

Government House,
Stanley, Falkland Islands,
28th September 1877

My Lord,

The subject of the Financial prospects of the colony has for some time been under my consideration and I regret to say that owing to circumstances reported in another Despatch the sum likely to be realized from the Sale of Land in 1880 and 1881 will fall far short of what had been anticipated while the addition to the Revenue occurring at the same periods from the increase in the land rents will not amount to more than £570 a year.

2. I do not believe that under present circumstances I should be justified in proposing a measure of taxation and the only means of effecting any improvement in the finances of the colony is by retrenchment.

3. It has occurred to me that a very considerable saving would be accomplished by removing the party of Marines stationed here consisting of 1 Lieutenant, 1 Naval Surgeon, 1 Sergeant and 14 Privates who cost the colony £1066 a year exclusive of their Imperial pay, which amounts to about the same sum.

I need scarcely say that in a question of this sort it will have to be most carefully considered whether such a step can be taken with safety to the colony. I may observe that (without at present entering into details) it is generally thought that such a small Detachment cannot be considered to be of much or any use as a defensive force and that a few police who could be maintained at a comparatively small cost would be sufficient for the requirements of the colony in other respects.

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N^o 32

N^o 31 of 27th Sept 1877

The arrangement if carried out would render the appointment of a Colonial Surgeon necessary in case the proposed retirement of Mr. Walls is sanctioned.

I purpose taking an early opportunity of bringing the subject before my Executive Council and will again draw your Lordship's attention to it next mail.

I have (&c)
(Sgd) J. H. Callaghan

The Right Honble.

The Earl of Carnarvon

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No 39.

Government House
Stanley, Falkland Islands
12th November 1877.

My Lord,

With reference to my Despatch No 32 of the 28th September last, I have the honour to forward to Your Lordship a copy of the Minutes of the Executive Council, at which a proposal for removing the Party of Marines from the Colony and substituting a Civil Police Force in their place was discussed.

In my speech to the Council and in the subsequent discussion reported in the Minutes the various points connected with the question are so fully gone into, that it will not be necessary to trouble Your Lordship with many further observations in this Despatch.

I do not think that the removal of the Marines is likely to receive any serious opposition from the Colonists, provided a small but efficient Police Force such as I have referred to could be substituted for them.

As I stated to the Council, "the whole success of the experiment depends on the care taken in the selection of suitable men."

I have no means of knowing whether such men could be procured for the salary offered, or whether it would be possible to bind them by such an agreement and under such penalties as would operate as a salutary and sufficient

check against misconduct.

I should suppose that a £100 a year, with the other advantages would tempt a good man to come out as Sergrant. I need scarcely say that a great deal would depend upon his being thoroughly fit for his position.

It was mentioned at the Council that an ex-marine might be procured in the Colony, who would be willing to act as one of the new constables. This man is at present away in the "Camp" and in making the arrangements it would not be safe to count upon his accepting the appointment.

If it be decided to adopt the proposal it would be necessary to send out from home, a Sergrant and four men of the class referred to at the Council. There would be no difficulty in getting two ex-marines in the Colony to act as Assistant Constables, to be ready to turn out when required for duty.

I did all I could to elicit the exact views of the Council on the question whether this small force would be sufficient for the requirements of the Colony to preserve law and order, and they were unanimously of opinion that it would.

In this I am disposed to concur.

At any rate it seems an experiment worth trying, considering the important saving which it would involve. This according to the enclosed statement would be £396 say £400, a year to Colonial Funds, and about £12140 to Imperial

Imperial Funds making a total saving of over £1600 a year.

This proposal involves the removal of the Staff Surgeon and in the statement £300 a year is put down for a Colonial Surgeon which is the salary I should propose for this Officer, in case the retirement or removal of Mr. Watts takes place. As the new Surgeon would have a monopoly of the private practice of Stanley, this salary would I consider be sufficient for him.

Now that the population has somewhat increased (judging from the success which attended a former experiment of this kind) I think an attempt to get up a Volunteer Force, in an inexpensive way, without at first providing uniforms would be likely to succeed in Stanley.

The various details connected with the proposal are fully discussed in my speech and in the observations of the members of the Council.

Having given the matter my best consideration, I am disposed to think that if a few really good men can be procured at home, the project may be safely tried. As I have no means of knowing whether they can be procured on the proposed terms, I cannot of course pledge myself to the success of the undertaking. However I should hope that the difficulty of getting five men of the right sort would not be

found insurmountable.

I do not wish at all to disparage the services of the Marines but I must say that the attempt to make them fulfil the various offices of Soldiers, quasi-Police and cheap workmen for the Government has been by no means very successful. There can be no doubt that they would do far better service to the country if confined to their "more legitimate duties." Of course it would be necessary that they should remain here until the arrival of the new Police Force, and ^{from the authorities} permission might be sent out to allow them to leave their arms behind as proposed at the Council.

With regard to Mr. Drans suggestion that one of H.M.'s Gunboats should be stationed here, I fear there would be no chance of this being granted, but I do think it would be for the interest of the Public Service if the visits of H.M.'s vessels to this isolated settlement were more frequent. Of late years H.M.'s vessels proceeding to and from the Pacific Station scarcely ever call here, and only an annual visit is paid by one of the vessels on the South East Coast of America Station.

I have endeavoured to collect all the necessary information bearing upon the proposed scheme, in order to afford Your Lordship, the materials for deciding upon it.

I have &c
(Signed) J. F. Callaghan

The Right Honble.
The Earl of Carnarvon
The Colonial Office

JANE CAMERON NATIONAL ARCHIVES
VOLUME F19 - New police forceFalkland Islands.No. 28

Downing Street

23 October 1878

Sir

I transmit to you herewith
for the purpose of record, a copy
of your letter dated London 18th
October, and of the reply which I
caused to be addressed to you
showing the steps which have been
taken for the withdrawal of the
detachment of Marines now
stationed in the Falkland Islands
and the substitution of a Police

Governor Callaghan C. M. G.

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Force, measures first suggested
in your despatches N^o 32 of the
28th of September and N^o. 39 of
the 12th of November 1877.

It only remains for me to express
my satisfaction, in which the Lords
Commissioners of the Treasury and
the Lords Commissioners of the Ad-
-miralty, entirely concur, with the
change which has now taken
place, which will I hope prove
financially and otherwise of
material advantage to the Colony.
and I trust that the pains which
you have taken in the selection
of the Policemen will be rewarded
by

their good conduct and general efficiency-

As you have only engaged
five men for the new force, I
conclude that the assistant con-
=stables referred to in the enclosure
to your last mentioned despatch
can be engaged in the colony.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient

humble Servant.

W. H. H. Beach

Downing Street
23 October 1878.

Sir,

I am directed by the
Secretary of State for the Colonies
to inform you that the Lords
Commissioners of the Treasury
and the Lords Commissioners
of the Admiralty have respectively
signified their concurrence in
the proposal to withdraw the
Detachment of Marines now
stationed at the Falkland Islands

J. F. Callaghan Esqre C.M.S.

and to replace them by a Police Force, and I am to express to you Sir Michael Hicks Beach's approval of your selection of the five men named in your letter of the 18th Instant, as Chief Constable and privates for the new Force.

The Crown Agents have been instructed to prepare, in concert with you, an agreement for these men to sign, in accordance with the usual practice in such cases, and to procure passages for them and their families by the Mail of the 9th proximo. The Crown Agents have

have also been instructed
to provide the men with uniforms
including a warm overcoat
for each.

Mrs Michael Hicks
Beach understands that the
Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty
have already communicated
by Telegraph with the Commandant
of the Detachment of Marines as
to their probable removal
at an early date, and their
Lordships have now been
requested to take measures
with a view of their
leaving the Colony by the
mail of the 1st of January

next

next. Sir Michael Hicks Beach
has expressed a hope that
their Lordships will be able
to sanction the arrangements
proposed by you by which
the Marines will leave behind
them for the use of the
Police their rifles, side arms
and ammunition, as well as
any bedding or other articles
of furniture which may be
provided by Government.

I am

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

Robert G. Herbert.

1898

Colonial Office

Governor Halliday
23rd Oct 1898

Regarding the withdrawal
of the Marines

Mr Callaghan to the Colonial
Office

JANE CAMERON NATIONAL ARCHIVES
VOLUME F19 - New police force

Copy

Garnick Club

18th October 1878.

Sir,

I have the honor to
inform you that I have succeeded
in getting a person named
Mc Niece, who is desirous of
obtaining the post of Chief
Constable at the Falklands.
He has been Brigade Sergeant
Major in the Royal Artillery,
and has very high testimonials
as to character. I think I

can

can confidently recommend him
to the Secretary of State for the
appointment.

I have also to recom-
mend four pensioners from the
Royal Artillery to be Constables -
whom I have selected from
a large number of Candidates.
These men bear very good
characters. One of them named
Leech is a Tailor by trade
and the other (Chadwick) - is
a punter. I think they will
all discharge their duties
satisfactorily.

I have been in
communication with the Royal
Mail

Mail Company, and have ascertained that they are willing to take these men at a reduced rate. The total cost of their passages - families included - to Monte Video, will be £165 - which I consider very moderate. One of the prisoners named Leech - has a family of five children - but the Company will only charge for all of them £13 or about one third class fare at the reduced rate.

Enclose a statement giving the names and other particulars regarding these men.

Dr

Dr Henston informs me
that he will be ready to leave
by the 9th of November. The
Company will take him
and his wife for £60, being
a reduction of £10 - and if
there be children at a proportionate
reduction.

As soon as the proposed
arrangement is sanctioned by
the Treasury, it would be
necessary at once to engage
passages for the Doctor, the
pensioners and their families.
Steps should also be taken
to have the necessary order
given by the Admiralty for
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the removal of the Marines
by the Mail of the 1st January
next from Stanley. The
pensioners will probably arrive
about the 20th December. If
this were considered too short an
interval for the Marines to
prepare for their departure - a
Telegram should be sent at
once to the Acting Governor
(Mr Bailey) informing him that
the Detachment are to leave on
the 1st January. If sent tomorrow
it would reach the Colony
by the "Black Hawk" (which
leaves Monte Video on the 22nd
or 23rd Instant) - about the

Hth

4th November. The telegram could be addressed to the Humphreys Agents for the Royal Mail Company at Montevideo for transmission to Mr Bailey by the Mail Schooner.

In case the "Black Hawk" cannot accommodate the entire Detachment of Marines, the Admiralty could charter in addition, the other vessel of the same class, belonging to the Company.

I hope that the Admiralty will sanction the arrangement already proposed by me. That the marines should leave

their

their rifles, side arms and ammunition for the use of the Police. I do not know whether the Marines are provided by the Government with bedding or any other articles of furniture. if they are it would be well also to leave them behind for the same purpose.

The Crown Agents should be instructed to prepare an agreement for the pensioners to sign. I shall be happy to give them the necessary particulars regarding the terms &c.

Lundensland from the
Agents

Agents that there will be
no difficulty in providing at
a few days notice uniforms
for the Police. Each man, I
think, should also be supplied
with a warm overcoat.

The trouble in pro-
-curing even these few men
has been considerable, and
I fear that unless they are
despatched by the Mail of the
9th November. it may have
been taken in vain - as I do
not think they would wait
for six weeks longer.

In connexion with
the subject, I may observe
that

that I have received great assistance from Major W. A. Godley Staff Officer of Pensioners at Woolwich, and from Major Egerton Lodd who holds a similar appointment at Chelsea. It is of course. I should be glad if some official acknowledgment were made to these officers for the aid they have so kindly rendered in the matter.

I have etc

(sd) T. F. Callaghan

The Under Secretary of State
for the Colonies
(The Colonial Office

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Names of Police for the Falklands

Chief Constable Mc Neice & wife (2nd Class) £35

Constable Leach and wife } (3rd Class) 26
5 children 13

William Clapperton & wife — (3rd Class) 26

C. McAlister & wife — (3rd Class) 26

W. Chadwick and wife — (3rd Class) 26

Two children — 13

£ 165.

Dr Kenyon & wife —

60.

N.B. In case they take children
of Doctor they will be charged
for at a proportionate
reduction.

The ordinary fare for
3rd Class passengers is £15.
For 1st Class do — £35.

The Colonial Office to Mr Callaghan

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(sd) Robert G. W. Herbert

T. F. Callaghan C.M.G.

1898

Despatch No 78

of 23rd October 1898

Regarding the steps
taken for the withdrawal
of the detachment of
clerics

JANE CAMERON NATIONAL ARCHIVES
VOLUME B18 - New police force

G. H. S. J. J.
1st Jan'y 1879

No 3

Sir,

I have the honour to report that the new Police force arrived here on the 20th ult. in the Mail Schooner "Black Hawk".

I have succeeded in obtaining the services of Fred. Hardy and Charles Carey, men of good steady habits, who formerly served in the Royal Marines to undertake the duties of Assistant Constables. There is good reason to hope that the new arrangement will work satisfactorily.

Lieut. Coffin and the detachment of Royal Marines leave here to-day for Monte Video, en route for England.

I received the telegram at Monte Video, authorizing W. Mulvany to remain in the Colony, until the arrival of W. Huston, next mail.

I have &c

(Sgd) J. J. Callaghan

The Right Honble
Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart. M.P.

The Colonial Office

James Prescott

We, Bruce Leech, Charles McAllister, William Clapperton and James Prescott, do swear that we will well and truly serve Our Sovereign Lady the Queen in the office of Constable for the Falkland Islands, without favour or affection, malice or ill will, and that we will, to the best of our power, cause the peace to be kept and preserved, and prevent all offences against the persons and properties of Her Majesty's subjects, and that while we continue to hold the said office, we will, to the best of our skill and knowledge discharge the duties thereof according to law.

So help us God.

James Prescott Constable

Bruce Leech do

Charles McAllister do

William Clapperton do

Sworn before me at
Government House Stanley
in the Islands aforesaid
this 3rd day of January 1879

J. F. Ballingham
Governor

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I, John McPhee, do swear that I will well
and truly serve Our Sovereign Lady the Queen
in the Office of Chief Constable for the Falkland
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John McPhee
Chief Constable

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J. F. Bullingham
Governor

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So help us God. Frederick Hardy,
Charles Carey

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This 3rd day of January 1879

J. F. Cullaghan

JANE CAMERON NATIONAL ARCHIVES
VOLUME B18 - New police force

G. H. S. J.
3rd Feb 1879

No 13

Sir,

With reference to the departure of the Marines, I have the honour to inform you that I thought it desirable to sell by Public Auction the Government Cottages lately occupied by the married men of the detachment instead of letting them as was originally contemplated when the question was brought before the Executive Council as reported in my Despatch No 39 of the 13th Nov 1877. These cottages are built of wood and there has always been a good deal of expense incurred in keeping them in proper repair. On further consideration I thought it more advisable to dispose of them as soon as possible. They are seven in number and it is hoped that when sold with the gardens attached, they will fetch from £65 to £70 a piece.

The new Police force are comfortably lodged in what are called the Government Stone Cottages and each has a garden attached to it. Some other gardens lately occupied by the marines and now no longer required by the Government I also propose to sell. They will probably fetch from £200 to £250. The produce of these sales, say £650 to £700, will it is hoped more than cover the expenses attendant upon sending out the new Police force to the Colony.

The portion of the barracks occupied by the unmarried marines can probably after a little time be let for a store. I propose to reserve the officer's quarters with a garden for the new Colonial Surgeon in case he is disposed to take them at a moderate rent of £40 to £45 a year.

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I have also been able to reserve a piece
of ground for a garden for the new schoolmaster
out of the land lately vacated by the Marines

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(Sgd) J. F. Callaghan

The Right Hon^{ble}

Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach Bart. M.P.

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The Colonial Office