

CUBANA

The *Cubana* of London, a British Barque of 492 tons on route from Caldera to England, caught fire and was abandoned off Cape Horn during the night of 20 June 1862. All of the ship's papers were lost. **Captain Andrew PEARE** and the crew, eighteen in number, were at sea for eight days before they saw land and landed on Beauchene Island. They survived by eating penguins and limpets but were without fire. [H18; 507; D10; 328; 341; B12; desp 54; 71]

The crew were rescued from Beauchene Island by the 59 ton schooner *Victoria* and the 35 ton ketch *Perseverance* belonging to the Falkland Islands Company Ltd and brought into Stanley, arriving 12 July 1862. The *Victoria* rescued 7 men and the *Perseverance* 11 men. Captain W H SMYLEY also endeavoured to help rescue the men. [SHI/REG/1: H18; 511; D10; 319]

Several of the crew had their legs amputated and many their fingers in consequence of being severely frostbitten. The men were lodged in two cottages and warmly clothed. **George ELLIOT**, age 37 and the boatswain of the wrecked barque *Cubana*, died 13 July 1862 from lockjaw. His body was conveyed by soldiers of the Falkland Island Garrison Company to the graveyard at 2pm 15 July 1862 and he was buried in Grave H500. **William EDWARDS**, age 26 and a seaman of the wrecked barque *Cubana*, died 15 July 1862 from lockjaw. He was buried 16 July 1862 in Grave H501. [H18; 507; D10; 313; 328; 341; 343]

Thomas HOOPER, age 28 and a passenger on board the *Cubana*, was given passage to Valparaiso on board HMS *Tribune* 5 August 1862. [D10; 328]

Andrew PEARE and **David HOPKINS**, captain and mate of the *Cubana*, were given passage to Montevideo in August 1862 on board the schooner *Tilton*. [D10; 328]

By 22 August 1862 some of the men had recovered enough to ship on board merchant vessels leaving Stanley. [B12; desp 54]

Some of the seamen were conveyed on board the *Witch of the Teign* which departed 14 October 1862. [D10; 366]

Thomas DELANEY, age 22, departed for England on board HMS *Termagent* 6 November 1862. [D10; 398]

The Falkland Islands Government expended £422-6-1 from 12 July to 3 December 1862 on the relief of the invalided seamen of the *Cubana*. [D10; 423]

Government House
 Falkland Islands
 August 22nd 1862.

My Lord Duke.

I have the honour to report to your Grace, the melancholy circumstances connected with the loss of the British Barque "Cubana" of London, 492 Tons register, which vessel was abandoned off Cape Horn on fire on the night of the 20th of June last, all the ships papers were lost. The Captain and crew, eighteen in number were for eight days at sea before they saw land at the expiration of which time they landed on the Beauchêne Islands the most southerly of the Falkland Group of Islets and which are uninhabited. They succeeded in sustaining life on this Island, by eating penguins and limpets, they were without fire and suffered pitifully from the cold since their arrival in this Port, two of them have died, they were all severely frost bitten and several of them have had their legs and fingers amputated. I have had every care taken of them, they have been lodged in two spare cottages and have been warmly clothed, they are retained according to the orders of the Colonial Surgeon in whose charge they are placed - some of them have already recovered sufficiently to ship on board merchant vessels leaving this harbour and I trust that I shall soon be enabled to forward the rest of them to England - I beg respectfully to enclose the statement of the Master of the "Cubana"

His Grace

The Duke of Newcastle, K. G.
 G^e G^e G^e

I have the honour to be

My Lord Duke

Your Grace's obedient
 humble servant.

Schedule of Despatches

Jane Cameron National Archives [B12]

Transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to His Grace the Duke of Newcastle Secretary of State for the Colonies by the Vessel "Carron Ewan" Phillips Master via Montevideo on the 1st November 1862.

No. of Despatch	Date of despatch	Subject of Despatch	No. of Enclosures
	1862.		
43	July 19 th	Transmitting Quarterly Returns of New Appointments &c.	Two
44	" "	Regarding the lease and stocking of Peblee Island, rented of the Crown by M ^r . Dean Merchant and enclosing Correspondence	One
45	" 25 th	Acknowledging the receipt of despatches and Circulars	None
46	August 11 th	Reporting having drawn two Bills on His Treasury	None
47	" "	Reporting having drawn the bills on Her Majesty's Paymaster General	None
48	" 20 th	Reporting the Arrangements finally made regarding the transfer of the Church and the Parsonage at Stanley,	Four
49	" 21 st	Transmitting a memorial from M ^r . Lane regarding the disposal of Town and Suburban Lands in this Colony	Four
50	" "	Transmitting a draft Copy of the Summary Jurisdiction Amendment Ordinance No. 3. 1862. for Her Majesty's Confirmation	Two
51	" 22 nd	Transmitting a petition from M ^r . Melville Harbourmaster for Superannuation	Two
52	" "	Acknowledging the receipt of His Graces Despatch No. 116. 11 th of March 1862.	None
53	" "	Acknowledging the receipt of despatch No. 118 March 28 th 1862.	None
54	" "	Reporting the wreck of the Barque "Cubana" of London, 492 Tons abandoned on fire off Cape Horn	One

177.

Government house
Falkland Islands.

14th July 1862

Sir,

I have the honour to request that you will consider it necessary to provide a party of soldiers from the force under your command to convey the body of one of the sailors recently landed in this Port, to the Graveyard at 2 o'clock tomorrow

2 I hope you will see that under the peculiar circumstances of this case, very distressing case, I have no other course open to me than an application to you.

3 I beg to express my approbation and pleasure at the kind consideration and assistance which your men have afforded.

I have &c

[Sd] Tho^s Elmore
Gov^r.

Captain J. Molony
Commanding Troops.
Falkland Islands.

174
Nos 175 }
176 }

Government house Col. Secy. Office
Falkland Islands
July 15th 1862

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to request your attendance at a meeting of the Executive Council at 11 o'clock on Thursday next the 17th instant to consider some questions raised by the Agent of the F. Company relative to the disposal of Town and Suburban Crown Land

I have &c

[Sd] William R. Payne
Clerk to the Councils

E. W. Goodlake.
Chairman of Councils

A. J. Hamblin

The Rev. C. Bull M. A.
Members of Council.

No 172.

Government House.
 Falkland Islands.
 July 15th 1862.

Sir,

The "Victoria" having left this Port without having had an opportunity of receiving the accompanying letter, I have thought that it might be satisfactory to yourself to be put in possession of my appreciation of their services, and my sense of their kindness, humanity and promptitude in rescuing the eleven shipwrecked men from the Beauchêne Islands.

Yours &c
 Stanley

I have &
 [Sd] Thomas Moore
 Gov.

No 173.

Government House.
 Falkland Islands.
 July 15th 1862

Sir,

I think it due to you on behalf of the Crew of the "Victoria" under your command that I should express my sincere appreciation of your services in rescuing the Crew of the Barque "Cubana" from the Beauchêne Islands.

It has been most gratifying to me to hear the poor men speak in such grateful terms of the kindness and attention they experienced at your hands. I have therefore taken this opportunity of placing on Record my sense of your promptness & humanity.

Captain Van Zandt
 Master of the Schooner
 "Victoria"
 of Stanley.

I have &
 [Sd] Thomas Moore
 Gov.

No 181.

Government house
Falkland Islands.
July 17th 1862.

Sir,

The Colonial Surgeon Mr. Hamblin has asked me to forward to you the enclosed Regulations respecting the intercourse with the invalided sailors received from the Beauchêne Islands and now under his care.

2. As these unfortunate men are almost entirely dependant for nursing &c. on the good services of the soldiers under your command, who have so generously come forward to help them, I would request that you will make known to them the wishes of the Colonial Surgeon in order that all his directions may be complied with.

3 I beg to thank you for your ready co-operation with Mr. Hamblin & for the kind assistance you have given; and I should be glad if you would convey to the men of your Company my sincere appreciation of their conduct during this distressing case.

I have &c.

Wm. Tho. Ed. Moore
Govr.Captain Holony
Comd. Troop
Falkland Islands.

P.S. The Col. Surgeon has informed me that he will communicate with the Col. Chaplain & arrange with that gentleman as to what times he should most conveniently visit the wards.

Of course these Regulations will not interfere with the visits of any person authorized by myself & of course the soldiers in attendance will understand that the great object of these Regulations is to ensure rest & quiet to the sick men.

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Government House,
Fidelland Islands.
July 18th 1862.

Sir,

I think it due to you on behalf of the crew of the "Perseverance" under your command that I should express my sincere appreciation of your services in rescuing 7 of the crew of the Barque "Cubana" & landing them in this Port.

It has been most gratifying to me to hear the poor men speak in such grateful terms of the kindness and attention they experienced at your hands. I have therefore taken this opportunity of placing on record my sense of your promptness and humanity.

I have &c

Captain Nichols,
Master of the Sch^r "Perseverance"
Stanley Harbour.

No 183.

Government House,
Fidelland Islands.
July 18th 1862.

Sir,

Referring to my interview with you on the morning of the 8th instant. I am most anxious to express my thanks for your generous & prompt assistance to rescue the boats crew of the Barque "Cubana".

I have &c

Wm. Thos. Moore
Govr.

Captain W. A. Smyler
Commercial Agent
Esq. Esq. Esq.

For the Govt. of the United States of America.

No 196

Government house,
Falkland Islands.
August 2nd 1862

My Lord

I have the honour to request that you will give the necessary orders, to ensure a free passage in H.M.S. under your command to Valparaiso for a distressed British Subject named in the margin, who is anxious to proceed to that city

Thos Hooper
aged 28.

2. Thomas Hooper was a passenger on board the Barque "Cubana" from Valparaiso to England, which vessel caught fire and was abandoned at sea off Cape Horn.

His Lordship
Captain Viscount Gifford R.R.
H.M.S. TribuneI have &
Yours
Thos Moore
Gov.

No 197

Government house
Falkland Islands
August 2nd 1862

Sir

Referring to the nursing by the soldiers of your company of the invalided Seamen from the ship "Cubana". I am anxious to inform you that the men who have been so employed up to the present time will receive pay for their services at the rate of 5/- a day each man & I should be glad if you would cause the Colonial Secretary to be supplied with an abstract account of each man's services in the sick room.

I am of opinion that it would be better in future if you would set apart two of your men to be permanently engaged in attending these helpless men & I should be prepared to remunerate them at the rate of 4/- a day, which arrangement would be in conformity with the wishes of the Home Authorities conveyed to me in a despatch from Lord Stanley of 11 May 3rd 1858 enclosing a letter from Col. Sir Henry Storks dated 26th April 1858. & the services of the soldiers of your company will be dispensed with as soon as I can replace them.

Capt J. Molony
Comd Troops.I have &
Yours
Thos Moore Gov.

No 219

Government house.
 Falkland Islands.
 13 August 1862.

Sir

I have the honour to inform you that the British Barque "Cubana" Capt. Pearce was abandoned on the off Cape Horn on the night of the 20 June last. That the Captain crew 19 in number were, after having suffered the pitiable hardships and misery for more than three weeks were subsequently rescued and brought into this Port.

2. Several of them had their legs amputated and many their fingers, in consequence of being severely frost bitten. Two of them have died here from lockjaw; and ^{the} others are progressing favourably but slowly.

3. As these unfortunate invalids are a very heavy burden on the Government in this expensive Colony, I would beg to earnestly request that should you find it convenient to despatch one of the vessels of your Squadron to these Islands before long you would give the necessary orders that these disabled seamen may be conveyed in her to Monte Video from whence they can be easily forwarded to England by the Contract Packet Steamers.

4. I make this request to you because I am unable to send them in a merchant ship as in their present sad condition they will require medical care.

5. Should any of the vessels under your command be about to return home to England it would be preferable to send them in her, if you consider this distressing case sufficient reason to order her to call here down for them.

6. In the event of your being able to send a vessel down may I ask you to direct
 that

any mails, boxes parcels &c. waiting at Monte Video for transmission to this Colony may be brought down.

I have to apologize for troubling you at this length but I trust the seriousness of the matter will be deemed a sufficient reason for doing so.

I have directed Capt^r Pearce to solicit an interview with you that he may better explain the sad condition of his men

Rear Admiral Warren
Commander in Chief
S.E. Coast of America.

Yours &c.

J. Thos Moore
Gov^r

Govt house Falkland Islands.
13th August 1862.

No 220

Sir

I have the honour to inform you that I have paid the passage money to the matter of the U.S. Schooner Tilton by £10. 10. 0 for the passage of two distressed British Seamen Andrew Pearce and David Hopkins the Captain and the Mate of the Barque Cubana abandoned off Cape Horn on fire on the night of the 20 June last and I beg to request that you will assist them to proceed to England

I may I ask your assistance in forwarding the enclosed letters on A.M. Service to their respective destinations and in the event of any vessel coming down here I shall feel greatly obliged if you send our mails to by her

Yours &c

J. Thos Moore
Gov^r

Major Munro
A.B. M. Vice Consul
Monte Video

Government house
 Falkland Islands
 13 August 1862

No 221

Sir

I have the honour to report to you the distressing case of the loss of the *Barque* *Cubana* which vessel was abandoned ^{on the} Cape Horn on the night of the 20th June last. I enclose a copy of a statement of the Captain & Chief Mate with a list of the crew, from which you will learn the full particulars.

2 The crew were rescued and brought into this Port after more than three weeks' indescribable suffering, two of them have since died, several have ^{had} their legs amputated and every care and attention is extended to them all in order to recover them sufficiently to enable them to survive the passage home.

3 I have communicated with Rear Admiral Warren Commander in Chief of His Naval Forces on the South East Coast of America with a view to ascertaining whether I shall be able to forward them in a vessel of War as they will in their present sad condition require medical care during the voyage.

4 These distressed seamen are under the charge of Mr Pyne the Acting Colonial Secretary & Shipping Master and the instructions of the Board will be attended as regards this consequent expenditure.

F. A. Tarrar. Esq
 Secretary
 Marine Department
 Board of Trade

I have &

Yours truly
 J. J. Moore
 Govr

No. 238Government House
Stanley. September 12th 1862

Sir. In reply to your letter of this morning I beg to inform you that I have ordered the horse keeper Peck to accompany Constable Parry at any hour you may wish tomorrow in search of the runaway sailors from the American vessel as he is likely to be of most service in the Camp - besides the office keeper cannot well be spared from his duty at the office.

I have &c.

D. J. L. Moore
Govr.E. W. Goodlake Esq.
Chairman of the Court
&c. &c. &c.

Jane Cameron National Archives [D10]

Colonial Sec^y. Office
September 18th 1862No. 239

Sir. Hearing that you are shortly about to proceed to England His Ex^{ty} the Governor is desirous of forwarding in the vessel under your command some seamen who belonged to the wrecked vessel "Cubana" and I would request you to attend at my office at 11 A.C. tomorrow morning that the necessary arrangements may be made in conformity with the Act 17th & 18th Victoria Chap: 102. Sec: 211.

I have &c.

D. N. Pyne
Ad. Col. Sec^y.Capt Peter Brown
"Witch of the Taign"

No. 242

Govt. House. Stanley S. J.
September 30th 1862

cc 21.

Sir, I have the honour to enclose herewith a list of all seamen who have been engaged or discharged or who have received relief as distressed seamen, in pursuance of the Merchant Shipping Act of 1854, in this Colony, from the 1st July to the 30th September 1862.

2. With regard to the crew of the late Barque "Cubana" I would remark that full particulars have been sent to the Board of Trade.

Yours
S^r, J. R. L. More
Jr^r.

The Registrar General
of Seamen
Adelaide Place
London Bridge.

Colonial Secretary's Office
Nalkland Island
Sept. 25th 1862

No. 243.

cc 15

Sir, I have the honour to transmit herewith an account of the Estate of Peter Sursensen, deceased.

2. The Ship "Augusta Schneider" put into this Port on the 23rd of August last for repairs; the man Sursensen was one of the crew, who accidentally fell from the fore-topmast-yard in a gale of wind and was lost overboard.

3. I thought it advisable in the interest /

J. H. Farrer Esq
Secretary, Marine Department
Board of Trade

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His Majesty's Government and the
Colonists generally.

I am Sir
Yours
Yours
Yours

P.S. I am almost afraid that I shall not
be able to send any of the wrecked men from
the "Cubana" in V. Schow. as I have already
made arrangements with Capt Brown
of the vessel "W. of. High" but I will communicate
with the Colonial Surgeon on the subject. Should
you make up your mind to go for the mails

Jane Cameron National Archives [D10]

If you think there is any other assistance
I can give you in this matter I should be
glad to see you on the subject.

Colonial Secretary's Office
H. M. S. Falkland Islands
Sept 29th 1862.

In
I am directed to inform you that His
Excellency is unable to accept your tender of the
27th inst for Bills on H. M. Government in exchange
for cash at 5 percent discount as various
tenders have been received for 10 percent of exchange

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient servant
Wm. R. Pyne

Acting Col. Secy

No 247.
The Rev Charles Bull
Colonial Chaplain
H. M. S.

N^o 263

Government House
Falkland Islands
October 18th 1862

Sir,

I have to forward you the enclosed letters from Mr Lane, and I must request that you will be good enough, to afford me any explanation, which may satisfy Mr Lane's remarks.

I have the honour to be

Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
Thos Moore
Governor

E. W. Goodlake Esq^r
Stipendiary Magistrate
Stanley

Jane Cameron National Archives [D10]

N^o 264

Government House
Falkland Islands
October 18th 1862.

Sir

I have the honour to request that you will allow Private Pryce to be exempted from his duties of Guard &c in order that he may again attend on the invalided seamen in the Hospital, for which service he will receive pay from the Colonial Government at the rate of 2/6 per diem.

I have the honour to be

Sir
Your Obedient Servant
Thos Moore
Governor

Capt. J. Molony
Commander of The Troop
of the F. J. P. Garrison

No 267

Jane Cameron National Archives [D10]

Government House
 Falkland Islands
 October 25th 1862

Sir

As an Opportunity will shortly
 Occur for Communicating with Monte Video
 and as I am anxious to forward on
 as soon as possible any of the Seamen
 of the Barque "Cubana" still under
 Relief from the Government. I should
 be glad if you will inform me whether
 you consider these men fit to undertake
 the Voyage to Monte-Video and whether
 you anticipate any evil results likely
 to arise from sending them in their
 present state to a place where a
 Lockjaw is, I believe prevalent.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your Obedient Servant

Thos Moore

Henry J. Hamblin Esq.
 Colonial Surgeon
 & & &

N^o 282.Govt. House St. J.
Nov. 4th 1862.

Sir, I have the honour to request that you will order a passage to England, in His. "Ternagant" under your command, for the distressed British Seaman, named in the margin, who was one of the crew of the Barque "Cubana" abandoned off Cape Horn on fire on the night of the 20th June last.

Thomas Delany
age 22

I have &c.

J. R. L. Moore
Gov^r.Capt. Hall R.N.
His "Ternagant"

No. 299.

Government House
Falkland Islands
December 29th 1862.

Sir,

Referring to my predecessor's letter No. 221. of the 13th of August last, reporting the circumstances connected with the loss of the British Barque "Cubana" abandoned on fire off Cape Horn on the night of the 20th June; I have the honour to inform you that I have drawn a bill on the Accountant to the Board of Trade, in favour of Charles Bull at four and a half per cent discount, in liquidation of the total amount expended by this Government in affording relief to the invalid crew members of the above vessel, from the 9th July, to the 3rd December.

I beg to enclose a certificate obtained from the Colonial Surgeon who attended the crew throughout, which will show that many of the articles purchased for their comfort, which if considered apart from the peculiar and distressing circumstances of the case might seem to be luxurious and extravagant, were absolutely necessary.

I also transmit the account of Disbursements incurred accompanied by the requisite Vouchers

I have &c

Ed Mackenzie
Gov^rT. St. Farrer Esq^r

Secretary

Marine Department

Board of Trade

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441.6.1

422.6.1

Vouchers
I to XXVIII
inclusive.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.
December 26th 1862.

Whereby certify that I ordered for the use
of the envalided Seamen of the Barque "Cubana"
More beer and extra clothing which in my opinion
were absolutely necessary for their recovery.

Wm H. Hamblin.
Col. Surgeon.

N^o 300.

Col. Secy's Office
Falkland Islands
December 29th 1862.

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the
Governor to forward to you the enclosed Certificate,
in testimony of His Excellency's appreciation of
the general good conduct of your son, and his
assiduity and attention, to his studies in the
Government School

I have &c.

Wm R. Pyne
Col. Secretary

Mr Frederick King
Stanley

Prot Stanley 507
July 14 / 62

Dear

I am sorry to trouble you especially
but the unfortunate position I am
placed in renders it necessary for me
to avail myself of the earliest opportunity
of communicating with my owners
and thus connected with the vessel
and crew.

I trust your Excellency will be good
enough to arrange for a mail
-leave as early as possible to be in
me for the next mail from
Chile at the same time that
did not of course report my vessel
having sailed

I am Sir
Yours faithfully
Andrew Pearce
Late Master of the Cuba

Yr
Wm
Gandy

Stanley July 15 1862

As the Fulton, Capt. Sully, is about
 proceed to Monte Video I take leave
 to wish your Excellency to send a
 mail for England by her -

Besides having myself important
 communications & documents to send & the
 number I know that there are many others
 of various importance - The Capt. of the
 Intanna, & the crew are most anxious to
 report their preservation & to save their
 lives & families the pain which im-
 perfect books contain to reach the public
 papers Mrs. Monte Video will produce -

There are also 3 months books at Monte Video
 & believe no certainty of their being able
 to be sent here I have the honor to be
 Sir your Excellency's very Obedt
 Servant
 J. Cameron

Monday July 16 1862

I have the honor to acknowledge your
kind letter No. 172 of the 15th inst. enclosing
one addressed to the Master of the Company's
Schooner, "Victoria" which I will take care
shall be handed to him on his return.

The Masters & Crews (on shares) of both
the Company's Schooners ("Victoria" and
"Perseverance"), decline any remuneration for
their services in rescuing the 7 & 11 Men
& the Directors will, I feel assured, be
qualified to learn that their Vessels
have been so employed.

I have the honor to be

Sir
Yours truly
Wm. G. S. S. S.

James Dana

Governor Moore

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Commercial Agencies of the United
States of America Port Stanley
July 19th 1862

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge
the Receipt of yours of Yesterday
state Expressing your thanks for
my Endeavouring to Rescue the
Crew of the Barque Cuban

In Return I beg to state
that Nothing Gives me more pleasure
than to Relieve or assist a fellow
Creature in Distress. It has always
been my Study to do so and trust
I hope it will continue so as long
as I Remain on or about these
Islands

I have the Honour to be
Sir your Very Obedt Servt
W. W. Smythe, M. B.

Thomas Moore
Governor & Commander
in Chief of the Falkland Islands

Stanley

October 27th 1852

Jane Cameron National Archives [H18]

Sir

I have the honor to
 acknowledge the receipt of
 your Excellency's letter of the 25th
 inst. enquiring to know whether
 the men belonging to the masted
 vessel "Cubana" are in a fit state
 to proceed to England via
 Montevideo, I consider them
 sufficiently recovered to perform
 the voyage; should they however
 be detained in Montevideo it
 will be advisable that belaying
 be sent to the hospital there

I have the honor to be
 Sir

your Excellency's

Most obedt Servt
 H. J. Hamblin
 Col. Surgeon

Excellency
 General Moore

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