some plan to make the concern more profitable in future.

4. Par 7. We hardly think you can call £270 a very large amount for Timber to fill up the 'Trossachs', it was sent to avail of the vacant space, so really need not be charged freight if used for the Co., and because we were told the 'Lauratta's' Timber was not suitable for outside work.

Frederick E. Cobb Esq
Colonial Manager
Stanley.

5. Par 10. We regret to hear that James Campbell's place as Subverser has been filled and thus he is not entitled to the £100 a year he receives upon his new Agreement - you did not inform us that his Wages should be reduced if he did not return in time to continue his former duties, he writes very considerably on the subject and hopes soon to be placed so as to earn the extra pay he receives.

6. Par 11. I had no idea that parts of our Duplicates were ever illegible and have taken steps to prevent your suffering inconvenience on this point in future.

7. Par 12. We shall wait your further report about Rams before shipping any more of any breed, Dean is again shipping 12 Romney Marsh Ram Lambs by 'Sea Witch' as before from Piper of Hawkhurst - also no more Fencing must be sent until it is decided which is the best kind, enclosed are a few particulars about Standards with notches for the wire instead of holes to avoid the time & trouble of reeving the wire through the latter, but they have not been sufficiently tried yet: Hobbs may send some for Holmsted & Blake, also solid Wire which is much cheaper - at our request he has delayed this cargo until next Mail as you wish the 'Black Hawk' down quickly. The Directors are much gratified that the drying sheds at Goose Green & Stanley answer for preparing the Sheepskins in a better manner, & they trust this improvement will add to our income.

8. Par 13. The Board wish as many Cattle to be kept up as the disposable land will allow as the Hides bring in a very good income, it is presumed also that their meat is a source of supply for the Shepherd's food and that some are occasionally boiled down - how many acres are required for each animal?

9. Par 8. Respecting copies of Correspondence with your Subordinates, it is only necessary to send full copies when a decision upon a matter has to be made by the Board, in other matters only an epitome is required.

10. Par 14. The Directors regret exceedingly that there should have been such delay and carelessness in this Office as to necessitate your remarks upon the want of the Earl Hoening's Account Sales &c and have given orders to prevent a recurrence of it, the greater part went in N^o 520 on 22 Dec 77, some few in the last Despatch on the 8th ult^o: the necessary examination into this matter shows that the Reports &c upon the Vicar of Bray's Produce & Dec^r last have not been sent and the omission is now made good.

11. Par 16. Upon your explanation about Canvas we contentedly withdraw the remarks about your not having sent home some of the Island stock for the Black Hawk's use here and I am sorry that I did not understand the matter better.

12. Par 18. On receiving your complaint of the high price we pay for Sulphur in comparison with Dean and Williams we wrote Messrs Penner, who assert that theirs is a superior article better suited for dissolving in water for Sheep Dip, but that they can supply a cheaper kind if you think it well to use it: as to the casks charged 3/6 each they will allow 2/6 each for all returned, they are strong ironbound casks quite tight as we consider it would be false policy to send Sulphur in poor casks as it might leak so much, still if you can return the casks there will be so much saved in the cost.

It is singular you should quote Dean as buying cheaper than ourselves, if so he is not satisfied with the article obtained as he has given Fenner an order for Sulphur the same quality & price that we pay. We furnished Messrs Fenner with the Receipt & particulars of the Lime & Sulphur Sheep Dip with request that they would make experiments on some in their Laboratory, this has been kindly done in a most careful manner as per correspondence herewith - the more expensive Sulphur was a lighter colored residuum much finer grained than the cheaper Sulphur and has melted more in the water, which appears to show that it is hardly worth while for 25 per cent to use an article which does not dissolve so well, still we wait your trials in large quantities and will ship whichever sort you think best. The Chairman met a New Zealand Farmer on the Continent lately who assured him that the Scab had been eradicated in that Colony by the use of Tobacco and Sulphur.

13. Par 19. With respect to the uncertainty in our Agreements respecting passage back to England the Board has now ordered the following clause to be inserted after the words "again to England" - in such vessel as the Colonial Manager for the time being shall in his absolute discretion appoint. At the last printing on 26 Nov 77 we added after "immediate Superior Officer" it being understood that the said --- is liable to immediate dismissal without compensation in case of idleness or disobedience. It is also determined to write at end of all future Agreements - The said --- to be liable to immediate dismissal should he give way to intemperance. I just find that this clause was commenced on 28 Jan 78 with R. Munro of V of Bray.

Par 22. We have no copy of Hardy's Agreement so must leave you to decide about the passage according to the terms of the same.

14. Par 21. We have written twice to George Patterson's Father about his Sons but cannot get an answer: I do not remember any special agreement beyond that they were to come out in one of the Co's vessels at as cheap a rate as possible so must bear them in mind at our next shipment.

15. Par 25. We could never have offered Walter Jamieson different arrangements to all other Shepherds so his idea about board must be a mistake on his part, of course all are found habitation or houses, called Lodgings in the Agreement, this word Lodgings ought to be altered as some might think it implied bedding, attendance &c and yet to put a House the single Shepherds might expect a house to themselves instead of a room in a married man's house, if you think any alteration should be made give us the words as understood in the Colony and new Agreements shall be printed, as these inserted clauses are liable to be mistaken.

16. Par 27. Though you report that Cameron has left the Co because he could not obtain further advances, the Board adhere to their principle not to make heavy advances beyond the value of Produce to be shipped.

17. Par 28. The Directors are pleased to see that you have been looking round the Camp, the intelligence is most

interesting and your personal inspection must be beneficial - we consider it is very creditable for John King to have managed his flock so well - we are glad to hear your Brothers' Sheep are in such good order this shows the benefit of the master's eye in farming - North Arm Station will doubtless prove most serviceable, we trust it is well located for sea approach, particular care must be taken to report what sort of Iron Wire Fencing is most suitable for future use. The Directors trust your anticipations of an increased clip of Wool of better quality may be realized, it is a satisfaction to them that there is such a marked improvement from the plan of dipping immediately after shearing since they first proposed this as the right course for curing the Seal.

18. Paras 34, 37. We cannot give further advice upon the Mail Contract than what we have already done, it will be almost impossible for this Despatch to reach you by 1st May next, the date fixed by the Government for receiving the new Contracts, as in ordinary cases that would be five days before the regular time, and one day more is lost this month through the 24th falling on a Sunday, we have however attended to your wish for there to be no cargo by requesting Hobbs to postpone a shipment of Iron Wire Fencing and Galvanized Roofing for Holmsted Blake until next Mail, there is only one case from this Office, with a parcel of £100 Silver Specie for Packe, so that there will be no delay at Montevideo. I also write to the Captain & Purser of the 'Guadiana' to be as quick as possible. I have told H. Imphrey the urgent need of despatch. Should the C^o not be successful in getting another Contract full detailed arrangements must be made for utilizing the 'Black Hawk' in fetching our chests and conveying Stores shipped hence by the Steamers.

19. Par 33. The Board deplors that Fall's behaviour is not so good as it ought to be, if after a little more trial you find matters not improved he had better be dismissed, since you could resume the management of the Northern Stations having such a competent Overseer in George Patterson, or Clay might be appointed Camp Manager, but this would take him from the Co. Firehold which ought to have the utmost attention and lead to expense, as he would be asking higher salary besides the appointment of the 3 or 4 Superintendents he mentions, and now that Farms are established quite in the South of Tasmania supervision from Darwin would be difficult, entailing also great loss of time in travelling about; the Directors must however leave it to your discretion to make the best arrangement possible under all the circumstances.

20. Par 35. The scale of fees for the Medical Man at Darwin appears to be suitable, I regret however to inform you that we learned from the Colonial Office that this appointment is postponed in consequence of the proposal for the removal of the Royal Marines from the Colony, we immediately wrote them on the 5th inst. as per copy enclosed, objecting to the removal of the R. Marines & urging the appointment of a Medical Man at Darwin, we trust that on receipt of our 521, so you informed the Government that the Board did not approve of their leaving and now of course our objections are very much strengthened since their Doctor would be lost to the Colony thus leaving only the Civil Doctor at Stanley & preventing our people getting one: we were told the Governor has applied for leave of absence so the matter may not be settled until his arrival in London.

Corporation of the
Falkland Islands Co.

N^o. 523.
continued.

London 23rd March 1878.

21. Par 36. Since writing 519, 16. about sale of Stores to Bonner at 3/ea we had discovered that you did report this sale in 235, 19. but the transaction is not recorded in the Journal as it ought to have been.

22. We have had a visit from Mr. Burgess of New York who strongly urged us to advance upon a cargo of Stores to be shipped by Berlaux 16; this we declined but gave him a list of useful Stores for his guidance on which he drew up a List & wrote us as per copies herewith - as he knows our market a shipment from the States might prove most useful and save us the expense & trouble of shipping, for as the Directors have sent such valuable cargoes lately it is determined not to execute your Patent 17 of 31 Dec 77 until the 1st of 23 June, unless your next Despatch particularly urges something for 8 May - after receipt of that Despatch we are to write Burgess what is arranged as it would not be fair to him to stock the market with our goods, and you will see he has undertaken to write immediately he arrives at New York whether a cargo could be purchased & shipped, it would be a good plan to get out a quantity of Coals as Burgess says the Nova Scotian are very good House Coals. We have ordered a Boomer Wool Press for North Arm, having heard excellent accounts of them, to be ready for 8 May or 23 June - mail, but fear there may be difficulty in shipping Stores by the R. Mail Co. as it is reported that if their Steamers call at the N. Brazilian Ports during the fever season cargo for Mt. Video will have to be landed at Flores Island - the Pacific Co. and Lanport's advertise direct Steamers but this might not tie in with our Mail Letter Bags. The R. Mail Co. wish the rate of Freight for Specie from Mt. Video to Stanley at 10/- (Ten shillings) per cent to include other valuables such as watches, jewellery, silverplate &c.

23. We have not received the Landing Certificate of the Emigrant P. Vicar of Bray 7 June 77 to enable us to claim 5 sine Pounds the second moiety of his passage money.

24. Gilchrist's Action against the Co. was tried at Guildhall on 13/14 ult. and a verdict given in our favor, unfortunately his Solicitor has obtained a rule for another argument on a point which is to come off next Term, I could not find a single Newspaper with any report of it.

25. I am happy to report that Messrs Tyler & Co. have allowed £50.12.6 for the two Wool Boxes returned by the Co. of 13 Dec 77 - we understand they will be converted for an Hydraulic Press they are making for Dean - the box for the Boomer Wool Press will be the sizes you give in 249, 15. as best, viz: 54 in long, 54 in high, 24 in broad.

26. The Colonial Office have favored us with specimens of the 6 and 1 Postage Stamps sent out on 8 ult. for use of the Falkland Islands, the Post Office writes this mail to the Stanley authorities to make application for admission to Postal Union, please urge this. We require ten shillings worth of 6 and 3 of penny for distribution, all new.

27. The 'Sea Witch' arrived from Stanley on 28th ult., enclosed is account of her cargo, she sails again next week.

28. We have been requested by Capt^l. Nicholas late of the 'Allen Gardiner' to enquire whether Francis Gummer who went to the Falklands some years ago is still there, he is a seafaring man with a Foreign Masters Certificate, please learn what you can about him.

29. Since dropping and the order for the foregoing your Despatch N^o. 250 of 31 Jan^r. arrived on the 20th - we are glad to hear of the arrival of 'Tropachs', she has done very well considering what bad weather she experienced in the Channel.

30. Par 2. We are glad to hear that a much less quantity of Tobacco will be used this dipping as from the great weight lately shipped there may probably be sufficient for next years dipping, pray keep us well informed on this point - we must report this to Burgeys to prevent him shipping too much.

31. Par 4. The box of Specie was entered on the Bill of Lading being N^o. 10035 - the 320 Seal ends from Gordon appear to have been omitted though in my cargo book and doubtless entered in the Mate's cargo book: we can hardly complain of the shortness of these when my letter of 31 Oct^r told you they were obliged to be short in order to reeve down, as the vacant space would not admit of long timber, but as you state at Par 10 that the stowage by Gordon is frequently bad we must make some alteration.

32. Par 5. It is good that you are able to get on so quickly with the House - we are glad to hear the Men sent out Pacey, Oliver and Watts were of this house are approved of especially the former of whom you give a most excellent character: we cannot understand how there will be difficulty in picking out the House Timber from the Store Timber as all the former was marked H whereas the latter is shipped without any mark.

33. Par 6. As the New York Tobacco is reported weak for Sheep Lips it will not come much less expensive than ours if more is used, when you say double would be cheaper you are mistaken as by statement herewith you will perceive that most of our's lately has cost 6 1/2% landed, even with 25% added for freight & exp^s though 20% would be sufficient, whereas the American cost 3 1/2% landed by your own statement: as you justly observe this matter requires most careful attention, of course hogsheads vary in quality but since the cheap answers the purpose we must try for that sort.

34. Par 7. Your report about so much Wool coming home by the 'Tropachs' is very encouraging, I can assure you the Cash is most urgently needed our debts at the present time being some^{thing} terrible, the Board trusts you will lose no chance of remitting whatever cash can be spared.

35. Par 12. The wages question is a difficult matter, as they have risen here so much we are obliged to give more year by year, we noticed John Campbell's wages were high but he would not accept less and wanting men we considered it better to engage a man who would understand his work the moment he lands, as we have been told that a stranger takes even months before he comes into proper work, this is feasible, and all the time his wages are running on without a dequate service being obtained, if the men coming down from Montevideo suit this difficulty will be overcome as you can make your own terms.

36. Par 13. You are right about the head of the Hydraulic Press for Sheepskins not being on board the "Prospect" with the other parts - it was only on 17 Nov, that it ^{has} been kept back on account of breakage in transit by rail from Tyler's manufactory at Luton, when orders were immediately given for a new head to go by "Black Hawk" N^o. 207 so we hope this will arrive in time to be erected for use, Tyler are not to blame for railway damages but it was unfortunate it was part of machinery which rendered the rest useless, though it would not prevent the lower part, with ram, being commenced erecting.

37. Par 16. Paragraph 23 of this Despatch shows that the sale of Sheep to Bonner was omitted to be noticed: our 521, 15, exonerates you Brothers from having shipped their Wool to other people besides ourselves.

38. In addition to the remarks in par: 3 I am ordered to say that the disastrous falling off in the nett profits of last year is mainly, if not entirely, in the Expenditure on labour and materials and not appreciably in the receipts - and with reference to par: 19, although the Board leave to you the re-adjustment of the staff at the Farm, they are not prepared to sanction any increase in the total sum paid in salaries for supervision, especially as the flocks have increased so inappreciably of late. If Fell be dismissed his salary would be available for distribution, if really necessary, among additional superintendents, and in making some slight increase to Mr. Clay's salary in the event of his undertaking the whole Camps. The Board would like to have a comparative statement of the proportion of Shepherds to Sheep now and for some years past, which, with thorough supervision and clean flocks ought to be diminishing.

39. Referring to par 35, the Board does not see why all wages should be raised because an old servant has been re-engaged at wages commensurate with his knowledge of the work to be done.

40. Referring to par 13 & 15 - another alteration has been made in the Shepherds' Agreements by adding the words "at any time" after "determine on" this Agreement "in last Clause - and in the return next addition the words for "the time being" are struck out - another altered copy is therefore now enclosed, showing that instead of "Lodgings" we shall insert "unfurnished House or Lodgings at the Colonial Manager's discretion" - for next engagements we must have some printed with these alterations.

I remain,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Coleman

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P. S. We regret to state that the Enchanter's Bill £ 501. 6. 4 has not been accepted by Mr. Badfield he being in difficulties, we hope to get Capt. Tofts to pay it out of the freight: it is insured for £ 100 at 2% - she has not yet arrived at Liverpool though spoken on 8 inst 36 N, 37 W.

1823

23rd. March. 1823

The Secretary
of the S. G. S.

Enclosures for Goadiana 23 Mch 1878.

- ✓ Dup Des N^o 522 and Trip 521
- ✓ do to Capt. Dyer, Dixon, Christy, Smith 8 Feb
- ✓ Letter ^{both} to Clay & German from Secretary
- ✓ do " Dyer for Langdon at Stanley rec. 13 Feb, Cobb from M. C. Weyler ^{Weyler}
- for Ministro from Maria M^o Rae, M^o Harris Mate of Vot Bray from his wife for John Oliver (Bricklayer) from his wife
- Journal Ledger Entries N^o 63 & Remarks on des N^o 65.
- General Invoice £4.17.6 & Detailed Invoices
- Balance Sheet 31 Dec 77 & Prof Statement showing Profit for year }
 ✓ Epitomes of London & Stanley Balance Sheets Profit & Loss }
 1875, 6, 7 } 1876, 7 }
- ✓ do F. S. Administration 1870 & Detailed 7/1875
- ✓ Analysis Farm 7/1872 & Store 7/1872
- ✓ Assignments of Stores 1876
- ✓ Company's Produce 1870
- ✓ Wool Prices 1877 also for Clay
- ✓ Extra List of Stores left out of Vot Bray
- ✓ Cargo Statements & Produce by Vot Bray, Carl Koenig & B. Hawk
- ✓ "Hatch's" Cargo Home 1 Mch 78
- ✓ Sheet Return of Sheep & Cattle 1870 & Sale of Sheep
- ✓ List of Co's Servants at Islands 1870 & Wages at Islands
- ✓ Alphabetical Lists Sagonia Stations }
 ✓ Chart of Sagonia with Farms only } for Clay
- ✓ Cost of Sea Tobacco here landed June 30 77
- ✓ Agreement with new clauses for dismissal for idleness, drunkenness and intemperance - Returns by any vessel - also one with corrected additions
- ✓ Copy of letter to Elliott 18 Feb & their reply 19th re Biggs' Batts
- ✓ " " " " Col^o Office 5 Mch & their reply 21st re Medical Man
- ✓ " " " " Farmer 19 Feb & his reply 25th Feb & 4 Mch re Sugar
- ✓ " " " " for Bolling 4 Mch re Stock Notes for Wool Bales
- ✓ " " " " Blackie 4 & 12 Mch & Francis of Iron Standards
- ✓ " " " " Burgis 10, 13 Mch & Sec^y of Land & Tobacco contracts
- ✓ Mr Alpin's 7/1877 for Cobb £4.0.6 and £5.6.6 - 12 Mch & Burgess list of Goods supplied
- ✓ Clear of Brays " " £3.8.0
- ✓ 1 Dec 77 - Report 23rd Officers
 1654 Sheepskins ✓
 13 Casks Tallow ✓
 9 " Oil ✓
 Acc^y Sales 6 bds Hair £2.7.3 ✓
 Old Iron 13.2.10 ✓
 " Junk & Bags 3.8.6 ✓
- Black Hawk
- ✓ 20 Nov 77 - Report 8 Bales Sheepskins ✓
- ✓ Clay's Price List of Ammunition
- ✓ Bill Jones's Price List of Confectionery

Those ticked are enclosed in Case for Office

N^o 524. Corporation of the
S. Sea Witch. Falkland Islands Co.

London 2nd April 1878.

Sir, Enclosing Duplicate of our last on 23rd ult. we have now to acknowledge your Despatch N^o 251 of 16th Feb. with Enclosures, which arrived yesterday evening.

2. Par 7. After our observations in last Despatch upon the reduction of Profits we are made more hopeful for the future by your report upon the present good condition of our Buildings Working Plant &c, and the little need there is for further outlay on this head, with due care therefore on your part to keep the expenses down and only increase the Plant &c where absolutely necessary, we may anticipate a better Dividend for this year than we shall be able to declare for last year, the position you describe ought to continue as it has taken many years to accomplish.

3. Pars 13, 14. The Board does not think it advisable to touch the making of Essence of Meat at present - they are sorry to learn that Alderley the Butcher behaves so badly, as his Agreement did not have clause for dismissal if intemperate you had better give him notice that drunkenness will lead to his discharge without compensation or the privilege of a passage home - all the Agreements will henceforth be altered as mentioned in our last.

4. Par 18. We are glad that you are getting on so well with the 'Troisachs' as to enable her to sail about 26th March, though you observe the 'Vicar' would take all left behind we hope everything ready has been put on board as the money value is so much required.

5. Par 22. Thanks for Draft on Dean for 519. 19. 5 accepted this day and the promise of further remittances next Mail.

6. Despite our endeavours to prevent cargo going by last Mail we find 2 1/2 tons Iron Wire Fencing was shipped for Holmstedt & Blake, being in small packages for transshipment we trust it will not delay the 'Black Hawk' and that Humphreys will decline it if it has to go to Flores Island, which the Schooners will now have to do as fever has broken out in the Brazilian Ports. As you agree to our proposals we shall now delay shipping George until 23rd June Mail, but can hardly send out the Iron Tanks & Wire Fencing unless lower rate is obtained from Steamers, the Wooden House you also order must of course wait for a sailing vessel; as to above we must be guided by what Burgo's ships if he decides on sending a cargo, enclosed is copy of letter to him this day - he stated you had given orders for 2 or 3 Wood Houses.

7. From Humphreys' description we fear Martin has learned but little about Fallow Melting &c in the River Plate, we should like to know how much this trip has cost the Company in addition to his absence from duties at Stanley.

8. Denis' Wool ex 'Sea Witch' was sold on 23rd ult. at rather lower prices than expected 9 to 10 - the Brokers tell me today we must not anticipate better prices, if War breaks out there will be a fall in value.

9. As Bishop Stirling is coming home for the Conference of Bishops in July would it not be well to give him particulars of the

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debt 24.15.8 due by the South American Missionary Society in order that he may explain the matter here. Venable this debt now owing some years to be recovered.

10. We are informed that Capt^m R. M. Cully J. has purchased the Sch^t. 'Village Girl', 95 tons Register, and is loading in Belfast for the Islands, if we can learn further particulars they shall be sent. The 'Peronelle' is being repaired at a great expense, she cannot be ready for sea until the middle of next month.

11. The Boomer Wool Press for North Arm will be sent by the 23 June Steamer.

I remain,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Coleman
Sec^y.

Enclosures.

Duplicate No 523.

Triplicate " 522.

Duplicate Letter to Clay No 7.

do Coleman to Cobb, Yeoman 23 Mch 78.

do Enclosures of Desptⁿ 523.

Letter for Watts received 25 Mch 78.

Edenborough No^s 2 Catalogues of Sale of Dean's Wool
ex 'Sea Witch' - 23 Mch 78.

Copy Letter to Pite 22 Mch, 2 Apr 78

" " " Tongue " " Reply 28 Mch } at Colonial

" " " Arnold 26 " " " " } Manager's House

" " " Burgets of New York 2 Apr 78.

Times 16 Mch, left out of bundle #. last Mail.

Land & Water 30 Mch

Voyage of the Challenger by Sir C. Wyville Thomson
2 volumes Macmillan 1877.

Corporation of the
Falkland Islands Co.
London 3rd May 1878.

N^o. 525.
D^r. R. M. S^r. Elbe.

Sir, Our last was dated the 2nd ult. by the 'Sea Witch' which passed the Isle of Wight on the 8th Apt. - Duplicate is enclosed. On the 6th inst. we received your Despatch 252 of 29 March (in duplicate) and N^o. 253 of 2 Apt. per Pacific S^r. 'Iberia' to Pauillac & through France, both she and the 'Black Hawk' having made very quick runs.

2. Referring to 524, 3, about Alldon's drunkenness, as Gilchrist's ^{Action.} has just been decided in our favor when the Judges expressly stated that drunkenness during hours of service cancels service we trust that you have dismissed him on the first occasion of being drunk, in which case he is not entitled either to notice, compensation or passage home.

3. N^o. 251, 23. The Directors have read with much regret your application for their consent to your coming to England at this time. They must remind you that they are incurring an outlay which will sooner or later probably exceed £5000 for your comfort and how essential it is, in such a case, (and more especially in the peculiar circumstances under which the building is being erected, without any superintending Architect or Clerk of the works) that some one with paramount authority & capable of dealing with any unforeseen difficulty should be on the spot, one too whose duty and interest alike require him to be present, and see that the work is carried on without any delay or waste of time, particularly where such very high wages are being paid. They are, therefore, sorry that they cannot sanction your leaving the Islands while your new residence is building.

After reading your Despatch 253 par 28 the Directors feel that they must still adhere to the above, which they consider gives ample reasons for the need of your presence until your new house is virtually completed.

4. N^o. 252, 6, 7. Enclosed are specimens of our new Agreements which specify that drunkenness subjects an employe ~~to~~ to immediate dismissal without compensation or passage home in the case of Shepherds, Artisans not engaging for passage home; we hope these stringent clauses will enable you to keep the men more in check, the greatest pains are taken to obtain sober people but unfortunately, as you show, we have suffered from the prevailing vice of the day, you might however have been more strict on this point, but in future there can be no reason for bad behaviour going unpunished. We shall obtain a new Cooper & endeavour to get one who can attend to Carpenter's work as well, and learn how many casks a good workman ought to set up in a week; we trust your fears about sufficient casks not being at Goose Green for Tallow next February may not prove true, because circumstances may compel us to delay the proposed rough shipment in middle of next October, and casks in stock will not bear steamer freight.

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5. N^o 253, 1. It is unfortunate the 'Sparrow Hawk' had such a stormy passage down, we look to your next to supply details of damages for claim on the underwriters.

6. Par 5. We have already expressed our regrets & annoyance that the accounts and returns of Produce received here have not been furnished to you at the proper times, and in continuation of 523, 10 I have again gone through the Account Sales of last year and those not labelled as being sent are now enclosed to make sure of it, this matter will in future have my own personal attention.

7. Par 7. The Board approves of your plan for buying Land with the Land Orders by starting from the westward of our present Freehold, you must however bear in mind that this should not be delayed too long or the Government may reasonably decline to issue further Land Orders if there is a large accumulation not used, this appears to be the case at present there being 35 in hand representing a value of over £4000, the earliest date being so far back as November 1866.

8. Par 8. We are glad to hear the House is progressing well, the complaints about size & Stoves have been sent on to Mr. Pite in hopes of an answer from him this day.

9. Par 10. Our last detailed proceedings with Burgess whose late correspondence is now enclosed, show that a cargo of Stores is to be shipped from New York about 1st June. Unfortunately we have not received particulars as anticipated for this Mail, but his List of 11 Mch sent you by last Mail will show the intended Stores: you have not given any particulars of the 'Sara Cimo's' Cargo from Montevideo, we ought to know what kind of stuff the 30 kegs Soap Wash is: in continuation of 524, 10 the 'Village Girl' sailed from Belfast 28 Mch with 80 tons Coals, 95 cs 2 cks Whiskey, 78 cs 11 tins, box Cavendish, box Cigars, Furniture, Hardware, Provisions & & she is owned entirely by Rob^t. M^r. Cully Junior, Master Mariner, Captain's Certificate N^o. 26, 974 - he signed notice on 28 Mch 78 empowering sale out of United Kingdom within 12 months of date - there is no Passenger accommodation, her time at Lloyd's Register of Shipping is expired, there was no application for examination before leaving Belfast. The 'Peronelle' with Stores for Waldron will not be ready for sea until the middle or end of next month. Under above circumstances the Board has thought it best to order a reduction of the proposed shipment by Steamer on 23rd prox^o, so that the goods shut out of Vof Bray as per lists of 8 Feb & 23 Mch and your Indents 17, 18 & 19 may be reduced half - Burrows' Boots & Shoes for Stanley & Darwin as per last shipment will go in full - also Boomer Wool Pres for North Arm & 4 pumps for filling Tanks. We send copy of letter from Berry Barclay 13^o 7 May about Bengalan Flour, which they say has been shipped to Stanley from Brazilian Ports & Montevideo.

10. Par 11. We are disappointed at learning there will not be so many bales Wool as formerly reported through some being 11 1/2 cwt each, as we had reckoned on that being the average weight, if the quantity is reduced we must the quality will command such a price as to make up the deficiency, otherwise our financial position will be most embarrassed. If harmony cannot be maintained between the two Managers you had better get rid of Fell, such conduct as you detail about the boat deserves dismissal.

11. Par 14. Miss Wright have accepted the 'Star of India's' Bill for 702.12.6 - I am sorry you are disappointed in not having heard more from us about her transactions at Stanley but I have

no experience in this kind of work and you did not send a case to be submitted to an authority here, besides Messrs Wright the owners being engaged with shipping would certainly be the best persons to advise you on the subject.

12. Par 17. We shall inform the Royal Mail Co that Spice is charged 1% by Mail Schooner, it appears a heavy freight but if you can obtain it well & good.

13. Par 18. I agree with you the Waldrons are very uncandid, which to me is most annoying, they will pay heavily for their reticence about the 'Peronelle' - as we shall not obtain their Produce I am afraid the Vicar will not have a full cargo you ought to have sent us some anticipations what she would bring - Tallow is terribly low at present.

14. Par 19. It is most annoying that packages should be stopped at Montevideo, we must in future send Enclosures and Newspapers through the Post, but this does not apply to a parcel in charge of your Brother Reginald going out to you by this S.V. The Elbe's Cargo of 8 Feb being detained at Flores Island will be expensive, I am happy to say that Humphreys anticipates that the stringent Quarantine rules will be modified by the time the 23 June S.V. gets out so there will be more likelihood of our shipment going on - enclosed is list of cargo by the present Steamer by which we advised every one to ship to avoid their goods being shut out next Mail through our own goods filling the 'B. Hawk' but a quantity of Wire Fencing from Fernside - viz for Pickney thro' Hoare & Hudson is not shipped.

15. Par 20. Mr Dean has handed us the £983 deposited for Williams' Debt, on which the Bank allowed the moderate interest of 3. 8. 4., and ^{as} there is a doubt about the release of the Bill of Sale to the Co. in 1873 we have written him a letter yesterday stating that if necessary a letter shall be addressed to the Registrar at Stanley stating that the Co. has no claim upon Williams' Property signed by two of the Directors and sealed with the Corporation Seal - copy is enclosed.

16. Par 21. Since you think it will be better to have the 'Sparrow Hawk's' Account in your books we send same, and should have furnished it before had you told us permanent additions were being made to her: you have already been supplied with the repairs account of the 'B. Hawk' and we now send her account as at present standing so that you can deal with these accounts as you think fit.

17. Par 23. The Board trust that in writing for 20 Shepherds to be sent out before next shearing, you are doing little more than providing substitutes for the men leaving, as they consider that with vigilant supervision the shepherds would be able well to take charge of & do their duty by larger flocks than under lax superintendence. On this subject which is of the greatest importance, in as much as the Farm profits depend so much on an economy of labour & materials, the Board await with anxiety your reply to 523, 38, wherein they ask your views as to the proper number of Sheep that a man can duly tend. They hope also that Mr Clay is

thoroughly alive to the need of making the most of the labour at his disposal, though they would not stint him in all reasonable demands. Though you have stated that Sept. is the best time for new men to arrive we must try to send a few by 23 June as there are so many to go.

18. Par 25. The Directors are glad that you objected to the Scab Ordinance in your powerful letter to the Governor dated 23 Mch, the expenses of such legislation would be very onerous to the best of Sheep Farmers & perhaps ruinous to some.

19. We are registered with the Eastern Telegraph Comp^y as 'Fleetwing, London' in case of any mishaps with Reuter's Telegram Co. I have instructed G. Smithways to register the Comp^y at Montevideo - we have taken the precaution to tell him to telegraph 'fervently' if Mail Contract continued - 'fervently' if contract ceased with 'Black Hawk'.

20. I am happy to report that the Enchanter's Bill for 101.6.4 was paid by the vessel on arrival at Liverpool, with our legal expenses and a trifle for interest.

21. The 'Sparrow Hawk's' Return N. 10 (M. O. to Lt. 25 Jan) does not give arrival at Stanley - Nos 11 & 12 are not yet sent.

22. The Balance Sheet & Profit & Loss Statement for 1877, as sent you 23 Mch last, have been passed by the Auditors.

23. We are told that the Lime & Sulphur Sheep Dip may be mixed with small quantity of water and then diluted with plain water, hot or cold, without altering its qualities: we wish to know the cost per hundred sheep, and whether it takes off the wool or stops the growth of it.

24. We are informed that there is a rumour that the Stanley Common Land is to be put up for sale, but can hardly credit it. We are sorry you have not reported anything about the Medical Man at Darwin so much needed and the proposed removal of the Royal Marines which stopped the arrangements for this appointment, I had hoped to have been able to go to the Colonial office yesterday to make enquiries on this subject.

25. John Mac Govern, having a Wife & 5 children, wishes to be reengaged as Carter & Shepherd, having been to Canada since leaving the Islands, we shall not take him without your consent.

I remain,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Coleman

Sec^y

The Hon. Secy
 6th May 1878

Enclosures for "Elbe" 8th May 1848.

- Dup Des N^o 524 and Trip N^o 523
- Trip Enclosures to N^o 523
- Letters Coleman to Langden & Packe 8 May also to Cobb
- do do " Clay N^o 8 dated 8 May
- do Pawyer " do
- do to James Oliver & Jas Watts from their Wives
- Journal Entries
- Ledger Entries N^o 66 & 67
- Remarks on Accounts N^o 68
- List of Sundry Account Sales which have not been marked
"Copy to Stanley" & Copies as per List
- Letters ^{recd} Colonial Manager's House
- Copy Lr to Lascelles 3 Apr & his reply 6th April
- " " Lascelles to Pite 10 April
- " " to Rosher 30 Apr & their 15 April
- " " fr Pite 4 April
- Copy of Gilberts Account for Newspapers & dated 31 March }
£ 13.18.9 }
- Contract for 9 cks Oil ex Vicar of Bray 1 Dec 47
- New Agreements Shepherd's and Artisan's
- Copy Lr fr Perry Barclay & Co 7 May 48 re Hungarian Flour
- " " to Dean re Williams 7 May 48
- " " " Burgess 2 & 16 Apr & his reply 1 April
- List of Cargo per "Elbe"
- Account showing how Black Hawk and Sparrow Hawk
stand in London Books
- List of Contents of Parcel in Charge of Reginald Cobb

N^o 526.P. R. M. S.
'Guadiana'Corporation of the
Falkland Islands Co.London 22nd June 1878.

Sir, Enclosed is Duplicate of our last on 8th ult. - we have now to acknowledge your Despatch 254 of 9th April, which arrived by a Pacific Steamer on the 18th ultimo.

2. N^o 254.2. With such a charter the 'Fairly' ought to pay well, up to the present there is no letter from Capⁿ Stensford, this is unfortunate as your intention to see if he managed properly does not bear fruit; surely he cannot have understood writing to this Office to be a direct order; we have asked Humphreys to report about him. We are informed that the German Barque Fritz Capⁿ F. Wolf of Rosock, 415 English 369 tons American Lloyd's has been chartered at Montevideo for Deans Produce home, we expect full particulars of freight money, laydays, cargo & &.

3. Par 4. The Directors relieve you of all responsibility in the secession of constituents who cannot pay up to the Comp^y, and think they are better without clients whose accounts were constantly increasing - they are also decidedly of opinion that, as the wages of our employes are so much increased, the prices at the Store, both at Stanley and Darwin, should be raised to them, as they do not yield the legitimate profit they should.

4. Par 6. All your observations about the House have been passed on to Pite (as per correspondence herewith) but the Board is not disposed to go to any further expense about it. The House and Materials have been insured for one year from 2nd April last at £2,000, to be increased as the work progresses, copy of Pol 437 accompanies this.

5. Par 7. We are disappointed at not receiving Telegram from Humphreys about the Mail Contract, and have not been able to learn anything at the Colonial Office. - under any circumstances one of the Co's vessels must be at M. Video to meet the 8 Aug & 23 Sep Steamers as we shall send Shepherds by them & perhaps on the 8 Nov. We have been solicited to send some of our ^{freight} by the Pacific W. from Liverpool the Co. however cannot guarantee their getting on with the Mails; if we do not get the Contract it might be managed by our vessel being ordered to be at Montevideo for these Steamers, which would lead to a little economy as the rates are lower, but the principal point is that the Pacific Co. hold out hopes of their Steamers calling at the Falklands for letters, this would, of course, be a great advantage to the Colony; should this be attempted we shall be bound to ship stores by them from Liverpool, though I do not think that market is so good as London. As our Sheepskins are now sold at Liverpool it has been suggested that they might be sent to M. Video for the Pacific Steamers to Liverpool, if opportunity offers, this plan might be tested with a few bales.

6. Par 8. This arranged to wait the Vicar's return to decide as to her employment or disposal; you give strong reasons for the Comp^y owning a trader, she would doubtless pay if of the proper build and worked with economy.

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Stanley.

7. Para 10, M. The Board has restricted the present con-
 -signment very much, merely to a few necessaries - Boots & Shoes,
 the largest items, were already ordered, but are just about what you ask
 for. Unless remittances are received for the large quantity of Stores on
 hand & lately shipped, it is very doubtful whether the Directors will
 ship any more Stores until the autumn vessel for the first Produce of
 next year, especially as some are going from New York & Nova Scotia,
 these latter however seem to be rather reduced in quantity, according
 to B. Argel's late correspondence as enclosed.

8. We have the pleasure of reporting that the 'Trossachs'
 made a good run home, arriving on 24th May, and delivered her cargo
 in excellent order. - The Wool was sold on 15th inst. at fair prices con-
 -sidering the depressed state of the market, except the Ewe wool which
 was bought in through poor offer at the Auction, it is certain by
 inferior & shows deterioration from former shipments; this we presume
 is to be attributed to the Ewes being retained to an older age for
 breeding purposes, but suppose that now, the flocks being well up
 in numbers, the old Ewes will be turned to advantage in tallow,
 for it stands to reason that young ewes will produce better wool,
 more lambs & these of a stronger constitution for future improve-
 -ment, so that on all hands we shall benefit by being able to
 dispose of aged sheep to advantage at the boiling down works. Hides
 are unfortunately down in value - a great number of the Sheep-
 -skins are reported to be damaged by weather &c., we trust
 the present arrangements for storing & drying will prevent
 this in future - we shall await with interest the arrival of the
 salted experimental Sheepskins as against the dried ones, for
 these skins, if carefully attended to, ought to be a large portion
 of our income: we were told lately that more value would be
 realized if the wool could be pulled off the skins, after being
 heated, for the pelts are comparatively worthless, though now
 used as a vehicle to bring the wool. Is there labour enough to
 pull the wool or, failing this, ought not the long woolled sheep
 to be roughly shorn before being killed?

9. You have not sent statement of the discharging & loading
 days of the 'Trossachs'; we paid the four days demurrage noted on
 one of the Bills of Lading, though from the calculation made
 from the dates of arrival & sailing given by the Captain, copy
 now forwarded, there does not appear to have been any allow-
 -ance for "weather permitting working days", nor for part of the
 time consumed in putting in the ballast, which surely the ship
 was entitled to bear as we paid for the ballast, did this cost the
 Co. 7/- a ton? and what do you consider this added to the freight?
 You did not obtain the extra provisions put on board for the
 passenger who did not embark; we were entitled to claim these
 as she arrived out only three days over the time she was provisioned,
 nor did you report that Captain Bachelor received a gratuity
 of Ten pounds; he expected something here, but learning of
 her going we only gave him one guinea for a new hat for the quick passage.

10. Mr. Dezen having requested a release from the Comp^y
 of the Bill of Sale given by Williams upon his property in 1873,
 which you say has been settled, we furnished him with a formal
 document that the Company had no claim upon the said Bill of
 Sale, dated 7th inst., sealed with the Corporate Seal and signed by
 two of the Directors, as per Copy enclosed.

11. The Annual General Meeting of the Company took place on the 19th inst., and I need hardly tell you that great surprise and dissatisfaction was expressed at the result of the last year's operations. The Directors were forced, in reply to very stringent comments & enquiries on the part of the Shareholders, that neither they nor the Auditors had been able to account, to any appreciable extent, for the great & sudden falling off in last year's profits, after the most careful analysis of all the various items which seemed to bear upon the question. The Board await with anxiety the arrival of your next Despatch, which they trust will at least satisfactorily explain the causes of this disastrous falling off, so that the proper remedies may be applied. If, as by your Profit & Loss Statement of 30 June 77, the Store profits for the year be correctly stated at £ 3,785.2.7 there remains only £ 1,917.16.10 as the net amount of profit upon £ 22,617.5.6 worth of Farm Produce (and other small accounts) after deducting expenses at home & abroad. But the sum to be accounted for by way of outgoings, not forgetting among them goods for consumption, is so enormous, that it seems to point to sad waste somewhere, (indeed one of the Shareholders did not hesitate to suggest the possibility of a "leak") at all events it is but too clear, as expressed formerly and at Par 3, that the real profit from the Store is very inadequate to the capital salaries and plant employed thereon, and that the prices must be substantially raised at Darwin and, where practicable, at Stanley.

12. As Bishop Stirling has returned to England, which prevents you carrying out the order in N^o. 524, 9, we have again applied to the South American Missionary Society for £ 24.15.8; we asked for the money when you first told us it was owing, but they wanted particulars of the goods; your Despatch 226, 1/2 stated you could not furnish them, but further search would be made; not having heard since we must again ask you to look into the matter - enclosed is copy of letter on 19th to the Society, with Extracts of Despatches.

13. You have omitted to send estimate and particulars of second Produce as ordered in N^o. 502, 2; the Board explained there strong reasons why this information is required for the General Meeting and for calculation of Dividend, so they trust this will not be neglected in future.

14. The complaints upon the bad workmanship in the repairs & fittings of the 'Black Hawk' were referred to Messrs. Fischer, who have expressed their willingness to pay for the defects being made good, on receiving proof that it was the fault of their men.

15. We have engaged a steady Cooper Wilhelm Julius Mithelsted, a Dane, many years at Messrs. Harper, Linthouse, who give him a good character and state that he does plain carpentering well - his wages are Two Pounds a week, with lodgings or house and Butcher's meat, he undertakes to travel into the country to erect or repair houses: Capt. Batchelor strongly advised sending a married man as Goose Green is so lonely, but as you did not mention this & respectable married Coopers are difficult to get, we have selected the most suitable single one that offered. Messrs. Harper state that shooed casks, if good & perfect with hoops, ought to be put up at the rate of 25 to 30 a week: being a foreigner he is not shipped under the Land Orders.

16. The Colonial Land & Emigration Board having ceased as an Office, we have obtained from the Crown Agents for the Colonies two Land Orders of £ 100 each, N^os. 52 & 53, to obtain Land in the usual way for the Shepherds sent out by this Steamer. The Crown Agents transact all this business, having signed the usual Charterparty Agreement - Arranged yesterday at their office that they should send formal notice of this alteration to H. E. the Governor.

17. The Shepherds by Miss G^r are Alex^r. M^r. Fleuzie - with Wife, 2 Daughters Catherine 15, Barbara 7 - 2 sons Alex^r. 13, Malcolm 11 - engaged at £50 to 60 - his Son Kenneth, 20 years, at £45 to 55 & another Son Donald, 18, at £40 to 50 - these come through seeing one of Ross' advertisements. John Hamillou 20 years, £50 to 60, through Hugh Campbell of Elgin, father of one of our shepherds. John Wilson, 21, £50 to 60. James Fraser 21, £50 to 60 - both through Fleming of Dundee - making six out of the 20 you require. Future arrangements are for 8 Aug Mail, Middleton, wife & children, who will procure one man to accompany him, three men from Ross near Inverruds, 2 or 3 from Fleming, both of whom have obtained us good men - for 23 Sep Mail Archibald M^r. Lean, wife & infant, recommended by his Brother Peter, and the balance from M^r. Call, Fleming or Ross. When Middleton came here for his money, he could hardly give a reason for returning and said that a present of £15 would have induced him to remain & engage for another term, this outlay would have been cheap in comparison to the cost of his passage home & out again, even if the husband wishes to come, the wife & children might remain for a consideration; you had better therefore endeavour to arrange in this manner in future. We have not heard from Patterson's father about his two sons going out, which tends to confirm the rumour that Patterson will leave because Fell behaves so disagreeably towards him; if so we should lose a very good man, through one of whom no one speaks well, and whose late actions must prove to yourself that he does not act properly in his position. Francis Munro has applied for reengagement, which we decline until hearing from you. M^r. Blake has engaged for his firm as Shepherd, Donald Munro, 26 yrs, from Grantown, Invernessshire; there are some Stores going out for them from Hobbs.

No. 526.
 of the Shepherd
 New View, 1895.

18. We are informed that the Peronelle's Repairs are nearly completed and she will sail in a fortnight or three weeks.
19. You have not reported M^r. Travis' payment for conducting the Commission in Gitchrist's matter, we hope you have not paid more than Ten Guineas, as the whole affair will be a dead loss to the Compt^r, and the Board considers ten guineas would amply remunerate M^r. Travis for the work he got through.
20. Please hand the enclosed Letter N^o. 9 to M^r. Clay.

I remain, Sir,
 Your obedient Servant,
 J. Coleman
 Sec^y.

N^o 527.
 P. R. M. Esq.
'Elbe'

Corporation of the
 Falkland Islands Co.

Sir, London 8th August 1878.

Our last was dated the 22nd June, duplicate now enclosed - on the 1st July we received your Despatch N^o 255, dated the 15th May, with Enclosures in order.

2. N^o 255, 3. The Board expects further intelligence & full information respecting Meat Preserving, with respect to Messrs Sloper & Son's propositions, as we ought to be able to offer terms and close with any favorable proposal for turning the Company's superabundant meat to better advantage.

3. Par 4. We trust you will be able to purchase Sections 4 & 8 with the Land Orders, as well as some Land on the North Shore of Choiseul Sound, such an accumulation of Land Orders unused as at present must be avoided, for as the Office for managing this business here is altered and it is looked upon as troublesome these Land Orders might be discontinued if not availed of, which would prevent us getting Land cheaply.

4. Par 5. It is most unfortunate that such a serious mistake was made in sending wrong dimensions for the Fairy's Mainsail, another Sail is sent of the sizes now given, with Capt Horn's letters about turning the wrong one to account, which we hope can be done. As Capt Steniford did not fulfil your instructions to report to this Office his proceedings at Montevideo with the Fairy, at the end of April last, we asked Mr. Bumphreys how he behaved & regret to have to state that he writes as follows "Like the majority of seafaring men he appeared to indulge freely in intoxicating drinks while on shore, but he appeared to me to be attentive to his duties, & energetic in his desire to settle up accounts & return to the Islands." - On engaging Steniford I fully understood he was capable of withstanding temptations to drink, the above therefore for your guidance.

5. Par 7. The Board has carefully considered the explanations upon the reduction of profits and trust that your anticipations that it is only temporary may prove true; they do not perceive that the change of management can have caused any extra expense beyond Mr. Clay's Salary, as the new station at North Prom was a necessity independent of his appointment, nor can they look upon the staff of men, machinery & plant now in operation as "limited appliances", it has always been our endeavour to support you well and we consider this has been done, for though you allege that your subordinates are always wanting more hands, it appears from the number of Sheep on hand that if each man did his duty the supply of labor would be ample, and we still think that the greatest attention ought to be devoted to this point. It is sad to hear of the outbreak of Scab in Waldron's flock, this must be a warning to the Co. not to relax our efforts for its prevention as observed at Par 25. Speaking of Waldron his vessel 'City' returned on 29th ult. with 225 bales Wool, 8 lbs Sheepskins, 1 lb Hair and 336 Tanned Hides - we shall closely examine his Wool to observe if this outbreak of Scab has damaged it and also to see whether the fine-ness of the Romney Marsh Breed continues.

Frederick E. Cobb Esq
 Colonial Manager
 Stanley.

6. Par 8. As the 30 Rams of the Romney Marsh breed landed cannot yet exert much influence upon or improve our wool, I make no doubt the Directors will ship 10 or 12 more by the Vicar of Bray or other suitable vessel during next October.

7. Par 13. You will have noticed that our new Agreements state that the Co. provide their employes with "unfurnished house or lodging at the Colonial Manager's discretion", this wording will preclude all question upon this point in future.

8. Par 14. Dipping immediately after shearing was first noticed by John King, the Directors took it up as being a necessity and a regular custom, which has caused it to become so, the credit of this great improvement is therefore due to John King and the Board for obtaining its adoption.

9. Par 15. The Directors approve of your continuing the Mail Service pending negotiations here for another Contract as having other schooners sufficient for Island services it would be difficult to employ the 'Black Hawk' profitably at any other work. We have had an interview at Colonial Office and proposed on 12th ult. to undertake a new Contract, eight runs in the year, for a subsidy of £1000 (One thousand Pounds) Passengers, first class £9, second £5 - Cargo 4/- a ton, none to be taken until the Co.'s is received - after first year six months notice on either side to terminate agreement: there is not any answer at present but I think the Board would be justified in accepting a reduced subsidy for as we must run her for our own Despatches we may as well obtain what the Government offers, provided the restrictions are modified, feeling sure that if you look more closely into her expenses and curtail Dixon's extravagances the vessel would not cost so much money as hitherto.

10. Par 16. We cannot understand your observations about the double management of the North Camp of Lafonia leading to inconveniences, there ought to be no double management each Superintendent being supreme over his own territory, but considering that our late despatches will have proved that you would be doing right to dismiss Fell, we may now tell you that Clay was appointed to Lafonia only to deal tenderly with Fell as an old servant, but as Fell cannot conduct himself properly the Directors desire you to give him notice to leave, or dismiss him at once, if necessary, and it can be done without his having a claim on the Co. If you cannot undertake the North Camp, though we trust you will yet see your way to this as there is so little shipping or other business at Stanley, Clay must be appointed for the whole Camp at the most reasonable salary possible, considering that as the distance over Lafonia from Darwin Harbour will be great, two or three well paid Overseers will have to be appointed to assist him.

11. Par 23, 24. It is a pity you have not given the names of those reengaged, please do this now and in future: though you have thus secured four men you do not reduce the number of 20 men asked for by N^o. 253, 23, we trust so many are not now required as we have been disappointed of four men for this P^{er}. - Those engaged are Stewart Middleton, wife & 3 children, who returns

at £65 a yr I has obtained Thomas Cormack at £50 to 60 - Angus Cameron comes through Ross at £50 to 60 - Thomas Saunders now Fleming at £50 to 60 - Par 29. James Nicholl is engaged until next May - W^m Douglas will decide if he can go on 1st price as his Wife is not well at present. As to allowance for passage home you must make the best & cheapest terms, if we have a vessel ready the provisions & bedding would cost about £10, though the men grumble at having received only that sum when they have to pay more for the Steamer - some have told me that you have not offered them bedding on our vessels, they are entitled to this. For next Mail we have Archibald M. Lean, wife & infant and hope to obtain 6 or 8 others, one must be obtained for the V of Bray.

12. Par 31. The Directors were extremely surprised at discovering that your Agreement did not contain a clause for its continuance yearly at the expiration of the five years, and consider this as a great omission on the part of the Solicitors; they take it for granted that you will continue to act for them on the same terms year by year, with six months notice on either side to close the Agreement.

13. Par 32. One doz Lamb Nets are shipped made of strong tarred rope, as authorities say the untarred would not answer, they are reported to be stronger than usual but if not stout enough for our sheep a future supply must be made of thicker rope.

14. Par 36. Returning the old Woolbale Hoopring was only an experiment, which will be discontinued as you report it does not answer - it was already arranged not to take off the bands from the next Wool as the Brokers say it may add to the value through being more conveniently handled by the buyers. We are glad to hear there is so much Hoop Iron on hand, pray remind us when the stock is running low, also when Bagging is wanted, Casts and any other article of consumption.

15. On 13th ult. Telegram N. 15 Home arrived - "Fanciful 3500 Vicar 30 June", which we conclude means that Bills to the value of £3500 are sent by the Mail of 2nd July and that the Vicar of Bray sailed on 30th June for London.

16. I regret having to report that Tyler did not send Invoice of Ruins shipped by last Mail, but it was sent on by Pacific W. on 25th ult. in hopes it would reach the 'Black Hawk' in time to go down with the goods - soon afterwards it was discovered that Hyam's Invoice had not come in, this is now enclosed, these additions with 19/6 for Burrows' carriage increase the Gen. Inv. to £977.18. - Correspondence with Hyam is enclosed.

17. We have the pleasure of reporting that the Sheepskins ex 'Trossachs' sold well at Liverpool on 10th ult., and are now sold that it will not be necessary to pull off the wool as proposed in Par 8 of last Despatch. Some few bales of the Ewe Wool not sold at the Auction have since realized fair prices considering the quality, but prices are still low and the remainder is not likely to move off until after the commencement of the next Wool Sales on 20th, meanwhile we are paying interest on advances.

18. From the copy of Letter from South American Missionary Society 3 July last you will perceive there is not much chance of obtaining this debt of £24.15.8.

19. A question has arisen whether Bonner of Petaluga should be charged the extra Insurance for Schooner risk, as some of their Produce is doubtless sent round by vessel, let us know what we ought to do. You have not replied to question upon Counsell's Acc. 3.15. - for Flags, of which we have no record, as being shipped by Vicar of Bray 7 June 79. We have paid £17 for the Rev. J. Yeoman but told him we must have your authority in future for all payments.

20. At the last Annual General Meeting objections were made to the Co.'s Balance Sheet giving the Islands Acct. to 30 June and the London Accounts to the 31 Dec. following in each year, and the Board was requested to endeavour to have the two sets of books balanced on the same date; by the present safe & rapid Mail service the Islands Accounts if balanced on 31 Dec instead of 30 June could be embodied in the London accounts in time for the Annual General Meeting, a statement was therefore drawn up for the last Board and I am instructed to submit a copy to you with request that you will report most fully upon the matter with as little delay as possible.

21. As there is so little Shipping calling at Stanley would it not be advisable to get rid of one of our Ship Carpenters, there are now three drawing high wages all the year round if the two elder ones can be profitably employed at general work the younger one might be dispensed with.

22. The House Stoves and Marble returned by 'Trosachs' will be repaired and sent back by the 'Vicar of Bray' - unfortunately we have not been able to get this done free of charge as the skippers denied all responsibility, but the lowest rate will be charged.

23. Mr. Waldron's French 'Peronelle' Capt. Heron having been repaired has sailed for the Falklands, passing Deal on the 20th ult. -

24. Since the above was drafted we received yesterday your Despatch N^o. 256 in duplicate & Original N^o. 257 with Enclosures in order, with exception of Dup of Seal Ordinance.

25. We are pleased the 'Vicar of Bray' left in good time with decent cargo and trust she will make a favorable passage: under present circumstances we shall not be able to do more than patch her up as cheaply as possible & send her back with rough cargo mostly by middle or end of October to bring back the first Produce of next year.

26. N^o. 257, 7. We send Certified Copy of the only Judgment in our possession of Gilchrist's Case, in hopes it may prove of service.

27. Part 17. It is very unfortunate that we have not succeeded in getting more Shepherds for this Ist, we have already written to all our Agents again and shall use our best endeavours to get the full number for 23 Sept. Mail.

N^o 524
continued

Corporation of the
Falkland Islands Co.

London 8th Aug. 1878.

28. Par 24. We consider you have done quite right to order the Sheep to remain a minute in the Lime Sulphur Dip to enable the ingredients to soak into the skin - we have not yet been able to have the proportions tested as suggested in B^o 255, as though the matter is in hand, opinions incline to continue the mixture as proved to be efficacious.

29. Par 29. I feel sure the Directors will approve of your determination not to erect another Station on the westside of Lapnia, concentration in such establishments must be advantageous: it has been proposed to send out the Lime Sulphur in a concentrated form after being mixed & boiled up here, this would do away with the objection raised by Mr. Clay of the time it takes to prepare, but we fear the virtues might be reduced in practice although in theory it sounds well, instance the Concentrated Tobacco Juice.

30. Par 33. The remittances are creditable & most welcome, if the Vicar's Produce is fortunate in coming to a good market and you can remit something the next two Mails without drawing upon us, we must be able to finish the year without such heavy debts as these last three years.

31. Par 34. We are most pleased at the good report of Capt. Steniford and George Perring - you will of course take our remarks upon the former at Par 4 with reservation and in the strictest confidence - we do not know Perring, please say whence he comes & how he reached the Colony. How is Allen behaving, the married Steward of 'Black Hawk'.

32. Par 32. We shall endeavour to get a Blacksmith for the next Mail, as our choice should not be a married one it would have been well to say when Sharp's notice expires & whether he would remain in our service until a successor arrives, please attend to this in future, you ought also to have mentioned about House accommodation and if fit for a married man with a family, we presume Sharp's house must be large & well built.

Further reply to this Despatch will be sent when the Board's instructions and orders on same are given.

I remain,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Coleman
Secy.

Enclosures for "Elbe" 8th August 1878.

- ✓ Dup Des No 526 and Trip 525
 - ✓ do Coleman to Cobb 22, 24 June, Holmsted, Smith, Douglas 22 June
 - ✓ Letters do "Langdon, Clay, Yeoman, Doolan & Munro 8 Aug
 - Journal Ledger Entries N^o 67 and Remarks on Yes N^o 68
 - Land Orders Nos 52 & 53 par 2 for £100 each not enclosed - will follow next mail -
 - ✓ Copy of Agreement with Crown Agents dated 7 Aug
 - ✓ Landing Certificate
 - ✓ Manifest of Cargo
 - General Invoice £55.0.8 per "Elbe" & 5 detailed Invoices
 - ✓ Corrected do 977.18. " " " Guadiana 24 June
 - ✓ List of Measurements of pkgs " do " "
 - ✓ Copy of Freight of " do " "
 - ✓ Invoice from Tyler for Pumps £51.10.8
 - ✓ do " Hyam " Clothing 26.7.5
 - ✓ do " Burrows " Carriage } do " " omitted
 " " " on Bobs } to be sent
 - ✓ do " Ladd Extra for Prep 7. " "
 - ✓ Copy of do " Arnold for Buckets 191.9. "
 - ✓ " " do " Enthoven " Copper 157.3.9
 - ✓ " " do " Spratts " Meal 16.5. "
 - ✓ " " do " Thomas's " Soap &c 99.10. "
 - Settlers' and Copies of Co's Acc^t Sales of Produce & "Pofacks" as per Lia
 - ✓ Copy of Report on Quantity Bones " "
 - Statement about Balancing Books
 - ✓ Copy of Hyam's Lis 14 June & 5 July re Clothing & Invoice
 - " " Laphorn's " 8 July re "Fairly" wrong Mainsail - not enclosed
 - ✓ " " S. A. M. Soc^y " 3 " " Claim for £24.15.8
 - ✓ " " Burgess's " 10 " " Cargo to Islands
 - ✓ " " H. Rigden's " 6 Aug " Rams
 - ✓ " " Lt. Col. Office 12 " " Mail Service
 - ✓ " " Gilberts " of put Books &c to Islands £8.10.3.
 - Angus Cameron's & Tho^s Saunders' Agreements as Shepherds
 - ✓ Photo of Boomer Wool Press dated 6 Aug 78
 - ✓ List of fcls in Case for Office
- Those ticked are in charge of Stewart Middleton (Shepherd) -

No. 537.

8th August, 1898.

The Secretary
of the F. B. S.

N^o 528.
W. R. M. Esq.
'Guardian'

Corporation of the
Falkland Islands Co.

London 23rd Sept. 1878.

Sir,

Enclosing Duplicate of our last on the 8th ult. I have now the Board's Orders for further answer of your Despatch 257.

2. Par 6. It is very unfortunate that the Stanley Books have no record of the South Amⁿ. Missionary Society's Debt £24.15.8, this must now therefore be written off as a Bad Debt in the next Balance Sheet if not already done.

3. Par 8. With respect to your request for leave of absence the Board is prepared to grant this provided the building of the House is sufficiently advanced to enable you to leave Stanley on the 2nd April next year, proper arrangements being made for carrying on your duties during absence, and that you leave England on 8th Nov. 1879 to return to the Falklands.

4. Par 19. Our 527, 27 gave this as 17 instead of 19. We are again forced to express regret at not obtaining the expected number of Apprentices for this Mail, our best Agent Mr Peter Fleming, Mr High Mr Dundee, states that he could obtain any number of good men if informed in March to secure them before the yearly engagement made in Scotland in May - we have told you this before but objection was made that they would arrive out when there was not full work for them, would it not however be better to have them unemployed a short time since they would be the right sort of men & could surely learn or do something, whereas now all the good men being engaged we run the risk of engaging improper men however careful our investigation may be into their characters, this is worthy of serious consideration if you cannot persuade the time expired men to reengage which seems more likely every year, as we flatter ourselves the character of our staff is improving - you must have observed Clay's opinion, in Letter M Par 5, upon our older employes, could not some of these be weeded out, we are aware they give a bad tone to the whole Camp people.

5. Par 20. The Sparrow Hawk's returns were not found.

6. Par 21. As the Directors cannot pass an opinion upon the Sheep Dip made from Lime & Sulphur they desire the utmost caution may be exercised in its use, since most opinions point to a drying up of the wool, and though from its first application in our Colony it is pronounced a cure for Scab, it has been suggested to us, that until it is proved not to injure the wool, it will be wise to use it on one or two flocks only, until the full future effect is seen. These observations are for your guidance the Directors leaving the decision entirely to yourself and Clay.

7. Par 22. We have now the pleasure of reporting that the Colonial Office is now moving for the appointment of a Medical Man at Darwin, as per copies of letters enclosed, which we shall press on as fast as possible, they are in treaty with a Doctor at Dursey and we have sent in another name. I am informed that the Royal Marines are really to be removed, though it is not decided when this is to occur.

8. Par 28. A mistake was made in our last at Par 32 in quoting this as Par 32 and saying that expiration of notice was not given, we find you state that Pharp will continue services until the Vicar of Bray's returns, we have engaged for her James Hyles at £6.10p a month.

Wm. C. Cobb Esq.
Colonial Manager
Stanley.

for first year, £6.15/- a month for second year and £7 a month for remaining three years, he has a wife and three daughters 4, 3 & 1 year old, you did not give particulars of his house but we learned it is a good one, so it is better he should have a wife & family.

9. Par 29. The Directors quite endorse my anticipations about not having another Head Station on Lafonia and trust you will impress on Mr. Clay the necessity of strict economy.

10. Par 31. Capt. Dyer states the Boat was supplied with Mad Sails &c still with these the price charged is high, but it is hardly worth while altering the accounts now.

11. Par 33. We regret to state that neither Mr. Waldron nor Mr. Sickeney have carried out their arrangements both having declined to pay until their Produce is sold, the former's account being £2441 the latter 784.13.4 - under such circumstances the Board considers they ought not to be allowed more credit except on consignment of Produce to this Office, perhaps it will be well to await your views before coming to a final decision.

12. Martin had been reengaged at £14 a month & commission of 5/- per ounce on each cut Tallow beyond twenty pounds per sheep boiled down, with House at Goose Green, Butcher's Meat and Fuel (if you think it proper to allow this) half pay during passage out & has bound himself to leave England by the Mail P.S. of 3 Nov^r next - the back Fitcher will have to be erected & the house put in proper order for his return. He has sent in a heavy list of requirements which the Board have much reduced, only allowing repairs to Digester doors & tops, Steam Engine, Pump & Water Reservoir for injecting water to flood up Tallow and some Tools for his shops - they have declined going into the entrail matter. He has refused the Waggon for refuse meat, & ramway &c. We find ^{him} very candid & clever on the subject, taking great interest in the Tallow works & we trust we will be able to carry out improvements by degrees, which will be supported when funds allow it. He advises a Boiler for North Arm to boil Tobacco and heat dip trough with steam to save fuel and labor, it would doubtless answer well, the expense would be £110 as per Horro's Letter of 17 Feb 78.

13. Par 38. There ought to have been some intimation of the Stores required if W of Bray's former arrangements were that she leave middle of next month, Draft Beer, Boots &c. requiring to be ordered before hand. We have now the pleasure of reporting that she arrived on the 18th and as Dyer informs that the end of Oct^r or first week of Nov^r will enable her to be at Darwin in proper time for the Wool (she & other vessels having been detained with all hands on) we shall not dispatch her until then which ^{will} enable your indent due at end of this month to be executed if not too expensive: unfortunately there is no information as to the Stores shipped from Nova Scotia. The times of farming operations being now rather altered we wish statement of same with periods for wool, Tallow &c. being ready to guide movements of Produce. We are now considering about the vessel for the second cargo of next year, as the W of Bray will convey a large quantity of Stores there will not be need of another cargo from London so soon, which will necessitate the principle of last year being carried out by engaging a vessel at Montevideo, we have already written to Beaumont on the subject bringing to his notice that the Charter of the Britz for Deane was cheaper than our ^{of the Tallow} 'Ed. Koenig'. The Wharf-inger has just called for a specification, unfortunately there are no particulars, this will entail extra labor and loss of tallow in probing the casks, Martin mentioned some time since that he hoped his book would be sent with the vessel as it gave particulars of all the casks.

14. P. Hawk's Returns & Stores run out were not found in N. 257.

15. On the 26th ult. at 2.33 P.M. we received Telegram No. 16 Home - "Juliet London Francisco fleeing Staten Island Kingo Phetis" which not agreeing with our code was taken to Lloyds and proved to mean - "Juliet London to San Francisco totally lost on Staten Isl. crew landed here by Phetis", we suppose therefore that Humphreys sent it to us in mistake, Lloyds received particulars next day. Enclosed is notice from Lloyds 31 July 78 about General Average Bonds with 2 Agreements upon same.

16. M. Bailton asked us to take out a lad for his Sons by the 'Wof Bray' to which we agreed. but now learn he has been sent by the 'Peronelle'. Donald Munro's sweetheart Mary M. Rae will go out by the 'Wof Bray'. Peterson has not answered about his 2 grandsons.

17. We have had an interview with Capt. Sir E. S. Nares who goes out to the Pacific in command of H.C. M.S. 'Alert', he proposes to call at Stanley about the last week of Nov. for Stores, perhaps Coals & would like to make arrangements for Coals to be sent to the Straits of Magellan or to the Northward on the West Coast of America; the Directors have promised every attention to him.

18. Policy 191 £7000 on Stores & Buildings has been cancelled as we thought it advisable to reduce the Stores to £3000 the Buildings continuing at £4000, particulars of new Pol. 443 are forwarded - if the Stock Acc. presently due shows the stores not so reduced as anticipated a further amount will be insured.

19. Capt. Dixon wrote on 13 July asking for a House to be allowed him, this has been declined by the Board.

20. We have only been able to obtain two Shepherds for this Lt. Archibald M. Lean, wife & infant, whom you recommended from his Brother Peter and a friend of his Mr. Nels a young man engaged at lower wages £40 + 50 as sheep help. John Magovern returns on his own account and will pay in cash to your office for his wife & 5 children to join him by one of our vessels.

21. Waldron's Woolley Lily was offered to Auction by Hoare & Hudson on 3rd inst. but bought in, we understand it has since been sold at 10 3/4 down to 9 for broken.

22. The above Shepherds are sent out upon Land Order No. 54 for One hundred Pounds now enclosed. We send Copy of Letter on 12th inst. to Colonial Office about purchasing Sections 4 & 8 with Land Orders & trust our request will be granted.

I remain, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Coleman
Secy.

P.S. As to Paragraph 3 by "sufficiently advanced" it is meant "virtually completed" as in former Despatch.

C. N. 520

London 1898.

The Secretary
of the N. B.

Enclosures for "Guadiana" 23 Sep 78.

- ✓ Dup Des 527
 . do Edeman to Cobb, Geonian, Doolan & Munro 8 Aug
 Letters " " Langdon, Clay, James Campbell
 Journal Ledger Entries N^o 69 & Remarks on p^a N^o 70.
 Land Orders N^o 52 & 53 Par. 2 & 54 Par. 1 for £100 each
 Copy of R. M. Co.'s List of p^a for St Elbe 8 Aug
 " " Acc^t. Sale for Hair ex Trospachs £6. 13. -
 " " " " " do JB " " 9. 13. 1
 " " " " " do AP " " 12. 16. 9
 ✓ " " Rigden's l^r re Rams 24 Aug 78
 ✓ " " l^r & Co.'s Office " Land Purchase 4 Sep
 ✓ " " " " Norton & reply 17 Sep re Boiler
 ✓ " " " " Burgess 17 Sep 78
 ✓ " " " " Col^l Office 13 Aug & reply 9 Sep re Medical Man
 ✓ " " " " p^a Tenner re Sidphur Foot Soap 30 Aug
 ✓ " " " " Roster " Lime Casks
 ✓ " " Agreement with Crown Agents 18 Sep " "
 ✓ " " A. British Policy £5000 on store &c
 Manifest for Stanley Government
 ✓ Landing Certificate for M^{rs} Lean, Wife, Child & 11th Sep
 ✓ Copy of Fritz's list of cargo for Bill A.
 ✓ Letter for Simpson & Wilson p^a Capt. Dyer
 ✓ " " Cobb p^a Dyer
 ✓ Dup corrected General Inv^o of Guadiana £977. 18/-
 General Invoice of Good p^a do 23 Sep £859. 2
 ✓ Russell's Invoice for Wool Bagging £859. 2
 ✓ M^{rs} Lean's & 11th Sep Agreements as Shepherds
 ✓ Lloyd's l^r 31 July 78 ad^t Gen. Av. Bond & two Agreements
 ✓ Barr Suggden Circular of Seeds
 ✓ Agate & Hudson's Cat. of Waldron's Wool ex "Lily"
 ✓ M^{rs} Douzall's Circular of Sheep Dip
 List of cargo

Those ticked are in charge of Archibald M^{rs} Lean

N^o 529.
W. R. M. W.
'Elbe'

London, 39, A. Gracechurch St. 8th Nov^r 1878.
E.C.

Falkland Islands Company.

Sir, Our last was dated the 23rd September, the next day we received your Despatch N^o 258 of the 15th August, which was merely acknowledged by the Steamer from Southampton, and on the 31st ult. your Despatch N^o 259 of the 28th August arrived per 'Sea Witch'.

2. N^o 258, Par 3. We are extremely sorry to have further complaints about the work of this Office, as explained in our last Despatches steps are now taken to prevent shortcomings in future.

3. Par 5. We do not understand your saying that you do not want a vessel with stores, when you know there are a number of Orders not executed and you further order a quantity of bulky (Lime Sulphur) as well as fine goods, and at Par 18 ^{you observe} we have a vessel on certain goods are to be shipped - you must be aware that the 'Vicar of Bray' has to be employed and was destined to leave at the present time to bring home the first clip of next year so ought not to go over empty, under these circumstances we have reduced the provisions and fine goods as much as possible, merely sending part of Orders 22 & 23, dated Stanley 2 July & 14 Aug, (all others being now cancelled, also balance of these) which with 100 tons Coals, 35 tons Salt ordered by Telegram Home N^o 17, received 12 Oct, & goods for others and Government quite fills up the 'Vicar', we hope she will leave the Docks on the 11th inst. : Capt. Dyer tells us it would be well to have 200 tons Ballast ready for her to go round to Darwin. There will probably be no employment for her on returning end of next May, it has been suggested she might be laid up for 3 or 4 months and then go out about this time next year to bring back the first Produce of 1880, it being extremely doubtful if she could be sold except at a great sacrifice, every voyage she makes a little profit which will reduce the eventual loss on sale.

4. Par 8. The Board insists that all extra expense in the Camp which can be curtailed must be, as the proceeds from Produce sent home are much reduced - now that you say all the Buildings & Plant are in such

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good order and Laponia appears to be covered with Stations this
outlay can be stopped, the 'leaks' that you mention must
also be prevented: the Store Profit would not be objected
to were it not that the great fluctuations lead to mistrust,
the Board are much pleased that you have this year devoted
so much personal attention to stocktaking & other matters
and they trust that improvement will be the result.

5. Par 12. A few days since when the 'Vicars' passenger
accommodation was filled up we had letter from G.
Patterson's Sons that they were ready to go out, we have been
obliged to decline them, which is unfortunate as there
will not be another vessel for a long time.

6. Par 13, 16. We regret Alday's Capt. Dixon's bad
behaviour, the conviction of the former will however be a
salutary example.

7. Par 18. It is gratifying to hear that there is
sufficient Tobacco for the next Dipping, should you
decide to try Lime & Sulphur the large supply ordered, & now
shipped at a great expense, will enable the dipping of
4880 to be accomplished without further supplies.

8. Par 19. We are annoyed that our Stores should
be so badly treated on board the Royal Mail Steamers,
we have complained, but without claim and evidence of
the damage and loss we cannot obtain compensation
here, have you instructed Capt. Dixon to examine each
package carefully and to refuse giving clean receipt for
those in bad order, this ought to be done, otherwise if
no complaint made at time of the goods being put into
the Co's vessel, we are debarred from all claim.

9. Par 20. The Directors desire me to express their
regret at your having suffered from illness, but are pleased
to find the subject is not alluded to in the last Despatch,
they congratulate you on recovering your usual good health,
we trust the Plant & Building Account will be sure to
come by next Mail with very full details.

10. The Board has read with great interest
your Annual Report N^o 9 for the year 1847 &
trusts your anticipations of future prosperity may
be realized - but with reference to the last Paragraph
the Directors desire me to say that of course they are
gratified to read it & to learn that you are so hopeful
as to the future, viewing it however by the light of

the steady and continuous fall in the amount of profits, which they do not consider by any means to be solely the result of the fall in the prices of produce, they can only hope that your confident expectations may be soon realized, as in the contrary event they will have to take into serious consideration the necessity for a general reduction of salaries and wages.

11. N^o 259, 3. We are pleased to learn that one of our Shepherds has written to his old master recommending the service & trust further steps of this sort will be taken, as there is the greatest difficulty in obtaining Shepherds, we shall communicate with Mr. Black when vessel sailed.

12. Par 4. The proposal for Steam communication between the Colony and England through the Pacific C^o is most important and will have our serious consideration and support, we were told by H. E. the Governor the other day that there is another Steam project before the Gov^t.

13. Par 6. The Board regrets to learn that the Rev^d Yeoman expects so much to be done for himself and Church and is dissatisfied with the kindnesses already accorded by the C^o, he must be told that the debt of £19,400 ought to be collected by subscriptions from ^{all} the employes, as they can and do save largely, the Directors trust he will explain the matter fully to them that they may see the necessity of paying off this debt at once.

14. Par 9. Our last Despatch Par 3 explains when you can safely leave the building of the House to be completed by others.

15. Enclosed is Copy of Letter from Colonial Office 4th Oct^r declining to allow the C^o to purchase more than 1,000 acres in either of Sections 7 & 8, this has been mentioned to the Governor who, without giving a decided answer, implied that on his return he might relax this stringent rule; should it not be possible to obtain more than the 1,000 acres in each Section we consider that quantity had better be purchased, & the remainder of the Land Orders laid out in obtaining Land on the best places North of Choiseul Sound, selecting various spots which being in the possession of the C^o would detract from the value of the surrounding land for others, so that when our Leases expire we should obtain a renewal of them without competition.

16. Andrew Carlyle wishes to reengage, will pay passage of his daughter 14 years of age.

17. Referring to last Despatch Par 18 we have increased the Insurance on Stores by £2,000 as per Policy 4444 herewith, making a total of £7,000.

18. We have the pleasure of reporting that the Government have appointed Dr. Benj. Tydd Beeston, late of Dunse, Berwickshire, to be Assistant Colonial Surgeon to reside at Darwin Harbour, he was to have gone out with his Wife & child of 14 months old, ^{by this mail} but unfortunately fell ill whilst visiting his brother in Ireland and will therefore proceed by next Steamer; we offered to convey Furniture by the 'Vicar' but to the present none has been sent. The Directors desire you to notify this appointment to the whole Com^{rs} officially, as the result of their endeavours to add to the comfort of their people, and they trust the Co.^s subscription of £100 a year, House, Fuel & Butcher's Meat will be duly appreciated.

19. There is a doubt whether the Account Sales of HXB 103 Hides ex 'Tropsachs', sent 8 Aug last, is 101.15.11 or 100.9.7, please therefore say which is the right amount.

20. H. E. the Gov^t. and M^{rs} Callaghan return by this Mail, from interviews the Directors have had with him he appears to take considerable interest in the Colony, and from all accounts has certainly worked for the advantage of the Colony almost in opposition to the Home Government, the Board relies therefore upon your supporting him & conducting the Co.^s business with him or the Gov^t. in an amicable spirit. He will be accompanied by five ex Artillery men, their wives & families, who are to form the nucleus of a Police Force for the Colony as the Royal Marines are to leave, their Passage Money by the Black Hawk has been settled by the Crown Agents as per copy of account & pass to Dixon. The Governor said he could probably engage the 'Sparrowhawk' to assist the 'Black Hawk' in taking the R. Marines to Mt. Video. We send Colonial Office Blue Book with Gov^t Callaghan's full & interesting Report dated 21 Mch last.

21. In addition to the regular Agreement with Felix Martin dated the 23 Aug^t last, the Board consented to enter into an additional Agreement dated the 2nd ult^o granting an increase of Salary of Ten Pounds (£10) a year to compensate for the reduction of his commission through our not commencing the extract of fat from entrails of Sheep, as per Agreement enclosed. Considerable difficulty has been experienced in arranging Tools and Plant required by Martin, he produced a long list which he states was submitted to you, but you omitted going over the works before he left and stating what we should be justified in providing, consequently we have been working in the dark; a Plan ought to have been furnished with full dimensions to enable the Board to see if the tramway asked for would be a legitimate improvement, at the last moment the Directors agreed to provide a Railway Truck to convey the refuse meat & bones to the sea, but there was not

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but there was not time to get it ready: the extra Plant now furnished is a Horizontal Engine and Pump to force water into the Digesters for floating up the Tallow to the top, an iron Reservoir to hold 10,000 gallons water to be stored for this purpose, also for washing entrails & keeping the place clean, sundry tools for engineering work, quantity piping, felt &c., repairs to Doors & tops of Digesters, which we fear will cost almost more than ought to have been expended. Martin learned on the Steamer coming home from the Manager of the Liebig Co. that the yield of Tallow would be increased, if the carcasses could be left to cool after killing before boiling down, this would necessitate another large rough shed estimated at £45 as per Arnold's Letter, though perhaps in a cold, windy country like the Falklands this may not be requisite.

22. With regard to the Mail Contract the Directors, having received a notification from Sir M. H. Beach that there was no prospect whatever of his increasing the subsidy or giving way as to the 10 tons of reserved space, have felt it best to content themselves with the increased passage & freight rates as follows - £8 first class, £4 second class - two or more members of a family £6 first, £3.10. second class, distressed British subjects or seamen as heretofore £5.10. second class - Freight 4/- per ton for the 10 tons the Colony has the privilege of shipping. It will be observed from the correspondence sent herewith that Sir M. H. Beach does not restrict the Co. to charge two pounds (£2) per ton for freight over and above the 10 tons reserved. In conversation with H. C. Gov. Callaghan he threw out a suggestion that by greatly restricting the expenditure on the "Black Hawk" at Montevideo and drawing all possible stores at Stanley, the working expenses of the vessel would be very beneficially affected. It is uncertain whether the Contract, to be a yearly one from the 1st January next, will be drawn up here or at Stanley. 4.50 P.M. Letter arrived from Colonial Office with Contract upon same terms as former one, passages and freight being altered as above, this will be signed in a few days to commence from the 2nd January next, thus adhering to the same dates as this year. Copy of the letter is enclosed.

23. We are informed that the Barque "J. C. Woodworth" 429 tons (no cargo at present) sailed from Kingsport, Nova Scotia, about 10th Sept. with a cargo of Coals and Lumber for Stanley, this must be the vessel. Mr. Berraux & Mr. Burgeffs of New York talked of despatching though they have not sent any particulars as they promised. Messrs. Skellett Dale & Co. have

handed us a Bill for £350 drawn by Mr. D. M. Dickie (the owner) in favor of C. W. Bertaux Esq upon Capt. George R. Patten, payable 20 days after arrival of J. E. Woodworth at Stanley, with request that we will collect it & remit the amount here on behalf of Mr. J. A. Ledward of Liverpool: we have agreed to attend to this business and enclose the Bill, our charges to be 3% and not more than 5% according to time & trouble. We have also been requested by Messrs J. Harward & Co. to forward a letter for Capt. Patten containing a Charter for his vessel from Callao to Mauritius with Guano for the Paris Guano Co., this will necessitate the 'J. E. Woodworth' ballasting at Stanley so we trust the Co. will obtain this business. Correspondence here with.

24. I am happy to report that two Shepherds go over by this Steamer, engaged through Mr. Clay's Cousin, James Nichol and Mr. Wilson under Land Orders, Agreement with Crown Agents is enclosed for Landing Certificate to be returned as soon as possible. For the 'Vicar' we have 3 Shepherds John Glendon from Ireland John & Mr. M. Myn from Dumfries; we have now supplied 17 men out of the 20 you asked for, at present it is not intended to engage more unless one or two very superior men offer. Mr. Martin has his wife, daughter 12 years and son 4 years. David Simpson formerly in our service is, I believe, returning to Stanley by this St. James Myles, the Blacksmith, wife & three children have arrived for the 'Vicar', also Mary M. Rae the sweetheart of Roderick Munro, who went out in her last January.

25. Thomas Hardy the late Cooper was returned by the Sea Witch, being a stowaway unknown to Capt. Thomas, he called here to make claim for passage home, bedding &c: but was sternly refused and told in very plain language how badly he had behaved to the Co. and himself. Walter Jamieson also called about a claim, threatening a good deal, but I did not attend to anything he said.

26. H. E. Gov. Callaghan called this afternoon to take leave and said that as soon as he heard from my letter to him that Dr. Heuston was so ill to proceed by this Mail he had immediately written to the Admiralty to request that Dr. Mulvaney might remain until Dr. Heuston arrived by the next Mail.

27. Your Despatches Nos 260 & 261 dated 24th Sept^r and 2nd Oct^r have arrived this evening too late to be properly remarked on much less answered before being submitted to the Directors, but I may observe that with the expense of the present cargo of 'Vicar' and the large stock of Stores on hand I do not think they will be inclined to ship a further supply.

I remain,
 Sir,
 Your obedient Servant,
 J. Coleman
 Secy.

Enclosures for "Elbe" 8th Nov^r 1878.

✓ Dup Des 528 and Trip 527

✓ do Coleman to Clay 23 Sep

Letters do (2) do, Langdon, Campbell, Patterson, Capt. Stentford, & Mr. Alday, Yeoman & Holmes 8 Nov also for Mr. Yeoman.

do for Manuel & Packet Capt. G. R. Patten for W. T. Hayward & Co, for Munro from Mary M^{rs} Rae

Journal & Ledger Entries N^o 44 & Remarks on "ps" N^o 72 - Land Order Part 1 N^o 55 for £100 & part 2 N^o 54 for £100 -

Copy Emigration Agreement dated 8 Nov.

Dividend Warrant for Cobb marked private

✓ Wilson's & Nichols Agreements as Shepherds dated 7 Nov.

Manifest of Cargo per "Elbe."

Landing Certificate for Nichol & Wilson

✓ Epitome of Stores per Vicar

List Cargo for Others " do also List of parcels per "Elbe"

" Goods for Tallow Works as far as it can be made up

✓ Particulars of Tallow Branch sent out per "Vicar"

Memos on Stores per Vicar

✓ Limits Invoice for Cobbs Boots £3.12/-

Copy of Burrows Saw for do £482.5.9

✓ " " Russell's do " Bagging 9.2 } Omitted in Des. for Guardian

✓ " " N. British Pol. £2000 on Store dated 9 Oct

✓ " " Statement of 1st & 2nd Produce Vessels for 1875 to 1878.

✓ " " " Vicar's 5th voyage from London

✓ " " R. Mail Freight " for Guardian 24 Sep £8.19.4

✓ " " letters for Peter's House dated 20 Sep & 30 Oct & Section of Cornices

✓ " " " for Robinson Hadewen 21 Oct re Sheepskins of Vicar

✓ " " Correspondence with Col. Office re Mail Contract 3, 17, 26 Oct 4, 5, 8 } Nov.

✓ " " Crown Agents " for Mr Dixon for Police Force now going out -

✓ " " " for Shallett Dale " for Moore & Maxton Capt. Patten & our reply

✓ " " " " Scale 7 Nov re Hall's Sheep Dip sent out per Vicar

✓ Martin's Agreements dated 23 Aug & 2 Oct as Engineer.

✓ Plan of Cottage for Arnold per Vicar (not sent will follow publication)

✓ Large Mirror 3 July's with " of Capt. Houston of C. Butcher's Yacht "Fiona"

✓ Gray Hughes - Hughes

✓ Crope & Blackwell

✓ Hall's Sheep Dip

✓ Nesbitt's

✓ Adenborough's

✓ London Dock Co's will go by Vicar

✓ Blue Book with Gov.'s Report of 21 Mch 78 in case 3126.

✓ Bill for £350 accepted by Capt. G. R. Patten of the "J. E. Woodworth"

Circulars

Those ticked are in charge of Martin -

Enclosures for "Elbe" 8 Nov 78. continued.

"Vicar of Bray's" Produce.

Settler's of Tala	76 lb Wool	£55.11.6
H*B 5 "	do	61.0.8
FIC ^o } 2 "	do	11.8.11
SI }		
H*B 434	Hides	575.18.1
JB	35 cks Tallow	282.19.11
BS	2 kegs do	2.9.0
Copies of Becker's do	F 711 Hides	562.15.1
	FIC ^o 81 lb Wool	1255.2.11
	" 39 " do	450.12.0
	113 Sealskins	18.8.3
AB	3 lb Wool	21.2.5
	28 cks Tallow	314.12.6
	203 " do	2026.14.5
	138 " do	1218.9.1
	75 " do	857.15.3
ex "Tropsachs"	FIC 44 lb Wool	729.1.5
do	" 56 " do	1006.6.11
Copies of Reports on	434 Hides	
	704 do	
	7 dry do	
	113 Sealskins	
	220 lb Wool	
	487 cks Tallow	
	473 Sheepskins	
	9 Bales do	
Catalogues of	245 cks Tallow	
	487 " do	
	1104 lb Wool	
	36 " do ex "Fritz" (S. A. M. S.)	

all the above per Martin.

London, 39 A. Gracechurch St. 41 Nov 1878.
E.C.

N^o 530.

Falkland Islands Company.

Dr. Vicar of Bray.

Sir,

We now enclose all the
Duplicates of our last by the Mail
on the 8th instant as per List and
have nothing further to communicate
until the Board gives instructions
for reply to your two last Despatches.

I remain,

Sir,

Your obed. Servant,

J. Coleman
Secy.

Frederick C. Cobb Esq
Colonial Manager
Stanley.

London. 39 A. Gracechurch St. 13 Nov^r 1878.
E.C.

Falkland Islands Company.
Enclosures for 'Vicar of Bray'

- Triplicate N^o. 528. Duplicate N^o. 529.
- Duplicate Coleman to Cobb, Clay, Yeoman, Holmested,
Campbell, Penriford, Patterson, W^{rs}. Allday - 8 Nov 78.
- Despatch N^o. 530.
- General Invoice of Stores £ 3962.. 6.. 6
- 75 Detailed Invoices
- Company's Bill of Lading
- Holmested & Blake's Bill of Lading.
- Manifest of Cargo for Stanley Government
- Copy of Agreement with Crown Agents for Passengers per
Vicar of Bray dated 31 Oct 78.
- Landing Certificate for Passengers.
- Myles' Agreement as Blacksmith dated 8 Nov 78
- Glendon's do " Shepherd " 8 " "
- John M Myles do " do " 12 " "
- W^m do do " do " " " "
- Receipt for Myles' Advance £ 1.
- Health Certificate from Veterinary Surgeon for 10 Ram Legs
from Rigden for F. P. C. " 6 " Lambs
- do do from Surgeon for J. Am^r. Miss^r. Post.
- List of Cargo for others
- do " Goods " Tallow Works
- Ellis' List of Machinery for Tallow Works
- Envelope for Martin with List of Goods for Tallow Works
& List of his Furniture, Steam Launch & Sundries.
- Section and Plan of Cottage from Arnold onboard -
- Copy of Fenner's Letter 11 Nov abt hhd of Decoction of
Lime & Sulphur Sheep Dip.
- Pisc Wedding Rings from Hasluck
- Coleman to Dean Hon, Mansel 13 Nov with Bills of Lading
- Letter for W^{rs}. Campbell from Flora Coleman
- do " Mess^{rs}. Dean Hon from W^{rs}. Dean.
- London Dock Circular 22 Oct 78 of Wool Ships to arrive
- Extract of Arnold's Letter 5 " " of cost of Shed for cooling
Carcases of Sheep at Goose Green.
- Notes on House for Col. Mg^r. Dup dated 30 Aug 78 returned
with Pite's replies thereon.
- Copy of Capt. Candy's Certificate of Purvey upon Vicar
of Bray dated 4 Oct 78 -
- Coleman to Cobb 13 Nov 78.

Pray excuse their not being in consecutive
Order

N^o. 531. London: 39. A. Gracechurch St. 6th Dec^r. 1878.

Mr. 'Sea Witch'

E.C.

Falkland Islands Company.

Sir,

The Board having read your Despatches N^{os} 260 and 261, of the 24th Sept. and 2nd Oct. last, have ordered the following replies to be sent.

2. N^o 260, 3. Our N^o 529, 15 gave instructions upon the purchase of Land in the Co^{'s} Leased Sections, which should be carried out if the Governor cannot modify the decision of the Colonial Office.

3. Par 5. Since learning that so many Shepherds are leaving it is determined to obtain, if possible, three men to make up the number of twenty asked for during this year & send them by the Mail Steamer of 27th instant.

4. Par 6. I regret to state that on 15th ult. we learned for the first time that the R. Mail Co^{'s} had ceased their S^{vs} of 8th and 23rd of month to Montevideo, instituting for them one on the 26th of each month, which not calling at the Brazilian Ports avoids Quarantine at M. Video, as this prevents the intended Mail Contract with the Government for next year, we wrote the R. Mail Co^{'s} complaining of their not giving us intimation of this change and have had to inform the Colonial Office that the times of the early months' Mails cannot be fixed until we learn whether the Pacific Co^{'s} departures would nearly tally with the present ones, unfortunately the Pacific Co^{'s} have not yet attended to this matter so that the whole subject is in abeyance: as the S^v of 26th arrives at M. Video the same time as the earlier S^v her Mails will reach the 'Black Hawk' and we hope to report a definite arrangement. You suggest selling the 'Sparrow Hawk' as if the Mail Contract is not undertaken the 'Black Hawk' could do all the work round the Islands as well as fetch & carry our to M. Video & procure Stores there, but the Co^{'s} word having been given to the Colonial Office we could not consistently refuse a contract for next year but shall now take care to have the power to terminate at end of year.

5. Par 7. The Board regrets you have had trouble about Fell's dismissal and have paid him half year's salary, & can assure you that nothing has been written to the Islands on the subject from this Office, if I mentioned the change to Middleton it must have been in acknowledging that there was truth in some observation of his about Fell leaving: now that Mr. Clay is appointed Manager for the whole Camp the Board looks forward to much improvement in all matters.

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Colonial Manager
Stanley.

6. Par 22. We shall ship by the Mail W. of 26th all the Stores ordered for Sheep Dipping, the Fire Bars, Store Ledger & Journal, Bills of Exchange Books, Letter Paper headed & balance of Tea, 12 half chests each kind, but no other goods as the V of Bray had a good supply of provisions & sundries - after your next Despatch the Board will, I think, consider the advisability of forwarding Provisions and necessaries by Steamers in connection with the B. Hawk.

7. Par 24. The Directors read Mr. Langdon's application of 26 Sept. last for an increase of Salary and have granted him a commission of Ten Pounds (£10) for every one per cent of Dividend above five per cent (and in proportion) declared after this date, as per letter to him enclosed - the arrangement of 23 Mch 77 being now cancelled.

8. N^o 264, 2. The Board approves of your arrangements for Camp work and trusts Mr. Clay will energetically carry out the duties of Camp Manager being now entrusted with the whole command, the greatest economy in men and materials ought to be practised for Wool & all Produce is very low, the prospect of better prices being quite remote.

9. Mr. Dean has considerably conveyed by this vessel 28 mds Sulfur short out of the 'Vicar of Bray' - the Bill of Lading will be forwarded by Messrs. Langridge & Co. through the Captain.

10. Referring to N^o 259, 13 the Board desire that the Roofing for the Church at Darwin is to be charged at the price it cost delivered at Darwin without profit.

11. Please warn Capt. Dyer to be careful in stowing Wool near Tallow as we have had to pay a claim of £4.17.11 for damage to Baillon's Wool by the 'Vicar of Bray' last voyage. Baillon has paid £50 (Fifty Pounds) on behalf of his Sons.

12. Our Rams by the 'Vicar' are insured at Six Pounds each.

Remain, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
J. Coleman
Secy

Enclosures.

- Triplicate 529
- Duplicate 530 & Enclosures
- do Coleman to Cobb 13 Nov 78.
- do Bill of Lading of 'V of Bray'
- Land Order N^o 55 Part 2 £100
- Colmaster Blake's Freight Acc. for V of Bray £112. 6. 11
- Letter to Clay 6 Dec 78
- do " Langdon " " "
- Account Sales Oil ex V of Bray 27. 13. 10
- Copy of Sea Witch's Manifest of Cargo home 30 Oct 78.
- Dyster's Priced Catalogue 14 Nov 78 & 14 78 Hides ex 'Sea Witch'
- Boares " " 4 Dec " " Baillon's Wool ex V of Bray
- Royal Mail Co's Table Book N^o 9.

N^o 532.

P. Pacific S^{vs}.
Galicla
via Liverpool.

London. 39A. Gracechurch St. 24th Dec: 1878.
E.C.

Falkland Islands Company.

Sir, Our last was dated the 6th inst. by the 'Sea Witch' as per duplicate enclosed: yesterday we received your Despatch N^o 262, dated the 15th ult., it having come from Montevideo by Lampport & Holt's S^{vs}. 'Terrier' to Southampton. As a precaution we write by this Steamer but shall address you on the 26th inst. by the R. M. S^{vs}. 'Trent', being the only steamer of that line during the month to Montevideo.

2. On the 19th instant a Contract for the Mail Service during next year was signed with the Crown Agents on behalf of the Colonial Office, as per certified Copy enclosed. Having had to make use of the Pacific and Lampport's Steamers from Liverpool, as well as the R. Mail S^{vs}. from Southampton, the dates are somewhat altered from last year, but for speed in delivery and quickness of reply the service compares most favorably with that of former years, as will be seen from copy of my detailed particulars upon which the Mail Table was drawn up, besides giving the 'Black Hawk' many more days at Stanley, which will we hope enable her to be turned to good account for the Company's work. If necessary Clause 7 enables this Contract to be terminated at the end of 1879. Clause 10 about alterations to be made in the dates of leaving London in case of the Steamers altering their dates was inserted for our protection. By Clause 11 the Governor and yourself are empowered to modify the dates of the Schooner leaving Stanley if absolutely necessary, we thought it best to put this in as there might be a time when it would be conducive to the public convenience to expedite or delay her sailing, but advantage must not be taken of this power to curtail the vessel's usefulness to the C^o: unless some corresponding gain is allowed the Company. Under the circumstances we shall be glad to hear whether you can dispense with the 'Sparrow Hawk', as endeavour must be made to cut down expenses as much as possible. We send notice from the General Post Office N^o 39, 16 Dec 78, showing that the Falkland Islands will enter the Postal Union on 1st Jan^y. next.

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Colonial Manager
Stanley.

Clause 4 gives us increased rates for Passengers & Cargo - first class £8 each, second £4, but families at former rates £6 and 3.10.- Distressed British Subjects continue at this latter rate: ten tons freight is to be carried for the Colony at Forty shillings (40/-) per ton, any excess we can charge at a fair extra rate.

3. Referring to N^o: 229, 23, we are informed that the Barque 'J. E. Woodworth' has been burned at sea: Mess^{rs}: Harward & C^o. state that Mr. Berraux of New York has been in difficulties and they offer to procure and send down Timber & other Stores from America, knowing the markets there well, they were to have sent proposals on this subject but have not done so yet.

4. A heavy claim has had to be made on the Insurance of the Wool ex 'Vicar of Bray', it will be necessary therefore to take more care in her stowage otherwise the rates will be increased against us; Captⁿ: Dyer implied that some of the bales were wetted coming round in the Schooners, such must be refused in future for our own credit, or sent home in a separate state with particulars for claim upon Schooner policy, the accounts will be entered in Journal and be sent next Mail.

5. According to your suggestion in N^o: 259, 3, we have written twice to Mr. Black but have not received any reply, this appears strange if as you say Glendinning has written to him in our favor, it may be that like other employers of labour he is averse to emigration so will not recommend any one.

6. N^o: 262, 7. This unfortunate we cannot satisfy you respecting shipments of Stores, as lately explained all former unexecuted Orders are cancelled and we shall only supply Orders N^o: 25 & 26 of 24 Sep & 14 Nov 78 as soon as possible - by the S^o: 'Trent' on 27th we ship the Sheep Dipping Materials ordered by 'Notes on Dipping Materials 25 Sep 78' ex N^o: 260 & a few little matters. Mr. Waldron having chartered the 'Marion' 133 tons to sail middle of next month with Stores & bring back his Produce, the Brokers have asked us to ship 10 tons @ 5/-, we shall perhaps be able to send rough goods by her out of the above Orders and the fine goods by the Steamer of 27th March next, as the Mail S^o: of 4 Feb will not convey cargo between Liverpool & Montevideo.

7. Par 12. This Despatch goes to care of Mr. Humphreys our next on 26th inst: will go direct as you have determined to despatch the 'Black Hawk' with Mails on 2nd prox^o.

8. Par 13. The Chairman has read this Despatch and bids me say that he is sure the Board will be most pleased to read of your Camps Inspection & good arrangements for the future, which they trust will result in increased Produce.

9. Par 14. Your proposed cross of Cheviot Ewes with Merino Rams is approved of as we were going to propose it this Mail as the Wool Brokers advise that our Wool must be bred finer than the Romney Marsh Rams make it since the great quantity of coarse strong wool now bred reduces the value of the Company's, as you observe it has

been long noticed that extra price is obtained for Falkland Wool as long as there is any trace of Merino in it, there is of course the chance of a reduction in the weight of the fleece but perhaps not with the first crops, we trust therefore that the experiment will be tried as soon as possible, Merino Rams from the River Plate will scarcely be so hardy as those from this country or Europe, I had intended to have sent out a Merino Ram from Surgeon by the Vicar of Bray but there was not room when we accepted the S. Am. Mils^r Rams, his breed is said to be very hardy & is most thickly woolled: Capt^r Packe has the same opinion about Merino blood & is going to try some, he says the best cross is a long woolled Ram upon a Merino Ewe but it would cost so much more & be slower in improving the flocks to import Merino Ewes instead of Rams.

I remain,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Coleman
Sec^y

Enclosures.

Duplicate N^o 531.

" Bill of Lading for 'Sea Witch'

Copy of Contract with Government for Mail Service 1879.

Printed Mail Table for 1879.

No. 5322.

21st Dec 1890

The Secretary

of the B. & C.

N^o 533.

H. M. M. P.
'Trent'

London, 39A. Gracechurch St. 26th Dec^r 1878.
E.C.

Falkland Islands Company.

Sir,

As a matter of precaution our last was written on the 24th inst. per Lpool S^r 'Galicia' to the care of M^r Humphreys, who was Duplicate, which is not to be sent on if the Black Hawk takes the Mails from both Steamers.

2. After my few replies to your N^o 262 I omitted to state that all unanswered paragraphs waited the Board's decision.

3. The Passengers by this Steamer are J^r B. J. Heuston, Wife & Daughter 15 mths, who goes out as Acting Colonial Surgeon to reside at Darwin Harbour upon the arrangements already detailed to you: the Government may send M^r Thomas A. Taylor, a Schoolmaster, accompanied by his Wife and Son 12 years old. We expect a Shepherd John M. Lean, from Dorsetshire, 19 years old, thro' Fleming of Dundee, he is a Cousin of A. M. Lean, though there is no certain information of his being engaged. Smallbones having a Wife and two children wishes to be reengaged, is he worth it.

I remain, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
J. Coleman
Secy.

Fred^r C. Cobb Esq
Colonial Manager
Stanley

Enclosures.

- Triplicate N^o 530. Ledger & Journal Entries
- Remarks on Accounts N^o 73. Memos on Stores now sent.
- General Invoice L 1,335.15.~ Dup Letters Sect. to Langdon & Clay.
- 13 Detailed Invoices
- Morrison's Dup Inv 2.14.~ p. V of Bray
- Copy of R. M. Co's through Freight Acc^t showing L 87.2.1 received by F. P. C. for 'Black Hawk' up to 9 Nov 78.
- Manifest of Stores p. 'Sea Witch' - omitted by vessel.
- do " do " 'Trent'
- John M. Lean's Agreement (not sent from Poulton unless he arrives)
- Landing Certificate for John M. Lean Days of B. Hawk at S^r & M. Video
- Copy of Secretary's Mail Table 1879 with Steamers conveying same & time of delivery of each Mail, & time of answers from each end.
- Copy Account Sale Hair ex V of Bray 5.11.1
- " " " HB do 4 bags " do 4.17.10
- " " " 44 bales Wool " do 651.9.2 4 bales 57.13.7
- Letter for Cobb from Chairman dated 24 Dec 78
- do " do " Secretary " 26 " "
- do " M. Mlyn " their Father
- do " Allen, Steward of B. Hawk from Jordan
- Account Sale 59 bales Wool J. B ex V of B & Trofachs 729.4.1

N^o 534.London, 39 A. Gracechurch St. 16th Jan^r 1879.

Mr. Schw. Marian

F.C.

Falkland Islands Company.

Sir,

Our last went forward Mr. Sw. Trent on 27th ult. and I now have to reply to your N^o 262.

2. Par 2. The Directors desire to leave with you the entire responsibility of providing for the carrying on of the Company's affairs during your absence, but they would suggest for your consideration, whether, inasmuch as Mr. Langdon will be single handed, it is not essential that he should remain at Stanley while you are away; and also whether Mr. Clay should not during your absence, correspond direct with the Board in London. In this case Mr. Langdon would only have to visit the Camp in case of the incapacity through illness of Mr. Clay, or other like contingency.

3. Par 3. You have mistaken us in supposing we should send Shepherds in May, as before explained we can engage good men in any number at the Scotch Whitsuntide term (falling this year on 15th May) and send them out by the next Steamer, this year it being the 26th June, or defer them to the following Mail on 6th August, surely if they arrive 3rd Aug or 8th September they could begin some kind of work: we are surprised you should have kept men in "absolute idleness at Walker Creek", would they not be learning colonial ways if sent as supernumeraries to the sheep stations: we await instructions by Mails arriving 27th Feb & 27th Mch as to engaging men, the Board having decided to send two to make up last year's requirements whenever engaged.

4. Par 4. Though the Lime & Sulphur Dip may cure Scab perfectly there are such doubts as to its effect upon the Wool that the Directors would deem it unwise to give up Tobacco, which is an equally certain cure of Scab and does not injure the wool, we trust therefore the utmost care will be taken to keep the different dipped wools separate, giving the numbers of each flock & all other

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particulars to enable a proper judgment to be formed: we notice that though you were going to test the Lime & Sulphur and the Mr. Dougall dips upon two flocks, you say the Fanny Cove flock is dipped with tobacco, should this prove to be the case and thus three dips on trial it will be all the better, if not the three had better be tested on equal flocks as soon as possible; of course the estimated expense of each dip materials will be sent as we cannot calculate this here.

5. Par 7. As there is such a derangement & uncertainty in our mode of shipping Stores, we must wait your presence here to make suitable arrangements for the future; this *Gov. Marian* is chartered by Mr. Waldron for Stores out of Produce home, and it being doubtful if she could be filled, the Brokers offered to take goods for a reasonable freight, which induced us to order the rough goods, as per enclosed list, from your last Indents, unfortunately but few have been received and Messrs Langridge are now looking out for another vessel to convey them, together with Stores & Timber for Dean, as the *J. E. Woodworth* is burnt, and even further Stores for Waldron - we may ship 50 tons House Coal as the Vicar's quantity was decreased thinking the *J. E. Woodworth* would have a large quantity. The balance of the indents 25 (*Gov. 24 Sep*) and 26 (*Gov. 14 Nov*) we intend sending by Steamer from Southampton on 26th March. We showed Harward & Co the *J. E. Woodworth's* Manifest out of your last Despatch and now enclose their letter of 10th inst. stating that they could supply such a cargo from America at about the same rates. As you complain of Stores running short there must be a quantity of Extra & unsaleable Stores on hand from the value of the Stock of Stores, this dead stock the Board considers had better be sold to best advantage so as to turn in some Cash so much needed at present.

6. Par 10 & 11. As passengers by sailing vessel will now be so postponed will Patterson and Magovern pay the extra expense by Steamer of 26 June for their families, we cannot send these people under Land Orders which are an advantage to the Co, and their cost to the Co by our own sailing vessel is the mere food, about £5 certainly under £6

7. Par 12. We are glad to hear you have been saving money by laying up the *Fairy & Perseverance* - since you report that there is not so much carrying round the Islands the new Mail Service gives the *Black Hawk* so much more time at the Colony, we trust the *Sparrow Hawk* may be dispensed with as you intimated and laid up pending arrangements for her sale at the Islands or here, for the first we suppose there is but little chance, unless something happens to the *Peronelle*, and coming

here she arrives at an unfortunate time just about her half time survey which militates against the sale of a vessel.

8. Par 13. The Directors are much pleased with your Camp Inspection and trust you will have made another one before leaving the Colony that we may have the latest reports and arrangements for Clay's management during your absence; it is most unfortunate he did not go over to West Falkland as the experience gained through examination of Dipping there would have been advantageous to us.

9. Par 14. The Directors approve of your proposed experiment of crossing Cheviot Cows with Merino Rams upon Great Island and expect fullest reports on this subject from time to time: we learn from Humphreys that the Merino Rams could not go down the voyage you expected, at the next trip by the new arrangements the 'B. Hawk' will have time to take them to Great Island, which will be better than changing.

10. Par 19. Watts called and after some demur consented to receive 1.5.2 the balance due to him as shown by the accounts you enclosed: we notice however that you have debited him with 56.5.~ for 12 1/2 months payments to his wife, we have only paid 1 1/2 months, having stopped the payment exactly in accordance with your instructions, so presume you have made a mistake in thinking we paid 4.10.~ to his wife on 1 Nov 77 whereas we did not commence until 1 Dec 77 as reference to our entries will shew - if our views are correct we shall have to pay him 4.10.~ on receiving your reply.

11. The Board has determined to take steps to alter the balancing of the Stanley Accounts from the 30th June to the 31st December of each year, so that the Accounts, Stock-taking &c are to be omitted on 30th June next and to be balanced instead at the end of the present year: this will relieve Mr. Langdon of much responsibility during your absence and you will have returned to Stanley in time to carry out the Board's and Auditors' instructions for a thorough stocktaking and balancing of the Books on 31st Dec: next.

12. Our Printed Book of Ordinances received in N^o 189 ends with N^o 3 of 1843 on Naturalization, since then we have received N^o 1 of 1845 upon Lien on Wool

- " 2 " " " Unseaworthy Vessels
- " 3 " " " Quarantine
- " 4 " " " Spirit License Amendment
- " 1 " 1846 " Naturalization
- " 2 " " " Administration of Justice
- " 1 " 1848 " Harbour Regulations

as there are several missing we wish you to bring Copies of all Ordinances, and if they are put together in a Book we ought to have a duplicate copy of same.

13. On the evening of the 13th inst. Telegram N^o 18 Home arrived. "Mail altered Blackmeets 27 January Steamer". This upsets the arrangements for this year's Mails and may be the means of keeping the London Mails of 26 Dec 78 and seven Passengers for a whole month at Montevideo - we shall send a Despatch on 26th, some goods and have this day (17th) heard of a young Shepherd at Dumfries whom we hope to engage: under these circumstances the Mail of 4th prox^o cannot be carried out, but we trust that of 26 Mch will proceed in due course and thereafter the prescribed dates will be adhered to - duplicate of this by the next Mail ought to reach you about the 6th March, this will give the 'Black Hawk' a fine long time at the Islands until 9th April.

14. You have not replied to our queries about Insurance of Wool Sheds & Wool for this clip, we have therefore reduced expense by insuring £2,000 from 31 Dec 78 to 31 Mch 79 as per Policy 458 and £4,500 from 1 Apr to 30 June 79 as per Pol^o 459. The Manager's House at Stanley is now insured at £3,000 for one year as per Pol^o 457, Pol 437 being cancelled, this value will not be increased. An Insurance for £1,000 Produce per Schooners round the Islands of 'V of Bray' Home has been opened.

15. One of the Directors wishes to know particularly whether the land improves from the grazing & heading of the Sheep, so as to be able to support more Sheep than formerly.

16. Referring to Par 5 about Stores on hand & arrangements for future shipments I am since instructed to state that the Board wish you to bring full account of the stock of Stores on hand at the time of your departure, the estimated consumption to the 3 Aug, the date when a Mail after your arrival here would reach Stanley with instructions for disposal, should you not already have arranged this - and the yearly consumption of general stores to enable future shipments to be properly arranged.

17. H. E. Gov^r Callaghan writes from Montevideo 13 Dec that Sir George Vares had invited himself & wife to go down in H. M. S. 'Alert', which otherwise would not have visited Stanley for some months, though we lose the fares by the 'B. Hawk' we trust Coals & Stores will be required by the 'Alert'.

I remain, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
J. Coleman
Secy.

The Secretary
of the S. A. Co

16 Jan 1879

N^o 534.

Enclosures for "Marian" 17 January 1879.

- ✓ Triplicate Des. N^o 531 & Dup 532, 533.
- ✓ Dupⁿ Coleman to Cobb 26 Dec 78
- ✓ Land Order N^o 56 £100 part 1.
- ✓ Marian's Manifest
- ✓ General Invoice £162. 16. "
- ✓ 7 Detailed Invoices
- ✓ Copy of Agreement with Brown Agents for "Trent" 24 Dec 78.
- must go ~~Duplicate copy of Mail contract dated 19 Dec.~~
- by mail of 25 Jan 79
- ✓ Copy R. M. Co.'s "Trent" Measurements & Valⁿ of £113. 16. 6-
- per Mail. ~~Levin's Invoice for Cobb's Boots £2. 12. "~~
- ✓ Copy Detailed Wool Prices for 1878
- ✓ " Co's Produce (value) first & second vessels
- ✓ " Analysis of Stores 1878
- ✓ " Tallow % for 1874 to 1878
- ✓ " Harward's ltr 10 Jan re Cargo to Stanley
- ✓ " Correspondence with James Mack re Sheepskins
his letters 31 Dec & 15 Jan
your reply 1 Jan 79.
- ✓ Account Sale Sheepskins ex "Vicar of Bray" £1. 17. 4-
- ✓ Dublin letter Parcel for Rev. Brandon
- ✓ Schwartze's Annual Report on Wool 1879-
- ✓ North British Policies on House £3000
- ✓ " N^o 457. " Wool Sheds 7000 } dated
- ✓ " 458. " do 4500 } 15 Jan 79.
- ✓ " 459. " do 4500 }
- ✓ Edentborough's Circular of Wool 16 Jan 79.
- ✓ List of Goods ordered for "Marian"
- ✓ Barr Suggden's Catalogue of Seeds
- ✓ List of Cargos for others per "Trent"

Letters Coleman to Clay & Geoman 17 Jan 79. Callaghan & Sycor-

Contents of Parcel

- ✓ Requisition Form for Soutley
- ✓ B. Hawk's Returns
- per Mail Boots for ~~Levin~~ for Cobb
- per Mail ~~Parcel from Barrward for Fishlagan~~
- per Mail ~~Parcel from Barrward for Fishlagan~~
- ✓ Land Water "Lloyd's Reg. Sups."

N^o 535.

P. R. M. Esq.
'Minto'

London, 39 St. Gracechurch St. 25th Jan^r. 1879.

F.C.

Falkland Islands Company.

Sir,

Enclosed is Duplicate of our last on 16th inst. by the Sch. 'Marian', which vessel ought to have passed Deal by this time, but we have not heard of her nor has Capt. Jarvis sent up our Bills of Lading entrusted to him to enter the Gunpowder - we are much annoyed that he would not receive this though he promised to do so - the goods on Bill of Lading are entered on General Invoice sheet and are to be delivered at Stanley - the Brokers inform us she is consigned to this Comp^y.

2. As there were so many goods shut out of the above vessel Mess^{rs} Langridge & Co. have chartered the Sch. 'Mary', 147 tons, Capt. Rich^d. Allen, to convey them for Miss E. and Dean, in hopes the latter may charter her back again with Produce, her freight out is £400, if taken up home £300, she ought to sail about 22nd prox^o. - we could send two male Passengers and shall endeavour to forward Patterson's two Sons but the accommodation is very small - enclosed is List of Stores proposed to be shipped with freight attached. The Coals were ordered in anticipation of arrangements being made with Shaw Savill & Co. for the W. 'Stad Haarlem' coaling at Stanley on her homeward after delivering Emigrants for the New Zealand Gov^t at Otago 1/2, they have been in treaty with Dean but now state that the home voyage can only be arranged at New Zealand - we quoted 64/- and 65/- according to quantity but could only guarantee 200 tons, these St. M. S. 'Alert' would reduce our stock, estimated at 200 tons, these coals will answer for house use being best Wallsend Steam from Sunderland. We are told the New Zealand Gov^t are going to send a large steamer every second month, the 'Stad Haarlem' leaves Plymouth 5th prox^o, thus if one finds Stanley a convenient port of call, others might put in to the benefit of the Colony. The Stores per steamer of 26 Mch ought to arrive within a few days of the 'Mary', together with any small quantity of saleable goods which may be asked for by vessel despatch home - our finances is extremely embarrassing the Board trusts you will not omit to make any remittance possible.

3. The Stores by Miss G^o are Books from Burrows, who is preparing balance of order for 'Mary' or near St^r, Brighton Oil, Watch for Murdoch Finlayson, ordered thro' Clay - Passengers are James Nicol wife, Shepherd from Glusco, a friend of Peter M^r. Lean, we were in hopes of getting W^m. Clarke from Dumfries

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a Nephew of the Pattersons, but he cannot leave his situation at present. Dr Samuel Hamilton of Dublin goes out for Governmt. we presume he relieves Dr Watts, his passage paid here.

4. The return of Moveable Property on 30 June last has not been sent with the Accounts & balancing papers.

5. Enclosed is Copy of our's of 18th inst. to Mr J. Meek at Musselburgh, Scotland, about improving the condition in which our Sheepskins arrive here, if any improvement could be made we should get a much increased value for them.

6. We have not yet found out the relations of the deceased James Millett but understand that our Shepherd Andrew Halliday corresponds with Mr Marshall, formerly in our service, somewhere in or near Montevideo, who knows Mr Millett, the Mother, steps had better therefore be taken to follow up this clue, I do not think we have ever been told the amount of property the Falkland Govt holds of James Millett's Estate. Mr Millett's Cash is in course of being divided amongst his Father, Brothers & Sisters, some little amount being given by them to his natural Son.

Remain, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
J. Coleman
Secy.

Enclosures.

- Duplicate N^o 534 - Triplicate N^o 533.
- " Coleman to Gray, Callaghan, Yeoman 16 Jan 79.
- ✓ Letters do " Dyer, Taylor, Fleyston.
- ✓ Journal & Ledger Entries.
- ✓ Marian's corrected General Invoice £ 179. 8. 4
- ✓ Minbo's General Invoice £ 294. 12. 3
- ✓ do 2 Detailed Invoices.
- ✓ do Manifest of Cargo.
- ✓ do Copy of Agreement with Crown Agents 23 Jan 79
- ✓ do Landing Certificate for Nicol & wife.
- ✓ Duplicate Copy of Mail Contract, dated 19 Dec 78.
- ✓ Land Order N^o 56 £ 100 Part 2.
- ✓ Account Sales 13 bales Wool A B ex W of Bray £ 126. 17. 6
- ✓ List of Stores proposed to be sent by Sch^r Mary.
- ✓ Copy Letter to Meek 18 Jan 79 about Sheepskins.
- ✓ Mail Table 1879 with Secy's notes in red ink.
- ✓ James Nicol's Agreement.
- ✓ Coleman to Cobb this date.
- ✓ do " Langdon " "
- ✓ Mr Dyer " Capt^l Dyer

N^o 536.

W. Sch. Mary

London, 39 A. Gracechurch St. 17th Feb^r 1879.

E.C.

Falkland Islands Company.

Sir,

Our last on 25th ult^o, as per Duplicate enclosed, will have explained why this vessel has been chartered, several parcels of Stores ordered for her have been declined for want of space, which will now be forwarded by Steamer of 26th prox^o; as you are short of Coals 75 tons are on board, and 10 or 20 more may be shipped: there was a mistake in the 'Marian's', corrected Invoice as the Gunpowder 37. 7. 6 was not received, it will go by this vessel. The accommodation was not fit for G. Patterson's two Sons, having received letter from their Father we shall carry out his wishes to send them by next Steamer: this vessel is consigned to Mess^{rs} Dean & Son as the chartering Brokers Mess^{rs} Langridge & Co are in hopes they may take her up for Produce to England.

2. The late John M^r Flinnell's property 44. 16. 11 has been divided amongst his relations legally through M^r Gardine, a Solicitor, at Thornhill, where some of them reside.

3. The 3 boxes Baggage of M^r T. A. Taylor, the Schoolmaster, shut out of the S^t Trent' 27 Dec^r: 78 went forward S^t Minto' on 27th ult^o, the R. Mail C^o considerably sending them free. We regret to state that the S^t Trent' broke down at St. Vincent, her Passengers and cargo will be taken on by the S^t Minto'.

4. Your Despatch N^o 263 of 2nd ult^o arrived on the 8th inst^o ex Lamport's S^t Hevelius.

5. 263, Par 2. As intimated in our two last Despatches the balances of Indents 25 & 27, together with N^o 27 now received will be shipped by Steamer of 26th prox^o - we send an extra quantity of Brighton Oil as there is a difficulty with this per Steamer, also 50 kegs M^r Dougall's Dip, 3 hds Tobacco were ordered but there is not room, being bought at 4 pence it will go by Steamer.

6. Par 14. The Royal Mail C^o Statement & Account 87. 2. 1 will render all the information required - they are informed of the increased rates for Passengers and Cargo and have been again told that they must send particulars of through freight by each S^t.

7. Par 15. It appears that M^r Burgess began to prepare a similar cargo to that S^t J. E. Woodworth' as soon as he heard she was burned, this was to sail 1st May next, we have now sent him copy of this paragraph and should think he will not carry out his intentions, as he says he lost though having some of the 'J. E. W.' cargo uninsured, he adds that you wrote him on 15th Nov^r last, to which he has replied, we presume you will have written him fully before leaving; under the circumstances you detail it seems fortunate the 'J. E. W.' was destroyed.

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Acting Colonial Manager
Stanley.

8. Par 22. We consider it would be very unadvisable to again alter the Mail dates of the first half of this year as fixed by Contract of 19 Dec last and leave the second half totally unprovided for, and therefore appealed to the Colonial Office who decide that the dates of the Mail Table attached to above Contract are to be adhered to; unfortunately this though sent by precaution in Liverpool Steamer on 24 Dec, N^o. 532, and again on 26 Dec by R. Mail Steamer, N^o. 533, will not reach Stanley until the 6th March through the 'Black Hawk' not waiting for the Dec^r Mail - these two Despatches, with our last N^o. 535 on 25 ultimo, will consequently arrive altogether, we shall therefore telegraph tomorrow or next day, "Table (Jan^r. Mail received) Government adhere London Mail Service dates", which will arrive with these three Despatches and we trust in the interests of the Colony & ourselves the whole matter will be understood & properly carried out.

* in due course this Contract and Table would have arrived at the Colony by the 3rd of this month, but *
The Board regrets your arrangements at Par 31 will be altered, but the public service is the cause of the delay. Correspondence with the Colonial Office is enclosed.

9. Par 23. We are sorry to hear of the misfortune which has visited Stanley in the huge Landslips from the Peat bank at the back of the town, as you do not report damage to the C^o. we are fortunate in this respect though of course we suffer from any loss occurring to the inhabitants; the photographs are interesting though not so explanatory as one would have thought, Biggs writes that he has sent six, so we hope the other two were posted afterwards.

10. Par 24. It will be most annoying if the Tallow Melting is delayed through the Machinery being sent in the V of Bray instead of the Steamer of 8 Nov last, but it was not ready for the St., in fact the Vicar was delayed at Gravesend to receive some of it.

11. Par 26. It was never intended to make Martin entirely independent and we do not believe the Agreement of 23 Aug 78 can be construed in this way, we trust therefore you will exercise due control over him as may be necessary.

Remain, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
J. Coleman
Sec^y

Enclosures.

- Duplicate N^o. 535 Imp. Coleman to
- Triplicate " 534 Houston, Taylor
- Duplicate to Clay N^o. 14. 26 Jan 78.
- James Nicol's five Certificates of character
- Marian's Bill of Lading
- Letter for Rob^t. H. Allen, Seward B. Howe.
- Copy Minho's Freight Acc^t. L 7. 14. 3 & Measurements.
- Mary's List of Cargo. Corrected Inv^t. of Marian
- " Goods for others. Letter to Col^l. Office 12 Feb 79
- " Manifest. Their Reply 14 " "
- " Bill of Lading.
- " Gen^l. Inv^t. & Detailed Inv^t. (21)
- Coleman to Langdon, Biggs this date.

N^o 537.

M^r. R. M. G. W.
'Mondego'

London: 39 A. Gracechurch St. 26th Mch 1879.
E.C.

Falkland Islands Company.

Sir, Enclosing Duplicate of last on 17th ult. by the Sch. 'Mary', copy of which was sent to meet M^r. Cobb at Montevideo, we have now to acknowledge receipt of Despatches N^o 264 on 17th inst. and N^o 265 on 24th instant, with their Enclosures in proper order.

2. N^o 264, 2. The 'Governor's' Bill £900 is very welcome, the Italian Government have not yet replied to our letter about a further supply of Coals for her. The statement upon the consumption of Steam Coals at Stanley is important and shows the Comp^y have done their best to support the Government & general commerce, we may apply to the former after shipping more Steam Coals to avail of them for N.M. Steamers.

3. Par 4. As the second Produce vessel has not been ordered at Montevideo we have combined this requirement with the need of Steam Coals by chartering the three masted Sch. 'Falcon', 203 tons reg^d, Captⁿ. R. Burt, to load 400 tons Tylor's Merthyr Steam Coals and 60 tons White Salt, filling up if possible with the 370 Deals ordered by Indent 29 of 10th Feb. we are advised it would be very improper to put 75 tons in Tallow Casks as requested so this cannot be done, we presume this was only for easier delivery at Goose but as the 'Falcon' has to go round for Produce she can deliver this quantity there - 120 tons deadweight are required for her to shift ports - We trust these Coals will prove a good speculation as we are told the N^o. 'Had Haarlem', mentioned at N^o 535, 2, will call at Stanley on her way home from New Zealand: a telegram "round" will be sent on 9th prox^o to meet M^r. Cobb at M^r. Video. We hope the 'Falcon' will leave Cardiff on 8th proximo.

4. N^o 265, 2. We are extremely sorry to hear that the Distemper amongst the Shepherds' Dogs has caused so much trouble & expense, we have written to our Agents and shall endeavour to send one or two Dogs by the Coal or London vessel.

5. Par 4. The Board consents upon your representation to grant a Lease of Bleaker Island to M^r. Fell for 7, 14 or 21 years at a rental of £15, 20 & 25 for the three terms, save

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being taken to have stringent clauses for the Co's protection.

6. Par 5, 6. The falling off of quality & quantity of Wool, partly from weather partly from Lime & Sulphur Dip, is very bad news as we are already terribly crippled through the present low prices, the proposal for the second dipping to be of a stimulating Dip agrees with our lately expressed opinions and the Board decidedly think a move ought to be made in this direction, even counselling the disuse, except on emergencies, of Lime & Sulphur Dip, the cheapness of which is dearly purchased by the loss of weight and the bad character our Wool will obtain through its being rendered harsh & brittle; the whole matter will have the Directors' most serious consideration on the arrival here of the Colonial Manager.

7. Par 9. As we are now sending Steam Coals and the Governor must be convinced the Co. has always endeavoured to oblige the Government by keeping a stock, it would conduce to the benefit of the Colony if he represented the matter to the Admiralty and requested that N. M. Men of War might resume the practice of calling at Stanley, this would be a support to our representations, the Board therefore wish this to be done.

8. Par 12. Our last Despatches & Telegram Out N. 10 will have settled about the Mail Contract, the breakdown of the 27th Dec. Lt. 'Trent' is most unfortunate but as the matter was left to be settled in England it would have been more proper to have continued running the 'Black Hawk' upon the old dates, than endeavouring to make alterations - we are surprised you should have ordered the 'B. Hawk' to wait for the Mail of 14th Feb. when you telegraphed to write by the direct R. Mail Steamer of 27th Jan., this and former long delays at Montevideo will prevent our Schooner being usefully employed at Pds.

9. Par 14. The word Stickeney should be read for Bailion in N. 534, 11. On reply to extract from Bailion's Letter of 30 Jan '79 we recovered in Dec. last from the Underwriters for Sea damage 63.15.2 for Bailion Bro. and 6.4.9 for A. Bailion, this being reported and Credit given in N. 535. The Co. is liable for Tallow damage but it would not amount to much.

10. Par 18. As lately stated we ship by this Steamer the balance of Stores ordered up to Indent 27 and in addition to the 'Falcon' with Coals, Salt & Timber we shall charter in this port a vessel of about 180 tons reg. or 200, to convey the 200 tons House Coals, 10 tons Blacksmiths, 400 Tallow Casks, 20 hhds Ale, 60 hhds Lime, 30 bales Hay (these two balances of former indents) and the sundry Stores ordered by Indents 28 & 29 just received - this charter will be for the round or out only at your option, she ought to sail about 21st April - the advantage of the two vessels is that there will be more lay days for loading and the second one being small.

arrangements may be made for her loading the last of the Tallow close to Goose Green & calling in at any other small place.

11. Par 19. We have arranged with Messrs^{rs} Ellis & Son for the expenses of their ship 'Rutlandshire', but were forced to agree to charge five per cent Commission and allow them half as there was another person in the field; on their behalf we sent on 22nd ult^o. Telegram Out N^o. 11 - "Owner Rutlandshire telegraphed 'addressed Caucasus repair temporary quickly employ Company forward Stanley" - which we trust Mr. Humphreys submitted to Captⁿ. Langabeer, to whom his Owners had telegraphed.

12. The Passengers by this Steamer are James & W^m. Patterson Mesons of our head Shepherd George Patterson, who we think ought to be charged half their expenses out if not more, though there was something said about their going by one of the Co's vessels: in accordance with N^o. 262, 11 Mr. Magovern five children will go by the 'Falcon', their provisions are to be paid for at six shillings a day.

13. On the 18th ult^o. we sent Telegram Out N^o. 10 - "Fable Government adhere London Mail Service dates" - this reached Montevideo on 20th ult^o. and going down with our Despatch 535 would settle all questions about the Mail Service for the present year.

14. The last barge to the 'Mary' only delivered five tons making a total of 80 tons Coals on board her - enclosed is Davy's Invoice for same £4.6.0, also Crose & Blackwell's 5.8.0 for 24 jars Vinegar just shipped the last day - these enable us to send proper General Invoice amounting to £926.6.9. King's goods 2.7.6 were not shipped p^r. 'Drew' but went on p^r. 'Minho' 26 Jan 79. Captⁿ. Dixon has asked for several Sails for 'B. Hawk' which are now sent.

15. We wrote to the Admiralty offering to supply Coals to H. M. S. 'Alert', they replied arrangements had already been made for this purpose: Captⁿ. John F. L. P. Maclear is now appointed to command her as Sir G. S. Nares returns to England to undertake duties connected with the Board of Trade.

16. The date of Mr. Clay's engagement as Camp Manager has not been given, this is required to enable the increase of Salary to be entered in our records. Captain Dixon having solicited an addition to his pay the Board has granted him Ten Pounds extra per annum from the 1st January last, and will pay the premium for the yearly insurance of his effects, valued at £100, upon the 'Black Hawk' commencing from the 1st instant. Dr. Keniston being put to extra expenses through his detention at St. Vincent drew upon the Co. for £15 which is to be debited to his Ac^t. at St. Pauly.

17. We have made an alteration in the payment of Wages to Shepherds by allowing them five cwt Oatmeal each per annum deducting six Pounds (£6) as cost, our Wages are now Shepherds £44 to 54, Helps £34 to 44: this is much approved by our Agents it being the regular custom in Scotland & will be beneficial to the healths of our people. The present consignment has 5 brls 9/2 cwt in anticipation, as we engage so must supplies be sent out.

18. You will have noticed Mr. Dougall's proposition for a great reduction in price of their Sheep Dip if used largely by the Co., this being a successful dip ought to have serious consideration: another dip Gillard's has been highly recommended, particulars are enclosed, a small quantity will be shipped by the London vessel sufficient for 200 Sheep which ought to be carefully tried - we have called Mr. Clay's particular attention to their remarks upon all dips being applied warm which renders them more efficacious. On further consideration we shall only send 30 cwt's Lime by the London as the *W of Bray & Mary* had so much, it being doubtful if the Lime Sulphur Dip will continue in such full use.

19. N^o 265, 9. We are still without a reply from the Italian Government, should they order some we should increase the *Falcon's* quantity to 450 tons & perhaps shut out the timber - with respect to your remarks about a Hulk if the *Margaret's* is dangerous a part of these coals must be put into the *Egeria* and send a full supply to the Tallow Works and Dipping Stations.

I remain, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
J. Coleman Sec^y

Enclosures.

- Duplicate N^o 536 - Triplicate N^o 535
- do Coleman to Langdon, Biggs 17 Feb 79.
- Journal & Ledger Entries N^o 77.
- Remarks on Accounts " 78.
- Duplicate *Mary's* Bill of Lading 17 Feb 79.
- Corrected General Invoice of *Mary* £956.6.9
- Daveny's Invoice 4.6. - Croffe's 5.8. - *Mary* -
- Copy *Marian's* and *Mary's* Freight Acct.
- Acc^y Sales Sheepskins ex *W of Bray* 98.2.14 Copy -
- do 3 tbs do *Robertson's* Blake 18.18. -
- do 2 " do *Baillon's* Bro^s 7.16.6
- do 1 " do *A. Baillon* 6.2.10
- Copy Account Cargoes Home in 1878 £28,274.18.8 Nett
- " Sheep Dip Materials sent out in 1878.
- Letter for Clay N^o 16 and N^o 15 -
- do " G. Patterson for Sec^y this date.
- Copy Lr to Ladd 16^o 28 Feb & reply 17 Mch abt *Boomer* Wool Preps for Clay -
- do " for Mr. Dougall 20 Feb & your reply 29 Feb abt supplying their Dip for Clay }
- do *Falcon's* Charterparty }
- Cards & Gov^t Papers about *Taylor's* Steam Coals for *Falcon* (RR Post)
- ~~Edinburgh~~ Wool Circular 26 Mch 79, this is *Jacomb's* -
- Copy Lr for Gillard 25 Mch & Pamphlets on their Sheep Dips. for Clay }
by Patterson } abt. for office }
- True Copy *Falcon's* Charter Party (ent^d above)
- Memos on Closes & Contents of Case from Office N^o 14597
- manifest of Cargo General Invoices £1388.11.3
- Copy of letter re *Little's* Dip for Clay 31 Jan 79 fr *California*
- 19 Detailed Invoices
- Letters Coleman to *Yeoman*, *Newston*, *Launders* 26 Mch
- Letter for Capt *Langbar* of the *Rutlandshire*

No 537.
 26 March 1879
 The Secy & Co.

N^o 538.London, 39 St. Gueochurch St. 9th April 1879.

E.C.

M^{rs} 'Falcon'

Falkland Islands Company.

Sir, Enclosing Duplicate of our last on 26th ult^o, we have now to report that this vessel is ready for sea loaded with 394 tons Steam Coals, 60 tons Salt and a quantity of Timber. M^{rs} Magovern with five children goes out to join her Husband, who must be charged for their passages, the provisioning will be carried out by the vessel at a charge of six shillings (6/-) a day for the whole family - the bedding, blankets &c have been charged to M^{rs} Magovern, who has had an advance of £ 16 against her Husband's wages.

2. We have been informed by the Italian Government that the 'Governolo' will not return to Stanley.

3. On the 31st ult^o we despatched Telegram Out N^o 11 "round", to notify that we had chartered tonnage for the round to bring back the second Produce, being the present vessel and the Brig 'Mary Lester' of 188 tons as per Charterparty enclosed, she ought to sail about the 22nd with 200 tons House Coals and the balance of the last Indents. As there may not be so much Produce for the second ship we have taken the precaution to make her home charter optional though the amount deducted is but small still it may prove of advantage - being a small vessel we inserted Goose Green in the ports she has to call at for Produce, thinking she might there load the Tallow direct. The home cargoes of both these vessels are to be reported as soon as possible.

4. We have obtained seven Sheep Dogs as per description herewith being a Dog & Bitch from M^r Robert M'Onie of Brechin, Middleton's Brother in law - a dog from Hugh Campbell, of Duffus near Elgin - a dog from M^r Call of Dumfries and a Dog and two Bitches from M^r Clay, Berwick on Tweed, one of the Bitches is for his brother, who will have to be charged a share of the expense of kennels, provisions &c, we hope to get a few

John Langdon Esq
Acting Colonial Manager,
Stanley.

London: 39, Abchurch Lane
E.C.

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Falkland Islands Company.

more Dogs for the London vessel: being valuable animals and essential to get them out safe we have granted a Gratuity to Capt. Burk of Ten Shillings (10/-) each for all landed alive & in good condition - and five shillings (5/-) to Mr. Baker the Chief Officer: as the Mail of 3rd prox. reaches you before this we shall be able to send account of cost and expenses.

5. The Bale of Fishing Nets is to be delivered to Mr. Mansel, freight paid here.

P.S. The Captain has nearly 8 remain, five tons Coals on board for ship's use.

Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
J. Coleman
Secy

Enclosures.

Duplicate N^o 537.
do Coleman to Langdon, Clay, Georson, Heuston and Patterson 26 Mch 79.

Falcon's Charterparty 20 Mch 79
Mary Lester's do 1 Apr "
Coal Bill of Lading with A. Tylor Ho^r. Certificate.

Pall & do
General Invoice partially entered
3 Detailed Invoices
Manifest

Description of Dogs
Letter for Vernon Travers, 'Rutlandshire' from Langridge 46.
Parcel of Photographic Materials for Mr. Heunah " do
Printed Notice of Coal Gas Explosions on Ships.
Mr. Magovern's Receipt for £16.
Capt. Burk's Receipt for Dog's Provender.

N^o. 539. London. 39A. Gracechurch St. 26th April 1879.
 Messrs. Mary Lester. E.C.

Falkland Islands Company.

- Sir, Enclosed is Duplicate of our last 9th instant by the 'Falcon', which vessel sailed from Cardiff on the 11th instant with a favorable wind, six days only being used for loading.
2. Messrs. N. Tylor & Co. and Messrs. Alexanders & Co. having made mistakes in their Invoices by the vessel, we now enclose corrected ones and General Invoice £495. 3. 5 for the whole cargo: Alexander's first lot of Timber 160. 15. 11 is the order in Indent 29 - the second lot 69. 9. 4 was shipped at last moment to fill up as per scantling ordered in Despt. 265, 15.
3. The Cargo by this Vessel is the balance of all Indents received N^o. 29 of 7 Feb 79 being the last - but instead of 60 hhd's Lime only 30 hhd's are shipped as this Sheep Dip may be partially discontinued and a good supply of Lime has already been sent: we were in hopes of shipping the 20 hhd's Ale from Bala intended for the Steamer of 26 June as this is a more favorable season for Beer, but there is not space so it must go by Steamer.
4. On the 19th inst. Telegram Home N^o. 19 arrived - "Federal H. Peters Renck Helsenmuller Harburg wire if bottomry necessary Cobbs Packe illimani" - not being able to learn any thing about the owners H. G. C. Renck & G. Renck & Co. (ass. Bremen Veritas Book) of Harburg, we sent the same day Telegram Out N^o. 13 "Take Bottomry Bond Peters telegraph amount for insurance" - and on 23rd instant received for answer Telegram Home N^o. 20 "Fifteen hundred" - the matter will therefore be attended to, the Island reports arriving by next Mail.
5. We learn with regret that the Sth. 'Glad Haarlem' will not carry out her intended call at Stanley on returning from New Zealand, through it being reported that there would not be sufficient Coals for her at Stanley.
6. On the 23rd instant we received Letter from the General Post Office stating that at the suggestion of H. C. the Governor, arrangements were made for Mails to be despatched by every Steamer to Montevideo to avoid the delay of any Sth. breaking down as lately occurred to the R. M. S. 'Trent' - Printed Notice is enclosed, it will be seen that the Royal Mail Steamers dates do not exactly agree with our Mail Table, this is because from June next the C^o. may revert to the former dates of Steamers from Southampton on 9th & 24th; we shall doubtless avail of these opportunities from time to time.

John Langdon Esq
 Acting Colonial Manager
 Stanley.

7. We wrote to the Colonial Office and the Admiralty on the 19th inst., as per copies enclosed, respecting the late shipment of Steam Coals to Stanley, putting forward a claim that F.C. Co. Steamers should occasionally call for supplies of fuel to enable a stock of Coals to be fairly remunerative & ready for emergencies.

8. Messrs Russell have prepared more Wool Bagging if space it will be stowed, if not it will go on by 26th June P.M. with the balance of order for 8,000 yards: Andrew Watherston Junr & a Shepherd & Help is engaged for this Steamer.

9. Four Sheep Dogs have been obtained a Dog & Bitch from Mr. Orrie, Brechin - a Dog and Bitch with Pup from Fleming, our Agent, 44 High St., Dundee - as per description of Nos. 8, 9, 10 and 11 enclosed - Mr. C. will not purchase any more on their own account, but arrange that each Shepherd going out has at least one dog past the distemper, or even two if of their own breeding and young. Enclosed is account £41.4.6 of the cost and expenses of the seven dogs of 'Falcon', No. 6 costing 5.13.5 is to be charged to Mr. Clay, being bought for him by his Brother, together with share of Food, Freight, Gratuities & Expenses - we consider Shepherds requiring dogs ought to be charged something, though any meritorious man might justly be rewarded with one as a present.

Remain, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
J. Coleman
Secy.

Enclosures.

Duplicate No. 538.
Charterparty Mary Lester dated 1 Apr 79.
Bill of Lading do
General Invoice do 864.6.8
14 Detailed do do
Manifest do
Description of Dogs do and List of Food for them.
Dup do of do Falcon
Dog Account do 41.4.6 cost & expenses
Corrected Genl. Invoice do 495.3.5
do Tylor's do do 183.16.5 & Alexander's corrected to 160.15.11
Copies Letters to Colonial Office & Admiralty 19 Apr about Coals
do from Genl. Post Office 22 Apr about Mails
Two Postal Notices of London Mails enclosed in above
London Balance Sheet 31 Dec 78 with Profit & Loss Account.
Shiff's Pottery List.
Letter for Bartlett from J. A. M. P.
Parcel for Dean from Dean in charge of Capt. Griffith.

P. S. Four bales Bagging, one case Stationery not shipped.

N^o. 540.

Per 'Maskelyne' London, 39 A. Gracechurch St. 3rd May 1879.
 via Liverpool. E.C.

Futland Islands Company.

Sir, Our last Despatch, dated 26th ult^o, was sent by the 'Mary Lester', as per duplicate enclosed, she passed Deal on the morning of the 30th ult^o with a fair wind: having shut out one case Shop Paper and four bales Wool Bagging they are now forwarded by this Steamer to close up the Indents, the Ale, 20 bds, mentioned in our last, not being ordered, is reserved for the Southampton St^o of 26 June being a couple of months supply - she will also convey the balance of the Wool Bagging and Sheep Shears. As the Mare neglected taking the dimensions of the S. American Missionary goods N^o. 4,828 to 4,830 you will have to charge freight at 6^o per ton measurement, with 1/6^o for dock charges - the parcel of Private Effects N^o. 4,760 for M^{rs} Broome ought to be charged something with 1/2^o dock charges if she is not a customer at our Store.

2. The Admiralty have replied to our letter about Steam Coals at Stanley, stating that this information has been communicated to the Naval Commander in Chief on the Pacific Station and the Senior Officer on the South East Coast of America, though a demand for Coals cannot be guaranteed, still let us hope some good will come of it - copy of letter is enclosed. As we could not send a Mail Table to Capt^m James E. Erskine of N. M. S. 'Garnet' (which has relieved the Volage) when addressing him here last Nov^r with Charts, we now forward one to avail of the opportunity of sending him copy of our letter to the Admiralty on 19th ult^o and their reply of 26th ult^o, as we are not certain whether he is the Senior Officer on that Station.

3. I am directed to forward a List of Employe's at the Islands with their Salaries and Wages and to draw your serious attention, and the same to M^r Clay, to the very large expense on this head amounting to £41,752.16., besides extra labor & the expenses of crews of vessels, we are pleased that to the present there are no demands for new Shepherds, still it is considered that with the present number of Sheep & Cattle our staff is excessive, of course the Board will consult most carefully with M^r Cobb on the subject, but meanwhile the List is sent out for your remarks and to know whether it is correct.

I remain, Sir,
 Your obedient Servant,

J. Coleman
 Sec^y.

John Langdon Esq
 Acting Colonial Manager,
 Stanley.

Enclosures.

- ✓ Triplicate N^o. 538.
- ✓ Duplicate " 539.
- ✓ do two 'Falcon's' Bills of Lading - Coals & Timber
- ✓ do 'Mary Lester's' do
- ✓ do do Charterparty
- ✓ do do of 'Falcon's' Particulars of Dogs
- ✓ do Cost of Dogs do £41. 4. 6
- ✓ do L^o. p^o. 'Mary Lester' 20. 19. 1
- ✓ Manifest of Stores p^o. W. 'Maskelyne'
- ✓ Corrected Gent. Invoice 'Mary Lester' £818. 6. 3
- ✓ Copy of Letter 22 Apr 79 from General Post Office about extra Mails by Steamers to Montevideo.
- ✓ Notice N^o. 23 Gen Post Off^o. of Despatch of Mails for Falkland Islands, enclosure to above letter.
- ✓ Copy of Company's Letters about Steam Coals at Stanley to Colonial Office 19 Apr 79
- ✓ " Admiralty " " "
- ✓ do " do Reply 26 " "
- ✓ do Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement to 31 Dec 78.
- ✓ do Gilbert's Acc^t. for Newspapers £10. 16. 8
- ✓ Remarks on Accounts N^o. 80.
- ✓ Journal and Ledger Entries.
- ✓ Copy Lamport's Freight Acc^t. 'Maskelyne' £7. 12. 10
- ✓ Letter for Capt^m. Burt of 'Falcon' from his wife
- ✓ do " Mate Baker " do " do
- ✓ do " " Jones " 'Mary Lester' " do
- ✓ 2 do " Bennah from his Mother & Coleman
- ✓ do " Cpt^m. Willis of 'Allen Gardiner' from Coleman
- ✓ do " W^m. Smith, Cook of 'Mary Lester' from his Mother
- ✓ do " Clay N^o. 17 with three Enclosures.
- ✓ Gent. Invoice p^o. 'Maskelyne' £46. 4. 5
- ✓ List of Employe's at Islands with Salaries & Wages.

N^o 541.
 P. 'Britannia'
 via Cardiff.

Corporation of the
 Falkland Islands Co.

London 14th June 1879.

Sir, We enclose Duplicate of our last on 3rd ult^o and have to acknowledge the receipt on 19th ult^o of Despatches N^o 266 (in Duplicate) and N^o 267. M^{rs} Cobb arrived at Liverpool on the 20th ultimo.

2. N^o 267, 15. The delay of the Stores per R. M. S^s 'Trent' is certainly most vexatious and shows that we ought always to have a stock of Sheep Dip Materials on hand, we are glad M^r Dean has so kindly lent us Tobacco: a claim has been made upon the Royal Mail C^o for the delay, which they repudiate at present, but will examine our claim for damage to 24 kegs M^{rs} Dougall's Sheep Dip: we expect full particulars about these Stores to support & increase if necessary our claim as above.

3. The ^{Par 20} account of the 'F. Peters' has been settled by the Owners paying here £1500 and 7½ % for the accommodation, the Bottomry Bond to be cancelled, we therefore telegraphed on 10th inst^o to M^{rs} B. R. Wilson not to present same, which we hope will arrive a little before the 'F. Peters' gets to Callao, we write him this day as per copy enclosed: should the account of the 'F. Peters' prove more than £1500 the Owners have engaged to meet it, if under this sum we refund.

4. On the 3rd inst^o we received Telegram Home N^o 21 "Federal Dennis Brundis Board Liverpool" - it having left Montevideo by the 1st inst^o - we immediately wrote to Mess^{rs} Doward Dickson & Co, 5 Rumpfords Place, Liverpool, who replied in a reasonable manner, but the next day sent Telegram that having had Telegram from Captⁿ Dyer they would not be responsible for any repairs, this was on 5th, we thought of wiring to stop repairs or if completed to take Bottomry Bond, but the Telegram Home having been delayed our's would be late from the same cause, so could not arrive before the 'Black Hawk' had left: the matter now remains in abeyance until arrival of Despatch which can hardly be answered by the outgoing Mail S^s 'Douro', we may therefore have to telegraph to Lisbon.

John Langdon Esq
 Acting Colonial Manager
 Stanley.

5. M^{rs} Taylor did not accompany her husband on his passage from Southampton 24 Dec 78, the 'Black Hawk's' fare for her £6 has therefore been returned to the Crown Agents. The Royal Mail Co. have altered the departure of their Steamers from the 27th to the 30th of the month, the next Mail will consequently leave on the 30th - this alteration affects the Mail of our Table on 26th Sept^r next. The Board have decided to terminate the present Mail Contract at the end of this year by giving six months' notice before the end of this month, instructions will be prepared at their next meeting for your guidance as the Mail reaches you before this.

6. The Directors trust the utmost expedition will be used in loading the 'Falcon' and 'Mary Lester' with Produce, as their cargoes will be urgently needed for the Dividend $\frac{1}{2}$, the Bills of Lading ought to leave by the Mail of 14 Aug next.

7. This present vessel is sent out by M^r Dean having loaded 8 House Coals, Spars & Timber, also Biscuit, she has come round to Cardiff for Steam Coals and Timber. M^r Dean has considerably undertaken to convey some Cooper's Flasks which are not suitable for shipment by Steamer. By the N. M. S^r Douro on 30th inst^t we shall forward a small consignment of Stores being $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{2}{3}$ in some instances of your Indent N^o 30 received in last Despatch, it is intended to make a like shipment by the Mail of 30th Sept^r, perhaps a small quantity for the Mail of 14th Aug^t and the 'Vicar of Bray' will sail with Rough Stores towards the end of Sept^r, certainly by first week of October to bring back the first Produce of next year.

8. Enclosed is correspondence with M^r A. C. Curphey of Valparaiso, who has been appointed our Agent there, he is a nephew of the late Crofts, who used to conduct matters for us. M^r Cobb is of opinion that as the War might create delay, the 'Sparrow Hawk' will be required for the Wool season and 'Flover' is still cheap at Montevideo you will hardly send her to Valparaiso.

9. There were no direct instructions about the Dogs of 'Falcon' & 'Mary Lester', we trust you will have understood they were to be sold to the Shepherds, we shall not send any more but Glendinning's & M^r Myn's Fathers will send three, M^r Ball one by 'Vicar of Bray' for their Sons & Brother.

10. I am sorry to say that the 'Vicar of Bray' has not yet arrived. I remain, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Coleman
Secy

Enclosures.

Duplicate N^o 540.)

Letter to Admiralty 6 May about Coals & Reply 8 May

do " Curphey 28 Feb and his Reply 25 Apr 79.

Post Office Notice of Mail Alterations dated 10 June

R. Mail Book for Steamer Sailings N^o 11, 5 June 79

F. S. Co's 24th Annual Report with Accounts of 1878.

Copy Alexander's Invoice £70.13.0 for Timber per
'Falcon' with fuller particulars of prices & cost
obtained at suggestion of Mr. Cobb.

Copy Letter to Wilson, Callao, 13 June about 'H. Peters'.

" R. Mail Co's Through Freight Acc^t. £4.12.7

Statement upon Accounts N^o 82.

Ledger and Journal Entries.

Letter from Coleman to Langdon

do do " James Campbell

P.S. Mr. Cobb brought Mr. Alday's application for assistance before the Board but it was declined.

N^o 541

14 June 1879

The Secretary
F. D. Co

W. Pacific St.
 'Araucania'
 direct via
 Bordeaux.

Corporation of the
 Falkland Islands Co.

N^o 542.

London 26th June 1879.

Sir, Our last was despatched by the 'Britannia' from Cardiff as per Duplicate enclosed and we write by this opportunity as the Post Office makes up a Mail for her, though the direct Steamer will be the 'Douro' from Southampton on the 30th inst., conveying Miss Gilbert for the S. Am^{er}: Miss^{es} Soc^y, Andrew Watherston, Shepherd for the C^o: and Stores as per list herewith.

2. As the Board is not satisfied with the Mail Contract of 19th Dec^r: last Notice has been given to the Government to terminate it at the end of this year, but it will not be necessary for you to take any steps in the matter.

3. We have determined to ship 10 tons Tobacco for Sheep Dip and other Dressing Materials by the Mail or other St^{eamer}: of 5 Aug next, together with some Paints to be passed on to Mr^{: Clay} for Darwin Harbour and some Provisions for deposit on the 'Black Hawk' to be used only in case of need, to obviate the danger of want of provisions in consequence of long passage as occurred on 3 to 18 Apt^{: last}.

4. Should any Produce be shut out of our two vessels we wish it sent home by Steamer, if suitable, or application to be made to Mr^{: Dean} for conveyance by his vessel: you had better send home all empty Spirits of Tar jars by our 'Falcon' or 'Mary Lester', since such packages can be stowed where produce cannot be placed.

5. If the Sheep Dogs by the above two vessels have not been sold the Colonial Manager thinks it would be well to present them to the Overseers G. Patterson, James Rae, W. Armstrong, Finlayson & Glendinning, though if the latter gets one he would have to give it up or pass the one from his Father to some one else when it arrives.

6. Enclosing copies of the Annual General Report for last ^{year} presented to the Shareholders on the 20th inst: and the Resolutions passed at the meeting, I have the pleasure of informing you that the Thanks of the Proprietors were given to all the Officers of the Company, which the Directors wish you to accept yourself and notify to the others.

7. Referring to Part 4 of last Despatch about the Telegram for the 'Dennis Brundrit' we are surprised to learn from Mr^{: Humphreys} that the 'B. Hawk' arrived at Montevideo.

John Langdon Esq
 Acting Colonial Manager
 Stanley.

Video on the 24th May so that this intelligence must have been brought up by another vessel, Messrs Toward & Co. have not made further arrangements so as the mails coming per 'Mintio' may not be here until the 28th we may have to telegraph to Messrs Howles & Co. at Lisbon, and have added the following words to our code -

Festival	(Name of vessel before)	Take Bottomry Bond for repairs and expenses.
Feticide	do	Carry out moderate repairs sufficient for destination.
Fettering	do	Owner declines to repair will not be answerable for expenses.

to be forwarded to Mr. Humphreys, ^{of Douro} who has been informed the meaning of these words.

8. The 'Vicar of Bray' has at last arrived on the 22nd inst., I regret to state that Capt. Dyer landed very ill indeed having been in a bad state for 7 or 8 weeks, & am happy to say he is now much better from the rest & quietness and proper medical treatment.

I remain,

Sir

Your obedient Servant,

J. Coleman
Secy.

Enclosures.

- Duplicate N^o 541.
- Triplicate " 540.
- do Coleman to Clay, Fennah, Willis 3 May '79 for "Douro"
- Journal & Ledger Entries N^o 81. duplicate
- Remarks on Accounts " 82. do
- Copy Letter to Admiralty 6 May re Coals & Reply 8 May
- " Alexander's Invoice of Timber ff. Falcon £70.13.0
- with fuller particulars to show prices & cost.
- Amended Post Office Mail Dates 10 June '79.
- Report for General Meeting 20 June '79
- Resolutions passed at D^o D^o
- Copy Letter to Milbon, Callao, 13 June '79 abt 'H. Peters' for "Douro"
- do Russell's Account Bale of Rags ex Lion 1.7.7
- R. Mail Co's Time Table for Mails June to Dec '79.
- Copy of Notice and Letter to Crown Agents for Colonies
- 20 June '79 to terminate Mail Contract.
- Two Letters for Fennah from his Mother.
- List of Cargo for "Douro"

N^o 543.
P. R. M. M^{rs} Douro

Corporation of the
Falkland Islands Co.

London 28th June 1879.

Sir,
We wrote a short Despatch on the 26th as per Duplicate enclosed and now have to acknowledge receipt of your Despatches N^{os} 268, 269, 270 dated 14th, 22nd and 23rd May last, which will be submitted to the next Board but do not require any particular answers by the present Mail.

2. We can hardly hear from Mess^{rs} Toward & Co. as to their decision respecting the 'Dennis Brundrit', so shall doubtless have to telegraph thro' Lisbon, we have thought of another code word "Feudal" which with name of vessel before is to mean "Telegraph amount of Bottomry Bond for insurance in London" - insurance in such cases being always necessary should be included in account, the proposed charge on the "H. Peters" Bond was 10⁰/₁₀₀ percent (Five Guineas per cent) this for your guidance.

3. Enclosed is copy of Lucas' P^{ro} L^{ist} for the Cooper's Flago p. 'Britannia', also specification of Timber & particulars of Coals, she is presumed to have sailed from Cardiff on 25th or 26th instant.

I remain, Sir,
Your obed^t Servant,
J. Coleman

Enclosures.

- Triplicate N^o 541.
- Duplicate " 542.
- do Coleman to Clay, Hannah, Capt. Willis 3 May 79.
- Report & Resolutions of Genl. Meet^g 20 June 79 for Col. M^{rs}.
- Journal & Ledger Entries N^o 83.
- Crown Agents Agreement for Emigrant for Douro
- Agreement with Walthorston as the phend
- Landing Certificate for L^o
- Lucas' P^{ro}. Cooper's Flago L^{ist}.
- Contents of Case from Office
- Specification Britannia's Timber
- Particulars do Coals & Cargo
- General Invoice L 660.5.1
- 28 Detailed Invoices
- Remarks on Prores
- Manifest of Douro's Cargo of Prores
- Letters from Col^t for M^{rs} Dean, M^{rs} Yates -
- Clay - Martin - 28 June 79

N^o 544. London, 39, A. Gracechurch St. 2 Aug^r 1879.
W. Maskelyne E.C.
via Liverpool. Falkland Islands Company.

Sir, Enclosing Duplicate of N^o 543 we have now to answer your Despatches 268, 269 and 270.

2. N^o 268, 4. The Board is glad to learn that the Tallow Works are progressing well so that there will be a good shipment of Tallow, we shall await the return of the 'Mary Lester' with some anxiety to learn whether the arrangement for her loading at Goose Green works well and ought to be carried out again for the second Produce of next year.

3. Par 11. We were in hopes that the Wool dipped by the three processes was in the 'Vicar' to be able to test the effects of the different Dips, but this not being the case we must wait until the 'Falcon' arrives.

4. Par 17. The explanations upon your having had to draw on the Directors more heavily than anticipated are satisfactory & the £600 Bill is accepted.

5. N^o 269, 2. The further transactions respecting the 'Lennis Brundrit' are that on the 2nd ult. we sent Telegram Out N^o 14 to Humphreys enquiring cost of charter for vessel to Callao with her cargo - his reply Telegram Home N^o 22 submitted a vessel which the Underwriters could not accept - the cargo of Patent Fuel was then bought by Mr. Dean at 16/- (sixteen shillings) a ton and Mess^{rs} Howard & Co. abandoned the vessel, trusting to her being condemned; on their behalf we sent 21 July Telegram Out N^o 15 "Howard instructs deliver Brundrit's cargo Dean", they paying the cost - on 23 July we wired Telegram Out N^o 16 "Fraternat not beyond 300" which we trust you received and understood to purchase the 'Lennis Brundrit' for a bulk not exceeding £300 (Three hundred Pounds) - the cost of Telegram Out N^o 14, 10. 3. 8 is to be collected from the ship - Dean has undertaken to forward to Callao the 14 tons Grindstones, Paints &c.

6. The 'Vicar of Bray' delivered one bale Wool short, there being only 273 bales DE - there were 2 dry Hides and 10 Tanned Hides extra - the prospective arrangements for her are that she sails 25 Sept with full cargo of Stores, ought to arrive

John Langdon Esq
Acting Colonial Manager
Stanley.

14 Dec and leave 15 Feb 80 with first Produce of next year to be home in good time for the May Wool Sales - This Pt^y conveys 15 Wkds Tobacco for Sheep Dip & a few Provisions for 'Black Hawk' & North Arm - by the R. Mail Pt^y of 30 Sep we shall forward a small consignment similar to that of Douro, 30th June, and later shall have to arrange further Stores out by the Pt^y and perhaps by vessel early next year for second Produce.

The 'Sea Witch' for Dean and the 'Marian' for Waldron arrived on the 24th ult^o with Produce, as per details herewith.

7. Mr J. E. Lambert's Screw Schooner Yacht 'Wanderer' 488 tons is going round the World and may pass through the Straits of Magellan, charts & particulars of Stanley have been furnished, her Captain B. Gordon was in the Pacific Steamers.

8. On the 24th ult^o we received Telegram Home N^o 23 "Enquire Pda Maria bottomry ten hundred" - this has been done but being a Hamburg vessel we are in treaty with the Underwriters to pay here on the same terms as the 'St. Peters' - we learn she is from Valparaiso with cargo for Liverpool. You are aware that our complaints about the German ship owners not being answerable for their vessels expenses has been the reason of Bottomry Bonds being taken for their ships, we are now informed that all other Continental nations are guided by similar laws so that it will be necessary to take Bottomry Bonds for all foreign vessels, though for the credit of the Port we should always be willing to accept cash paid here for the cancelment of the bond. We send copy of B. R. Wilson's Call & Letter of 25 June about the payment of the 'St. Peters' Bottomry at that Port, with excellent suggestions on this subject. We have now received from the Underwriters at Hamburg One Thousand Pounds and Seventy five Pounds, 7 1/2 Pmt (£1075) on behalf of the Pda Maria, they wish a Bottomry Bond at 30% to be sent with her, but I explained she would have sailed before this arrives with the Bond at 35 p.c., so any alteration will have to be attended to here.

9. Enclosed is copy of Auditors Instructions upon Stanley Accounts being made to agree with the London Accounts.

I remain, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Coleman
Sec^y

Enclosures

Trip Des⁵⁴² & Dup 543

Dup Cobb to Clay & Martin

do Coleman to Langdon

Journal Ledger Entries 1

Letters Coleman to Geoman, Clay, Langdon, M^r Call Jaunes
Sharpe, Wallace, Halliday, Capt. Campbell, ^{Hennah} Kempton

Copy of letter fr Toward to Dyer 23 June 1841 re Dennis Brundret

Letter to Bailey & Langdon fr Capt^m Laws

Copy of Wilson's letter re "St. Peter" 25 June

Manifest of Sea Witch & Marian home

Copy of Instructions for Books fr Sawyer

Manifest of Cargo per "Maskelyne"

Gen. Inv £507.15.1 & 3 detailed Invoices

Remarks on Stores

Particullars of Gilbert's acc^t to 30 June

Copy of letter fr Mir 3 July ^{to be given to} ~~Clay~~ Clay

Notes on Shells fr Falklands

Copy of Sales Qty Skins ex Vicar £1023.9.5

146 lbs Hair " do 3.14.2

Bones " do 2.6.3

do of Repat of Wool " do

" " do " Hides " do 8 July 41

" " do " Bones " do 7 " "

" " do " Skins " do 15 " "

" " Enthoven's acc^t of Old Metal ex Vicar £23.7.1

" Morton's Credit Note £1.8.6

No 544

2 August 1879

The Secretary
F. J. C.

N^o. 545.

W^o. Vicar
of Bray'

London, 39. A. Gracechurch St. 27th Sept^r. 1879.
E.C.

Falkland Islands Company.

Sir,

We enclose Duplicate of our last on the 2nd ult^o. and have now to acknowledge receipt of your Despatches N^{os} 271 and 272 on the 18th ult^o. with Enclosures in order.

2. N^o. 272, 2. Should there be any likelihood of the 'Falcon' and 'Mary Lester' not taking all the Cargo we trust you will have taken the precaution to send part of the Wool home by Steamer.

3. Par 3. As Mr. Clay has a good salary and comfortable berth there does not appear any reason why he should not bear his share, together with the Company, in the expense occasioned by the distemper amongst the Dogs.

4. Par 4. From the Accounts you will perceive that we have had to return £622. 6. 8 on account of the Bottoury Bond of the 'H. Peters' being cancelled, but having obtained settlement of the account so much sooner is better than running the risk of having to wait collection of Bottoury Bond.

5. Par 6. The list of Wages & Salaries you forward is only a small reduction upon ours, as the Wool has lately sold at very low prices we trust further reductions will be possible, in fact at present prices of Produce it will be impossible to carry on the Company with profit unless more work is done by all concerned and the greatest economy exercised.

6. Par 8. As Gardine is dismissed we have engaged Benjⁿ. Browning as Gardener, he goes out in this vessel with his wife and four children, as Emigrants upon Land Order, for whom Landing Certificate is to be returned.

7. Par 10. It is unfortunate you are so pushed for Cash, we are suffering in the same way on this side and until expenses are reduced and remittances for Stores supplied made quicker we shall continue in this predicament, still as you have to be supported the Board may decide to ship £500 specie in half crowns & florins.

8. We ship by this opportunity three pure Merino Rams of Melbⁿ. Surgeon's celebrated breed, which on arrival must be attended to with the greatest possible care, they will be well acclimatized by next season for 50 to 60 of the best picked Ewes, which had better be brought to them in a shed, though after a time these Rams can pasture in the open, care being taken to keep such valuable animals in a paddock.

John Langdon Esq
Acting Colonial Manager
Stanley.

N^o 545 cont.London, 39 A. Gracechurch St. 27th Sept. 1879.
E.C.

Falkland Islands Company.

9. This vessel carries a Boar & Sow for Mr. Cobb, Sheep Dogs for W. M^r. Call and Glendinning, all these free, two Sheep Dogs for Capt. Packe, freight paid here, which will we trust get out in good order.

10. We have taken up another Land Order N^o 509 for £100 and having engaged Benj^m. Browning as Gardener to replace Gardine, at £7 a month, send him with his wife and four children as Emigrants, a Landing Certificate will therefore have to be returned for them. The other Passengers are M^{rs}. Dickson, the mother of the Hallidays at their expense, and Janet Carmichael the sweetheart of John Wallace who went out in Black Hawk, 7 Dec 77.

11. You will be sorry to hear that Capt. Dyer continues so ill to take out the Vicar we have therefore appointed his Nephew Capt. George Samuel Smith to command her, as per Agreement of 26th ult., copy herewith, and trust he will serve us as well as his worthy Uncle, having found him extremely attentive and intelligent, taking great interest in all matters and displaying that valuable feature economy which is so necessary for us at present - she sails with two hands help this voyage having 12 all told.

12. On consultation with Mr. Cobb we consider it will be proper to give six months notice to Lieut. M^r. Pherson to terminate his engagement with the Co. and request you to ask Mr. Clay to do this - steps will be taken to obtain a more efficient successor in due course.

13. The Board has decided to send out £500 Specie by the St. Mirho' on 30th inst., it will ^{be} £300 in florins and £200 in half crowns.

14. We have to state that Browning is not a professed Gardener but understands plain garden work and can be employed at any labour, which he has undertaken to do upon arrangement made by Mr. Cobb with him.

I remain,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Coleman

Secy.

Enclosures

- Duplicate Despatch 544 Triplicate 543
 do Letters - Coleman to Capt. Campbell & Hennah 2 Aug
 Letters Coleman to Clay, Langdon, James Campbell & Henston
 do for *Robt Allen of "Black Hawk" from Dean for Dean from
 Journal Entries Moulis' Earth Closet Circular
 General Invoice £4,592.5.10
 79 Detailed Invoices
 Copy of Agreement with Crown Agents 24 Sept
 Landing Certificate
 Manifest of Goods per "Vicar of Bray"
 List of Cargo for others
 Bill of Lading
 do for Acting Col Lee from Tallaackin envelope
 £2 worth F. I. Postage Stamps for Collins
 Land Order N^o 57 Pt 1 for £100
 Copy of Ye Sales 2032 Hides ex "Vicar of Bray" £1459.7.5
 " Euthoven's ye for Old Metal " do £ 4.3.7
 " Capt. G. J. Smith's Agreement dated 26 August
 " Brownings Agreement as Gardener 26th September
 Edinburgh's Wool Catalogues (2) 16 Sep 79 - Hoare's Catalogue 28 Aug
 with prices }
- * This letter to be handed by you personally to Allen & this office advised of his receiving it

Parcels &c

- Almanacs from Brook & Roberts
 Pocket Books from Houghton
 Violet Ink for Colonial Manager's Chromograph

London, 39A Gracechurch St. 29th Sep 1879.
E.C.

N^o 546.

W. R. M. W.
'Minko'

Futland Islands Company.

Sir,
Having written so lately by the 'Vicar of Bray' we have only to enclose Duplicate of her Despatch and Enclosures.

I remain, Sir,
Your obed. Servant,

John Langdon Esq
Acting Colonial Manager
Stanley.

J. Coleman
Secy.

Enclosures.

- ✓ Dup Des N^o 545 - Ledger Entries No 83. & Remarks on Cos No 84.
 - ✓ do Coleman to Clay, Langdon, James Campbell Heuston 27 Sep -
Allen, W. & Co.
 - ✓ General Invoice £ 972 - 16 - 8 - Memos on Shoes
 - ✓ 22 Detailed Invoices
 - ✓ Manifest Vicar of Bray's Duplicate Bill of Lading.
 - ✓ Dup Copy Capt. Smith's Agreement dated 26 Aug
 - ✓ " " of Sales 2032 Skides ex V of Bray - 9 Aug 79 - } These for
 - ✓ " " Enthoven's of for Yellow Metal ex do. £ 4. 5. 7 } "Vicar"
 - ✓ " Land Order N^o 57 for £ 100
 - ✓ Edenborough's Circulars of F. J. Wool
 - ✓ Letters Cobbs to Clay, Langdon, Dixon, Smith, Martin
 - ✓ do Coleman to Langdon
 - ✓ Invs for Enthoven, Bullivant, Crout, Maria, Fairbairn too late for "Vicar"
- Contents of Case for Office No. 5549.

- Door plates &c for Laucelles } for Managers House
- Cutlery from Morton }
- Gun Lock for Blanch for James Campbell
- Diaries for Lettas
- Watches for Barrand
- 1 do " French for Biggs
- Glazier's Diamond for Clark
- pel laundry papers for Geoman for Office
- Times, Illustrated London News
- Lloyds Register Sups & copies of the "Indent"

N^o 547.
P. R. Mail S^r.
'Tamar'

London, 39 St. Gracechurch St. 29th Oct^r 1879.
E.C.

Falkland Islands Company.

Sir, As the Post Office makes up a Mail for this Steamer we write a Despatch to ease our labour for the next Mail, when the Colonial Manager leaves England to resume his duties at the Falklands.

2. Your Despatches N^o 273 in duplicate and N^o 274 arrived on 3rd inst., N^o 275 on 20th inst., Original of N^o 273 on 22nd instant.

3. N^o 273. We have already stated that we received Cash for the 'Ida Maria' in lieu of Bottomry Bond, so that some Interest has had to be returned: we understand the Bottomry Bond, endorsed to the Underwriters of Hamburg, who found the Cash, will still be collected to be included in Average Statement.

4. N^o 274, 2. The account of Damages to Stores p: P. V. 'Trent' 26 Dec 78 was not enclosed in N^o 272 as stated, we are therefore unable to claim for this loss, we trust same is coming forward in next Despatch.

5. Par 4. The delay of the 'Falcon' & 'Mary Lester' is most annoying, as their cargoes are required to pay off some pressing Liabilities.

6. Par 11. We should almost think you must have been misinformed about Mr. Humphreys having divulged the meaning of our Telegraphic Code, some portion of which has been explained to him to enable him to carry out our Agency properly, we have however written warning him that this should not be done.

7. Par 14. The death of such a good servant as Mitchell, the Cooper at Goose Green, is much deplored, the Directors consider it will be better to replace him by a qualified man from England and will send a man as soon as possible.

8. Par 15. Under the circumstances we must convey George Patterson's two Sons free - enclosed is Letter for him.

9. Par 18. Mr. Samuel Hawkins has applied for a passage out, we shall endeavour to arrange to send him by the second Produce vessel, which is proposed to sail hence the middle of next February.

John Langdon Esq
Acting Colonial Manager,
Stanley.

10. N^o 275, 2. You will already be acquainted with the unfortunate loss of the 'Sparrow Hawk' - on the 14th instant we received Telegram Home N^o 24 from Valparaiso "Sparrow Hawk total loss straits crew saved - Campbell." - and on 21st inst. N^o 25 from Montevideo "Sparrow Hawk auctioned - see Lloyd's" - the news at Lloyd's was that she was wrecked in Freshwater Bay from Sandy Point to Montevideo: her Certificate of Registry must be sent here to be delivered up to the Custom House authorities.

11. On the 14th inst. we addressed a letter to Capt^l von Gloden of the German Gunboat 'Hoyane' bound to the West Coast, then at Plymouth, unfortunately it was returned as she had sailed, still we hope she may call at Stanley.

12. Jane Allan declines to receive the £8 sent for her by George Stewart and states she cannot go out to him.

13. Having arranged for a reduction of fares from Montevideo to England by the Royal Mail Co. it will be well to send all passengers by them when possible.

14. We are informed that all Iron, Hardware &c has gone up since our last shipment and may yet advance, it will therefore be proper to raise all prices of such articles temporarily.

15. We shall ship the balance of Provisions of Indents 32 and 33, the Spirits in Indent 34 and 8 bhd's Bags' Ale N^o 4, the Pipes & Carpenter's Pencils on Indent 34, by the Pacific W. 'Britannia' from Liverpool on 12th prox^o - and the Board has sanctioned the following further shipments of Stores - £1000 on 30 Dec^r by R. Mail W., £1000 on 30 Jan 80 by same route - £2500 by second Produce vessel 15 Feb 80 - and two £1000 by R. Mail W. of 30 Apr and 30 July next, the shipments by Steamers will be provisions, clothing & other light goods. We are informed that Sugar, Tea & other provisions are advanced in price, this necessitates a corresponding rise at the Co's Store.

16. As the Pacific Co. will despatch a direct Steamer on 19th Nov^r the Colonial Office has granted our application to delay the Mails for her, which will, we hope, enable us to answer the next Despatches in due a few days before her departure and will also prevent Mr. Cobb & his family suffering the inconvenience of Quarantine at Montevideo - we write by this opportunity to Capt^l Dixon to wait the arrival of the W. 'Mendoza', which however ought to be only a couple or three days behind the 'Britannia'. We are in treaty with the Colonial Office for a Mail Contract for next year and had hoped to have been able to report something definite by this opportunity.

I remain, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
J. Coleman
Sec^y

17. The Government have considered it necessary to decline granting further Land Orders for Emigrants sent out by the Company, but the rights accruing to the unexpended Orders and the two Nominations still open are reserved for us - on Mr. Cobb's return he will take steps to select the Land and the next two suitable persons to go out as Emigrants will settle the matter on this side. Copy of Correspondence is enclosed.

18. The 'Vicar of Bray' passed Deal on the evening of the 30th ult. with a fair wind in good sailing order.

Enclosures.

Triplicate Despatch 545.

Duplicate do 546.

do Coleman to Langdon, Clay, Glendinning.

do Cobb to Marten.

Journal Entries

Remarks on Accounts N^o. 86.

dated 26 Sep 79.

Duplicate Veterinary Certificate of Sheep & Pigs p. V of Bray

Copies Acc^t. Sales of Wool ex Vicar of Bray 22 June 79.

ETC	273 bales	DH	3364. 12. 8
	64 "	WC	642. 3. -
	159 "	NA	1920. 13. 9

Copy Correspondence with Colonial Office about Land Orders
their Letters 23 Sep & 28 Oct, our Reply 2 Oct 79.

Invoices from Moule 1. 16. -, Story 3. 5. - not sent in
time to be included in V of B's Genl. Inv^t. 27 Sep 79.

Copy Gilbert's Acc^t. 30 June 79 £6. 10. - - 30 Sep 79 £6. 11. 4

Copies 1878 Produce Journal Entry - and Guadiana's
Stores 24 June 78.

Letter to Clay N^o. 20.

do Coleman to Langdon, Yeoman, Patterson, Capt. Smith.

Vicar of Bray's Amended General Invoice £4,696. 2. 4

Ledger Entries N^o. 85.

Sl: 527

29th Dec 1879

The Secretary

John G. W. G.

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N^o. 548. London, 39 A. Gracechurch St. 13th Nov. 1879.
 W. Pacific W. Britannia^{E.C.}
 via Bordeaux Falkland Islands Company.

Sir, This Steamer left Liverpool yesterday with a small cargo of saleable Stores, as per enclosed Invoice, and Silver Specie £300 in Florins £200 in Halfcrowns - some Almanacks obtained at last moment and a few other things will be enclosed in case 1407 W. Lt. 'Mendoza' on 19th inst.: there was a mistake in the Specie Invoice W. 'Minho' on 30th Sept., as 6/- the cost of bags & case at the Bank of England was omitted.

2. On 30th ult. Mr. John Waldron paid £1,637.13.11 for his Brother's account of this year, and proposed that in future his Brother James should draw upon him twice a year at 30 days sight, on the 30th June and 31st December for the balance owing to the C^o on those dates, which bills he promises to accept: the Board has left this matter for Mr. Cobb's decision on his return, as upon his explanation that Mr. Waldron buying so few Stores now, his account is mostly for Cash advances and therefore hardly worth carrying on.

3. N^o. 274, 13. We believe it is usual for the expense of Insurance of Bottomry Bond to be included in the premium, if this be at a good per centage: our Agent at Lloyd's informs that we should doubtless be able to fall back on the Underwriters if the vessel put into another port and gave a second Bottomry Bond, as this would probably be covered by sale of vessel 1/2%.

4. Capt. Alex. Laws having requested Mr. Cobb to obtain for him a debt of £100 and interest owing to him by Mr. Nelson O'Brien, guaranteed by Mr. Montague Dean, we forward a Power of Attorney signed by him at Liverpool on 16th July last, duly attested by Mr. J. Spiers Baker, Notary Public - together with Capt. Laws' Affidavit, of same date, that this debt is due to him - to which we crave your attention at the earliest possible moment.

5. Enclosed is further correspondence as to purchasing Land with the orders, unfortunately we have not to the present heard from the Colonial Office the purport of their Despatch of 23 Aug. last to the Governor, but having been there this morning, I was told by a Gentleman that he believes it was to the effect, that we should be allowed to have portions of Sections 7 and 8 and the whole of Section 29, now this would deprive the C^o of water frontage upon Choiseul Sound, which we should obtain if the paragraph proposing the purchase of 21,613 acres in Mr. Cobb's letter of 24 March last were carried out, we consider therefore until further evidence is given

The Colonial Manager,
 Stanley.

that the proposal of the Government is good for the Comp^y, or they make us further concessions, that we should insist upon our right to purchase Land upon any or all the sections abutting on Choiseul Sound: we must be able to make further arrangements with Mr. Cobb before he leaves.

6. The Colonial Office have not yet decided upon the Mail Service for next year, in anticipation of our proposal being accepted we have drawn up a Mail Table as per Copy enclosed, which we should endeavour to carry out for our own advantage even if we do not get a Contract, but until Mr. Cobb's return or very prolonged absence no steps are to be taken in the matter.

7. I am happy to report that our proposal for a Supplementary Mail on the 19th, to which the Colonial Office agreed, will result in good, as the Pacific St. 'Cotopaxi' was at Lisbon with our Mails on 11th, would reach Pouillac on 14th and Letters coming through Paris will certainly be here early on 17th to be answered the next day by the 'Mendoza', or on 20th if a Bordeaux Mail is made up for her. Mr. F. E. Cobb wife and family go out in this Steamer, having entered into another Agreement with the Comp^y as Colonial Manager.

I remain, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
J. Coleman
Secy

Enclosures.

- General Invoice £879.15.-
- 10 Detailed Invoices
- Land Correspondence C^o to Col^l Off. 4 & 8 Nov 79.
- Col^l Off. to C^o 7 " "
- Cap^t. A. Laws' Power of Attorney and Affidavit of Debt £100 due to him by N. O'Brien, both dated at Liverpool on 16 July 79.
- Proposed Mail Service Table for 1880.
- Letter Coleman to W. Simpson, open to be read by Manager
- Manifest of S^t. Britannia's Cargo
- List of Parcels from Office packed in Cases 1407 & 8, by Mess^{rs} Horne & Thornthwaite, with goods from them purchased by Cobb - also Goods for Rev^d. L. E. Brandon.

N^o 549.

Pacific S^{ts}
'Mendoza'
via Liverpool.

London, 39A. Gracechurch St. 18 Nov^r 1879.
E.C.

Falkland Islands Company.

Sir, Our last was written on 13th inst. and will accompany this from Montevideo. Yesterday we received your Despatches N^{os} 276 and 277 in duplicate, and N^o 278 with Enclosures in order.

2. N^o 278, 7. This very unfortunate that the 'Falcon' has been detained so long as she may not arrive in time for the present Wool sales, we fear there will be a heavy claim for demurrage, you have not sent particulars and dates of her days and work of receiving and stowing our cargo. Capt. Burt's suggestion that half pipes for Tallow would enable better stowage to be made is good & shall be carried out if possible.

3. Par 9. The Colonial Office have not yet decided whether they will accept our offer of Contract for next year's Mail Service, I called there today and on learning that the matter was not settled, said answer could be given by the 20th inst., as on that day we shall write again for the Mail to Bordeaux by this Steamer.

4. ^{Par 11} Since Mr. Clay has given notice to leave to Mr. Pherson earlier than anticipated by Despt^s 545, 12, we shall despatch a Mr. McKenzie, as his successor, by the Southampton Mail S^t of 30 Jan^r next, or such other opportunity about the same time as maybe determined hereafter, if the Government in the new Contract alter the dates: in the Proposed Mail Service Table for 1880 sent in last Despatch Jan^r 27 ought to have been Jan^r 29.

5. With respect to Mr. Alday's threat to bring an Action against the C^o for wrongful dismissal the Directors suggest it would be well to exhibit a placard in the Store, and any other open place of resort, stating the result of Gitchrist's Action showing that he entirely failed, had to pay his own costs & expenses and being liable for our costs could have been put into prison if the C^o had proceeded against him.

The Colonial Manager
Stanley.

b. Enclosed is Copy of Letter from Colonial Office, dated 17th inst., detailing that the Governor had been advised that the C^o. should be permitted to purchase with their Land Orders, Sections 7 & 8 (with crown reservations) and the whole of Section 29 - The Board adheres to the advisability of obtaining Land with water frontage upon Choiseul Sound and portions out of each Section there, to make the remainder left valuable to strangers, but leaves the final settlement to Mr. Cobb on his return.

I remain,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Coleman
Secy.

Enclosures.

Journal & Ledger Entries

Copy Account Sales of Wool ex 'Vicar of Bray'
22 June 79

NA 45 bales 592.3.9

WC 115 " 1,287.10.8

Copy Colonial Office Letter 17 Nov 79 about Land Purchases.

Letters Coleman to Dr. Heuston

Capt. Campbell

" Stentiford

Mr. James Campbell

N^o. 550.
P. Pacific W.
Mendoza
via Bordeaux.

London, 39. A. Gracechurch St. 20th Nov. 1879.
E.C.

Falkland Islands Company.

Sir,
Our last on the 18th is by the present Steamer, in that we omitted to remark that as the 'Falcon' was delayed so much it was not wise to have made her come round into Stanley, explanation is required upon this point.

2. Mr. Humphreys has sent Copy of Capt. Campbell's Letter to you of 14 Oct from Punta Arenas respecting the loss of the 'Sparrow Hawk', the Directors observe that no particulars are given of her cargo from the Falklands, nor the terms on which Capt. Campbell took her out, it will be necessary to furnish all this information.

3. Enclosed is King W. Browne's Invoice £1.6.~ for Lamp Wicks sent to Mr. Cobb at Liverpool, this will be entered in the General Invoice of Stores which will be sent by Southampton Steamer of 30th of next month.

4. We forward Copies of Correspondence with Colonial Office about the Mail Service for next year, they asked us to continue the late Contract for another six months, this was declined but we offered to contract for six months at an increase of fare for passengers and the removal of the clause for reservation of stowage space for the public, telling them this was the last day for writing to Islands on subject, at 5.30 P.M. a special Messenger brought letter stating that a decision could not be given today: all has been reported to Mr. Cobb at Bordeaux and arrangements made to telegraph to him at Madeira or Montevideo.

I remain, Sir,
Your obed^t. Servant,
J. Coleman
Secy.

The Colonial Manager,
Stanley.

Enclosures.

- Letter to Clay N^o. 21.
- Copy Letters from Col. Office all Mails 18 & 20 Nov 79.
- do do do " " 19 " "
- King W. Browne's Invoice of Lamp Wicks 1.6.~
- Letter Coleman to Langdon this date.

N^o. 554.P. R. M. P.
'Guadiana'London, 39 A. Gracechurch St. 29th Dec^r. 1879.
E.C.

Falkland Islands Company.

Sir, Our last was dated 20th ult^o, as per Duplicate enclosed, together with Duplicates of three former Despatches, and we have now to announce the arrival of the 'Mary Lester' on the 10th; her cargo was unfortunately seriously damaged but has happily been sold at improved prices, also the 12 bales Wool to Montevideo, which were brought by the P. R. M. P. 'Leibnitz'. The Wharfingers report great difficulty in sorting the different lots of Hides ex 'Mary Lester', they say that in future each lot should be distinguished by a wooden tally to each hide, this must be done if the lots cannot be kept separate by some well marked distinction, the Tails also ought to be tied up separately, as the Co's and the H B are now mixed together.

2. As the Colonial Office has not further replied to our offer for a Mail Contract for next year we did not telegraph to you at Montevideo, therefore the arrangements made for the conveyance of our correspondence and stores, as per proposed Mail Service Table sent to you at Bordeaux, are to be carried out, and the present Steamer carries an assortment of Stores, value about £1,000 to 11 00, as per Board's Order of 13 Oct last. The Pacific Steam Navigation Co^s of Liverpool having been asked by the Crown Agents for the Colonies if they could convey the Mails, they applied for this Co's support in cargo out and home, but wishing a guarantee for a larger amount than the Directors considered we ought to spend the Board reluctantly declined the offer, but instructed that all the papers and estimates of service &c should go out for your future guidance, as they believe that Steam communication would give a vast impetus to the Colony: we regret to learn that when embarking at Liverpool on their P. R. M. P. 'Mendoza' ^{last month} you did not see their Manager, Mr. Saunders, to explain (as it was understood here you would) how matters could be conducted at Stanley. We are told that the Government are applying to a Hamburg Line of Steamers, but there is no certainty as to this.

Fred^{ke} E. Cobb Esq
Colonial Manager
Stanley.

3. In reply to your enquiry the Wages of Captain and Crew cease on loss of Vessel, but if a Captain is detained at the wreck looking after the interests of Owners & Underwriters he is entitled to make a fair claim for pay and expenses: enclosed is copy of Capt^r Campbell's Letter 29 Oct from Sandy Point, we have accepted his draft 20. 4. 3 at 30 d/s - the Underwriters have paid 80 per cent of the Insurance £ 23 00, leaving a balance for future settlement. The Customs Authorities inform us that they have received the Certificate and papers from the Consul at Sandy Point.

4. Mr. Mittelsted's Brother has enquired whether he left any Cash or property, and would like to have some little piece of personal property as a keepsake of his deceased Brother, this we promised to obtain if possible, so if the personal effects have not already been sent here please endeavour to obtain something. We have to report the death of Capt^r George Dyer on the 13th inst., he lingered long with great suffering but passed away peacefully at last, in him the C^o have lost a most trustworthy Servant and kind hearted man.

5. You have omitted to leave instructions about the payments on your behalf to Mr. H. P. Cobb and Messrs Cowdell H^o, are they to be the same as before your furlough.

6. Unfortunately the repairs and expenses, as at present rendered, for the damage to 'Black Hawk' upon the voyage from Stanley to Houtevideo 15 to 31 Aug 79, do not amount to a claim on the Underwriters, but the particulars are sent to enable you to see if any charge has been omitted. As the 'Black Hawk' does not now get the Gov^t Subsidy for charters she must be worked most economically, and employed as much as possible round the Islands; we learn on good authority that Capt^r Dixon objects to this work and raises as many impediments as possible, we warn you therefore not to allow this in future, as Capt^r G. S. Smith would be willing to undertake her command, also a good man here.

7. We have had a visit from Mr. Bertram Mr. Call who has gone out to join his Brother at Paysandey, and means to make a trip to Stanley for the benefit of his health, and to learn the capabilities of the Colony for Meat Preserving, we have promised him every assistance and beg you will show him all attentions in your power, as his experience & advice might prove of great service to this Company.

8. We send Statement of Stores shipped from Nov 78 to Sep 79, showing an outlay of £15,764 for the year, which with the Bills drawn at Montevideo for Stores and expenses makes a very large sum the Board has to provide: also a Statement of the Stores to be shipped from the last sailing of the 'Vicar of Bray' on 27 Sep 79 to her cargo to be shipped next September, this amounts to £15,988, thus a smaller amount than the last year according to the Board's Order of 13 Oct 79, which the Directors explained to you. I must now premise that as the Second Produce Vessel to leave 14 Feb. next could not be filled for £2,500 it has been decided to combine the 30 Jan. shipment £1,000 with her, as per enclosed detailed List of Stores with separate values, and it may be even found necessary to use some of the Cash destined for the 30 Apr. next, for Tobacco being cheap now, a prime necessity, expensive in freight, 5 tons more are ordered, as the vessel can deliver the whole 10 tons at Darwin: we trust you will send by every Mail stock of consumption Stores for Sheep Dip &c on hand, with careful estimate of further requirements, naming the dates (in months of the year, not the Island Seasons and uses) when they ought to arrive and the dates when they will be required for use. Though Stores will not be shipped by Steamer of 30 Jan 80 we shall endeavour to send Mr. G. Bruce Fraser, Schoolmaster & Storekeeper for Darwin, his Wife, child and furniture following in the Produce vessel, which will also carry a Mr. Samuel Hawkins, for the Rev. Foran.

9. Mr. Holmsted having complained of the heavy expense for freight on their Wool & Produce coming to England, and stated that two firms had offered to convey their produce from the West Falkland to London at 3/4 a pound, we offered to bring their Wool from Stanley to London at 3/4 a pound by our second Produce Vessel, they delivering it at Stanley: he now informs us that he has arranged with Mr. Waldron for him to bring their next season's produce in his vessel, the same being consigned to his Comp^y for sale - but that two firms have offered to do this business at a cheaper rate than we charge. Mr. Holmsted states that Mr. Bertrand is to hand over to you for him, 10,000 lbs weight of good Hides, which are to come home by our vessel and be sold by us for him.

10. Several of our employes having asked me to procure Matches &c for them, the same are obtained and are packed in the office case, the Invoices being included in the General Invoice, most have been written to Hold that such orders ought to come through the Stanley Office and will now have to be charged for Freight, Insurance and Expenses.

11. The only passenger by this Steamer is Michael Barrett, Cooper for Goose Green Tallow Works, engaged at Eight Pounds (£8) a month and the usual other conditions - he has been well recommended and found to understand Tallow Casks by working at Green Shot Wharf - he has received an advance of Twelve Pounds (£12) and takes out a good stock of Tools: we were in hopes he would have been able to inspect the Tallow Casks in the 'Falcon' to note the condition in which they arrived.

12. Mr. All day has called requesting an interview with the Directors upon a letter from him dated the 18th inst., this was refused but copy of letter is forwarded herewith for your report and explanation upon it.

13. The long expected 'Falcon' arrived yesterday, she has suffered from very heavy weather, there are therefore great fears that her cargo will be damaged: the Passengers Ebenezer Robson and John Campbell are well, the latter appears quite recovered and journies home this evening to his Father - he did not have any order on the Co: for payment of the £84 advised in your Statement on Accounts N^o 76, still the money will be sent to his Father at Carnoustie on hearing of his safe arrival there.

14. Since writing the foregoing I am bid to warn you not to enter into any contract or arrangements with Mr. Bertram Mr. Call bringing any serious responsibilities upon the Comp^y for providing Meat, Tongues &c for preserving, though of course we shall be most happy if he can establish such an industry.

15. We have been looking about for a vessel of 550 to 600 tons for the Second Produce Vessel to sail middle of February as arranged when you were here, but finding such sized vessels extremely scarce we have been obliged to charter the 'Lioness' of 542 tons, still as the Littlehampton vessels are all large carriers and Messrs. Holmsted & Blake's Produce, estimated at 40 tons, is to be carried to England by Mr. Waldron's vessel, we consider she will be quite large enough: she is a sister ship to the 'Lion' & 'Trophack' chartered by us, and as Robinson, the Owner, knows our business, matters work smoothly with their Captains; another inducement was to prevent, if possible, demurrage on their vessel the 'Falcon', which was a long time at the Islands, though the account of her loading &c has been omitted to be sent. Mr. Waldron is to charter a small vessel the middle of next month, after arrival of Mail with their Indent for Stores.

I remain, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
P. Coleman
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29th Dec. 1879
 The Secretary
 of the Company

Enclosures Despatch 551 30 Dec 1879

- ✓ Dup Des 547, 548, 549, 550
- ✓ Ledger Entries N^o 86
- ✓ Journal Entries
- ✓ General Invoice £ 934.14.6 Manifest of Cargo per Guardian
- 32 Detailed Invoices relating to above
- Mudie's Invoice for Mr. Cobb £ 27.6.0
- Burrell's Agreement & Receipts for £ 12
- ✓ Copy of Allday's letters 18 Dec 79 complaining of treatment at Beland's
- 15 Detailed Statements relating to Pacific Steamers calling at Beland's
- ✓ Remner's % sale for 68 lbs Wool £1,021.14.2
- ✓ Baillon's do " 83 " do 4189.7.5
- ✓ Copy do " ~~NA 7 1/2~~ " do 137.6.4
- ✓ " do " WC 28 1/2 " do 310.11.4
- ✓ " do " NA 19 1/2 " do 3,691.0.3
- ✓ " Col Off Letter 23 Dec abt mails
- ✓ " Report on Hides ex Mary Lester
- ✓ " do " Wool " do
- ✓ " % sale " NA 9 lbs Wool £178.18.1
- ✓ " do " 3 " do 67.13.3 } per "Leibnitz"
- ✓ " N. B. Policy for £4000 on Buildings & S
- ✓ Tables of River plate Mails from Post Office for 1880
- ✓ Pacific Companies Itineraries for 1880
- ✓ Edinburgh Memo of 17 Dec about Baillon's Wool
- ✓ Copy of Campbell's letter re loss of Sparrow Hawk Sparrowhawk of Bill accepted
- ✓ " memo to Hewitt re claim for damage to "Black Hawk"
- ✓ Statement of Stores shipped 1878, 9 with vessels unto arrivals
- ✓ do " do for ship 1879, 80 " do " "
- ✓ Copy of Barrand's Letter 28 Nov 79 for Clay
- ✓ Account of consignments of Stores to Stanley
- ✓ Letter for Cobb from German Consulate
- Duplicate Coleman to Cobb 20 Novth Germany 29 Oct
- do " " Houston 18 " Jas Campbell 11 & 18 Nov
- do " " Campbell 18 Nov Clay 29 Oct & 20 Nov
- do " " Langdon 29 Oct & 20 Nov
- do " " Skitford 18 Nov, Capt Smith 29 Oct
- do " " Patterson 29 Oct Simpson 13 Nov
- Letters Coleman " Hollins 29 Dec Campbell 29 Dec
- do " " Mr. Doonan 29 Dec Mr. Call 23 Dec
- do " " Capt. Smith 23 " Langdon 22 Dec
- do " " Skitford 22nd Dec

Letter to J. Champ.
to Col. Office, 15th Oct.