No. 239.

1893

Government House
Falkland Islands
1st May 1869.

Gentlemen.

I have in charge 114 Bars of Gold valued at about £23,000 and which were recovered from the wreck of the "Blue Jacket". And as I am not in a position to decide who are the lawful owners I propose to consign the Treasure to you and forward it in a few days by H.M.S. Megaera. In the mean time I should feel obliged to you if you would be so good as to direct the necessary steps to be taken to insure the Bars for £23,500 against the ordinary risks, defraying the cost from Colonial Funds in your hands.

The owners of the Gold will of course be required to pay to be placed to the credit of the Colony the amount of Expences incurred before you hand over to them the Gold.

The Megaera is hourly expected but I shall not ship the Gold in any other than one of H Majesty's Steam Vessels, I mention this as affecting the Rate of Insurance.

I have the honour to be
Gentlemen
Your obed.t Servant
(Sd) William Robinson
Governor.

The Crown Agents
for the Colonies.

No. 240

Government House
Falkland Islands
4th May 1869.

Sir

I have to request that you will receive on board H.M. Ship under your Command for Conveyance to England the Seamen named in the Margin, being a portion of the Crew of the "Blue Jacket" of Liverpool, which Ship was destroyed by fire on the 9th March in the Neighbourhood of these Islands.

2. If you will be so good as to let me know on what day and at what hour you will send a boat for these men, I will cause the necessary Arrangements to be made accordingly.

I have &c. &c.
(Sd)
William Robinson
Governor.

Staff Commander J. Soane R.N.
H.M.S. "Magara"

No. 241.

Government House
Falkland Islands
4th May 1869.

Sir

I have to inform you that from and after this date the guard will not be required at the Government Office, the Bullion about which I felt some anxiety having been this day shipped on board H.M.S. "Magara".

I have &c. &c.
(Sd)
William Robinson.
Governor

Capt. G.H. Elliot.

242.

Government House
Falkland Islands
4th May 1869.

Sir

I have to request that you will visit the Single Men's Quarters, and the Cottages occupied by the married men of the Garrison, and inform me as soon as possible of the state of repair in which you find the buildings.

I have &c.
(Sd) William Robinson
Governor

A. Bailey Esqre

No. 243.

Government House
Falkland Islands
4th May 1869.

Sir

I have to request that you will furnish me with a list of the names of the men under your Command, distinguishing the married from the Single men, and stating opposite each Grant (name) the trade or calling to which he belongs.

I have &c, &c,
(Sd) William Robinson
Governor

Lieutenant Army P.W.D.

No. 242.

Government House
Falkland Islands
4th May 1869.

Gentlemen

Referring to my letter No. 239 of the 1st Instant, I now beg to Enclose Bill of Lading and Invoice of the Gold which I have this day Consigned to You and Shipped on board H.M.S. "Magara".

2. The Gold, As intimated in my previous letter, was Saved from the wreck of the "Blue Jacket" of Liverpool. And You will have no difficulty in Ascertaining in London who are the Lawful owners. Of the Treasure. The following Extracts from my despatch to the Secretary of State upon the Subject Contains all the information of which I am in possession

"The "Blue Jacket" James White. "Master, Sailed from Lyttleton, New- "Zealand on the 13th February last. She "was bound for London and laden with "wool, cotton, Skins, flax, tow, tallow and "Gold; And, had on board twenty Six pass- "engers whose names are given below." "The Ship took fire at half past one P.M. "on the 4th March, from, as is suspected. "the heating of the cotton and flax, And "at half past nine the same evening the "Officers, Crew, and passengers (65 persons "in all) were obliged to abandon the ship "And take to the boats."

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"As regards the Gold which was found "in the first Life boat. It Consists of four "teen bars, Each Onarked with a number "And the words "Bank of New Zealand." And

is.

"is worth Altogether, As nearly As I can judge,
"£12,000. I took charge of it for the Arrival of
"the "Antonio Vicente" on behalf of the owner
or owners Unknown.

"As I neither know to whom it belongs nor
"where it was Insured, I have decided to
"send it to England by H.M.S. "Megaera"
"Consigned to the Crown Agents for the Colonies
"And to be held to the order of the Lawful owners;
"And I have written by this days Mail to
"the Crown Agents requesting them to Effect
"An Insurance on the Bullion About to be
"so despatched. I think it better to do
"this than Keep the Gold here until I
"Can hear from the Owners, As this would in-
"Volve a delay of Seven or Eight Months
"And a loss of Interest on the Money Value
"of the Gold."

3. It is most probable that the "Blue Jacket" was Insured in England, And that, As a total loss will doubtless have to be paid, the Gold Saved is now the property of the Underwriters.

I have &c. &c.
(Sd.) William Robinson
Governor.

The Crown Agents
for the Colonies.

No. 215

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Government House
Falkland Islands
5th May 1869.

Sir

In forwarding to you the accompanying leave to proceed to Europe for Eight Months for the benefit of your health, I am happy to be able to express to you my approval of the faithful and efficient manner in which your public duties have at all times been performed.

2. Your conduct under my administration has been marked by a conscientious desire to do right in all matters, and I regret that the state of your health compels you to absent yourself for a time from all scenes of your duties.

I have &c. &c.

(Sd) William Robinson
Governor

The Honble
E. R. Griffiths Esq.

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Government House
Falkland Islands
6th May 1869

Sir

Will you be so good as to let me know whether you are prepared to undertake the duties of Stipendiary Magistrate and Chairman of the Courts on Mr Griffiths departure from the Colony. The Acting Officer will be allowed to draw half the Salary attached to the Office.

I am &c. &c.

(Sd) William Robinson
Governor.

Arthur Bailey Esqre

No 246.

Government House
Falkland Islands
7th May 1869.

Sir

I forward to you herewith a Copy which I have received from the Officer Commanding the Detachment, and request you will be so good as to let me know at what hour tomorrow it will be convenient to you to send boats to the Dockyard to commence the Shipment of the Baggage.

I have &c. &c.

(Sd) William Robinson
Governor and
Commander-in-Chief

Actg Commander
Jabez Long R.N.
H.M.S. "Megaera"

No. 217.

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Government House
Falkland Islands
7th May 1869.

Sir

I have to inform you that the crew of the "Blue Jacket" at present under your Medical charge will be embarked on Board Her Majesty's Ship "Magera" at three P.M. today.

2. It will be desirable that you should place yourself in communication with the Assistant Surgeon of H.M.S. "Magera" in the event of any of these men requiring further Medical treatment.

I have &c. &c.
(Sd) William Robinson
Governor

The Govt Sec.
W. F. Mac Clinton R.N.
&c. &c. &c.

No. 218.

Government House
Falkland Islands
7th May 1869.

Sir

I need hardly point out to you that it will be necessary for you to hand over the Accounts publicly open in connection with the disbursement of Colonial Funds to Lieutenant Drury in a complete condition before your departure.

It is my intention to appoint Lieutenant Drury Paymaster of Pensioners. The Accounts in connection with these Military Advances you will therefore also hand over to him, taking his receipts for any balances that may be in your hands at the date of the transfer.

I have &c. &c.
(Sd) William Robinson
Governor

Capt. Elliot R.N.
Commdg Garrison

No 249.

Government House
Falkland Islands
4th May 1869.

Sir

Referring to Your letter of this date, I enclose herewith Copy of a letter which I have received from the Officer in Command H.M.S. "Magara" respecting the Shipment of the Baggage of Your Detachment.

2. I also enclose a warrant Authorizing You to withdraw the Detachment under Your Command from the Colony on Monday next the 10th instant.

I have &c. &c.

(Sd) William Robinson
Governor.

Capt. Elliot R.M.
Comdg Garrison.

To Captain G A Elliot R.M.
Commanding Garrison

On Monday next the 10th instant You will embark on board Her Majesty's Ship "Magara" now lying in this Harbour such of the men Constituting the Force under Your Command as shall not have been discharged in this Colony; And You will proceed Yourself in Charge of the said Detachment.

Given under my hand at Government House, Stanley this 4th day of May 1869.

(Sd) William Robinson
Governor and
Commander-in-Chief

No. 250. 32

Government House
Falkland Islands
7th May 1869.

Sir

The Detachment at present forming the Garrison of the Colony will be relieved from duty on Monday next the 10th instant, I have therefore the honour to instruct You to enter on the Duties of Your Command on that day, And to cause a Guard from the Detachment under Your orders to be mounted in the Stockyard as soon after the transfer as possible.

I have &c. &c.
(Sd) William Robinson
Governor.

Lieutenant Drury R.M.
H.M.S. "Megaera".

No. 251

Government House
Falkland Islands
8th May 1869.

Sir

I have purchased from the single men of the Detachment under the order of Captain Elliot a Stack of Peat now standing behind the Barrack Room, which the men had cut for their own use during the winter. This peat is to be appropriated to the single men of Your Party, And I request that You will give them to understand that it is to last them until the next Peat cutting season And that at a sooner exhausted they will have to supply themselves with Fuel for the remainder of the time as best they can. When the cutting season comes round the Spot on which Your men will be

be Authorized to cut will be indicated to them by the Surveyor General.

2. I have also purchased a Stack of peat standing at the back of the Court House. This will be issued to the married men in proper Quantities once a week by the Storekeeper on Application

I have &c. &c.

(Sd) William Robinson

Governor

Lieutenant Henry R.N.

P.S.

I inclose a list of the Quarters available for the married men of the Party, and You will appropriate the Cottages Amongst them in such manner as may appear to you to be best.

Cottages And Quarters Available for Married Men.

1. Lower Row	6. Cottages
2. Upper Row	3. Do
3. Officers Victoria	1. Quarters
4 Reservoir Cottages	2. Cottages

All of these Cottages are not now in good Order, but no doubt they will afford sufficient Accommodation for the present.

No. 252.

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Government House
Falkland Islands
8th May 1879.

Sir

I have the honour to inform you that I have sent on board H.M. Ship Pelorus for conveyance to England the Eight Seamen named in the margin (who were lately saved from the wreck of the Ship "Blue Jacket" of Liverpool.

2. The "Blue Jacket" was destroyed by fire on the 9th March between 400 and 500 miles due East of the Falkland Islands, and the men referred to were picked up by the "Antonio Vinent" on the 29th March and brought on in her to Stanley.

3 Full particulars of this distressing Event have been forwarded to the Secretary of State for His Lordships information and that of the Board of Trade.

4 It is impossible to send the Accounts and Vouchers in connection with the Relief which I have afforded to these distressed Seamen by this Opportunity, but they will be duly forwarded by the Next Mail

I have &c. &c.
(Sd) William Robinson
Governor

The Assistant Secretary
Mercantile Department
Board of Trade
London.

No. 253.

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Government House
Falkland Islands
10th May 1869.

Sir

In view of Your approaching departure from the Colony, I have to convey to You my Approval of the manner in which Your public duties under my Administration have been performed.

I consider that You have at all times discharged Your duties with diligence and efficiency And I have also to acknowledge the services which You were so good as to render me on my personal Staff.

I have &c. &c.

(Sd.) William Robinson
Governor.

Captain Elliot R.N.

No. 254. 305

Government House
Falkland Islands
12th May 1869.

Sir.

It is desirable Your men should clearly understand from the outset that they are not at liberty to work for private Individuals without Special permission. As soon as they begin to ascertain the price of Labour in the place it is not unlikely they will endeavour to evade this rule. But it is not to be expected that a man will do a fair days work for Government if he knows that he is going to be employed again for several hours after belling; And I count on your Assistance in enforcing a Regulation which under the Circumstances of the Colony is as Essentially necessary for the protection of the Government Interest.

I have &c. &c.
(Sd)
William Robinson
Governor.

Lieutenant-Henry R.M.
Commanding Detachment.

No 255.

307

Government House
Falkland Islands
12th May 1869.

Sir

The Arrival of a new Detachment of Marines brings prominently under my notice the fact that the men of the late Detachment had as a rule fallen into a lazy and indifferent manner of performing the Government work, And compels me to consider whether means cannot be devised for keeping a better check for the future on the amount of work performed by the men individually. It may appear reasonable enough at first sight that a man receiving only 2/- a day for his labour should complain that he is underpaid, And say that he cannot be expected to work as well for 2/- as he would for 4/ or 5/-, the ordinary wages of the place. This was the argument advanced by the men of the late Detachment: But the men chose to ignore their rations, Quarters, and double Military pay, when using this Argument; Advantages which in point of fact placed them on a par with, if not in advance, of the free labourers of the place.

2. I am exceedingly desirous of adopting some system under which the men shall be obliged to deal fairly towards the Government, And I shall be glad to receive any suggestion from You upon the subject. In the first place I have given stringent orders that no man shall work for a private individual without special permission. Any man breaking this rule shall be struck off Government work for a time, in addition to any Military Punishment which he may receive from the Commanding Officer for dis-obedience of orders. My Object for this rule

You.

You will learn from the Enclosed Copy of a letter which I have addressed to Lieutenant Drury upon the Subject.

3.ly. A great deal will depend in this matter upon Yourself. If the men see from the first that you are determined to exact from them a fair proportion of work and that you keep a Check on the Amount of work actually performed, they will not fall into the lazy habits for which their predecessors were unfortunately notorious.

4. I feel sure that it is only necessary for me to draw Your attention to the Subject in order to ensure Your hearty co-operation in a matter so important to the Credit and welfare of the Public Service.

5. I have only to add in Conclusion that I shall be prepared to support You in any deduction from wages which You may from time to time consider it desirable to recommend as a punishment for idleness or neglect of duty.

I have &c. &c.
(Sd) William Robinson
Governor.

The Hon.ble
Arthur Bailey Esq.re

No. 256.

Government House
Falkland Islands
12 th May 1869.

Sir

Referring to your letter on the Subject of the Contract for the Materials for the new Yacht, I have to inform You that the timber will be taken into the Government Store shortly, Government paying for it as it is stacked up.

I have &c. &c.
(Sd) William Robinson
Governor.

J. E. Cobb Esq.re

No. 257. 309

Government House
Fall River Island
11th May 1869.

Sir

The departure on leave of the Stipendiary Magistrate creates a temporary vacancy in the Executive Council, to which I shall be glad to nominate You, should You be willing to undertake the duties of the situation.

2. As You are aware, I know, of the reasons which prevented any predecessor from offering You a permanent place at the Board when You sat there provisionally on a former occasion. I am of Course equally bound by those reasons, founded as they were on the maxim laid down by the Secretary of State that the sacred profession of a Clergyman is one "with which public "functions of a Civil nature ought but sparingly "to be united, and that it is inadvisable "on general grounds to make Clergymen Members "of the Executive Council, unless in Cases where "it may for a time be indispensable owing "to the scarcity of public functionaries".

3. Such an Emergency has now, however, arisen. The temporary Absence of the Stipendiary Magistrate places me in some difficulty as to the suitable formation of the Council, and I feel confident that You will not withhold from Government the assistance which You are so well qualified from Your Experience and knowledge of business to afford.

I have &c. &c.

(Sd.) William Robinson
Governor.

The Revd.
Edwd. Bull M.A.

No. 255.

310

Government House
Falkland Islands
21st May 1869.

Sir

In the letter which You addressed to His Excellency the Governor Yesterday declining to dine at Government House on the Queen's Birthday, on Account of the state of your shoulder You refer to an offer which I am supposed to have made to You of a Seat on the Magistrate's Bench.

I was careful to explain to You at the time, and I am now directed to inform You that I was not Authorized by the Governor to make You any such offer; And I am personally at a loss to understand after what passed between us on the Subject the day before Yesterday, how any mistake can have occurred in the matter.

Your addressing the Governor on the Subject is therefore somewhat premature, and the manner in which You mix up Social and Official questions in one, and the same letter, unusual and inconvenient.

I have &c. &c.

(Sd) D Lyons
Acg. Col. Secty.

Wm Watts M.D.
Colonial Surgeon.

No. 259.

Government House
Falkland Islands
21st May 1869.

Sir

As soon as the men have finished Coaling they may commence stowing the Gaol Materials in the Government Store. in accordance with my arrangements with Mr. Cobb. to take all the wood at once and pay for it as it is used.

I have &c. &c.
(Sd) William Robinson
Governor.

The Hon.ble
Arthur Bailey Esq.re
Surveyor General.

No. 260.

Government House
Falkland Islands
29th May 1869.

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 5th instant I have the honour to inform You that I have determined to include Bird Island in Mr. Davis Lease of Station No. 10 West Falkland, in consideration inter alia of its proximate position as regards that Station; And that therefore, it will not be in my power to grant You a Licence to Kill Penguins on the Island.

I have &c. &c.
(Sd)
William Robinson
Governor

A. G. Cobb Esq.re
Manager F.I. Comp.y.

No. 261.

Government House
Falkland Islands
2nd June 1869.

Sir

I have the honour to inform you that the Queens Exequatur empowering you to act as Consul for Belgium at Stanley received Her Majesty's Signature on the 18th March 1869. And that the Notification of Her Majesty's Approval of Your Appointment appeared in the Gazette of the following day.

I have &c. &c.
(Sd) William Robinson
Governor

F. E. Cobb Esqr.
Belgian Consul.
&c. &c. &c.

Government House
Falkland Islands
4th June 1869.

Sir

Will you have the goodness to visit the Government Garden this afternoon and let me know from what he is suffering. He is unable to attend to his duties, and I should wish to know whether this inability arises as I suspect from a recent debauch or in reality as he asserts from an injury in his foot.

I have &c. &c.
(Sd) William Robinson
Governor

Dr. Watts M.D.

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Government House
Falkland Islands
9th June 1869.

Sir.

You will be so good as to furnish a Guard of Marines for the purpose of protecting the Constable in serving a Warrant on the Mate of the Golden Empire the Constable having been forcibly resisted when endeavouring to perform such service this afternoon. You will of course take care that no more force than shall be absolutely necessary is employed by the Guard, and You will readily see that the duty is one requiring great caution and prudence, regard being had to the number of the crew by which You may possibly find themselves opposed, and to the civil rather than Military character in which they are called upon to act.

I have &c. &c.

(Sd) William Robinson
Governor

Lieut. Drury R.M.
Commanding Garrison.

Government Office
Falkland Islands
4th June 1869.

My Dear Drury,

The Govr would like to know why there have been no orders sent to Government Works for the last three days?

You are probably not aware, though when you read the Capt. Elliot Orders you will see, that the men whose term it is for Government Works are not to be kept away or otherwise employed under any Circumstances without the Governor's sanction previously obtained. Such sanction would never be unnecessarily refused, still the omission to obtain it might be productive of much inconvenience.

Yours &c. &c.
(Sd)
A. Byrne
Actg Colt Secty

Lieut Drury R.N.

No 263.

Government House
Falkland Islands
18th June 1869

Sir

Referring to my Letter to the Secretary of the Admiralty dated in the margin, I have the honour to advise you that I have drawn a Bill on the Board of Trade at three days sight in favour of Messrs J. M. Dean & Son for the Sum of £128-14-10 being the Amount expended by me in affording relief to the Crew of the "Malvern", as per Accounts and Vouchers forwarded in the Letter above quoted.

I have &c. &c.
(Sd)
William Robinson
Governor

The Accountant
of the Board of Trade
London

No 264. 315

Government House
Falkland Islands
18th June 1869

Sir

I have the honour to forward the Accounts Current of the Government of the Falkland Islands with the Board of Trade on Account of Cape Pembroke Lighthouse, up to the 31st December 1868, accompanied by Vouchers in support of the same.

2. The Balance due by the Board of Trade on that date Amounted to £237.11.9 against which I beg to advise you that I have this day drawn the following Bills:—

No 1. In favour of Arthur Bailey for the sum of £100. 0.0 At Par.

No 2. In favour of Caroline Perriam for the sum of Eighty Pounds. At Par.

No 3. In favour of John Spittle for the sum of Fifty Pounds. At Par.

3. The Accounts for the Quarter Ending 31st March 1869 will be forwarded per Mail at the end of this Month.

I have &c. &c.

(Sd) William Robinson
Governor

The Accountant
To the Board of Trade
London

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No. 265.

Government House
Falkland Islands
18th June 1869.

Sir

I have the Honour to forward to You the account Current of this Government with the War Office on account of the Payment of Pensioners resident in the Colony up to the 31st December 1868, accompanied by the usual Vouchers in support of the same.

2. The Balance due by the War Department at that Date Amounted to £471.4.1 against which I beg to advise You that I have this day drawn a Bill on H.M.S. Paymaster General in favour of Messrs J. McLean & Son for £200.0.6 at 30 days sight, at par.

I have &c. &c.

(Sd) William Robinson
Governor

The Under Secretary of State
War Department
London

No. 266.

Government House
Falkland Islands
18th June 1869.

Sir

I have the honour to report to You that I have this day drawn the following Bill on H.M.S. Paymaster General in repayment of sums advanced by me for the Payment of Pensioners residing in the Colony.

No. 1. 1869 for the sum of Two Hundred Pounds in favour of Messrs. I. M. Dean & Son at thirty days sight, at Par.

I have &c. &c.
(Sd)
William Robinson
Governor.

The Right Honorable
Her Majesty's Paymaster General
Whitehall
London.

P.S. The Accounts and Vouchers in support of the above advances have been duly forwarded by me as usual to the War Department.

No. 262.

Government House
Falkland Islands
17th June 1869.

Sir

Having duly considered the question submitted by you as to the distribution of the gardens for the Detachment under your command, I find it impossible consistently with what is due to myself to depart from the promise made to Captain Smithers in April that he should be allowed to occupy the garden lately occupied by Harwood.

2. I am sorry that when authorizing you to appropriate for the use of the Men of the Detachment as many gardens as would be required in the Enclosure, I did not mention that one garden had been already given to Captain Smithers; but as there were at that time 19 vacant gardens available and only 13 needed for the Detachment, the possibility of any dispute did not occur to me.

3. The question having now been brought prominently under my notice I have determined to take this opportunity of removing a long standing grievance from the persons occupying the Stone Cottages by appropriating a garden to each tenement in the Row. I forward a diagram showing the gardens which I have reserved, for this purpose as well as those which may be used by the Detachment, and I request you will distribute these latter in such a manner as may appear best to yourself. If you or any of your men have already gone to any expense in fencing or otherwise, and you certify the same to me, any allowance will be made to those who are obliged to move their ground under the altered circumstances of the case.

4. I have severely reproved Captain Smithers

for.

for his unbecoming demeanour to yourself, and I am prepared I need scarcely add, to sift thoroughly any formal complaint which you may wish to bring against him under this head. At the same time I cannot but express surprise that when you heard from me yesterday how the matter really stood you did not yourself suggest a such re-distribution of the Gardens as would have removed the difficulty which you saw had arisen, instead of forcing me to withdraw the Garden which I told you I had already allotted to Captain Smithers.

5. It appears in conclusion, that Captain Smithers showed you on Wednesday last my authority to him for wishing to occupy the Garden in question. Notwithstanding which you ordered your men down Yesterday morning to remove the fence which he had spent some time in erecting on the land. I greatly regret that you should have taken a step of which I am unable to approve. Making every allowance for the annoyance which Captain Smithers language or manner may have caused you, I cannot think you were right in removing the fence without ascertaining from me the value of the document which Captain Smithers had in his possession.

I have &c. &c.

(Sd.)

William Robinson

Governor

Lieutenant Army R.E.

Commanding Garrison.

South.

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		For Use of Detachment.							
20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11
		Received by Government.					For use of Detachment.		

No. 267.

Government House
Falkland Islands
18th June 1869.

Sir

I have the honour to transmit herewith the Accounts and Vouchers of the Government up to the 31st December last.

It is not clear to me that the Colonial Regulations, (Amended) Sec 362, requiring Certificates showing that all advances from the Colonial Chest for Services other than those specified in the Parliamentary Votes have been duly Carried to the Credit of the Colonial Revenue, is meant to apply to such advances as we are in the habit of making; viz: for the relief of distressed Seamen, the support of Cape Pembroke Lighthouse, and the payment of Pensioners resident in the Colony. For the payment of which Advances we draw Bills on the Department Concerned sometimes as soon as the advances are made. I have however caused a Certificate of the character prescribed to be prepared in respect of the Accounts now forwarded, and remit it herewith in case it should be required.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your Obedient Servt.
(Sd) William Robinson
Governor

The Secretary to the
Commissioners for Auditing the
Public Accounts
London

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Falkland Islands 31st December 1868.

A Statement of all Sums advanced from the Treasury Chest between the 1st April and the 31st December 1868. for Services other than those specified in the Parliamentary Grant for 1868–69.

Date	Advanced on Account of	To whom Paid	No. of Voucher Cash Book	Amount £	s	d
1868						
April 1st	Bd. of Trade	W. H. Benney	105	36	17	6
" "	Do	James McGuire	105	6	0	0
" "	Do	W. H. Benney	105	9	2	0
" "	War Dept.	Capt. G. A. Elliot	100	60	13	7
" "	Do	Do	101	3	12	0
" 25	Bd. of Trade	Sundry Persons	113	2	14	0
May 1st	Do	Do	132	1	16	0
" 29th	Italian Govt.	Alexander Robb	162	6	17	1
" 30th	Do	John Summers	163	4	13	8
June 1st	Do	James Shoveland	164	8	4	6
" 2nd	Do	W. Elmer	165	4	2	3
" 18th	Do	C. Robson	166	14	8	0
" 11th	War Dept.	Capt. G. A. Elliot	160	18	4	0
" "	Do	Do	161	"	9	1
" 12	Italian Govt.	J. McLean & Son	167	122	11	6
" 27th	Bd. of Trade	Sundry Persons	171	1	13	0
July 1st	War Dept.	Capt. G. A. Elliot	176	52	18	0
" 6	Bd. of Trade	W. H. Benney	191	36	17	6
" "	Do	Do	191	9	2	0
" "	Do	James McGuire	191	6	0	0
" 22nd	Do	Sundry Persons	198	3	0	0
" 27th	Italian Govt.	Falkland Islds. Company	200	12	2	0
Augt. 1st	Bd. of Trade	Sundry Persons	218	2	11	0
" 19th	Italian Govt.	J. M. Gore	201	60	0	0
October 1st	War Dept.	Capt. G. A. Elliot	265	62	9	8
" "	Do	Do	266	3	6	9
" 2nd	Bd. of Trade	Sundry Persons	269	2	8	0
" 5th	Do	W. H. Benney	273	37	10	0
" "	Do	James McGuire	273	4	4	0
" "	Do	Sundry Persons	273	6	0	0
Nov 4th	Do	Do	292	3	15	0
" 18th	Do	A. P. Smitton	296	1	1	0
Dec 31st	Do	Sundry Persons	319	49	10	4
" "	Do		318	3	0	0

Government Office
Falkland Islands
31st December 1868

I hereby Certify that I duly Credited myself with the advances as per above schedule on the dates severally specified.

(Sd) A. Lyons
Accountant.

(Sd) William Robinson
Governor.

No. 268.

Government House
Falkland Islands
24th June 1869

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 21st inst. I now enclose Copy of a communication which I have received from Captain Smith in reply to the Complaint which you bring against him in the 4th Paragraph of your letter as aforesaid.

2. Captain Smith's Explanation appears to me to be satisfactory and sufficient, more especially as he entirely disclaims any intention of being rude or offensive to you and offers an apology for any discourteous remarks which may have fallen from him in the excitement of the moment.

3. I do not in the least doubt that your motive in removing Capt. Smith's fence was a proper one, at the same time his right to occupy the land was legal and indisputable! as you will see from the enclosed Memorandum; and I cannot blame him for defending this right, though of course he should have done so in a Civil manner.

4. I should hope the re-distribution of the

the Gardens will not As You anticipate,
Cause Dissatisfaction Amongst the men.
The Gardens are within the same Enclosure.
And so far as I am aware intrinsically alike
in Value.

I have &c. &c.

(Sd) William Robinson

Governor.

Lieutenant-Stony R.N.
Commanding "Sarrison"

Government House
Falkland Islands
24th June 1869.

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your letter of the 3rd Instant informing me of You having assumed the Command as Senior Officer of Her Majesty's Naval Forces on the South East Coast of America, And to convey to You my thanks for the Assurance that You will be at all times willing to render me such ready Aid And Co-Operation in all matters for the benefit of the Queens Service as it may be in Your power Consistently to afford.

I have &c. &c.

(Sd) William Robinson

Governor.

Capt. W. A. B. Pearse R.N.
Senior Officer
H.M.S. "Egmont"
Rio de Janeiro

No. 169.

Government House
Falkland Islands
25th June 1869.

Sir

Referring to Your letter of this date I beg to inform You that I some days ago caused a new Clock to be placed in the Guardroom, from which the Bellringer and Keeper of the Town Clock have been now directed to take their time. Mr Bailey will regulate the Guardroom Clock occasionally by the Sun, And thus, Even if the time should sometimes be a little out, we shall at all Events secure uniformity for the future.

I have &c &c.

(Sd)

William R Grieve
Governor

J. E. Cobb Esqre

Government House
Falkland Islands
26th June 1869.

Sir

Referring to Your letter of this date, I have to remark to You in the first place that my Not to sign any formal Complaint which You might wish to make against Captain Smithers was not cancelled but carried out. On receipt of Your letter of the 21st Instant, I proceeded at once to Enquire into the Circumstances connected with Captain Smithers alleged incivility to Yourself, And his letter of Apology And Explanation of which I forwarded to You a Copy on Thursday last was the result

result of such promised Enquiry.

2. Having already expressed my opinion that Captain Smith has done all that can be expected of him, and that I consider his apology satisfactory and sufficient, I cannot but regret that you are still unsatisfied and intend to proceed against him elsewhere; more especially as he appears to me to have shown considerable forbearance in not requiring you at once to replace the fence which was illegally removed by your orders.

3. I take this opportunity of remarking to you that in all matters of personal dispute between one Officer and another, the Governors decision, when sought for, is generally looked upon as final; and while it is doubtless open to you in the present case to proceed against Captain Smith in such manner as you may think proper and necessary, I have to request that you will not in future refer any similar matter to me unless you shall have made up your mind before hand to abide by my decision when given.

4. Your representations respecting the condition of the Gardens allotted to the four men listed in the margin of your letter will be attended to. I will cause a survey to be held on the Gardens in question by professional Gardeners acquainted with the requirements and capabilities of our soil, and I will endeavour so far as the resources at my disposal will allow, to remove any just cause of complaint which may exist in the matter. I will communicate with you again as soon as I receive the Report of this survey.

I have &c. &c.

(Sd) William Robinson

Governor.

Lieutenant Grey R.N.

&c. &c.

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Government House
Falkland Island
29th June 1869.

Sir

I forward to you a List of the Quantity of Coals which I have authorized to be issued to the Detachment under your Orders. H.M.'s Government having decided that the Detachment is to provide its own Fuel, you will understand that these Coals are given as an indulgence to help the men through the Winter, and not as a Right, and that the issue will cease as soon as the Season admits of the men supplying themselves with Peat of their own Cutting.

2. I have not Adopted the same Scale in this case, but have Endeavoured to adapt the issue to the Circumstances under which the men are quartered. In some instances, that of the married men living in Separate Cottages, the issue is larger than at Home; in that of the single men living together in one Barrack room it is perhaps smaller.

3. The Coals will be delivered weekly at the Storekeeper.

I have &c. &c.
(Sd)
William Robinson
Governor

Lieutenant Lilwy R.M.

		lbs
Sergeant	Neal	168
"	Avery	168.
Private	Hewson	112
"	Gardiner	112
"	Hinde	112
"	Patten	112
"	Coles	112
"	Fox	112

		lbs.
Private	Stacey	112
"	Brookes	112
Barrack Room Single men		224
Officers Kitchen		224
1680 lbs or 15 Bushels a Week.		

Government House
Falkland Islands
30th June 1869.

Sir

In view of your recent arrival in this Colony, I think it advisable to direct your attention to the Sections of the Colonial Regulations noted in the margin (See Colonial Office List of 1868).

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I have &c. &c.

(Sd) William Robinson
Governor

Lieutenant Shuny R.N.

Government House
Falkland Islands
30th June 1869.

Dear Sir

The bearer is a distressed seamen from the Ship "Golden Empire" Discharged before me in consequence of a hurt received in the Service of the Ship. He is unable to work and will doubtless apply to you for aid.

I am. Dear Sir
Yours Truly
(Sd)
A. Byrne
Shipping Master

Major Munro.

No. 272.

Government House
Falkland Islands
31th. Dec. 1869.

Sir

I am directed by H.E. the Governor to transmit herewith the usual Quarterly Account of this Government with the Board of Trade for the maintenance of Cape Pembroke Lighthouse for the Quarter Ended 31st. March 1869. accompanied by the requisite Vouchers.

I have &c. &c.
(Sd)

A. Byrne
Act. Col. Secty.

The Accountant
Board of Trade
London.

No. 273.

Government House.
Falkland Islands
1st. July 1869.

Sir

Referring to your Application for leave to return to England on account of your wife's health, I have to inform you that while I am prevented by the nature of your situation from giving you leave on half salary as in the case of the Civil Officers of this Government, I will keep the Command of the "Foam" open for you for ten months from this date, and hope that at the expiration of that time you will return to take charge of the Ship.

I have appointed Captain Mc. Cully

to.

to take Command of the Schooner for the present, And you are Authorized to hand over to him from this date.

I inclose a Certificate expressing my entire Approval of your Conduct during the time you have served under my orders.

I have &c. &c.

(Sd.) William R Robinson
Governor.

Capt. Smithers
Master of Jacht. "Foam"
Stanley Harbour.

No. 274.

Government House
Falkland Islands
1st July 1869.

Sir

Referring to your Letter of the 15th Dec. last. I beg to forward the Duplicate Letter Bills therein requested, together with the Post Office Accounts up to the 31st December 1868.

I have &c. &c.

(Sd.)
A. Lyon
Postmaster

The Secretary The
General Post Office
London

Stanley,
3 July 1869.

My dear Ii,

I shall have an objection to include another letter from Livingstone in your home, the next time you bring or send that Document to Stanley

Yours ever truly
William Mansfield

H. Anderson Esq

No. 275.

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Government House
Falkland Islands
1st July 1869.

Sir

Referring to my despatch 25 of the 8th May, I have the honour to forward an Account, with Vouchers attached, of the relief afforded by me to the Seamen of the Ship "Blue Jacket", showing a balance due the Colony of £129.0.7½ for which I will draw on you by next Mail.

I have &c. &c.
(Sd) William Robinson
Governor

The Accountant
Board of Trade
London.

No. 276.

Government House
Falkland Islands
2nd July 1869.

Sir

I have received direct from Dr. Mac-Clinton a copy of the Semi Military Correspondence which has passed between that Officer and Yourself respecting the part which he took in the matter of the Garden recently Allotted by me to Captain Smithers.

2. The view which Dr MacClinton takes of his position appears to me to be entirely in accordance with that which it is desirable he should occupy, And I have intimated to him, in reply to his Communication to myself, that I approve of the Answer which he returned to your letter.

I have &c. &c.
(Sd) William Robinson
Governor

Lieut. Henry R.N.

No. 277

Government House
Falkland Islands
3rd July 1869.

Sir

I have the honour to forward to you the Account Current of this Government with the War Office on account of the Payment of Pensioners resident in this Colony up to the 31st March last; showing a Balance due the Colony of £535. 3. 1.

I have &c. &c.

(Sd) William Robinson
Governor

The Under Secretary of State
War Department
London.

No. 280.

Government House
Falkland Islands
8th July 1869.

Sir

With regard to the Complaints made respecting their Gardens by Privates Carey, Winter, Smallwood and Bowler, I have to place at your disposal for their use the Gardens numbered 15 & 16 in the Diagram enclosed in my letter No 262 of the 18th ultimo and the two Gardens on the West side of the Enclosure lying West of the Dispensary.

2. The Tussock Islands surrounding these latter Gardens are Private Property and are not, of course, to be touched by the men to whom you allot the Gardens. The plants will shortly be removed.

3. Be so good as to let me know to whom you allot Gardens 15 and 16.

I have &c. &c.

(Sd) William Robinson
Governor

Lieut. Drury R.M.
&c. &c.

Government House
Falkland Islands
8th July 1849

Dear Sir

I have received Your letter of this date with Extreme regret.

I owe it to your personal demeanour, as well as the position which you hold as Commercial Representative of a Power on terms of Amity with Her Majesty, to assure You of my desire to show You at all times such consideration and assistance as it may be in my power consistently to afford; and I hope that the treatment of which You complain was not received at the hand of any Officer or Officers serving under my orders and subject to my Authority.

I need hardly say that no Officer of any Government will be permitted for such, to show You any incivility or disrespect, and I hope You will not hesitate to appeal to my protection should occasion unfortunately arise.

I am, My Dear Sir.
Yours faithfully
(Sd) William Robinson
Governor

Joseph Powell Esqre
Commercial Agent U.S.A.

No. 281.

Government House
Falkland Islands
14th July 1869.

Sir

Referring to previous Correspondence I have now the honour to inform you that whilst I am unable to put any other interpretation on the Land Proclamation of 1849. than that which I communicated to your predecessor, I am prepared, with the Advice and Consent of my Council, so far to relax those Regulations as to allow you to make immediate use of the Land Orders which you hold, by purchasing at once to the extent of 1000 Acres on any Section held under the Proclamation aforesaid, instead of waiting for the Expiration of the Lease to do so.

I have &c. &c.

(Signed)

Williams Robinson

Governor.

F. E. Cobb Esqre
&c. &c. &c.

No 282.

Government House
Falkland Islands
15th July 1869.

Sir,

In the Account which I have received from the Company for the Quarter ended 30th June, they charge for the following wood purchased under the Gaol Contract:

21st	May.	204 feet
"	"	252 "
29th	"	6000 "
1st	June	2016 "
	Total	8.472 feet

2. My Arrangement with Mr Cobb was that we would take all the wood into Store at once, paying for it as it is worked up. I must therefore ask You for a Certificate of the Amount worked up during the Quarter in order that I may see whether it agrees with the Amount charged for in the Account.

I have &c. &c.
(Signed)
William Robinson
Governor.

The Hon[ble]
Arthur Bailey Esq[re]
&c. &c. &c.

No. 283. 335

Government House
Falkland Islands
16th July 1869.

Sir

I have duly Considered Your Communication respecting the Constitution of the Magistrates Court in connection with the pending Action of Dean -v- Bull for Slander.

2. As it Appears from what You say that the Magistrates present are all more or less Connected with this Case and therefore unable to sit. And as the Circumstances of the Colony will not at this moment admit of Any Adding a sufficient Number of fresh names to the Commission to form a Bench of the numerical Strength required by Law, I see no alternative but for You to postpone the trial until the return of the Stipendiary Magistrate whose leave of Absence will Expire in six months from the present time.

3. You will be so good as to notify the Plaintiff and Defendant Accordingly forwarding at the same time a Copy of this Letter to both Parties Concerned

I have &c. &c.

(Sd)

William R Robinson
Governor

The Hon.ble
Charles C. Turpin Esq.re
Deputy Chairman, Pro. tem.

No 284

Government House
Falkland Islands
17th July 1869.

Sir,

I am directed to notify to You that Your occupation Licence of Station No 18 West Falkland Expired Yesterday And to Enquire whether You wish for An Extension of time or Are in a Position to Claim your Lease.

I have &c. &c.

(Sd)

~~William Robinson~~
Governor

J. M. Dean Esqre.

No 285

Government House
Falkland Islands
19th July 1869.

Sir

I have received your letter of the 15th Instant Communicating to me a Complaint from the Single men of the Detachment that their present Allowance of Coals is insufficient.

2 Have it for granted from your forwarding this Complaint for my Consideration that You have Enquired into the matter, and are satisfied that the Complaint is not without foundation. But if this be so the argument applies with still greater force to the case of the married only

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men living in separate Cottages, from whom nevertheless I have received no Complaints on the subject. Probably because their allowance is already larger than it would be at home. It is quite clear that if as you appear to believe 224 lbs per week will not suffice for one fire in the Barrack Room. 112 lbs cannot be enough for a Cottage.

3. I have therefore directed the Storekeeper to increase the issue by 56 lbs per head from Wednesday next to the married men, And to allow the Single men 112 lbs in addition to what they now receive.

4. I regret that I cannot allow the Barrack Room 800 lbs per week as the men request. I have already said that this fuel is given as an indulgence And not as a right, And I do not feel that I should be justified in allowing more than could possibly be consumed in the one case while in the other no more is given than just what is absolutely required for Health And Comfort.

I have &c. &c.

(sd)

William Robinson

Governor.

Lieutenant Henry R.N.

Government House
Falkland Islands
19th July 1869.

My Dear Sir,

I have received your letter of this date enclosing a copy of a Communication addressed to you by Mr. Dean, with reference further to this action against Mr Bull for Slander, and submitting the names of certain Gentlemen for appointment to the Commission of the Peace; together with a Copy of your reply to the same.

You have shown Mr. Dean that the trial of this Action was postponed not by the Governor (in whom, by the way, no such power is constitutionally vested) but by the Deputy Chairman in Consequence of the insurmountable obstacles referred to in the second Paragraph of my Note of the 16th instant; and I do not think there is any thing to be added to what you have already said respecting the Eligibility of Mr Cobb as a judge in the Case.

It only remains for me to acknowledge Mr. Dean's obliging readiness to provide any number of Magistrates (in an Emergency) at the shortest notice. And to say that I Open by no means insensible of the weight which from his Experience of the Place and People must always attach to his opinion and Recommendation. At the same time the responsibility of selecting Magistrates to carry out the Administration of Justice is vested at present in the Governor Alone. And I do not feel that

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should be justified at this moment in sharing it with any one else.

I remain &c. &c.

(Sd)

William Robinson

Governor

The Honble
C. C. Simpson Esqre

No. 286.

Government House
Falkland Island
20th July 1869.

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date forwarding Myers Quarterly Report on the Government Schools, the favourable character of which gives me great satisfaction.

2. I have given orders for the repair of the fireplace and chimney referred to in your letter also for that of the pane of glass broken accidentally on a recent festive occasion.

I have &c. &c.

(Signed)

William Robinson

Governor.

The Honble
W. F. Mac Clinton Esqre.

No. 287.

Government House
Falkland Islands
20th July 1868.

Sir,

I have to draw Your attention to the circumstance of the Sentry on duty this afternoon (Jarrett) allowing me to pass and repass his Post, very quietly after sunset without a proper salute or indeed any salute or recognition whatever.

2. I do not require the guard to turn out when I pass after sunset, but I expect the Sentry on duty to salute me in a proper manner by presenting Arms so long as it continues sufficiently light for individuals to be clearly recognized.

3. There were my orders to Captain Elliot, and I should wish to know whether or not they are still in force at the Dockyard.

4. Be it as it may on this point; the Sentry referred to was guilty to say the least of it of a deliberate breach of the Queen's Regulations and Orders for the Army under which his duty was to stand steady as I passed with Carried Arms facing his proper front. Instead of this he continued his seat on both occasions of my passing in a manner so disrespectful that coupled with other circumstances I am unable to overlook it.

I have &c. &c.
(Sd.)
William Robinson
Governor

Lieut. Murray R.M.

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No. 288.

Government House
Falkland Islands
21st July 1869.

Mr. Constable Parry

Sir

I am directed to forward the Inclosed Copy of a letter addressed to his Excellency the Governor by the Deputy-Chairman of the Magistrates Court for any Remarks which you may wish to offer.

I am &c. &c.
(Sd.)
H. Byrne
Acg. Colonial Sec.y.

Government House Falkland Islands.

No.

5th July 1869

Sir. I have the honour to enclose the Accounts and Vouchers of this Government for the Quarter ended 31st March 1869, together with (Annual) Comparative statement of the Estimates and Actual Revenue and Expenditure, and a Certificate showing that all advances made during this March Quarter for services other than those specified in the Parliamentary Grant were duly carried to Credit.

I have the honour to be Sir
&c. &c. &c.
(s.d.) W. Robinson

P.S. I beg also to annex an abstract statement of the financial Condition of the Colony on the 31st March 1869, shewing during the excess of assets over liabilities ~~of liabilities~~ of £1,434.12.0.

The Secretary to the
Commissioners for
Auditing the Public Accounts
Somerset House
London.

For Copies of these financial statements see Quarterly Accounts Remarks Book

Cape Pembroke Lighthouse

Account for March Quarter 1818.

Queries

Forwarded in original through the C. O.

W. R.

Description of Voucher	Query or Observation
Voucher 26. W. H. Benney. Lightkeeper.	Under Act 31 Vict. Cap 2. passed 7th December 1867 an additional 2d in the pound is due on Mr. Benney's Salary for this Quarter Amounting to £ 6/3 which Should be Credited in Next Account.
Salary for Quarter Ended 31st December 1867.	
@ £150 - per Annum £37 - 10 - 0	
less Income Tax - 12 - 6	
£36 - 17 - 6	

Mem. 1. With reference to the rendering of the Accounts of Cape Pembroke Lighthouse the Board of Trade forwarded a Memorandum through the Colonial Office, on the 4th October last, calling attention to the inconvenience that arises where any delay occurs in the Quarterly transmission of these Accounts. No reply to this Memorandum has reached the Board of Trade and the Accounts first received with the Governors Covering Letter dated 1st March 1869. is the Cash Account for March Quarter 1868 — three Quarters Cash Accounts and Six Quarters Oil and Store Accounts being Still in Arrear. It is requested that these may be forwarded with the least possible delay And that the Cash Account for March Quarter 1869. may be Sent by the first opportunity so that it may be included in the appropriation Account for the Year 1868—69.

It is very Essential that the Accounts for Each Quarters Expenditure Should be transmitted immediately after the Expiration of the Quarter to which they relate — So that they may be recorded

Answer or Explanation.

This error will be adjusted as directed in the Current Quarters Account. We were not aware of the addition to the Income Tax at the time the Payment was made.

The Memo here referred to was received by the Governor from the Colonial Office inclosed in the Duke of Buckinghams Despatch No. 50 of the 2nd November 1868, to which the Governor duly replied on the 12th February 1869. No. 139.

These three Quarters Cash Accounts were despatched to the Board of Trade on the 18th June 1869., And the Oil And Store Accounts to date are now forwarded direct to the Department.

The Cash Account for March 1869. was forwarded on 30th June in order that it might reach England by the required date.

Description of Voucher	Query or Observation

recorded with the least possible delay in the Books of the Department.

Memorandum. (2.)

It is requested that the Cash Account may in future be rendered in the form of the Enclosed Account Current, a supply of which will be forwarded shortly. The Vouchers for the charges made should be numbered consecutively And the Amount of Each Voucher entered in the inner Column, the outer Column being appropriated to the total charges under Each head of Service.

Until the new Printed Forms are received the Accounts may be rendered in Manuscript.

Signed H.R. Williams

7th May 1869

Answer or Explanation.

This will be carefully attended to in future.

The Printed Forms have been duly received And will be used in future. One is in fact used for the first time in making up the account for June 1869 Quarter.

(Sd.) William Robinson

22nd July 1869.

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Falkland Islands
5th July 1869

A Statement of all sums advanced from the Treasury Chest between the 1st January and the 31st March 1869 for services other than those specified in the Parliamentary Grant for 1868–69.

Date	Advanced on Account of	To whom Paid	No. of Voucher or Cash Book	Amount £	s	d.
1869						
6th Jan.	War Department	Capt. G. H. Elliot	18	51	19	3
7th "	Board of Trade	W. D. Benney	19	37	10	0
" "	Do.	J. N. Goss	19	6	0	0
" "	Do.	W. D. Benney	19	9	4	0
1st Feb.	Do.	Sundry Persons	42	1	19	0
5th "	Do.	J. M. D. & Son	43	62	13	6
2nd March	Do.	Sundry Persons	77	2	2	0
12th "	War Department	Capt. G. H. Elliot	81	11	19	9
31st "	Board of Trade	J. M. D. & Son	113	1	13	2

I hereby Certify that I duly credited myself with the Advances as per above Schedule on the dates (severally Specified)

Signed H. Byng

H. R. Gore

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Government House.
Falkland Islands
21st July 1869.

No. 289.

Sir

I have laid your letter of this date before the Governor and regret to inform you that His Excellency does not consider your explanation satisfactory.

2. Did you or did you not imply that Mr. Turpin was in your Opinion an unfit person to hold the Office of Deputy Chairman, and if this was your meaning will you be so good as to explain your reasons for presuming to speak in such improper terms of a Gentleman selected by His Excellency the Governor, to preside in the Court of which you are yourself an Officer.

I am Sir
Yours Obediently
(Sd)

Mr. Constable Parry.

No. 290.

Government House
Falkland Islands
22nd July 1869.

Sir

It has been brought to the notice of His Excellency the Governor that you remained in Stanley until nearly 12 O'Clock on Monday or Tuesday night, without having previously obtained permission to be Absent from the Lighthouse.

2. If this be so, I have to refer You to My letter No 88. of the 17th July 1868, and to Call upon you for such explanation as you may be desirous of Offering

I have &c &c

H. Byng.

Mr. H. de. Benny
Principal Lightkeeper
Cape Pembroke Lighthouse

23 July 1869

Sir,

Referring to previous correspondence, I have to inform you that Bird Island will be included in your lease of the West Falkland Station at Port Stephens at an additional rental of £15 per annum. For the present year you will be allowed to hold the island for £15, and on the 16 July next when you take out your lease the island will be included in it at a similar rate.

I have &c

W. R.

George Dean Esq

Government Office. Falkland Islands
24th July 1869.

No 291.

Sir.

As I have to send home the Lighthouse accounts immediately, I have to request you to send me on Monday next the Oil and Store Accounts for the Months of December 1867, and January 1868; also for the three quarters ended December 1868, and the two quarters ended June 1869.

I am Sir
Your Obedient Servant
(Sd) H. Byng

W. D. Bennett
Pembroke Lighthouse

No 292. A.

Government Office Falkland Islands
26th July. 1869.

Sir,

I have the honour to Acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th instant communicating to me the result of the investigation held in pursuance of my letter to you of the 20th July. I am glad to learn that you are of the opinion expressed in the last paragraph of your letter respecting the Conduct of the Sentry on duty on the date last referred to.

2. I am aware that it is not usual for Sentries to present arms to Officers after Sunset, but the marks of respect which are due to a Governor are due to him not as an Officer in the sense of the ~~Regulations~~ Instructions which you quote, but as Her Majesty's representative, which places the case at once on an exceptional footing, and one not provided for by the Regulations. 3. My Order to Capt. Elliot on the point referred to rendered necessary at the time by an occurrence somewhat similar to that which has now taken place) was well considered. He appears to have omitted to hand it to his Successor as required by the Instructions, and I therefore beg leave to renew it to you, and request that you will be so good as to see that it is carried out in future.

4. If this seems to you to Conflict with the usual practice, you will of course see that under the Circumstances the responsibility rests entirely with ~~yourself~~ my self.

I have &c &c
(signed)
W. Robinson
Governor.

"After Sunset the Sentry will present Arms to the Governor whenever he passes, as long as it Contains sufficiently light for individuals to be clearly recognised."

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Government House
Falkland Islands
30th July 1869.

No 292. B

Sir.

Referring to my letter of the 26th instant and to my subsequent conversation with you upon the same subject, I have now to authorize you to abstain from giving any further order to the sentry with regard to the Compliments to be paid to the Governor after sunset until I shall have submitted the point on which we differ in Opinion for the decision of the Home Authorities.

2. I place the matter in abeyance pending a reference home not in consequence of having changed my view of the question, but simply because of your representation that were you now to give the Order and warn the men to disobey it you would experience some difficulty in punishing them, seeing that, as you read the Regulations, such order would be Contrary to the Field Exercise.

3. You will readily suppose that I should attach but little importance to such a matter as this except in so far as it appears to me to be an indication of a bad spirit amongst the men. When it is remembered that up to a certain date the entire Detachment saluted me in one manner and that they simultaneously adopted another and less complimentary manner two days after my division respecting their Allowance of Coals was communicated to you, it cannot be denied that the sudden change lays them open to suspicion. It looks to me. I must confess like resentment for a supposed injury manifested in a very unsoldier like manner.

I have the honour to be.
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
(s.d). W. Robinson
Governor.

Lieut. Davis

Falkland Islands
29th July 1869.

No. 293.

Sir.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th May informing me of your having assumed the command of Senior officer of Her Majesty's Naval Forces on the South East Coast of America, and to express to you my thanks for the assurance that you will be at all times most willing to render me such ready aid and Co-operation in all matters affecting the welfare of the Queen's Services as it may be in your power constantly to afford.

I have the honour to be
&c &c
H K

Capt. Richard Purvis R.N.
Senior Officer
H. M. S. Racoon
Montevideo.

Government Office
Falkland Islands
August 2nd 1869.

No. 293.

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to convey to you the thanks of the Government for your kindness in bringing down a Mail on the occasion of your recent Arrival from Monte Video.

I have the honour to be
Sir
&c &c &c
HB

Mr. Pleass
Master of the
"Semper Fidelis"

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Government House
Falkland Islands
3rd August 1869.

No. 294.

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date informing me of your having arrived in the Colony for the purpose of collecting certain information respecting the loss of the Italian Barque "Peru" at Port Albermarle on the West Falkland, and requesting me to indicate to you the Magistrate by whom such statements and declaration as you procure may be legally attested.

2. I have to inform you in reply that the Stipendiary Magistrate Mr. Arthur Bailey is the Officer to whom you should address yourself in this matter. Mr. Bailey attends daily at the Court House in Stanley and will be prepared to receive and attest any declarations which you may wish to make or to cause to be made in his presence.

3. I beg to assure you of my desire to render to you in your Mission all that support and assistance which it may be in my power consistantly to afford.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your Very Obedient Servant

(Signed) W. Robinson

Governor.

Monsieur Auguste Lafserre.

L'Envoyé Special de l'Association

D'"Assurances Mutuelles" de la

Marine Marchande Italienne

Stanley.

Government Office
Falkland Islands.
4th August 1869.

No. 295.

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to request that you will have the goodness to reply to my letter No. 291. of the 24th ultimo.

I am Sir
&c &c

(Signed) H. Byng.

H. D. Benney.
Principal Lighthkeeper
Cape Pembroke Lighthouse.

Government House
Falkland Islands.
6th August 1869.

No. 296.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant.

2. The question to which it relates as now assumed so remarkable an aspect that it will perhaps be convenient to review the circumstances of the case.

3. On the 20th July I wrote to you to complain of the conduct of one of your men in not saluting me as I passed his post, and asking whether certain orders which I had issued to your predecessor respecting the Compliments to be paid to the Governor after sunset were still in force at the Dockyard. I added (par 2) "I do not require the Guard to turn out after sunset
" but except the Sentry on duty to salute me in a proper manner
" by presenting Arms so long as it continues sufficiently light
" for individuals to be clearly recognised.

4. You informed

4. You informed me in reply on the 24th July that you had investigated the Complaint against the Sentry, that you had punished the man for neglect of duty, that my Order to Capt.n Elliot had not been communicated to you by that Officer, and that moreover in your Opinion it would be contrary to the field exercise for Sentries to present Arms to Any One After Sunset, but you said nothing as to your having given any orders to your men upon this subject.

5. In Answer to your letter I explained to you the arguments on which my view of the Queens Regulations and the field exercise as Opposed to your view was based, and I requested that you would be so good as to act on my view, being prepared as I stated to take upon myself such responsibility as might be there by incurred.

6. On receipt of this letter you sought an interview with me at my Office on which Occasion the whole question was duly discussed. You represented to me, inter Alia, that were you to give the Order and were the men to disobey it, you would experience some difficulty in punishing them, seeing that According to your interpretation of the Regulations such Order would be contrary to the field Exercise. I explained to you that your predecessor had neither Anticipated nor experienced such difficulty, that I could not admit the principal that it was for the men and not for the Officer to interpret the Regulations, but I said that considering the embarassing position in which you conceived yourself to be placed, I would not insist on the Order being given at Once but would consent to Allow the Matter to remain in abeyance pending a reference home. I took Occasion to remark to you that I thought your Men had shown a bad spirit in the matter, in which Opinion On hearing My explanation, you Appeared to coincide and indeed Yourself suggested that the Order should be given at Once. I asked You whether the Men were themselves aware that it was a question between us to how the Governor ought to be saluted, and on your replying in the negative, saying that you had simply explained the field exercise to them (at the time not having before me the Remarks contained in the latter part of your letter under consideration) the full force of such explanation on your part did not strike (me) I repented that I thought it would be better to leave the point to be decided at home. You had objected to

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my view of the matter in the first instance because you thought the Regulations adverse to it. and I could not see what the Conduct of the Men one way or the other had to do with the question).

6. On the following day I accordingly relieved you in writing of the necessity of giving the Order to which you had objected stating that I thought it better to place the question in abeyance pending a reference to the home authorities, than run the risk of having the order disobeyed. I added (par. 3.) "You will "readily suppose that I should attach but little importance to such "a matter as this except in so far as it appears to me to be an indication of a bad spirit amongst the Men. When it is remembered "that up to a certain date the Entire Detachment saluted me in "One manner and that they simultaneously adopted another and "less Complimentary manner two days after my decision respecting "their Allowance of Coals was communicated to you, it cannot be "denied that the sudden change lays them open to suspicion". It looks to me I must confess like resentment for a supposed injury "manifested in a very unsoldier like manner".

I do not think this was a very hard condemnation of Men of whom their Commanding Officer entertained doubts as to whether or not they could be relied on to carry out his Orders.

8. This brings me to your letter of the 3rd instant now under Acknowledgement.

9. It appears that immediately on the receipt of my letter of the 20th July informing you of the manner in which I thought the Governor ought to be saluted you "caused the Sentries to be re- "minded of their duties as laid down in the Field Exercises with "a view to prevent any error in the future". That is to say, you directed the Sentries not to present Arms to me after Sunset, as soon as ever you received my letter saying that I thought they ought to do so.

10. I hasten of course to relieve the Detachment of the unfavourable opinions which I expressed as to their Conduct, and at once admit that I did the Men an injustice in saying they were actuated by other than proper motives in ceasing to present arms to me after Sunset. They had in my Opinion no alternative but to carry out ~~Your~~ your Orders.

11. As.

11. As regards yourself, ~~which~~ while it is unusual for a subordinate Officer to Act in direct Opposition to the wishes and expressed Opinions of his Superior without even waiting to discuss the point on which a difference of Opinion exists, I will only express my regret that you should have placed yourself in so false a position, leaving the question (should this become unfortunately necessary) to be decided elsewhere.

12. I gather from the last paragraph of your letter that had you known sooner that the men had been in the habit of presenting arms to me after sunset (I should have supposed by the way that my first letter was sufficiently clear on this point) you would perhaps have adopted a different course in the first instance. If this is your meaning it only seems to make the matter worse, as showing that your objections to the order were not so insuperable but that it might have been given at the outset had you thought proper to do so.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your &c &c &c
(Sig.d) W. Robinson
Governor.

Lieut.t F. Drury

No. 297.

August 1869.

Sir,

I forward for your information and guidance a Copy of a Contract entered into between Mr. Turpin and myself respecting a supply of Shingle for the Roads.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your &c &c &c
(Signed) H B.

The Hon.ble A. Bailey
Surveyor General
&c &c

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4 Augt 1865

Sir,

I forward herewith a letter which I have occasion to address yesterday to Monsieur Auguste Laporte, Special Agent for the Montreal Marine Assurance Company of Hull.

I have.

Herbert
a Duly Sig
acty Supt Hospitals

Halkland Islands

No. 298

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9th August 1869.

Sir,

It appears to me that the practice of issuing Medicines and Surgical appliances gratuitously to the general public from the Government Dispensary can no longer be considered necessary or expedient.

2. Being now engaged in preparing the Estimates for the financial year 1870-71, I shall be glad to receive any remarks which you may be desirous of offering upon the subject referred to, before I come to a final decision on the point.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your &c &c &c

(Signed) W. R.

Wm. H. N. Watts. M.D.
Colonial Surgeon.

No. 300.

Government House
Falkland Islands
10th August 1869.

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 7th January I have now the honour to forward a Copy of a dispatch which I have received from Lord Granville sanctioning your Appointment as administrator of the Estate of the late J. N. Gobbi.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Yours &c &c &c
(S.d) W. Robinson Governor.

The Hon.ble & Rev.d C. Bull. M.A
Colonial Chaplain
&c

No. 301

Government
10. August 1869.

Sir.

Referring to your letter of this date I have to request that you will be so good as to furnish me with Copies of all letters addressed to you from the Colonial Department before your departure from England.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Yours &c &c &c

Dr. H. N. Watts. M. D.

(Signed) H. N.

No. 302
" 303

Government Office
Falkland Islands
20th August 1869.

Sir.

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to request your Attendance at a Meeting of the Legislative Council on Tuesday the 17th instant at Noon to consider an Ordinance relating to the Brewing and Sale of Malt Liquors.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Yours &c &c &c

(Signed) H. Byng.

Government House
12th August 1869.

No. 304.

Sir

I have received your communication of the 11th instant explaining that you did not clearly understand my first letter so far as it related to the Compliments which I thought ought to be paid to the Governor after Sunset, and detailing the steps which you took on receipt of it.

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2. Whatever you said to your men on that occasion (I of course accept your statement, ~~without hesitation~~, and if I used ~~any~~ the word "order" it was because you used it yourself throughout your letter of the 3rd instant), the result was that whereas up to that date the men had been in the habit of presenting Arms to me after Sunset, they at once ceased to do so, thereby leading me (who knew nothing of what had transpired) to suppose that they had acquired an ill feeling towards myself and ~~were~~ were taking this method of showing it. However, as you say you did not understand from my letter that I wished the men to present arms after Sunset, and that had you understood my wish to be such you would have considered it your duty to have seen me upon the subject before taking any steps in the matter, there is of course nothing more to be said: and I am glad to be relieved of the necessity of forwarding the Correspondence to England.

3. I wish you to believe in Conclusion that I have been actuated throughout this matter by no ill feeling as regards yourself and that it is always painful to me to have to find fault with any Officer being under my Orders. But I am compelled in the faithful performance of my duties and the due maintenance of the position in which I am placed, to uphold the Authority of the Governor in all questions which arise within the limits of the Colony, and to see that no Officer fails or refuses to recognise it, More than this, or to enforce it harshly is far from my desire: to be satisfied with less would prove me unfitted for the post I have the honour to ~~hold~~ occupy

4. In forwarding for the decision of the Secretary of State the Abstract question as to how far the Queen's Regulations for the Army and the Field Exercise Apply to the case of a Civil Governor, I shall be glad to send on any opinion upon the point which you may be disposed to ~~render~~ reduce to writing.

I have the honour to be

Sir.

Your &c. &c. &c.

(Signed)

William Robinson

Governor.

Lieutenant J. Drury

R. N.

305.

Government House
14th August 1869.

Sir.

Referring to your representation respecting the difficulty of paying Pensioner Hynam's Pension in Consequence of his absence from the Settlement, and the rule which requires him to appear personally before yourself as Payments of Pensioners to receive it, I have to authorise you to appoint Mr. Bartlett, the South American Missionary Society's Bailiff at Keppel Island, to act as your Deputy in the Matter so long as Hynam continues to reside at Keppel in the Employment of the Society. Mr. Bartlett when paying the pension will cause Hynam to answer personally to his name, and certify the same on the Pay Lists before he returns them to you.

2. This of Course will not absolve Hynam from the necessity of Appearing in Stanley should a General muster of the pensioners be at any time Ordered.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your &c &c &c
(signed) W. Robinson
Governor.

Lieut. J. Drury R.N.
Paymaster of Pensioners.

No. 306

23rd August 1869.

Sir.

The necessity for forwarding the Public Accounts from this Government to the Audit Office with as little delay as possible after the close of each Quarter, renders it necessary that I should ask you to be so good as to return the payment Vouchers of your Department to this Office as soon as ever the payments are made and the signatures of the Men Obtained. If on any future occasion you should be unable to Complete the Vouchers within three days after the receipt of the Money from this Office you will be so good as to favour me with an explanation of the cause of such

delay

delay. You will readily see how inconvenient it must be to the Officer in Charge of the Chest to have his Amounts kept Open from day to day and how likely this is to lead to error & Confusion.

I have the honour to be
Sir.
Your &c &c &c
(Signed)
William Robinson
Governor.

A. Bailey. Esq.
Surveyor General
&c &c

Government House
Falkland Islands
26th August 1869.

No. 307.

Sir.

I had the pleasure to receive at half past 1 O'Clock this afternoon the Officer who waited upon me in your name to inform me of your Arrival in this Port and subsequently I was honoured with a visit from yourself.

2. I accept without any hesitation your Assurance that so far as certain Vessels now concerned (amongst which that under your command is included) a truce exists at present between the Executive Power of Spain and the Republics of Chili and Peru; at the same time, having no official knowledge of the nature and duration of such truce, it becomes my duty to place in your hands a Copy of a Proclamation of Neutrality promulgated by Command of the Queen on the 2nd June 1866, laying down certain Regulations to be strictly observed during the Continuance of Hostilities in all parts of Her Majesty's Dominions. 3. Whether or not the present case is one to which the Regulations apply is, under the circumstances of your better knowledge, a point which it is for you, Sir, to consider and decide.

4. Assuring you of my desire to render you all the assistance which it may be in my power consistently to afford,

I have the honour to be
Sir.
Your &c &c &c.
(S.d.) Wm. Robinson
Governor.

The Commanding Officer
of the Peruvian Vessel of War
"Union"
Stanley Harbour.

308.

Government Office
Falkland Islands
26th August 1869.

Sir.

I have the honour to forward herewith the Account of this Government with the Board of Trade for the Support of Cape Pembroke Lighthouse for the Quarter ended 30th June 1869.

2. I beg to advise you that I have drawn the following Bills on you in repayment of Lighthouse Advances:

No. 4. dated 26th August 1869. in favour of the Receiver General of Inland Revenue for the sum of £165.13.10. at par,

No. 5 dated the 26th August 1869 in favour of Mrs Emily Risely, for the sum of £25 at par, leaving a balance due the Colony on the 30th June of £80.1.1.

3. It will be observed that the Lighthouse and Light Keeper's dwelling have been recently painted. The work was done by contract and Cost Considerably less than on the previous occasion in January 1866.

4. I have entered into a Contract for the Conveyance of the Monthly Stores to the Lighthouse at the rate of £2-10-0 per Month. This is something less than what we were able to do it for Ourselves, and more Satisfactory and Convenient, seeing that Government does not Keep a staff of Boatmen permanently employed, and frequently experienced some difficulty in procuring hands, when wanted to take down the Stores.

5. The Coals charged for in the present Account extends over a period of 25 months. We Supply the Coals from the Government Store at Cost price. The Consumption at the Lighthouse it will be Observed is at the rate of about 1 ton per Month, in future it will be charged for as Supplied.

6 It wd be a great convenience if printed forms for drawing on the Accountant in respect of Light Ho advances could be supplied.

The Accountant
Board of Trade
London.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
(S.d) William Robinson
Governor.

P.S.
Enclose 2 Vols of the Meteorological Register Kept at Cape Pembroke Lighthouse upto 31st July 1868

Government House
Falkland Islands
27th August 1869.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge your letter your letter of this date. It will afford me much pleasure if during your detention in this Port for the purpose of taking in Coals and provisions I can be of any service to you or help to make your visit agreeable.

I am Dear Sir
Your Very Obedient Servant
(Sd.) William Robinson
Governor.

The Senior Officer in Command
of the Peruvian Vessel of War.
"Union"

No. 309.

Falkland Islands.
26th August 1869.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you a Bill on the Board of Trade for the sum of £165.13.10. being the Amount of Income Tax Collected in this Colony from the Salaries of the Government Officers from the 1st April 1865 to the 30th Sept 1869, on which latter date Income Tax ceased to be deducted in Accordance with instructions then received from the Secretary of State.

2. The Accounts in the Report of the above will be sent to you by next Mail.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your &c &c &c

The Receiver General
Inland Revenue
Somerset House
London.

No. 310

Falkland Islands
29th August 1869.

Gentlemen,

I beg to enclose a Requisition for Sails &c for the use of the Government Schooner "Hoorn". Messrs. Gordon Brothers are in profession of the

of the draft scale of the Vessel and I shall be glad therefore if you will order the sails from them as heretofore

2. As the sails are much needed I request you will be so good as to cause them to be transmitted by mail steamer to Montevideo as soon as possible, addressed to the care of Mr. Wilson, our Agent in that city.

3. The expenses of these Stores will of course be defrayed from the balance in your hands to the credit of this Government

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your &c &c &c

Signed

The Crown Agents
for the Colonies
London.

Requisitions for sails &c. for the "Foam"

One Mainsail
One Boom Foresail
One Stay Foresail
One Standing Jib
One Boom Jib
One Flying Jib
Two leg of Mutton Gaff Topsails
Two Blue ensigns
Four Bolts of Canvass & twine for Same
Twenty yards Blue Bunting
Twenty yards White Bunting
20 Yards Red Bunting
12. Bunting needles & worsted
4 Union Jacks.

Government House
Falkland Islands
3rd August 1869.

No. 311.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your letter of this date and to inform You in reply that the Enclosures therein contained will be transmitted to you to morrow duly attested in Accordance with Your Request.

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2. I am happy to learn that your mission has not been unattended with results which are likely to prove beneficial to those whom you represent.

3. In forwarding the Objects of your Visit to this Colony by rendering you such assistance as I had it in my power consistently to Afford. I simply discharged the duty which all persons situated as you were have a right to expect at my hands.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your Very Obedient Servant
(Signed) William Robinson
Governor

Mr. Auguste Lafserre
Stanley.

September 2nd 1869.

Mr. Williams

The Governor is sorry that he cannot give you a Licence to Kill Penguins at Mackride Head, because Mr. Andrew Petaluga applied for the land and Rookery some Months ago, and H.E. promised at the time that if he gave out the station at all it would be to Petaluga. Under these circumstances His Excellency cannot of course comply with your request, especially as Petaluga claims the fulfilment of the promise.

I have
Sir &c &c
(Sigd) W. Robinson

No. 312.

Falkland Islands.
2nd September 1869

Sir.

I have the honour to report that I have this day drawn on you the following Bill in payment of Lighthouse advances No. 6, dated the 2nd Sept. 1869 - in favour of John Spittle for the sum of Fifteen Pounds at par.

2. This Bill is drawn against the balance due the Colony on the 30th June 1869. as per a/c rendered by last Mail.

I have &c
(Sigd) W. Robinson (Governor)

The Accountant
to the Board of Trade
London

Government Office
Falkland Islands
6th Sept.r 1869.

No. 313.

Sir.

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to forward to you herewith a ~~Regulations~~ Requisition for Lighthouse Stores for the use of Cape Pembroke Lighthouse, and to pray that you will be so good as to cause them to be forwarded by an early Opportunity.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your &c &c &c
(Sd) H. Byng.

The Secretary
Marine Department
Board of Trade
London.

Government Office
Falkland Islands

No. 314.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to forward the enclosed requisitions for Medical stores required for the Service of the Government of the Falkland Islands and to request that you will be so good as to cause the same to be forwarded by an early Opportunity.

I have the honour to be
Gentlemen
Your &c &c &c
(Signed) Henry Byng.

The Crown Agents
for the Colonies
London.

6th September 1869.

No. 315 Sir.

I forward to you for your Report, a letter I have this day received from Charles Williams

I have the honour to be
&c &c &c
(Signed) W. Robinson.
(Governor)

The Hon.ble
A. Bailey Esq.e
act.g chairman &c. of the Courts. &c.

P.S. The enclosure to be returned being sent in Original

No. 316.

Falkland Islands
8th September 1869.

Sir.

I had occasion to send to your house a few evenings since for some medicine from the Dispensary, but you were out, and there was no person about the Premises from whom my Messenger could ascertain where you were, or when you were likely to be at home again.

2- As this sort of thing might be attended with the most serious consequences, and as I do not know but that it happens to others, it becomes my duty to request you will let me know what your present Arrangements are respecting the reception of Messages during your absences from home, and to express a hope that the instructions laid down by my predecessor for your guidance on this point are still observed.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Yours &c &c
(Sd.) W. Robinson Governor.

Doctor H. N. Watts M.D
Colonial Surgeon.

No. 317.

Falkland Islands
9th September
1869.

Sir.

I find on further enquiry that my Messenger was guilty of a deliberate falsehood in saying that when sent by me for some medicine a few days ago he was unable to ascertain where you were or when you were likely to be at home again. Mr. Clarke did inform him that you had gone to the Barracks and why the boy concealed this from me I cannot imagine.

2. At the same time it is essentially necessary that there should always be some person in Attendance on your own premises and I approve and count on your carrying out the Arrangement referred to in your letter of this date.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your &c &c
(Sd) W. Robinson Governor

Wm H. N. Watts M.D.
Colonial Surgeon.

No. 317.

Government Office
Falkland Islands
15th Sept.r 1869

Sir,

The Governor has consented to Appoint Hoskins to the Post of Assistant Lighthouse Keeper, as it appears that the irregularity of going down to the Lighthouse before he was Appointed was committed through inadvertance only. But you must clearly understand that such a thing must not happen again and that whenever a vacancy occurs again, No person is to be employed as Assistant Until he has received the Appointment in writing from His Excellency.

I am Sir
Your Obedient Servant

(S.d) H. Byrne
Act.g Colo: Secretary

M. W. L. Penney
Principal Lightkeeper
Cape Pembroke Lighthouse.

Falkland Islands
18th Sept.r 1869

No. 318.

Sir.

I have received your letter of the 16th instant informing me that Station No. 38. has not been occupied since the shearing in Consequence of it having been found necessary to Concentrate the sheep as much as possible for shearing purposes

2. It would have been better had you in the first instance sought permission to absent for a time the conditions of your Lease, insisted simply reporting the circumstance after the lapse of some months. However as the matter has been brought to my notice by yourself, and as I quite share your desire to see the scab completely eradicated, I am not disposed if I even could doing so to take any serious notice of the temporary departure from the Land Regulations which you now report.

3 Looking upon your letter as an Application to leave the Station in question unoccupied and unstocked for some time longer. I must ask you before returning a definite answer, to say how long you would wish such permission to remain in force.

I have &c.

(S.d) W. Robinson Governor.

J. Cobb Esq.r

Government House
20th Sept.r 1869.

Private

My dear Sir,

I think I ought to point out to you that a prisoner once allowed out of Custody is like a slave landed on English soil, free, and cannot be arrested without risk to the person who causes such re-arrest of an Action at law. Wrestling was clearly and decidedly wrong in discharging the men before their time. But the men became free legally from the moment they were sent out of custody, and their subsequent imprisonment was legally improper, though certainly not morally so. Though such a case is hardly likely to occur again I think it better to say this now for I remember a somewhat similar case occurred in Dominica and led to some trouble.

Yours very truly
Wm. William Robinson

The Hon.ble
Arthur Bruley Esq.re

No. 320

21st. September 1869.

Sir,

I have received an application from Russell the Baker to be allowed to employ the Government Bricklayers in erecting an Oven at his new house.

2. I have felt obliged on principle to refuse this application so far as excusing the men from Government work is concerned, but under the peculiar circumstances of the case I shall not object to the men working for Russell for a few days in their own time if the men he wants to employ are well behaved and on your side, there are no military objections to their being so employed.

I have
&c. &c.
(sig.d). William Robinson
Governor.

Lieut Drury R.N.
Com.g Garrison

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Falkland Islands
21st Sept. 1869.

No. 321

Sir.

I have to request you will furnish me with a Report on the state of Mrs Parry's health. More particularly as to the amount of care and attention which she demands from the Gaoler's wife as compared to what she demanded when first taken into Gaol; and also as regards the scale of diet on which she ought now to be placed, if any change in this latter respect would be proper.

I have &c &c
(Signd) W. Robinson
Governor.

Dr R. N. Watts M. D
Colonial Surgeon.

Falkland Islands
23rd September 1869

No. 322.

Sir,

Your letter of yesterday contains no information on the point on which I particularly require it. What I want to know is Whether Mrs Parry is as dirty in her habits as when she was first taken into Gaol: whether she demands the same care and attention from the Gaoler's wife: and whether in every respect she gives as much or less trouble than at first.

I have &c &c &c
(Signd) William Robinson
Governor.

Dr H. N. Watts M. D
Colonial Surgeon.

No. 323

Falkland Islands
23rd September

Sir.

The Governor having consulted with Lieutenant Drury upon the subject of your Application of the 21st Instant

21st instant I am directed to inform you that, under the peculiar circumstances of the case, His Excellency consents to allow the Government Bricklayers to be employed for a few days in their own time on your Oven. His Excellency cannot excuse them from Government Works for the purpose, but you can address yourself to the Officer who will give orders for their assisting you in the way I have mentioned, which the Governor hopes you will find sufficient.

I have &c &c &c

(Y.S.) W. Robinson (Governor.

William Ruffell
Stanley.

Government Office
Falkland Islands
29th Sept. 1869.

My dear Dean

It is desirable there should be no mistake about Bird Island. The Governor gave you permission to kill there this year in the belief that you had accepted (and gladly) His Excellency's Offer to include the island in your Lease at £15 per Annum. If you wish to be off there is of course not the slightest objection on the Government part, but in this case the permission to kill there this year must be at once withdrawn, and you must without delay send out to stop your men if they have already started for the Rookery. The Governor regrets the misunderstanding but he cannot conceive how it occurred, for he fixed the rent on your own calculation of what the island would yield in oil per Annum, and surely you could not expect him to give for twenty years a property worth £15 annually, for a sum of £15 once paid.

Yours very truly
(S.) Henry Byng

George M. Dean Esq.

No. 329.

Sir.

I have the honour to inform you that the Secretary of State has been pleased to convey to me His Lordship's approval of your Appointment to be a Member of Her Majestys Executive Council for the Falkland Islands.

I have &c.

(Signd) William Robinson

Governor

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William Forest Mac Clinton. R. N.

Mr. Gaoler Hocking

Receive from the Constable the person of Antonio Fenturio who is to be confined in Gaol under your charge and fed on the Ordinary prison Diet, until further orders from myself

(Sd) W. Robinson

Governor

Government House

5 October 1869.

Falkland Islands

11. October 1869.

No. 331.

Sir.

It is important in the interests of the service that I should visit in company with the Surveyor General, one or two of the outstations of this Government with as little delay as possible, and I therefore take advantage of your Arrival to request that you will have the goodness to convey me on board H. M. Ship under your command on a tour within the limits of my Government which will occupy from 7. to 10. days.

2. If you can do this I should like to start from this on Thursday next the 14th instant if that day will be convenient to you.

I have &c. &

Commander Tolliffe R.N.

(Signed) W. Robinson

Governor.

Falkland Islands.
29th October 1869.

No.

Sir.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th June (8.460/69) with enclosures and to report the safe arrivals per H.M.S "Beacon" from Montevideo of the £3.000. in Specie referred to in the correspondence.

I have &c.
Your &c.
(Sigd) W. Robinson
(Governor)

Lt Hamilton Esq
Treasury Chambers
London.

Government House.
Falkland Islands
30th October 1869.

Sir.

I duly received your letter of the 16th September respecting certain transactions that have taken place between (Messrs Bertrand & Switzer) and yourself in regard to property in this Colony.

I forwarded your letter with its enclosures in the hands of (Mr James Turner of this place. Appointing him your agent in the Matter, under the Authority conveyed to me in your letter.

Mr Turner will of course communicate with you by this mail. You will be glad to learn that he has recovered from Mr Switzer the Amount recently advanced by you to that Gentleman and that he has made satisfactory arrangements with Mr Bertrand as regards the acceptances in connection with the New Island and West Falkland properties.

I am Sir
Your Obedient Servant
(Signed) William Robinson
Governor.

Robert Littlejohn Esqe

Falkland Islands
30th Oct. 1869.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th Sept. advising me of the Shipment per H.M.S. "Beacon" of eight cases containing £3000, in Specie, for the Service of this Government.

2. The specie has been duly received, and I have directed my Secretary to pay to Acting Commander Lolliffe the amt due for the conveyance of the treasure.

I have &c
(Sig.d)
William Robinson
Governor.

Capt.n Cecil W. Buckley. R.N. V.C.
H.M.S. Shiffades
Montevideo

Falkland Islands
30th October 1869.

Dear Sir,

I am much obliged for the trouble which you have taken in conjunction with the Zoological Society in endeavouring to send to me out hares alive, for the purpose of introducing them into the colony.

I have long thought and still think, that if we can only succeed in landing a buck and a doe alive, our efforts will be successful as there is plenty of shelter and food for the animals.

Of the first lot sent out only one reached me in health, and of those Mr. Earnest brought, though two were landed, one died within a few days. Both now alive on the islands are bucks.

I hope you will let the gardens know should an opportunity offer for renewing the attempt.

I recently visited your Sheep country, at and about Darwin, and was pleased to observe the great improvement that has taken place at the settlement itself and amongst the sheep under Mr. Bertrand's Camp management. As a sheep rearing country our prospects are decidedly looking up.

I am Dear Sir
Yours faithfully
(Sd.) W. Robinson (Governor.)

F. Coleman Esq.

Falkland Islands
1st November 1869.

Sir.

I have now the honour to forward the Income Tax Returns referred to in my letter No. 309 of the 26th August.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
(Signed) W. Robinson
Governor)

The Receiver General
Inland Revenue
Somerset House
London.

Falkland Islands
1st November 1869.

Sir,

I have the honour to advise you that I have drawn on you the undermentioned Bills in repayment of Sums expended by me in the payment of Pensioners resident in the Colony.

No. 2. dated 1st September 1869. in favour of John Stuart and Co for £100 at par.

No. 3. dated 1st November 1869 in favour of the London and Westminster Bank for £170. at par.

2. These Bills are drawn against the Balance due the Colony by the War Office on the 30th June last as per accounts and Vouchers duly rendered to that Department

I have &c
(Signed) W. Robinson
Governor.

Her Majesty's Paymaster General
(Ulitoh all
London.

Government Office.
Falkland Islands.
1st Novr 1869.

Sir.

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to transmit the Account of this Government with the Board of Trade in respect of distressed Seamen for the Quarter ended 30th September 1869, showing a balance due the Colony of £153. 12. 2.

2. In the case of the Seaman Caroline of the "Golden Empire" the Master neglected to render the usual account when delivering the wages (£ 6 16. 3.) due the said seaman and I was unable to procure the Account from him before his departure although I made repeated Applications to him on the Matter.

I have &c
(Sig.) H. Byng.
Act Col. Sec.

The Secretary
Board of Trade
London.

Falkland Islands
1st November 1869.

Sir,

I have the honour to convey to you the Acknowledgement of the Government for the Services which you were so good as to render as Deputy Chairman of the Courts during Mr. Barlow's recent Absence from Stanley and to express to you My entire appreciation of the Manner in which those Services were performed.

I have &c. &c.
(Signed.) W. Robinson
Governor.

The Honble
Charles. A. Turpin Esqre
&c &c &c

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Instructions for Serg.t Dent as Overseer of Maine Workmen.

1. The Serg.t will Assemble and March the men to their work at Stellenbosch in the Morning, after breakfast, and after dinner.

2. Having ascertained each morning how the men are to be employed during the day he will see that they go at once to their work without any idling or delay.

3. He will bring up to the Governor early each forenoon the daily Report of the working party which is now sent up by one of the workmen.

4. He will visit the men at work as frequently during the day as his Military duties will permit for the purpose of seeing that the men are sober and diligent, and at their work.

5. Any man found drunk on works is to be immediately discharged for the day by the Serg.t, the Serg.t will at once report the circumstance to the Surveyor General, who will decide whether any further punishment may be necessary.

6. Any man found idling or absent from his post without proper cause is at once to be reported to the Surveyor General, and the name of such man is to be given to the Governor by the Serg.t next morning. For a first Offence in either of these cases, the man will lose his days pay, for a second he will be struck off Government works for a week, and for a third he will be struck off Government works for a month or more at the discretion of the Surveyor General.

7. No Smoking is to be allowed during Working hours.

8. The object with which Serg.t Dent is employed as an Overseer is that the men may be prevented from idling, and kept steadily and diligently at work. The Governor confidently relies on Serg.t Dent's good faith and desires to do justice to the Government in this matter, as the success of the work will mainly depend on the attention and firmness with which the Serg.t performs his duties.

9. In

9. In addition to these Standing instructions the Sergt will of course observe any additional precautions or Regulations which the Surveyor General may from time to time consider it advisable to adopt.

10. The Sergt will be paid at the rate of £2.10. per Month.

I have &c

(Signed)

H. Robinson

Governor.

Government House

Stanley. 1. Novr 1869.

Falkland Islands

November 3rd 1869.

Sir.

I have been so occupied with preparations for the mail that I have been unable sooner to reply to your letter of the 25th Ultimo.

2. I will make such additions to the said Rules as will ensure you being informed in future of any prisoner being sentenced to solitary Confinement.

3. It is evident that in the case to which you refer there was no neglect of duty on your part.

I have &c

H. N. Watts. M.D.
Colonial Surgeon.

(Sd) H. Robinson
Governor.

Falkland Islands.

3rd November 1869.

Mr. Cooler Hoosling.

In any future case of a prisoner being sentenced to Solitary Confinement you will notify the same to the Colonial Surgeon in order that the prisoner may be visited daily during in his cell.

I am. &c.

(Signed) H. Robinson (Governor)

Government House
November 4th 1869.

Sir.

I forward to you a letter which I have received from Commander Tolliffe of H.M. Ship "Beacon" complaining of an insult which you have offered to the Officers of that Ship in returning to them an invitation to Luncheon which they had sent to Mr Bailey and yourself instead of answering it in the usual manner. Captain Tolliffe moreover complains that a note which he addressed to you this morning asking for an explanation was returned by you unopened. A Copy of that note which has been forwarded to me from the "Beacon" is also enclosed for your perusal.

2. It appears that on Monday general invitations were issued from the "Beacon" to the people on shore inviting them to a Luncheon on board, on the following Friday. On Wednesday the invitations not having up to that time been Answered, a Messenger was sent round from the Ship to the persons invited praying them to be so good as to send Answers, in order that the Steward might be in a position to make the necessary arrangements for the entertainment of the guests. I cannot of course speak for others but I may say that in my own case I immediately sent the answer for which they were waiting with an apology for having so unreasonably delayed it. In your case you simply sent a message to say that you had never intended going & returned the invitation itself by Captain Tolliffe's Messenger. This unusual manner of meeting an intended civility, coupled with your treatment of his note of this morning, is the insult of which Captain Tolliffe complains, and for which on behalf of himself and his Officers he Applies to me for redress.

3. Appealed to officially in this matter (and I do not see that Capt. Tolliffe had any alternative but to appeal to me since you refused to open his note of to day) it is of course impossible that I can allow the Captain and Officers of one of H.M. Ships to be insulted by one of my Officers without endeavouring so far as in me lies to procure for them the redress due in such case from one Gentleman to another.

4. I therefore call upon you for an explanation of this extraordinary proceeding on your part, and I may as well say at once if it is not satisfactory I shall expect you to Apologize through me to Captain Tolliffe and his Officers.

I have &c.
(Sig.) William Robinson
(Governor)

The Hon.ble
Arthur Bailey Esq.
&c. &c.

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Government House
Falkland Islands
1st November 1869.

Sir,

I have received your letter of this day in which in reply to mine of this morning you decline to give any further explanation, or to make any Apology to Captain Golliffe or his Officers in the matter referred to in the Correspondence.

2. On receipt of Captain Golliffe's invitation, you remained some days quiescent. Indeed if I am rightly informed you appeared gratified at the civility, and expressed some intention of responding to it. Eventually however you adopted the absurd and personal a conclusion, that the invitation was intended as an insult to Mrs. Bailey, and then acted according. I have good reasons to know (in fact on this point I have the assurance of Captain Golliffe himself) that the invitation was issued by the Officers in Complete ignorance of the Social affairs of the settlement, and that it was intended not as an insult, but as a compliment to the wife of a Gentleman who had been entertained for some days on board the Ship.

3. I look upon your explanation as entirely unsatisfactory, and one which I cannot venture to forward to the Captain and Officers of the "Beacon" in reply to their appeal to Myself, and I hereby instruct you that you must at once tender to Captain Golliffe and his Officers through me an ample apology for the serious insult complained of or be prepared to take the Consequences of disobeying the distinct Commands of Your Superior.

I have &c
(Signed) William Robinson
Governor

The Hon.ble
Arthur Bailey Esq.re

H. E. the Governor to Mr. Bailey

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Government House
Falkland Islands
6th November 1869.

Sir,

I received your letter of Yesterday's date apologising to Captain Tolleffe and the Officers of H.M.S. "Beacon" as requested in my Communication of the 4th instant.

2. I have throughout been well aware that Captain Tolleffe and his Officers had no desire but to be civil and attentive to Mrs Bailey and yourself, and I am exceedingly glad that you now see the matter in this light.

I have &c
(Signed) W. Robinson
Governor.

The Honble
Arthur Bailey Esqre
&c &c

Falkland Islands
6th November 1869

Sir

I duly received your letter of the 4th instant complaining of a serious insult offered to you and your Officers by Mr. Bailey Surveyor General.

2. I forward to you a Copy of my correspondence with Mr. Bailey upon the subject terminating in an Apology with which I trust you will be satisfied.

3. It is I hope unnecessary for me to express my extreme regret that you and your Officers should have been subjected to this Annoyance by one of the Officers of my Government.

I have &c
(Signed) William Robinson
Governor.

Commander Tolleffe R.N.
H.M.S. "Beacon"

Falkland Islands
8th November 1869.

My dear Sir.

Will you be so good as to make some inquiry as as to 4 of your men taking and using one of the Government boats Yesterday without leave either from Mr. Byng or myself.

Yours very truly
(signed) W. Robinson
Governor.

To J. Lowry R. M.

Falkland Islands
11th November 1869.

Sir.

I have the honour to request your assistance in aid of the Civil power, in conveying five of the crew of the "Beagle" on Board their Vessel for the purpose of enabling the ship to proceed on her Voyage.

2. These men were ordered by the Court to return to their duty this morning, and having refused to do so were sentenced to six weeks hard labour. I am willing to release them from Gaol in order to enable the ship to go to sea, but the men have declared their intention of resisting the Constable ordered to convey them on board, and under these circumstances I have no Alternative but to Apply for your assistance in the Matter.

3. The Gaoler has received orders to deliver the five men referred to the Officers in charge of the party you may select for this service.

I have &c.

(Signed)
W. Robinson (Governor)

Commander Tolliffe.

Falkland Islands
12th November 1869.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward the account current of this Government with the War Department on account of the payment of Pensioners resident in the Falkland Islands up to the 30th September last showing a balance due the Colony of £360. 17. 3.

I have &c.
(Sig.d) W. Robinson.
Governor.

The Under Secretary of State
War Department
London.

Government House
Falkland Islands
14 November 1869.

Sir.

I regret exceedingly the delay which has occurred in forwarding to you the enclosed queries. It appears that the papers were accidentally mislaid by the Accountant, and it was only brought to my notice a few days ago, that they had not been returned to the Audit Office.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
(Sig.d) W. Robinson
Governor.

The Secretary to the Commissioners
for Auditing the Public Accounts
London.

Falkland Islands
13. November 1869

Sir.

I am desirous of visiting Port Louis, Salvador, & Pebble Islands, for the purpose of completing the Survey of certain land, before my departure on leave of absence. I have therefore the honour to request that you will be so good as to convey me to the places named, on board H.M. Ship under your command, if your arrangement will admit of it.

2. I should like to start towards the middle of next week, and would probably require to be away about 8 days.

I have &c. (Sig.d) W. Robinson Governor.

Commander
Foliffe
H.M.S. "Beacon"

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Government Office
13th November 1869.

Sir.

Herewith I beg to hand to you a statement of the Money Order business of this Office for the quarters ended 30th June and 30th September, together with Bills of Exchange to the Value of £210.6.11, being the balance due on the 30th September as per enclosed Account.

I have &c
(Sigd) Henry Byng

The Receiver &
Accountant General
G. P. O
London.

Falkland Islands
15th November 1869.

Sir.

I have the honour to forward the account of this Government with the Board of Trade in respect of Cape Pembroke Light-house for the Quarter ended 30th September last.

I have &c
signed

The Accountant
Board of Trade
London.

Falkland Islands
17th November 1869.

My dear Sir,

Williams applied to me for advice some days ago in the matter of the property left by Dies. There are two points in the case on which I feel rather doubtful.

(1.) Whether Dies being an Alien could bequeath property?

(2.) Whether in view of his nationality the 1st section of our administration Ordinance applies to his case?

If the Court has jurisdiction the matter will be easily settled; failing this the Crown would have to administer as Consul for all unrepresented foreigners, or a special

15 Nov: 1809

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith the accounts of this Colony for the months of April, May & June 1809, duly supported by the usual certificates, Vouchers & Declarations.

I have &c

W.R.

The Secretary
The Commissioners of Audit
Somerset House
London

The certificate of advances other than for Convicts specified in the Act 9 Geo: 3 cap: 39 entered in the Convicts Branch

W.R.

a special Ordinance would have to be passed.

I will communicate with you again before you take any steps in the application of either party

Yours faithfully

(Signd) William Robinson

Governor

Falkland Islands

17th November 1869.

Sir,

Referring to previous Correspondence, I have the honour to inform you that the 1000 acres which you are desirous of purchasing at Darwin have been surveyed and that I am prepared to issue a Crown Grant for the same on receipt of £400 or bank order to a like Amount.

2. Under the circumstances mentioned in your letter of the 18th ultimo I am ~~willing~~ willing that the Reserve on Station 8 shall not be allowed to interfere with the block which you wish to purchase, and Government will therefore select the Reserve, when the time comes for selecting it, on some other part of the Station - probably on the Opposite shore to Darwin and to the North West of Teal Creek.

I have &c.

(Signed) William Robinson

Governor.

The Hon.ble C. C. Turpin Esq.re

Falkland Islands

November 17th 1869.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that your Freehold of 160 acres on Station No. 29. has been surveyed, and that I am prepared to issue a Crown Grant for the same, on receipt of the sum of £64

I have &c.

The Hon.ble C. C. Turpin Esq.re

Government Office
Stanley 22d Novr 1869.

Sir

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to request that a guard of honour under your command, may be held in readiness to receive His Excellency on landing from H.M.S. Ship "Beacon" which will probably be on Friday or Saturday next.

I have &c

(Sig) H. Byng

Lieut Drury
Commander of Garrison

Falkland Islands
30th November 1869.

Sir.

I quite concur with you that it will be better to exchange Privates Smallwood and Garrett, for two men from the "Beacon" (even though the men given in exchange should not be tradesmen) than keep men of bad character in the Detachment, and I will be prepared to release Private Smallwood from further imprisonment should Commander Jolliffe with whom I will at once communicate be able to meet our wishes in this matter.

I have &c

(Sgd) William Robinson
Governor.

Lieut Drury R.M.

Falkland Islands
1st December 1869

Sir.

I forward to you a copy of a letter which I have received from the Officer in charge of the Detachment on Shore.

2. I approve of Lieutenant Drury's proposal to exchange the men named in his letter for others of better character, and I shall feel obliged if you will assist me in carrying it out.

3. I should like if possible to receive Artificers in Exchange but if this cannot be managed, ordinary labourers of good character would be accepted.

4. I

4. I ought perhaps to mention for the information of men volunteering for service on shore that the Detachment receive a rate of Colonial pay equal to their Imperial pay, Quarters, Rations, and two shillings a day while working for Government. They are not allowed to work for private individuals, their whole spare time being of course due to the Government.

I have &c.

Signed William Robinson

Governor.

Commander Sulliffe
R. N.

Falkland Islands

Sir.

I am directed to forward to you the enclosed Complaint from Messrs Charles Williams and James Turner, and to request from you an explanation of your refusal to bring down Mr. Williams's case as directed by His Excellency.

I have &c

(Signed) A. Byng

Capt. Mac Cully
Schooner Hoorn.

Falkland Islands
4th December 1864.

Sir.

I have the honour to advise you that I have drawn on you the under mentioned Bills in repayment of sums expended by me in the payment of Pensioners resident in the Colony.

No. 4. dated the 13th Nov. 1864. in favour of the Receiver and Accountant General, General Post Office, London for the sum of £157. 8. 8.

2. This Bill is drawn against the balance due the Colony by the War office on the 30th Sept. as per Accounts & Vouchers duly rendered to that Department.

I have &c.

H.R.

Her Majesty's
Paymaster General
Whitehall
London.

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Government Office
Stanley 4th Dec.r 1869.

Sir.

I am desired by His Excellency the Governor to inform you that the following Crown Grant has been issued. (Viz.t)

No.	171
Date	30th Nov.r 1869.
Quantity & Description of Land	160 Acres North of Swan Inlet
Number and description of Allotment	C. 17.
Name of the Grantee	Lieut.t George Musters R.N

I have &c.
(Sd.) H. Byng.

The Honble. A. Bailey Esq.r
Registrar.

Falkland Islands
7th December 1869.

Sir.

The Governor has had under consideration your letter of the 2nd instant, in reply to the Complaint brought against you by Messrs Williams and Turner for refusing to bring down certain goods per "Hoam". You explain that the packages were of such a size as to render it impossible for you to receive them on board that. His Excellency while accepting your assurance on this point regrets that you did not endeavour to allow at all events one of the cases to be unpacked, and the goods stowed away as proposed by Boyer. By doing this, even if you could not manage room for more than the contents of one package, you would have manifested

manifested your desire to be accommodating, and to carry out the Spirit of His Excellency's instructions.

I have &c

Capt^n Mc. Cully
"Hoani"

Falkland Islands
7th December 1869.

Sir,

I was surprised to receive a Message from you yesterday on a matter of business through your Sergeant.

2. I have to request that in future when you have occasion to Communicate with me Officially you will do so personally or in writing. I cannot look upon Verbal messages sent through the Sergeant as a proper mode of communication.

I have &c
(Sig^d) H. Robinson
Governor.

Lieut^t Byng R.N.

Falkland Islands
8th December 1869.

Sir

I am desired to forward for your perusal and information a copy of a Correspondence with Captain Mc. Cully consequent on your letter to H.E. of the 1st instant.

I am Sir
Your obedient Serv^t
(Signed) H. Byng

Messrs Williams
& Turner

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Falkland Islands
9th December 1869

Sir.

I duly received the letters which you addressed to me from time to time respecting your Station on the West Falkland.

Your letter of the 7th August from Cheltenham contained Money orders to the Amount of £60. which in accordance with your request I have handed over to Mr. Cobb, and hold his Receipt for the same. Your letter of the 15th November from Montevideo Contains an Application for an extension of time under the proclamation 7th November 1860. Your Licence bears date the 15th January 1869, and will expires on the 15th of next month. I will grant the extension for which you Apply. It will date from the 15th January 1870, and end on the 15th January 1871.

The Amount due for this extension is the same as the Annual Leasehold rent (i.e.) £117 - 14 - 8. Strictly Speaking this Amount ought to be repayed before your first Licence expires, but under the circumstances of your not being present, I will wait your Arrival in Stanley if not too long delayed, Mr. Cobb having guaranteed payment in your name. I hope you will be successful in your importation of Sheep, and that you will be pleased with the Country that has been selected for you.

I have &c.

(Signed)
William Robinson
Governor

C. H. Williams Esq.
West Falklands

Government Office
December 1869.

Sir.

In Compliance with the 53rd Section of the Merchant Shipping act of 1854. I herewith beg to enclose Articles and Register of Ship Moderation of London which foundered off Cape Horn on the 24th September last

I have &c.

(Signed) H. Byng
Shipping Master

The Registrar General
of Shipping
London

Falkland Islands
9th December 1869.

Sir.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of Yesterdays date, and to accept the explanation and apology contained therein.

I have &c.

Signed
W. Robinson
Governor.

Lieut. Drury R. M.

Falkland Islands
9th December 1869

Sir,

Dear Dean

Another Freehold Grant of Station 19 at Salvador is ready will you take it up and pay the £64. or shall I notify ~~Andrew~~ heirs of £.

The Governor also wishes me to let you know that the Grant of Pebble will be ready to morrow and that H.E. will be happy to exchange it with you for a Title in your father at 30 days.

Yours Truly
signed H. Byng.

G. M. Dean Esq.

Government Office
Stanley 16th December 1869.

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to inform you that the following Crown Grants have been issued:-

No.	Date	Quantity and Description of Land	Number of allotment,	Name of Grantee.
172.	7th Dec. 1869	100 acres, Darwin Harbour, N.W. of the Head of Choiseul Sound	C. 8	The Corporation of the Falkland Islands Company
173.	" "	160. Acres North Shore of Point Salvador.	6. D.	Andrea Petaluga
174.	" "	Pebble Island - Station (in reserve of 160 acres)	Special	John Markham Dean

I have &c.
(Signed) H. Byng

The Honble A. Bailey Esqre
Registrar.

Falkland Islands
10. December, 1869.

Sir,

I have to Notify to you that your Freehold Grant of 160 acres on Station 19. at Salvador has received the Governor's signature, and that I am prepared to exchange it with You for the Sum of £64. Sterling

I am &c
(Signed) H. Byng.

Mr. Arthur Fitzhugh
Salvador.

Falkland Islands
14th December 1869.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 6th August I have now the honour to inform you that I have issued to you a Crown Grant of Pebble Island Station, and exchanged it with your Son Mr. George M. Dean for a Bill on yourself for £400, at 30 days sight, which I send to the Crown Agents by this Mail for Collection.

I have &c
(Signed) H. Robinson
Governor.

J. M. Dean Esqre,
Stoke Lodge
Londesborough Road
Stoke Newington
London.

Falkland Islands
14th December 1869

Gentlemen,

I forward to you herewith a Bill for £400 drawn on Mr. J. M. Dean of Stoke Newington and request that You will place the proceeds when realized to the credit of the Colonial Government of the Falkland Islands.

I have &c
(Signed)

The Crown Agents of the Colonies
Spring Gardens
London.

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Stanley Falkland Islands
11th December 1869.

Sir.

I duly received your letter of the 7th July referring to matters connected with the settlement of your Sons and Mr Stickney's, on the West Falkland.

The extension of time was granted as a privilege to those who were unable to Comply with the requirements of the Proclamation within the first twelve Months, and all persons who availed themselves of the Concession were required to pay the Leasehold rent for their second year of Occupation.

This was but fair to Government; we could not be expected to loose money by what was done for the accommodation of the Settlers. Your Sons paid for their extension in good time and I expect they will Apply to me between this and February next for their Leases. I hear that they have erected Comfortable Houses and that their Sheep are thriving.

You will see from the Proclamation of which I enclose a Copy, that I am Obliged to grant the Lease to the person who takes out the Licence, but that the leases are transferable subject only to the condition of giving notice of such transfer to Government. In Order to Carry out the Agreement made between Your Sons and Yourself, Mr. J. W. Stickling and his sons, it will only be necessary for the Lessees to execute a simple deed of transfer in the terms of your Agreement, which they can do immediately on taking out the Lease, and notify the transaction to this Department.

I will not fail to explain this to your Sons when they Apply to me for their Lease.

I have &c.

(Signed) W. Robinson
Governor,

Louis Baillon Esqr.
Vice Consulate of France
Nottingham.

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Falkland Islands
16th December 1869.

Sir.

We have ascertained your address by opening a letter to your Son which has been read at this Office. I regret to inform you that your Son was lost at Sea in July 1866. His friends would have been communicated with sooner had we known where to find them.

Your late Son was engaged in a Seafaring life. The boat in which he was employed was found driven on Shore near this Port, and your Son and another Man who was in her at the time have never been heard of since. The Gale of wind which drove the boat on Shore was a Severe one. There can be no doubt as to both men having perished.

Your Son's effects were Sold by Auction by order of the Court. They realized £11-14-0. His debts in this place amounted to £8-6-9. His Excellency the Governor has directed me to say that the Balance of £3-7-3. will be forwarded to you on receipt of Your instructions, together with a Certified Statement of the Account.

I have &c.

Your Obedient Servant

(Signed)

H. Byng.

Mr. A. A. Stubberman
Amelia Court H.
Virginia
United State.

Note. Stubberman's letter is put away in envelope with Certificate of Sale of Effects from Court.

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Falkland Islands.
16th December 1869.

Sir.

In reply to your letter of the 31st August, I now forward to you P.O.O. for £35.5.6. being the Amount realised by the Estate of the late Mr. Cook, after deducting the expenses of purchasing the Money Orders herewith enclosed.

2. The Original Vouchers are deposited in the Court, and Copies can be furnished to you should it be considered necessary. I forward however a certified Statement from the Stipendiary Magistrate with which probably the relatives of the deceased will be satisfied

3. I shall be Obliged by your sending me a receipt for this Money signed by the relatives of the late Mr. Cook.

I have &c.
(Signed) William Robinson

P.S. The Orders are made payable to yourself.

John Malcolm Esq.
Sergt. of Police
Burgh Police Office
Dumfries.

December 24th 1869.

My dear Cobb,

The Amount of Clothing supplied to the Master was so far in excess of the Board of Trade Regulations that we dare not charge it in our Accounts with that Department. The Master should not be clothed more expensively than the Seamans. The highest Value of clothes supplied to any seaman on this occasion was £4.. 19.. 6. whereas the Master helped himself to the extent of— £10.. 5.. 6. If we pay you this Amount we cannot charge it in our Board of Trade Account, but must take our chance of recovering it from the Master through the Owners, and the Governor thinks that your facilities for doing this are far greater than ours seeing that you know the Owners and we do not.

Please let me know whether, under all the circumstances of the case, you still wish us to pay you for the Articles supplied to the Master or whether you will yourself undertake the recovering of the Amount at home.

I remain &c.

(Signed)

Henry Byng.

December 27th 1869.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 22nd instant, I have to inform you that you may continue to ~~[illegible]~~ ripen the Government Medicines and Appliances in your private practice gratuitously for the present and until further Orders.

I have &c.

(Signed)

William Robinson

Governor.

H. A. Watts Esqre M.D.

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December 30th 1869.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward the Accounts of this Colony for the months of July, August, and September 1869, duly supported by the usual certificates, Vouchers, and Declarations.

The Accounts for October and November will be forwarded by Next mail.

I have the honour to be

Sir.

Your Obedient Servant

(Signed) William Robinson

Governor.

The Secretary

The Commissioners of Audit

Somerset House

London.

Memo for Captain Mc Cully.

The Revd Mr Bull reports One or two small private boxes to be waiting for him at Montevideo. These you will bring down should they have arrived, also some plants for Mrs Bull which will be forwarded by Mr Robert Littlejohn.

Charles Williams is going up and returning in the Schooner. He is to be allowed all the space that can be afforded him not however to the exclusion of Government parcels, passengers or their luggage. I shall be obliged by you giving Williams all the Assistance you properly can, though of course you will not delay the Schooner on his Account.

If you find the new sails &c at Mr Wilsons, and recognise them to be such from the marks on the bales you will be at liberty to open them for the purpose of taking out any sail of which you may absolutely stand in need. I do not wish this done unless you are really compelled to do so.

I wish you on this occasion to make all possible expedition both in going and returning.

I have &c.

(Signed) William Robinson

Governor.

You will bring me a receipt from the Consul for the Despatch bag addressed to the Secretary of State.

Government Office
3rd January 1870.

Sir,

I have to notify to you that Mr. Waldron's rent for his station on the West Falkland fell due on the 16th November last.

2. The Amount due is £145. and I shall feel obliged by your informing me whether you are prepared to pay the Rent as Agent for Mr. Waldron.

I have &c.
(Signed) Henry Byng.

F. E. Cobb Esqe
F. I. C.

3rd January 1870.

Sir,

I have to remind you that your rent for New Island fell due on the 7th August last, and that if you desire to retain the station it will be necessary for you to forward the amount due before the 7th proximo.

I have &c.
Signed Henry Byng.

W. W. Bertrand Esqe
Darwin Harbour.

4th January 1870.

Sir,

I have received the letter which you addressed to me last night on your return from the West Falkland.

2. I sent Anderson to you to enquire with my compliments, whether you had brought a Mail or any letters for me from Fox Bay, and I have yet to learn that there was anything improper or uncivil in the Course which I adopted.

3. Thanking you, however, for the testimony which you are so good as to bear to the general Courtesy of my demeanour, and for the Opportunity which you have now Afforded me of Successfully testing it,

I have &c
(Sd) William Robinson
Governor.

G. M. Dean Esqe

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6th January 1870.

Sir.

I have the honour to acknowledge your letter of the 4th instant. Apologising for not having in your previous letter said what you meant to say

2. My Orders of Course were to Anderson and not to you. If he delivered the Message in such a ways as to lead you to suppose that I had taken the liberty of sending you an order, you might, I think, have known at the time that the blunder was his, not mine).

3. I will caution Anderson to be more careful in future and to endeavour to deliver the Messages exactly as he receives them.

I have &c.

(Signed) William Robinson

Governor.

W. McDermott Esq
Stanley

January 6th 1870.

Sir.

I have the honour to request you to instruct the Corporal of the Guard that the Dockyard Flag is never under any circumstances to be dipped either for the purpose of praying or returning a Compliment, without special orders from myself.

I have &c.

(Signed)

William Robinson

Governor.

Falkland Islands

3rd January 1870

Sir,

I have the honour to forward to you the paper of Queries from your Department of the 8th Sept. last (N. 5542 & 5699/69) to which the necessary answers have been attached, and to which I hope will be considered satisfactory.

I have &c. Signed

William Robinson

Governor

The Accountant
Board of Trade
London.

Description of Voucher	Query or Observation.

June Account 1868.

(1)

W. O. Benneys Principal Light Keeper.

Salary £37.10.0

Less income Tax @ 4d in the £ = 12.6

Should be @ 6d in the £ = 18.9

In Query on Voucher 26 in March Quarters Accounts 1868. it was pointed out that Mr. Benneys Salary was chargeable for the Income Tax at the rate of 6d in the £ for December Quarter 1867. under the Act 31. Vic. Cap. 2. and it was requested that the Amount in Arrear, Viz. 6/3 might be credited in next Account.

This not having been done there would Appear to be a deduction due from this Account of 25/- Viz:-

Arrears of Inc. Tax for Dec. Quarter 1867	6.3
Income Tax for March Q. 25	18.9
Arrears of Income Tax to 31/3/68	1.5.0

It is requested that this may be adjusted in as early an account as possible.

Answer or Explanation
(with signature of Officer and date at the foot of the last reply.)

(1)

On reference to the duplicate Voucher recorded in this Office it is found that 12/6, being Income Tax at 4d in the £, was deducted from Mr. Benneys salary for March Quarter 1868. Instead of there being 25/- therefore now to deduct for the Quarters ended 31st December 1867. and 31st March 1868. 12/6 would appear to be the proper Amount, Viz: 6/3 for December quarter and 6/3 for March quarter, which has now been done. In September 1868. Income tax ceased to be deducted from Colonial Officers, and we erroneously ceased at the same time to deduct it from the Light Keepers Salary. On praying him

him his salary for December quarter 1869, we, observing from the Queries that he is still liable to tax, have deducted all arrears up to December, amounting to £6.11.3.

			£	s	d
Arrears of Tax for Dec^{r}		1867		6	3
D^{o}	D^{o}	March 1868		6	3
D^{o}	D^{o}	June 1868		6	3 [a]
Tax not deducted		Sept^{r} 1868		18	9 [b]
D^{o}	D^{o}	Dec^{r} 1868		18	9 [c]
D^{o}	D^{o}	March 1869		18	9
D^{o}	D^{o}	June "		18	9
D^{o}	D^{o}	Sept^{r} "		18	9
D^{o}	D^{o}	Dec^{r} "		18	0
			£	6	11 3

Description of Voucher.	(2) Query or Observation
September Account 1868.	
W. D. Benney Salary for June 2^{rs} - £37-10- Income tax at 4^{d} = 12/6 Should be @ 6^{d} = 18/9	The Overcharge of 6/3^{d} on this Account should be refunded and credited in an early Account (see previous Query.

(3.)

Voucher CCXVIII.
Sundry persons for Conveyance of Stores
£2.11.0.

It is observed that no one has signed at the foot of this sheet as a witness to the signatures thereon, and it is requested that this may be attended to in future.

Answers or Explanation. (With signature of Officer and date at foot of the last reply)

(2.)

Already adjusted, see item marked "A" in previous statement

(3)

We have only been in the habit of causing marks to be verified.

All signatures in receipts shall however be verified in future as desired.

Description of Voucher	Query or Observation
(4)	
December Account 1868.	
V. 269. Sundry Persons for Conveyance of Stores £2.8.0	Same remark as on previous Query
(5)	
V. 273. W. D. Bennery. Salary for September Quarter £37-10-0	No Income Tax being deducted from Mr. Benneys Salary, there is consequently an Overcharge of 18/9 on this Account which should be refunded & credited in an early Account.
(6)	
V. 292. Sundry Persons for Conveyance of Stores £3-15-0.	See Query 3.
(7)	
March Account 1869.	
V. 19. W. D. Bennery Salary for Decr. 25th/68. £37-10-0.	See Query 5. and it is requested that in future the Income Tax due on a Salary may be Accounted for in the Same Account in which Credit is taken for payment of the Salary.
(8)	
V. 42. Sundry Persons for Conveyance of Stores £1-19-10.	See Query 3.
(9)	
V. 113. J. M. Dean & Son Sundries £1-13-2.	If the quantity and rate is correctly stated, there is an Overcharge on this A/c of 2/5½ which should be deducted from next Account.
includes. 95 feet 1" board @ 3"/2 £1-10-2	
should be 1-7-8½	
Overcharge " 2,5½	

Answers or Explanation (with signature of Officer and date at foot of the last reply.)

(4)

See foregoing Answer

(5)

Already adjusted, See Answer to Query No 1. and item therein Marked "b". —

(6)

See Answer to Query 3.

(7)

Already adjusted, see item "c" in Answer to Query 1.

(8)

See Answer to Query 3.

(9)

2/5½ will be deducted from Messrs. Lewis Current Account.

Description of Voucher 401 Query or Observation

(10)

It is observed by a clerical error the total of the Account Current is stated as £295-9-11. instead of £295-19-11. being an understasting of 10/- - This has been corrected in this Department, and the balance brought forward in the June account in favour of the Colonial Government should be £295-19-11.

It is requested that for the future these Accounts may be furnished duly signed and certified on the printed forms supplied by the Board of Trade.

(10)

Answer or Explanation.

The error in the casting has been corrected in the balance brought forward in the June Account, and the correction carried on to subsequent Accounts.

The new forms have been in use since August last, and the Accounts are now always certified and signed.

(Signed) William Robinson
Governor.

Government Office
Falkland Islands
3rd January 1870.

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Falkland Islands
30th January 1870

Sir,

I have the honour to forward to you the paper of Queries from Your Department of the 4th November last (F. 5673/69), to which the necessary Answers have been attached and which I hope will be considered satisfactory.

I have &c.

(Signed) William Robinson
Governor.

The Accountant
The Board of Trade
London.

Description of Voucher	Query or Observation	No.
Form of Account Current	The form of account current not being signed is herewith returned for signature	(1
Account of Stores supplied	This Account having been forwarded to the Board of Trade unsigned is also returned for signature.	(2
Wages paid to William Elmer.	The Governor is requested to be good enough to report whether the sum of 10/- per diem paid to William Elmer included remuneration for Medical Attendance or for Attendance as Nurse only.	(3

Answers or Explanation &c.

(1.) Account Current duly signed is herewith returned.

(2.) This Voucher is returned duly signed by the Officer in Charge of Government Stores.

(3.) The 10/- per diem paid to William Elmer was for his services as Nurse only and not for Medical Attendance. He was however up with the men night and day and always Assisted the Surgeon in dressing and washing the invalids. When it is remembered that the Ordinary Wages of the place run from 5/- per day for Ordinary labourers to 21/- a day for Artificers the amount paid

paid to Elmer under the circumstances will not be considered unreasonable.

(Signed) William Robinson
Governor.

Government Office
3rd January 1870.

6th January 1870.

Sir,

In your letter to Mr. Byng of a few days since, you undertook to preserve ten tons of Coals for Government "against all comers".

2. I had previously expressed to you my desire for a much larger quantity, but that you explained was impossible.

3. The Carter was sent yesterday to transfer the Coals to the Government Stores, and I am now told that four tons are all that can be supplied to me.

4. I am sure there must be some mistake here on the part of your Storeman, and that you will at once order it to be rectified

I have &c.
(Signed) William Robinson.
Governor.

H. E. Cobb Esq.

6th January 1870

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 4th instant and thank you for the kind expressions therein contained.

2. I quite concur in your remarks (par. 4.) respecting the Colonial Chaplaincy. It would be better, in the event of a change in the Office, that some portion of the stipend should be paid by the people: and it is my intention to bring this question very shortly to the notice of the Secretary of State.

3. I shall feel obliged if you will favour me with a Duplicate of your letter for transmission to the Colonial Office.

I have &c.
(Signed) William Robinson
Governor

The Hon. & Rev.
Charles Bull. M. A.

6th January 1870

Sir,

I have had under my consideration your letter of the 21st Decr, with its enclosures, respecting the transaction that took place between Mrs Mary Doolan and the late Joseph Dias, in relation to certain property known as No. 24. Pensimeni's Allotments; and recommending me to issue a new Grant of the said property to Mrs Doolan in trust for her children.

2. I can have no hesitation under all the circumstances of this case, in adopting the course which you suggest; and I request you will be so good as to inform Mrs Doolan accordingly.

I have &c.

(Signed) William Robinson
Governor.

The Honourable A. Bailey Esqr

11th January 1870.

Sir,

In calling for your latest return of Medical Stores this morning, I was informed you have not furnished one since the 7th July last. I request that your Returns for the Quarters ended the 30th September and 31st Decr 1869 may be forwarded as soon as possible, and that you will be so good as to inform me at the same time of the cause of this delay.

I have &c.

Your Obedient Servant

(Signed) William Robinson
Governor.

H. S. Watts Esqr M.D.
Colonial Surgeon.

11th January 1870.

Sir.

I have to request that you will furnish me with an accurate and Complete Return of all Medicines belonging to Government in the Dispensary on the date of your taking account of the same.

2. I forward a few blank sheets of Store Returns so as to facilitate your work. You will make the required Survey on any day or days which shall be convenient to you not later than One week from the present time, return the sheets toms and ~~the sheets to be~~ duly certified by yourself and declared before a Magistrate.

I am Sir
Your Obedient Servant
(Signed) William Robinson
Governor

H. N. Watts Esqe M.D.

11th January 1870

Sir,

The Governor regrets to learn from your letter of yesterday that H.E. has failed to convince you of the impropriety of troubling the Secretary of State with the letter which you addressed to His Lordship on the 6th instant.

2. The Governor informed you that your letter was based on a mistake and advised you on this account to withdraw it; but you now appear to have taken alarm at an expression contained in H. Es letter of the 8th instant, and to be desirous on this Account that the Correspondence should be forwarded.

3. Your Memorial (accompanied of course by this subsequent correspondence) will accordingly be forwarded by an early Opportunity.

I have &c
(Signed) Henry Byng

H. N. Watts. Esq. M.D.

7th January 1870 406

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge your letter of Yesterday's Date inferring that I ought to be very thankful to get 4. out of the 10 tons of coal which you undertook to reserve for me about a week ago, and explaining that it will now be out of your power to supply me with any more until after the Arrival of your next Vessel from England.

I have &c.
(Signed) William Robinson
Governor.

H. E. Cobb Esq.

Government Office
Stanley 12th Jan.y 1870.

Sir,

I beg to enclose a blank form of information required on the subject of "Education" for the Annual Blue Book and to request that you will have the kindness to fill up the enclosed return and forward it to me before the 31st instant.

I have &c.
(Signed) Henry Byng.

The H. M.
&c. (Mas.) Clinton R.N.
Inspector of Schools.

Government Office
Stanley 12th January 1870.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose Blank forms of certain statistics required for the Blue Book for the year 1869. and shall feel obliged if you can supply the requisite information before the end of next month. If in these forms I have omitted to include any articles Imported, Exported, or Produced, perhaps you will have the goodness to add the same to the returns in Orders that the Report presented to Parliament may be as complete as it is possible to make it.

I have &c.
(Sd.) Henry Byng

H. E. Cobb Esq.

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Government Office
Stanley 12th January 1870.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose Blank Forms of certain Statistics required for the Blue Book for the Year 1869. and shall feel obliged if you can supply the requisite information before the end of next month.

If in these forms I have omitted to include any article Imported, Exported, or Procured, perhaps you will have the goodness to add the same to the returns in order that the Report presented to Parliament may be as complete as it is possible to make it

I have &c.
(Signed) Henry Byng.

F. M. Dean. Esq.

Government Office
15th January 1870

John Peck.

I am directed to inform you that your services as Government Gardiner will not be required after the end of your present month.

His Excellency is obliged, though reluctantly, to take this course in consequence of your being so continually absent from work without leave or proper cause.

Your Obedient Servant
(Signed) Henry Byng.

Mr. John Peck
Gov. Gardiner.

Stanley Falkland Islands
18th January 1870.

Sir,

In Accordance with the Registration Ordinance Section 22. I beg to inform You that an Inquest was held before me on View of the body of Anne Hilburd the wife of Thomas Hilburd on the 13th ultimo, and that the Jurors have found by the Inquisition that Ann Hilburd came to her death on the 6th January accidentally casually & by misfortune from the effects of a gun shot wound. & that the deceased

at

at the time of her death was 23 years of age.

I have &c.

(Signed) Henry Byrne

The Honourable
A. Bailey Esqre
Registrar.

22nd January 1870.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of this date I forward to you a permit for Gregonia Cisterna whose arrival in the Colony you have reported to me. It will not be necessary for you under the circumstances to deposit the usual amount in this Office unless you should be called upon hereafter to do so.

I have &c.
(Signed) William Robinson
Governor.

Lieutenant Drury R.M.
Commander of Garrison.

25th January 1870.

Sir,

It has been reported to me that on the occasion of your last visit to Montevideo you brought down a great quantity of Guano for the Manager of the Falkland Islands Company which occupied a space in the Schooner of probably 100 Cubic feet.

2. As you neither obtained my permission before you left to execute this Commission, nor informed me on your return of having any such cargo on board I can hardly believe (in view of the clear, and stringent orders which I issued to you when you took Command of the Schooner) but that my Ordinance is misunderstood. I hope you will be able to assure me that my Orders have not been disobeyed.

I am. Sir
Your Obedient Servant
(Signed) William Robinson
Governor.

Capt.n C.M.G. Cully
"Fo.am"

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27th January 1870.

Sir,

I am very sorry that you have been again disappointed about receiving at all events some portion of your things from Montevideo by the "Foam" You will remember however that from the first I told you that I was not in a position to allow your merchandize as such, to be brought down as cargo; and that all I could do for you would be to allow any friend of yours who might happen to be going up to bring down what he could in the form of personal packages. That Williams did not bring down any of your goods on the last occasion is not my fault. He apparently wanted all the space he could get for himself, and I suspect you would not have fared any better had he been allowed the use of the extra space of 40 feet which you inform me was appropriated to flower pots for the manager of the Falkland Island's Company.

I will under the circumstances, direct Capt.n Mc Cully to refund to Boyer the Amount of His passage money.

I am Sir,

Your Obedient Servant

(Signed) William Robinson

Governor.

Mr. James Turner

Stanley.

29th January 1870.

Sir.

Referring to your letter of the 15th January. I have the honour to inform you that the Steamers of the Royal Mail Co.y leave the River Plate on the 16th of each month, instead of the 29th as formerly, and that therefore our correspondence will not in future be subject to any delay at Montevideo.

I have &c.

(Signed) William Robinson

Governor.

F. E. Cobb Esq.r

Copy.

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Government Office,
Falkland Islands,
26th January 1870.

Sir,

I have received your letter of this date on the subject of wrecked property, and asking my advice as to the best way of getting at the truth of the question to which you particularly refer.

2. If you have good reason to belive that any person has trespassed on your lands, or possessed himself unlawfully of any property belonging to the Falkland Islands Company, I should advise you to seek redress at the ordinary process of law.

3

I Apprehend that in cases of trespass the law of England as it stood prior to 1850 aplies to the Colony: as regards the posession of shipwrecked goods I beg to refer you to the 31st and three subsequent sections of the Summary Jurisdiction Ordinance No. 11 of 1853.

I have &c.

(signed) William Robinson

Governor.

F. E. Cobb Esqre
Manager Falkland
Islands Company.
&c. &c. &c.

Government Offices
29th " January 1870.

Sir.

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to request your attendance at a meeting of the Executive Council to be held at this Office On Monday next at Noon.

I have &c.
(Signed)
Henry Byrne.

The Honble
C. Bull Esq. a.

commencing to date
the letters on this ..... side
were omitted to be entered at their
proper dates.

His Excellency the Governor to Mr Cobb

Government House
27th " September 1869

My dear Sir,

Dr Watts will receive my permission to leave for Darwin to attend on Ramsay if he asks for it. As Dr Maclintock has been out to the camp thrice lately, I anticipate no Objection on this occasion on the part of Dr Watts. As Dr Watts has, you say, not yet sent any Answer to your note of this morning and as the case appears to be a pressing one, I should advise your seeing him personally at Once, and allowing him to read this Note.

Yours faithfully
(Signed) F. Robinson

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His. Excellency the Governor to Mr. Cobb

27th Sept. 9. P.M.

My dear Sir,

I shall be glad to learn the result of your second Application to Dr. Watts.

Yours faithfully
(Signed) William Robinson

Mr. Byng to Mr. Cobb

My dear Cobb.

If you have no objection the Governor would like to see your first letter to Dr. Watts. His Excellency wants to know exactly how the matter stands before writing to the Dr. Officially

Yours &c.
(Signed) H. Byng.

His Excellency the Governor to Dr. Watts

Government House
Falkland Islands
28th September. 1869.

Sir.

Mr. Cobb informs me this morning that you have not yet told him whether or not you intend to go to Darwin to attend on Downey. He wrote to you yesterday morning, and in the Afternoon not having received a reply asked my advice how he could procure one. I immediately wrote him a note which he forwarded to you at Once, and which should (it was written for that purpose) have shown you your duty, but to my surprise he now informs me, as I have said, that he is still in ignorance of your intentions.

2. You will instantly send him an answer, if you have not already done so, and in the event of your desiring to refuse to attend the summons to Darwin you will without delay communicate to me in writing your reasons for objecting to undertake the duty.

I have the honour to be Sir.
Your Obedient Servant
(Sd) William Robinson
Governor

His Excellency the Governor to Dr. Watts 414

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Government House
Falkland Islands
28th September 1869.

Sir

I have received your letter of this date and gather from it that You object to proceed to Darwin for the purpose of attending on the man who has broken his leg, because Mr. Cobb does not feel justified in guaranteeing your fee, Pawney (the man referred to) not being in the employment of the Company.

2. I think that you are incurring a very grave responsibility and running personally a great risk, in declining to go on this account, seeing that you can always recover your fee from the man at the Ordinary process of law, should his employer decline (which is not probable) to recompense you. If Pawney's Employer were now in Stanley and refused to guarantee your fee the case would stand on quite a different footing, The responsibility would then rest with him. But as there is no person in the settlement who can properly be expected to guarantee payment, I think that humanity and duty require you to start at Once and to take your chance of recovering the fee hereafter.

3. Her Majesty's Government do not pay the Colonial Surgeon £450. per Annum solely for the services which he may be required to render to Public Officers, but equally (to say the least of it) for the sake of placing medical aid within reach of the general inhabitants of this isolated and thinly peopled place, and I hold that an Officer who makes difficulties about going into the Camp when required cannot be considered to fulfil the latter intention

4.

4. You may ~~probably~~ possibly be justified according to the Practice of the profession at home in refusing to go out until your fee is guaranteed, but I must not hesitate to say to you that in view of the circumstances and of your position in the Colony, I disapprove of such refusal in the present case, and that it will be my duty, if you persist in the refusal, to say so to the Secretary of State, and to suggest to His Lordship the propriety of selecting in your stead, a Colonial Surgeon who will act in such a manner as fully to realise the important objects with which the Appointment is maintained at the Public expense.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
(Sd) William Robinson.

P.S. You must not understand me to say that you are expected in consideration of your salary to attend the general Public gratuitously. That point has been already considered and settled. But I do expect an Officer who draws a large salary and has very little to do for it, to show less exaction as regards his fees, in such an emergency as the present, than would perhaps be expected in the case of a Gentleman dependent entirely on his private practice.

(Signed). William Robinson

His Excellency the Governor to Dr. Watts

Government House.
Falkland Islands
28th September 1869.

Sir,

I have received your letter of this date informing me of your intention to visit Powney at Darwin Harbour of which I approve.

2. If you will have the goodness to read my letter No. 325 (including the postscript) with care, you will see that the view which I take of your position accords in every particular and respect with that of the Secretary of State as laid down in the Despatches to which you refer.

3. As regards your remark that my letters to you upon this subject have been unnecessarily harsh, I beg to observe that this is a point which it is for me to judge. My harshness if the expression of a just feeling of Annoyance can be properly so termed, was called forth by the indifference with which you treated Mr. Cobb's endeavour and mine to procure from you an Answer as to whether you would attend Powney or not, the unfortunate man lying the while at Darwin with a broken leg, and grazed side, every moment being to him probably a matter of the most Vital importance

4. Your strictures respecting the tone of my letters compel me to say that your conduct in this matter was unkind to Mr. Cobb, disrespectful to me, and cruel to the man who stood in need of your assistance.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
(Sd.) William Robinson
Governor.

His Excellency the Governor to Dr. Watts.

Government House
Falkland Islands
5th October 1869.

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Sir.

I have received your letter of this date in which you continue to contest the view which I take of your position as Colonial Surgeon

2. It is necessary that I should repeat once more that Her Majesty's Government maintain the Office of Colonial Surgeon for the double purpose of providing gratuitous medical attendance for the Public Officers, and of placing medical aid within reach of those of the general inhabitants who choose to pay for it.

3. If the Colonial Surgeon, satisfied with what he gets from the Government, makes difficulties about attending private patients he fails to fulfil One of the Objects with which the appointment is maintained, and practically places the people in a worse position than if no such Office existed: for if no Medical man were subsidised by Government the field would be open to a private practioneer whose livelihood would depend on the very work which you are now desirous of being allowed to refuse.

4. It is the Governors Province to decide what are and are not the duties of the officers serving under him. It is obvious that to leave this to be settled by the Officers themselves might prove as detrimental to the Public service as it would manifestly be subversive of the principle of which all government departments are conducted.

5. I am not disposed to continue the Argument any further and it only remains for me to instruct you that in future you will be expected to act on my view of the question as laid down in this Correspondence instead of on Your own.

6. Should you desire to appeal from my decision to that of the Secretary of State, You will of Course be at liberty to do So, and I shall be prepared, if you wish it, to forward the whole Correspondence to His Lordship by the Out-going mail.

I have the honour to be
Sir &c.
(Sigd) William Robinson
Governor.

His Excellency the Governor to Dr. Watts.

Government House
Falkland Islands
9th October 1869.

Sir.

With reference to your letter of this date. I have to request that you will forward to me the Correspondence therein referred to, together with any further remarks which you may wish to submit to the Secretary of State, at least four days prior to the departure of the mail, and in triplicate as required by the standing instructions see: 218.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
(Sgd) William Robinson
Governor.

P.S.

Mr. Cobb's letters to you of the 27th ultimo, and my letters to Mr. Cobb of the same date, of which he forwarded to you a copy. will of course form part of the correspondence.

(Sd.) W. R.

His Excellency the Governor to Dr. Watts.

Government House
Falkland Islands
15th November 1869.

Sir.

I have been prevented by absence from Stanley and a pressure of business from replying sooner to your letter of the 13th ultimo asking me whether the West Falkland and adjacent islands are included in the instructions which I have communicated to you respecting your attendance on

on the population of the Colony living at a distance from Stanley

2. After due reflection I am obliged to answer in the affirmative for I cannot bring myself to think that while Government supports two Medical Officers at the Public expense the inhabitants of the Outlying islands can justly be debarred from sharing the advantages of an Arrangement undoubtedly intended for the benefit of the whole community. At the same time the distance to be travelled in any particular case the promptitude displayed by the Surgeon in starting, the state of the weather, the time of year, and the urgency of the case, would all be taken into account in Apportioning praise, or blame to the Officer.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
(Signed) William Robinson
Governor.

Mr. Byng to Dr. Watts.

Government Office
Stanley 3rd December
1869.

Sir.

I am directed by H. E. the Governor to acknowledge your letter of this date enclosing certain documents which your request may be forwarded to the Secretary of State.

2. As it would be quite impossible for His Lordship to form any Opinion on the point in question from the portion of the Correspondence which accompanied your memorial, I am directed to repeat to you the instructions contained in His Excellency's letter No. 330. of the 9th October, and to say that your memorial will be forwarded as soon as triplicate Copies of the whole correspondence are sent to this Office, but not sooner.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
(Sd) H. Byng.

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4th February 1870

Sir,

I duly received your School Report for the Quarter ended 30th December 1869 and observe with much satisfaction the Condition and progress of the Schools under your Inspection

I have &c.

(Sd) William Robinson

W. H. Mac. Clinton Esq. R.N.

Inspector of Schools.

7th February 1870

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that I have this day drawn on you a Bill of Exchange for £100 in favour of the Revd Chas. Bull at 3 days sight at par, in part repayment of sums expended by me in the support of Cape Pembroke Lighthouse as per Account rendered to 30th September, leaving a balance due the Colony on that date of £34-13-1

I have &c.

Signed

W. Robinson

The Accountant
Board of Trade
London.

7th February 1870.

Sir,

I have the honour to advise you that I have this day drawn on you a Bill of Exchange for ~~£200~~ £100 in favour of the Revd C. Bull at 3 days sight, at par, in part repayment of sums expended by me in the relief of distressed Seamen as per Recpt. rendered to 30th Septr last leaving a balance due the Colony on that date of £53. 12. 3.

I have &c.

(Signed) W. Robinson

The Accountant
The Board of Trade
London

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15th February 1870.

Sir.

I regret to learn from your letter of the 9th instant that the sailors of Her Majesty's Ship "Beacon" trespassed and killed a sheep on Capt.n Packle's Land at Swan Inlet.

2. I am sorry that I cannot give you any help or even useful advice in this matter. Nihil protest pix nisi quod de jure protest; Moreover as the property destroyed belonged to the Company and not to the Crown it would seem to be your duty rather than mine to set the law in motion, if under the peculiar circumstances of the case, you consider it advisable to do so.

3. I may add that I gave the sailors of the "Beacon" no permission to kill on Captain Packle's land, though it is not improbable that Mr. Turpin Authorised them to kill there for their own consumption.

I have &c.

(Signed)
W. Robinson

J. E. Cobb Esq.r
&c. &c.

16th February 1870.

Sir,

Referring to my letter No. 305. of the 14th Aug.t last. I have the honour to Authorise you to Apply the permission therein contained to the case of Pensioner William Phillips now residing at Kippel Island in the employment of the S. A. M. Society.

I have &c.

(Signed)
W. Robinson

Lt. Drury R.M.
Paymaster of Pensioners
&c. &c. &c.

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21st February 1870.

Sir,

I am glad to learn from your letter of the 19th instant that the Amount required to pay for the new Church Lights has been Collected.

2. I have directed Mr Byng to pay you the Government Subsidy On Application

I. have &c.

(Signed)

W. Robinson
Governor.

The Honble & Revd
Chas Prull. M. A.
&c. &c.

20th February 1870.

My dear Sir,

In reply to your letter dated the 21st Inst. I have to inform you that I was not asked, nor was it legally necessary that I should be asked, to consent to the ~~Appointment~~ appointment of Messrs Bailey and Dear as administrators of the Estate of the late W. H. Smyley. I heard of their Application (for the first time, I believe) the day after the event

I forward to you in reference to your third question, a Copy of the Only Regulations in force respecting the Engagement of Public Officers in other than their Official business.

I. Am My dear Sir
Yours faithfully

(Signed)
W. Robinson
Governor

Joseph Powell Esq
U. S. Commercial Agent.

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1 March 1870

My dear Sir,

I have thought over our conversation respecting the purchase of lands on stations held under the old Proclamation, but am not prepared to go beyond 1,000 acres on such Station without further reference to the Secty of State. I am writing to this Govt upon the subject by this mail.

I may say to you that I am not disposed to place any land holders under both Proclamations on the same footing as regards the purchase of land, though I do not feel at liberty to do so without first hearing the Secty of State's reply I refuse in the first instance.

Believe me to be

William Robinson Esq

C.L. Cobb Esq

Falkland Islands,
5th March 1870

Sir,

Referring to my letter
of even date herewith,
I have now the honor
to forward the Account
of this Government in
respect of Military
Pensions existing in
this colony for the
Quarter ended 5th
Dec 1869.

I have &c

WM

The Secretary of State for War

War Office

London.

Received
March 4

5 March 1870

Sir

I have the honor to return the Papers of Queries enclosed in your letter of the 17 Sept, to which answers have been attached.

30 Falklands 278

The accounts of this Post with the War Department up to the 30 Sept 1869 were forwarded on the 12 Nov last. The Accounts for Dec 1869 quarter will be forwarded if possible by this mail, those for March quarter 1870. by the next.

I have &c

William Robinson

The Under Secy for War London.

Paid

Quarter from 1 April to 30 June 1868

Quarter for Dec 1868.

War Office Queries.

Query

The credit side of this a/c being under the debit balance will be offset by that amount

The charge for Comms on Depts made during last year ended 31 Dec amounted to £3.0.9. The total payments during year were £15.7.8. The sum due to Thomson Effen the £2.17.8.

Answer

The errors are admitted. Have to Debit myself with 1/ & credit myself with 9/.

Thomson adjusts the error & Debits myself with 11d in current quarter a/c.

H.H. Act. Stanley 4. March 870

War Office 17 Sept 869.

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Falkland Islands
5th March 1870

Sir,

I have the honour to forward to you the accounts of this Government with the Board of Trade on account of Cape Pembroke Lighthouse for the Quarter ended the 31st December 1869.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
(Signed)
William Robinson

The Accountant
Board of Trade
London
S. W.

Falkland Islands.
4th March 1870

Sir

Referring to my letter of the 30th December I have now the honour to forward the Accounts of this Government for the months of October and November 1869, duly supported by the usual Certificates Vouchers and Declarations

I have &c
(Signed) William Robinson

The Secretary to
The Commissioners
of Audit
London.

Falkland Islands
14th March 1870

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Sir,

I have received your letter of the 12th March referring to a possible change in the Office of Colonial Chaplain and asking me to Appoint some person to Value the improvements that you have made in the Parsonage since your Agreement with Governor Moore of the 1st May 1862.

2. I have directed the Surveyor General to inspect the Parsonage for the purpose of Valuing your improvements and I have no objection to his being associated in this work with A. W. Hilton as Nominee on your side.

I have &c.

(Signed)
William Robinson
Governor.

The Honble & Revd
Charles Bull M.A

Falkland Islands
14th March 1870

Sir,

Referring to the enclosed letter from the Colonial Chaplain, I have to request that you will inspect the Parsonage, at your convenience, in conjunction with A. W. Hilton, as Nominee on Mr Bull's side, and report to me your opinion as to the Value of the improvements effected by Mr Bull since the date of his Agreement with Governor Moore of the 1st May 1862. herewith enclosed for your perusal.

I have &c.

(Signed)
William Robinson

Honble A. Bailey Esqe
&c &c

Falkland Islands
14th March 1870

Sir,

I have received your letter of this date in which after referring to your contemplated retirement from the public service: You ask me whether you will be permitted to continue to live in your present quarters after your retirement, or whether you will have to give up the cottage.

2. I think that in consideration of your long and faithful services you ought to be allowed to retain the cottage at a nominal of rent of £ per Annum If therefore you retire during my administration, I will you this privilege so far as it lies in my power and report the circumstances to the Secretary of State for His Lordship's Approval. Should my successor arrive before the date on which you can apply to be superannuated I will invite his attention to this correspondence.

I am Sir
Your Obedient Servant
(Signed)
William Robinson
Governor.

Mr. Charles Melville
Harbour Master &
Boat Keeper

Government House,
Falkland Islands,
18 March 1870

Sir,

Will you have the goodness to let me know when you first became aware professionally that Mr. Bailey was ill and unable to attend to his duties, and why you did not immediately report the circumstance to me in accordance with my instructions to that effect.

I am, Sir, &c.
William Robinson
Governor

Dr. H. W. Walls, M.S.

Government House
Falkland Island
19 March 1870.

Sir,

The enclosed letters will explain to you the circumstances under which your attendance is required at Darwin.

Dr. MacClinton has had more than his share of the camp work lately, and besides this has a critical case in hand which prevents his leaving Stanley at this moment. It will therefore be your duty to go, and you have my permission to absent yourself from your Stanley duties for the purpose.

Mr. Cobb has horses ready for the journey, and you will observe that your fee, whatever this may be, is guaranteed.

I have &c.

/Signed/ William Robinson
Governor.

Dr. H. W. Watts M.D.

Colonial Surgeon.

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Falkland Islands.
19th March 1870.

Sir,

I have received your letter of this date saying that as Mrs Bailey is likely to require your services next week you cannot leave Stanley at present.

2. Dr. Mac Clinton, as I informed you this morning, has at this moment a critical case on hand, whereas you may or may not be required in Stanley during the next few days. Moreover should Mrs Bailey be confined before your return from Darwin, which need not I hope be delayed beyond Tuesday next, Dr. Mac Clinton will be on the spot and prepared to render every assistance to Mrs Bailey as the wife of a Public Officer and one of your Government patients.

3 Under these circumstances you will be so good as to proceed at once to Darwin, returning to Stanley with the least possible delay.

I have &c
(signed) William Robinson,
Governor.

Dr. H. H. Walls.

Falkland Islands,
22nd March 1870

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that your licence to occupy a Station at the 3rd Bend expired on the 27th Sept: 1868, and that His Excellency the Governor this day resumes posession of the land.

I am Sir,
your obedient servant
(signed) H. Byng.

Mr. J. Bonner
Port Jussex.

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Falkland Islands,
22nd March 1870.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 12th instant in which you state that you did not report Mr. Bailey's illness to me because you thought he would be well and able to attend to his duties in a day or two

2 My letter to you of the 9th March (No. 193) contained the following instruction.

"I have to desire that whenever you are "called in to attend a servant of this Government "suffering from such complaint as will incapacitate "him for his public duties, you will report "the same to me in writing with the least "possible delay, stating at the same time the "nature and probable duration of his malady.

3 On Thursday and Friday last (Thursday being one of the regular sitting days) the Surveyor General and Acting Stipendiary Magistrate was unable to attend to his duties in consequence of ill health, and the Governor knew nothing of it because of the negligence of the Colonial Surgeon, who ought to have reported the circumstance at once and enabled the Governor to make arrangements at all events for the attendance of a Magistrate at the Police Court

4 I regret to say that under the circumstances I do not look upon your explanation as satisfactory and it becomes my duty to tell you that I am very much displeased with your negligence and disobedience of my orders, and to express a hope that you will be more careful in future.

I have &c
William Robinson,
Governor.

Dr. Watts M.D. (Signed)

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Falkland Islands
22nd March 1870.

Sir,

I received yesterday your letter of the 10th March complaining of the conduct of Messieurs Dean and Bailey in the matter of the estate of the late W. H. Smyley, and asking me to interfere on behalf of the heirs at law as you believe that there are not at this moment a sufficient number of Magistrates present in the Settlement to form a Court.

2 I have no power whatever to interfere in a matter which can only be settled at the ordinary principles of law, nor, had I the power, would such interference be proper considering that the only appeal from the Magistrate's Court here is to the Governor in Council. But I have the pleasure to inform you that notwithstanding the absence of the Chairman there are at present a sufficient number of Magistrates in Stanley unconnected with the case to form a Bench of the strength required by law, and that you can now should you desire to do so bring the whole question before the proper Court.

I have &c.
(Signed) William Robinson,
Governor.

Joseph Powell Esqre.
H. B. M. Commercial Agent.
Stanley.

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Falkland Islands
25 March 1870

Sir,

I duly received and have had under my consideration your letter of the 21st instant calling my attention to a very irregular and illegal proceeding on the part of Messrs Dean, Cobb, and other Justices of the peace", and asking me to define the relative position of Mr Turpin and yourself.

2. The occurrence of Saint Patrick's day, as I understand it, was this. On the evening of that day, at about 6.30 P.M., a party of liberminded convivialists called at Government House and asked my permission for the Public Houses to be kept open an hour or two later than usual. I replied that this was a matter with which I had nothing to do, that the granting of such permission was vested by law in the Stipendiary Magistrate, and referred to you by name. They told me that you were very ill and that they were unwilling to disturb you. As this statement on their part seemed to confirm a rumour that I had heard during the part of the day, I told the men to apply to Mr Turpin, whose permission, if granted, would under the circumstances be looked upon by me as sufficient. They found Mr Turpin at Dr Mac Clinton's and delivered my message to him. Mr Turpin at once granted the required permission, but he made the mistake of signing it as Deputy Chairman, instead of as the person appointed by the Governor under the 21st Section of the Ordinance to act during the illness of the Stipendiary Magistrate.

I do not think that this mistake invalidated the permission, but it would have been better had it not been made and also had he not allowed Messieurs Mac Clinton, Dean, and Cobb to attach their signatures to the document

document. I do not however consider that such action on the part of these latter gentlemen was illegal. The 22nd Section of the Ordinance certainly says that as Justice holding a licence under the Ordinance shall act as a Justice under any of the provisions of the Ordinance. But then comes the question as to what a Justice legally can do. He can not holding a licence sit with the Stipendiary Magistrate to consider applications for licences, he can, in conjunction with another Justice, order a licensed house to be temporarily closed, &c., but under no circumstances, not under any pretence, can he grant permission, either singly or in conjunction with other Justices, for a licensed house to be kept open beyond the regular time. This is a power vested exclusively in the Stipendiary Magistrate, or in the person appointed by the Governor to discharge the duties of his office for the time being. Under these circumstances, while I admit that the signing of the permission by Messieurs MacClinton, Dean, and Cobb was an act of surplusage, I do not consider that it was an illegality, any more than it would be illegal for any three gentlemen not on the Commission of the Peace at all to pretend to grant such permission.

3. As regards the second point. Mr. Turpin was appointed by me Deputy Chairman pro tem, my intention being that he should hold the office until the return of the Chairman. It is the duty of the Deputy Chairman to be ready to act in the event of the absence, incapacity, or illness of the Chairman and in any case in which the Chairman can not act in consequence of being personally interested; but not under other circumstances. Mr. Turpin's functions as acting Deputy Chairman will cease when you return to your former office of Deputy

Chairman

Deputy Chairman on the arrival of Mr. Griffiths or his successor.

I have &c.
(Signed) William Robinson
Governor.

The Hon^ble
A. Bailey Esq^re.

Government House,
26th March 1870.

My dear Sir,

I hope you will impress on the Master of the Schooner that you are about to send to Sierra del Fuego for the purpose of receiving the Cargo of the "Balcarry", the propriety of avoiding all unnecessary encounter with the Natives, and of exercising the forbearance and moderation that are due from a strong and civilized people to a weak and savage race.

I will put up a notice this afternoon in the sense of this letter, in order that it may be seen by the Masters and Crews of any other Vessel that may be going down, and I am quite sure that no loyal subject of Her Majesty will disregard it.

Believe me,
Yours faithfully
(Signed) William Robinson
Governor.

G. M. Dean Esq^re J.P.

Agent for the Underwriters
of the "Balcarry".

Falkland Islands,
28th March 1870.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 26th instant with a further explanation of why you failed to report Mr. Bailey's recent illness.

2. If you were unable to find time to write from Mr. Bailey's house between 9 and 10 o'clock the few words necessary to a compliance with my instructions, it was your duty to acquaint me with the state of affairs the moment you were able to get away, seeing that by your own showing Mr. Bailey must have been alarmingly ill in the first instance and that when you left at 1 P.M. there was no prospect of his being able to attend at the Court House during the course of the day.

I have &c.
(Signed) William Robinson
Governor

Dr. H. W. Wells M.D.

Falkland Islands,
29th March 1870.

Sir,

Referring to your letter No. 119.772 of the 10th January, I have the honour to inform you that a complaint of a similar nature was made to me by Lieutenant Drury as regards the miscarriage of the Navy Lists and that no such books have ever been received from England.

I am, Sir.
Your obedient Servant.
(Signed) H. Byng
Acting Colonial Secretary.

W. J. Tage Esqre.
&c
London.

Falkland Islands.
March 29th 1870.

Sir,

I duly received your letter of the 21st December applying for the command of the Colonial Schooner "Foam," I also received letters on the same subject from the Rector of Crawley and Mr. W. C. Sargant.

2 I would gladly confer the appointment upon you were it vacant. But it is not vacant, nor is it likely to become so immediately. It is true that the Master of the Vessel is at present away on leave, and this probably led Mr. Travis to suppose that the situation was vacant. But I received a letter by last Mail from Captain Smithers, the Master of the "Foam" informing me of his intention to leave England by the Mail of the 9th of April.

Regretting that under such circumstances I can not comply with your request.

I am, Sir.
Your obedient Servant.
(Signed) William Robinson.
Governor.

James William Vardy Esqre
Castle Thorpe,
Stony Stratford
Bucks.

Falkland Islands,
March 29. 1870.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 23rd October. I have to inform you that I am prepared to grant you a licence to occupy Weddell Island and some of the adjacent isles but that Beaver Island is a Government Reserve.

The occupation fee for Weddell Island Station is £115. The annual rent afterwards will be £90.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant
(Signed) William Robinson
Governor

Reginald Hart Esqre.
86½ Calle Parque
Buenos Ayres

Falkland Islands,
30th March 1870.

Sir,

Having received instructions to proceed to England en route for Prince Edward Island, I have the honour to request that, if your arrangements will admit of it, you will be so good as to convey me and my family to Montevideo, at which place I propose to embark on board of one of the English Steamers.

I have &c
(Signed) William Robinson,
Governor
& Commander-in-chief.

Captain C. H. Buckley R. N. V. C.
Senior Officer,
South east Coast of America,
Stanley.

Falkland Islands
30 March 1870.

Sir,

I am desirous before I relinquish the Government to express to you my sense of the loyalty diligence and zeal that have characterized your conduct during the four years of my administration here.

2 You took over the Office of Colonial Secretary at a time when a reduction of the Establishment threw heavy additional work on the Officer, and though you have worked almost single-handed for four years, the Office is now in better order than when you took charge of it.

3 I wish you every success in your future career, and shall hope to hear of your early advancement.

I have &c
(signed) William Robinson,
Governor.

The Hon.ble
Henry Byng Esq.re
&c &c &c

Falkland Islands
30.th March 1870.

Sir,

In view of my approaching departure, it affords me much pleasure to convey to you my entire approval of your conduct during the four years of my administration of this Government.

2. You have discharged your duties with zeal and efficiency, and I consider that you have been guided in all matters by a sense of duty and a conscientious desire to do right.

3 Your services as Acting Colonial Surgeon

Surgeon for 18 months during the administration of my predecessor in very favourably recorded in this Office.

I have &c.

(signed) William Robinson,

Gov.r and Commander in Chief

Hon.ble H. F. MacClinton M.D.
Garison Surgeon
Member of H. M
executive Council.

Falkland Islands,
31st. March 1870

Sir,

It becomes my pleasing duty to express to you before I relinquish the Gov.t of the Falklands my entire approval of your conduct during the four years of my administration here.

2. You have shown your self a faithful servant of the Queen, discharging your duties at all times with energy, diligence and ability.

3. I have also to acknowledge the services that you were so good as to render under the peculiar circumstances as a Member of the Executive Council.

I have &c.
(signed) William Robinson
Governor.

The Hon.ble and Rev.d
Charles Bull. M. A.

Falkland Islands,
31st March 1870.

Gentlemen,

I duly forwarded to the Secretary of State your Memorial of the 30th June asking Government to undertake the expense of establishing a postal service between Stanley and the West Falkland, and am directed to inform you in reply that His Lordship is unable to comply with your request.

I have &c.

(signed) William Robinson
Governor.

R. C. Packe Esqre and others.

Falkland Islands.
Government office.
2nd April 1870.

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to instruct you to furnish a Guard of Honour under your command to be in attendance at the town jetty at 1 P.M. tomorrow at which hour His Excellency proposes to embark officially on board Her Majesty's Ship "Pylades."

I have &c.

(signed) William Robinson
Governor.

Lieutenant Drury R.N.

Falkland Islands,
Government House,
16th April 1870.

Sir,

I have to request you to instruct the Guard that the Dock Yard Regulation restricting the Passenger traffic of the Dockyard after bell-ring is to be suspended for to night. The gate leading to the wood shops and Store is also to be left unlocked.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant
/Signed/ William Robinson
Governor and Commander in chief.

Lieutenant Drury R. M.
&c. &c. &c.

End of Governor Robinson's Letters

99 – Anderson Pilot –

Wanted

The correspondence connected with between Hon blo

The "Foam" &

Sea rover Canoe

alight – Shoal

Buoy

SW Buoy

Boat – Light

Beacon 2

White Rock Buoy

2 Acorn Buoys

Buoy & copy ms 140 on Hawes

Board re Bl Light of 137 –

I write to Pilots about his Buoys –

Capt Parke –

" F. Watts

Ms 122 – Important

26. very Courtly

by Smithen –

93 Draconian & time Serving

96. Precedent about Stocks

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