No. 101

Government House
Falkland Islands
1st July 1868.

My Lord Duke

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Grace's despatch No. 34 of the 1st April last informing me that His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh will probably visit the Falkland Islands towards the close of the present year.

2. The inhabitants of the Falkland Islands greatly appreciate the honour which it is proposed to confer on the Colony and I may venture to assure your Grace that, due allowance being made for the limited resources of the place, His Royal Highness will be received here, as elsewhere, with demonstrations of the affectionate loyalty of which the inhabitants of this distant and isolated dependency are remarkable

I have the Honour to be
&c. &c. &c.

signed
William Robinson
Governor

His Grace
the Duke of Buckingham
& Chandos

No. 102

Government House
Falkland Islands
2nd July 1868.

My Lord Duke

I have the honour to report that I have drawn the undermentioned Bills on the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury on the credit of the Parliamentary Grant in aid of the support of this Colony for the financial Year 1868–69:–

£38 " 0 " 0	No. 29. dated 30th June 1868. Thirty eight Pounds Sterling in favour of Sarah Innis at par.
£200 " 0 " 0	No. 30. dated 1st July 1868. The Sum of Two hundred Pounds Sterling in favour of John Murray at par.
20 " 0 " 0	No. 31. dated 1st July 1868 The Sum of Twenty Pounds Sterling in favour of Messrs Smith Elder & Co. at par.
150 " 0 " 0	No. 32. dated 1st July 1868. The Sum of One hundred and Fifty Pounds Sterling in favour of Capt George H. Elliot R.N. at par.
35 " 0 " 0	No. 33. dated 2nd July 1868. The Sum of Thirty five Pounds Sterling in favour of Messrs Smith Elder & Co. at par.
£443 " 0 " 0	

I have &c. &c. &c.

Signed
William Robinson
Governor

His Grace
the Duke of Buckingham
& Chandos

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No. 103.

Government House
Falkland Islands
15th July 1868.

My Lord Duke.

I have the honour to report to Your Grace that with the advice of the Executive Council I have granted to Mr Charles Melville Harbour Master and Storekeeper twelve months leave of Absence.

2. Mr Melville has been twenty Years in the Service of this Government during which period he has only had 5 days Leave of Absence.

3 The usual Certificates are herewith enclosed.

4 I have further to report that I have appointed Mr James Anderson acting Harbour Master and Storekeeper during Mr Melville's Absence from his Duties.

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

His Grace
the Duke of Buckingham
& Chandos

No. 104

Government House
Falkland Islands
17th July 1868.

My Lord Duke

I have the honour to report that I have this day drawn the undermentioned Bill on the Accountant of the Board of Trade in repayment of Lighthouse Advances.

£240. Draft No 8. of the 17th July. the sum of Two hundred and forty Pounds. in favour of J. M. Dean & Son. in Exchange for Cash at par.

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

His Grace
The Duke of Buckingham
& Chandos

No. 105.

Government House
Falkland Islands
20th July 1868.

My Lord Duke

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Grace's circular despatch of the 6th January last, calling upon me to transmit Copies of the Rules observed in this Colony for the ~~Examination~~ of, and showing the Qualifications required of Masters, Mates and Engineers in the Merchant Service. And beg leave in reply to forward a letter which I have received upon the Chairman of the Court upon the subject.

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

His Grace
the Duke of Buckingham
& Chandos.

No. 106.

Government House
Falkland Islands
21st July 1868.

My Lord Duke

Referring to my Despatch No. 101 of the 25th May. I have now the honour to submit a further Report on the Ordinance for the protection of Wild Cattle. as called for in Your Grace's despatch No. 30 of the 21st February - last.

2. The chief objections to the Ordinance. as detailed in the Report from the Emigration Board dated the 10th Feb. 1868, are these:

1 That the Enactment. so far as it relates to the West Falkland. is unnecessary and too peremptory.

2. That placing Settlers on the West Falkland under disabilities from which Settlers on the East Falkland are free. will tend to discourage Settlers on the former Island.

3. That there is no reservation of the right of Existing Settlers.

3 With regard to the first objection. there is no doubt that the clause is very stringent: for its object is to Enable the Governor to make regulations which will have the Effect of preventing persons from taking up Runs on which Cattle are known to be numerous. solely for the purpose of killing the Animals. selling the Hides. and abandoning the Station without any payment or advantage to the Crown or Settlement beyond the nominal amount of the Rental. I think that nothing can be more unsatisfactory than this System. It has been permitted on the East Island. And now the Evil cannot of course be remedied; but I am strongly of opinion that on principle as well -

well as on the ground of expediency it should be prevented on the West. I apprehend there would be considerable difficulty in doing so simply by a clause in a Licence or Lease, for publicity is of considerable importance where the Executive has little power and the interests of individuals are antagonistic to its exercise. I submit a Copy of the form of Licence which I have adopted and issued, preparatory to granting the Leases. There is no doubt that under existing circumstances the conditions are binding, and that a breach of them can be punished under the Ordinance which authorizes the Governor to make such conditions; but I question whether if the Ordinance had not been passed a breach of these Conditions could be punished in any more severe manner than by the cancelling of the Licence or Lease. This would be no protection to the Government for it would be no punishment to a person taking up land without any intention of making a permanent settlement, and solely as I have said, for the purpose of killing off the Cattle and making as much as possible out of the hides.

It is also felt that some stringent rule is required for the protection of bona fide settlers from the lawless depredations of Sealers and others visiting the coasts of the West Falkland against whom a mere action for trespass would have little effect.

I. Your Grace will observe from the Enclosed Licence (I need hardly say that the licenses which have been issued are all alike, and that the Cases so far as regards the Cattle will contain similar terms and conditions) that I do not propose to prohibit any one holding land from killing and capturing Cattle, subject to the fixed payments within the limits of his station. To do so would be obviously unfair. What I have said to the Settlers is this "We give you the land on easy terms but we cannot

"allow you to kill the cattle without paying for
"them. If you want to establish a Cattle farm
"you may capture and tame the wild Cattle free
"of charge, for we are desirous of encouraging the
"formation of tame herds. If you want to establish
"a Sheep farm and find the wild Cattle a
"nuisance and a detriment, you may kill them
"off, but in this event you must pay a portion
"of their value to Government."

This in my opinion is extremely liberal.

5. With reference to the second objection - that
putting disabilities in the way of settlers on the
West Falkland from which those on the East
Falkland are free, will tend to discourage settle-
ment on the former islands - I think I am right
in saying that circumstances have already an-
swered this. The whole of the available land
on the West Falkland has now (as Your Grace
is aware from my despatch No 100 of the 25th
May) been taken up and it is certainly my im-
pression that there would be no difficulty at
the present time in disposing of a much more
extensive area.

6. The last objection — that there is no re-
servation of the rights of existing settlers.
I will take in conjunction with that paragraph
of Your Grace's despatch where You state that
"as Mr Waldron and other settlers on the island
"have expressed their entire concurrence in the
"measure, they may therefore be taken, perhaps, to have
"waived their rights in respect of killing Cattle
"without permission. In this case it would have
"been better to have recited in the Ordinance, if
"the case be so, that the present settlers were
"willing and had agreed to surrender any
"rights which they had.

On this point I beg to say that when I
came to the determination partially to reserve the
Wild Cattle on the West Falkland, the whole
of that island was unoccupied and still
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in the hands of the Crown. Under other circumstances I should not have passed the Ordinance. for it is clearly improper to interfere with Existing Rights or to make distinctions between one Settler and another in such matters; but as it was, the only rights and interests to be considered were those of the Crown. and, having explained the provisions of the Ordinance personally to every intending Settler. I confidently assert that no one on the Island can say he took up land in ignorance of the terms and conditions on which he was about to occupy it.

In conclusion I venture to express my belief that the Ordinance is a good one. It is stringent but it is fair and just; for the Crown cannot be expected, when revenue is of so much importance, to Dispose of its property on terms which on the part of a private individual would unquestionably be characterized as imprudent and Extraordinary. Believing that for some few years to come the Ordinance will add to the Local Revenue, and that it will improve rather than injure the Agricultural prospects of the Colony I would gladly receive Your Grace's permission to re-enact it for the purpose of inserting the word which Mr. Murdock correctly observes has been omitted in the first section as to the title of the Ordinance therein repealed.

I have &c, &c, &c,

(Sd) William Robinson
Governor.

His Grace the
Duke of Buckingham
& Chandos.

No. 107.

Government House
Falkland Islands
8th August 1868.

My Lord Duke

In reply to Your Grace's Circular despatch of the 13th May. I have the honour to report for the information of the Board of Trade that there is not any money in my hands at this moment on account of the proceeds of sale of unclaimed Wrecks.

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

His Grace
the Duke of Buckingham
& Chandos

No. 108.

Government House
Falkland Islands
8th August 1868.

My Lord Duke

I have the honour to acknowledge Your Grace's despatch No. 27. of the 1st Feb.y informing me that a Bill of Exchange has been received through the Foreign Office from the Government of the Argentine Confederation for the sum of £197. 17. 4 in repayment of the expenses incurred by my Government in rendering Assistance to the distressed Seamen of the Argentine Barque "La Santiago" and that Your Grace has caused instructions to be given to the Crown Agents to place this Amount to the Credit of the Colony.

I have &c. &c. &c.

(Sd) William Robinson
Governor

His Grace
the Duke of Buckingham
& Chandos.

No. 109.

Government House
Falkland Islands
8th August 1868.

My Lord Duke

In reply to Your Grace's Circular Despatch of the 9th January, I have the honour to report that I do not consider that it will be necessary to make provision in the Estimate for the Expense of the return passages of distressed persons belonging to this Colony as the population and circumstances of the Colony are not yet such as to call for an Arrangement of this nature

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

His Grace
the Duke of Buckingham
& Chandos

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(Separate)

Government House
Falkland Islands
8th August 1868.

My Lord Duke

I have had the honour to receive Your Grace's (Parliamentary) despatches of the 12th, 13th, 18th, and 1st inst. advising the despatch of the following Parliamentary papers, which have been duly received.

Blue Book Reports, 1866, part 2.	4 Copies
" " " " " 3.	2 Copies
Commercial Reports from H.M. Consuls Nos 1 2 3 & 4 of 1868.	1 Copy
Colonial Bishops — — — —	2 Copies

2. I also received by the same Mail the Parliamentary Papers of which the titles are given below.

Blue Book Reports part. 1. 1866.	2 Copies
Colonial Governors & Bishops. to 1 Feb 1868	2 Copies
Accidents on Railways part. 1. 1868	2 Copies
Reports by H.M.s Secretaries of Legation on Manufactories &c Nos 1 & 2 of 1868	1 Copy.
Reports of H.M.s Secretaries of Legation respecting Coal.	1 Copy
Reports on Trade at Ports in China for 1866.	1 Copy.

I have &c. &c.

(Sd) William Robinson
Governor.

His Grace
the Duke of Buckingham
& Chandos.

Separate)

Government House
Falkland Islands
8th August 1866

My Lord Duke

I have this day had the honour to receive Your Grace's Separate despatch of the 30th April. pointing out that Your Grace had received from me no advice of a Bill for £19 drawn by me on the 29th February last. but of which nevertheless Your Grace had authorized the payment; and requesting that in future an advice specifying the date of and the particulars of every Bill which I may draw for services chargeable to the Parliamentary Grant in aid may be transmitted to Your Grace immediately. in order that it may be received not later than the Bill to which it refers.

2. I hasten to assure Your Grace that the Bill in question was duly advised by me in my despatch No. 29 of the 29th February. the day on which the Bill was drawn; and I would beg respectfully to remark that the receipt of my despatch advising the Bill is acknowledged in the general acknowledgement of despatches (dated the 7th May) which I have this day had the honour to receive from Your Grace.

I have &c. &c. &c.

(Sd) William Robinson
Governor.

His Grace
the Duke of Buckingham
& Chandos.

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No. 110.

Government House
Falkland Islands
12th August 1868.

My Lord Duke

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Grace's despatch No. 29 of the 19th February last, with Enclosures, respecting the property of the late Mrs Ann Bowers, and calling upon me for a full report on the whole case, the circumstances of which appear to Your Grace to demand accurate Enquiry and Explanation.

2. Having carefully investigated the matter, I beg leave to submit the following Report.

Mrs Ann Bowers, Widow and Administratrix of the Estate of Thomas Bowers, a Publican of Stanley, left for England in the Ship "Sunrise" on the 31st March 1860, having previously Deposited £300 in the Colonial Chest for safe keeping and £200 in the hands of Mr Dean a Merchant of this place. Mr Dean, in addition, collected debts on Mrs Bowers behalf to the Amount of £112, making the total sum in his hands to £312. Shortly before Mrs Bowers sailed for England she drew £50 from Mr Dean leaving with him £262, and Executed a Deed appointing Mr Arthur Bailey, the Surveyor General, her Agent to receive all Moneys due, and to dispose of her house and property in Stanley: Mrs Bowers died at Sea on the 10th April 1860. Mr Bailey being shortly afterwards informed that the Deed appointing him Mrs Bowers Agent was "of no avail in consequence of her death" appears for the time to have taken no active Steps in the matter; but on receiving from Mr George Smith, brother and Administrator of the late Mrs Bowers, a Power of Attorney, he forwarded to Mr Holloway, Smiths Solicitor in England, on the 22nd June 1861

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a Government Bill for the £300 deposited in the Chest. and subsequently he accounted for the £200 left with Mr Dean, and for the moneys collected by Mr Dean and himself. This Account was rendered on the 1st February 1864 and forwarded to the Secretary of State by Governor Macleanzie in his despatch No. 14 of that date. Accompanied by Bills of Exchange for the balance due — namely £290. At this date there remained in Mr Bailey's charge a cottage which had belonged to Mrs Powers. and which was afterwards sold for £60. This amount., with £5 of rent collected. was forwarded by Mr Bailey to the Crown Agents under date the 1st July 1867. and closed the transaction.

3. This is a simple Statement of the facts of the case. I do not see that there has been any dishonest dealing in the matter so far as those in the Colony are concerned. although I am obliged to admit that the unbusiness like manner in which the affair has been conducted gives one at first sight quite a different impression.

Mrs Powers children have I fear, been robbed of £300. but not. as will presently be seen. by any one here.

4. I proceed to offer explanatory observations on the Memorandum drawn up by the Crown Agents which accompanied Your Graces despatch.

Crown Agents Memo

Copy paragraph 2

Governors remarks.

Mrs Powers was incorrect in stating to her brother that £300 had been deposited in the Government Chest. £300 was the Amount deposited as will be seen from the enclosed Copy of the Entry made at the time in the Book kept for that purpose.

(Enclosure 1)

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Crown Agents Memo

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Governor's remarks.

Wm Bailey in his letter of the 24th Dec. 1860 stated "I have been informed "that the Deed appointing one to be "Wm "Bowers" Agent is of no avail in con- "sequence of her death" This is appar- ently why he did not act in the matter at that time. And it was only on receiving from Wm Holloway of Rusey, Smiths Solicitor, a Power of Attorney duly signed by Smith, that he drew from Government as legally appointed agent for the ad- ministrator, the sum of £300 deposit- ed in the Chest which sum he then permitted to Wm Holloway, as I have already stated on the 22nd June 1861, by a Bill of Exchange drawn by Governor Ware on the Paymaster General." Draft No. 16. on the Pay- "Master General for the Administrator of "the Estate of "Ann Bowers"

Smiths Statement to the Crown Agents that he neither signed any Power of Attorney or authorized any one to do so for him, and that he cannot write even his own name, appears to be strangely untrue. I beg to forward (Enclosure 2) the Power of Attorney which Wm Bailey received from Wm Holloway and which so far as I can judge is signed by Smith. And also a letter from Smith to Wm Bailey dated the 26th December 1863. (Enclosure 3.) stating that Wm Holloway received the £300, but that he had converted it to his own use; And adding "I Am sorry for the Childrens sake I ever employed Holloway" That-

Wm —

Crown Agents Memo

Governors remarks.

Mr Holloway received the Money and dishonestly appropriated it, as further shown by the enclosed letter (Enclosure 4) from Mr Ledgwicke, Smiths present Attorney, to Mr Bailey dated the 8th April 1867. Moreover the Bill of Exchange, endorsed by Mr Holloway may no doubt be traced in the Department of the Paymaster General.

Copy. 6. Mr Longdens letter to Mr Bailey (Enclosure 5) received in connection with the Copy in the Entry in the Cash Book (Enclosure 6) will fully explain the transaction relative to the 2½ per cent to which Mr Bailey refered. As Agent for the administrator Mr Bailey was supposed to be authorized to draw the £300 from Government, and it seems that Governor Moore did not hesitate to allow him to do so on production of the Power of Attorney. The other points refered to in this paragraph are already answered.

Copy 7. I forward Mr Baileys Answers to the queries but fear they will not be considered very Satisfactory. He never remembers a Date, and seldom keeps a Copy of any Letter that he writes, and I must confess that in the present case the most ordinary rules of business appear to have been disregarded.

Copy 8. I forward a Statement (Enclosure "B") of the periods for which the Cottage and Garden were rented and the Amounts received; which—

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which agrees with the Account furnished by Mr Bailey on the 1st February 1864.

Copy 9. The Cottage was not sold by Auction, but I append a Certificate which I have received from the purchaser. (enclosure 8).

Copy 10. Intestate Estates in the Falkland Islands are managed by the Magistrates Court, under the provisions of Ordinance No. 10 of 1853. but in this instance. Mr Bailey, on receiving the Power of Attorney from Smith, assumed the management of the Estate without taking out Letters of administration in the Magistrates Court. Governor Moore it appears, on hearing of Mr Lowe's death transferred the Money deposited with him for safe keeping. To the Deposit account of Intestate Estates, that is he dealt with it as Revenue received for the time being; And there it remained until Mr Bailey called for it in June 1867. Why the Court did not Assume the Management of the Estate from the first: I am at this date of Course unable to say. It seems unfortunate that this the recognized and legal mode of procedure was not adopted.

Copy 11. The Amount here referred to £262 remained in Mr Deans hands until February 1864. And was then as shewn, sent Home by Mr Bailey. That Mr Bailey. who received the Power of Attorney from Smith in 1861, should have allowed the money to lie idle from 1861 to 1864. although he had full authority to act in the matter, shows negligence and want of care. However, there is this to be said — he Entertained some doubt.

	Governors Remarks
	doubt as to whom the Money should be sent, having (as Governor Mac Kenzie stated in his despatch No. 12 of 21st February 1864) received applications from "two different Attorney's, each requiring it to be sent to himself"
Copy 12.	Already answered with 3, 4, & 5:
Copy 13.	Mr Bailey's Explanation forwarded (Enclosure 9).

5. I trust that on the whole this Report will be satisfactory to your Grace. I have done my best to throw light on the business, and I have come to the conclusion that although Mr Bailey's management of the Estate was slovenly and dilatory, he has not been guilty of any dishonesty, nor has he benefited in any way in the matter. Even to the extent of a percentage on the moneys that passed through his hands.

I have &c, &c, &c.

(Signed) William Robinson
Governor.

His Grace
the Duke of Buckingham
& Chandos.

No. 111

Government House
Falkland Islands
27th August 1868.

My Lord Duke

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Grace's Circular despatch of the 14th April, forwarding an Extract of a letter from the Registrar General pointing out the principal objects which, in his opinion, should be kept in view in any local Registration of Births, Marriages, and Deaths, and impressing upon me the importance of Endeavouring to Effect the greatest practicable completeness in the Systems of such Registration.

2. The system now in force here would appear to be sufficiently complete for the present requirements of the place, and to work satisfactorily; at the same time, I should feel very thankful if your Grace would, if convenient, cause me to be furnished with a Copy of the Ceylon Ordinance establishing the System which has been adopted in that Colony, which the Registrar General considers "Excellent" and worthy of "Imitation".

I have &c., &c., &c.

(Signed) William Robinson
Governor.

His Grace
The Duke of Buckingham
& Chandos.

No. 112.

Government House
Falkland Islands
31st August 1868.

My Lord Duke

In reply to Your Graces Circular despatch of the 23rd December last. I have the honour to state that I am at present engaged in preparing for the Printer a complete compilation of the Ordinances and Proclamations of this Colony. And that I shall have much pleasure in forwarding a copy when printed for the use of the Library of Gray's Inn.

I have &c. &c. &c.

(Signed) William Robinson
Governor.

His Grace
the Duke of Buckingham
& Chandos.

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No. 113.

Government House
Falkland Islands.
31st August 1868

My Lord Duke

I have the honour to forward herewith an account with Voucher attached, of the Expenses incurred by me in rendering relief and assistance to the Crew of the Italian Barque "Peru" wrecked in Port Albemarle West Falkland on the last.

2. I beg to forward the letter appealing for assistance which the Captain of the "Peru" addressed to me on his Arrival in Stanley.

3. I would respectfully request that the amount Expended by me (£232 "19 "0) may, when repaid by the Italian Government, be lodged in the hands of the Crown Agents to the Credit of the Colony.

I have &c. &c. &c.

signed
William Robinson
Governor.

His Grace
the Duke of Buckingham
& Chandos.

No. 114

Government House
Falkland Islands
31st August 1868.

My Lord Duke

I have the honour to request that Your Grace will be pleased to move the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to remit to me for the service of this Government the sum of One thousand Seven hundred and fifty pounds Sterling, charging the same against the Parliamentary Vote for the financial year 1868-69.

2. This Specie (which should consist of the coins noted in the Margin) may be consigned as usual to the Senior Naval Officer on the River Plate Station. I would beg if possible that the money may be shipped on board the Mail Steamer leaving Southampton on the 8th December next: unless an opportunity should sooner offer for transmitting it direct to the Falklands or to the River Plate or any Vessel of War proceeding to South America.

£	
1000	Gold.
250	Crowns
250	Half crowns
130	Shillings
100	Sixpenny pieces
1730	

I have the honour
&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) William Robinson
Governor.

His Grace
the Duke of Buckingham
& Chandos

No. 115.

Government House
Falkland Islands
1st September 1868.

My Lord Duke

In reply to Your Grace's Circular despatch of the 2nd December 1867. forwarding Copies of the Reports respecting the Rev. Mr Moule's Dry Earth Conservancy System. I have the honour to submit a letter which I have this day received from the Surveyor General upon the Subject, in which Mr Bailey Expresses an opinion, in which I concur, that it will not be necessary to adopt this System in our Gaol. (the only building here to which it could be applied) the facilities for Drainage being so superior and the number of inmates very limited

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

His Grace
the Duke of Buckingham
& Chandos.

No. 116

Government House
Falkland Islands
1st September 1868.

My Lord Duke

I have the honour to report that I have drawn the undermentioned Bills on the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury on the Credit of the Parliamentary Grant in aid of this Government for the Financial year 1868-69.

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25.0.0	No. 34 dated 1st August 1868. The sum of Twenty five Pounds Sterling. in favour of Edward E. Griffiths. at par.
60.0.0	No. 35 dated 19th August 1868. The sum of Sixty Pounds Sterling in favour of William L. Benney. at par.
50.0.0	No. 36 dated 26th August 1868. The sum of Fifty Pounds Sterling in favour of Charles Rudd Fatham. at par.
15.0.0.	No. 37 dated 26th August 1868. The sum of Fifteen Pounds Sterling. in favour of Anne Gorley. at par.

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

His Grace.
The Duke of Buckingham
and Chandos.

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Government House
Falkland Islands
31st August 1868.

My Lord Duke

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Grace's despatches of the numbers and dates noted in the Enclosure, and to forward at the same time the Schedules of unanswered despatches as called for in Your Grace's Circular of the 5th May last.

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

His Grace
the Duke of Buckingham
And Chandos.

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Acknowledgment of Despatches received

Originals			Duplicates		
14th April		Circular	16th March		No. 31
16th "		No. 35	20th "		" 32
17th "		No. 36	21st "		" 33
22nd "		Circular	1st April		" 34
25th "		"	14th "		" Circular
30th "		Separate	16th "		" 35
1st May		Circular	17th "		" 36
5th "		"	22nd "		" Circular
7th "		"	25th "		" Circular
12th "	(Parliamentary)	Separate			
13th "		"			
15th "		Circular			
18th "	Parliy	Separate			
19th "		No. 37			
22nd "		Circular			
26th "		"			
29th "		No. 38			
30th "		Circular			
1st June		"			
1st "	Parly	Separate			

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Schedule of Despatches received from the Secretary of State which have been more than 2 months in my hands without an answer.

(None)

Schedule of Despatches sent by me to the Secretary of State which appear to have remained unanswered for more than Five Months. Four Months is the period here stated in Your Grace's Despatch, but I have taken the liberty of altering it to Five, the shortest time in which an Answer to a despatch can be received in the Colony from England.

On the subjects referred to in the following despatches I have not been favoured with the Secretary of State's decision, though they cannot be said strictly speaking to be despatches requiring Answers.

No. 64	of	30th August 1867.
" 72	"	2nd October 1867.
" 90	"	12th February 1868.

Schedule of Despatches

Transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies by the Schooner "Foam" on the 3rd. of Sept. 1868

Number of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	No. of Enclosures
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No. 103	14th. July.	Reporting having granted 12 mos. Leave to Harbour Master.	
" 104	17th. "	Advising Draft on Board of Trade.	
" 105	20th. "	With reference to Rules for Examination of Officers in Merchant Service.	
" 106	21th. "	Further Report on wild Cattle Ordinance.	
" Separate	8th. Augt.	Stating that Draft for £19 of 29 Feb. had been duly reported.	
" Separate	" "	Acknowledging receipt of certain Parliamentary papers	
" 107	" "	Relative to proceeds of Sale of unclaimed Wrecks.	
" 108	" "	Respecting Repayment of Advances on behalf of Argentine Republic.	
" 109	" "	Relative to Expense of return passages of distressed persons belonging to Colony.	
" 110	12th. "	Reporting on Case of Estate of Mr. Ann. Bowers.	9
" 111	27th "	On the Subject of Registration of Births Marriages & Deaths	
" 112	" "	Will have pleasure in forwarding Editions of ~~of~~ Laws to Grays Inn.	

No. of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	No. of Enclosures
No. 113	31st. Augt.	An Account with Vouchers of Amount Expended in relief of distressed Italian Seamen.	
" 114	" "	Requesting that Specie may be forwarded from England.	
Separate	" "	Acknowledging Despatches and forwarding Schedules of Unanswered Despatches.	3
" 115	1st. Sept.	Relative to Mr. Moules's Dry Earth Conservancy System—	
" 116	" "	Advising Bills on Her Majesty's Treasury—	

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No. 117.

Government House
Falkland Islands
11th September 1868.

My Lord Duke

I have the honour to report that I have drawn the following Bills on Her Majesty's Treasury:-

No. 38. dated 9th September 1868. The sum of Twenty Pounds Sterling drawn in favour of John Smithers. in Exchange for Cash to be Expended in the general Service of the Colony £20 " 0 " 0

No. 39. dated 9th September 1868. The Sum of Twenty five Pounds Sterling drawn in favour of Henry Pain. in Exchange for Cash to be Expended in the general service of the Colony. 25 " 0 " 0

No. 40. dated 10th September 1868. The Sum of Twenty Pounds Sterling drawn in favour of Annie Horne in Exchange for Cash to be Expended in the general Service of the Colony 20 " 0 " 0

£65 " 0 " 0

These Bills are drawn on the Credit of the Parliamentary Vote for the Current financial Year. and were Exchanged at par.

I have the honour to be
My Lord Duke
Your Grace's most obedient
humble Servant
(Sd) William Robinson
Governor.

His Grace
The Duke of Buckingham
& Chandos

Schedule of Despatches

Transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies by the Barque "Charles Jackson" on the 14th day of September 1868.

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No. 117.	10th Sept. 1868	Advising Draft on Her Majesty's Treasury.	"

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No. 118. Cancelled see note

Government House
Falkland Islands
29th September 1868.

My Lord Duke

I regret to report to Your Grace that I have been under the necessity of cancelling the lease of one of the Stations on the West-Falkland recently occupied by Mr. Edward Packe.

2. The circumstances of the case are briefly these:-

On the 24th July 1867 Mr Packe obtained from me a licence to occupy a Station at Mary-branch Harbour, West Falkland, on the terms and conditions of the Proclamation of the 24th June 1867, which provides (Sections 4 & 5) that: "At any time before the Expiration of the "License the Licensee may obtain a Lease of his "Station for 20 Years at a rental of £(10) Ten "Pounds a Year for each 6,000 Acres, provided he "proves to the Satisfaction of the Governor, that he "has built on the land a house of wood or Stone "walls not less than 24 feet by 12 ft. and 6 ft. high, "and has stocked his land in the proportion of at-"least 30 Cattle or horses or 100 Sheep to each 6,000 "Acres".

"It will be a condition of the Lease that, during "its continuance, the Station shall be kept stocked "with at least the number of Stock before Specified "and also be occupied by the Lessee or any person "in his Employment, and in case of any failure in "this condition, it shall be Lawful for the Governor "to resume possession of the Station."

At the Expiration of the time allowed by the Proclamation for Stocking and building upon the land, Mr Packe applied to me for a Lease

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of the Station, informing me at the same time that the Land was Stocked and built upon according "to the terms of the Proclamation". Placing implicit reliance on this assurance, I completed the Lease and forwarded it to Mr Packe on the 28th July last. Subsequently, on an Enquiry brought about by the representations of one of Mr Packe's Neighbours, it came to my knowledge that I had been deceived, that Mr Packe had made no attempt whatever to Stock the Land, and the Lease was accordingly cancelled.

3. This is a brief outline of the transactions; for its merits, I would beg leave to refer Your Grace to the Enclosed Correspondence, to which I have added one or two Notes, and where the case from first to last is related probably more clearly and fully than it can be related in a covering despatch. Your Grace will see that I considered the Question with an Earnest desire to decide it if possible in Mr Packe's favour, and, Should You consider it proper, I would even now willingly give him back the Land, notwithstanding the violent and unjustifiable tone introduced into the Correspondence by Capt. Robert Packe, Mr Edward Packe's brother and partner in the business; but in the face of so deliberate & flagrant a breach of the Established Land Regulations of the Colony, Regulations approved and confirmed by the Secretary of State, I cannot take upon myself to do so.

4. I have received two applications for the Station since the cancellation of Mr Packe's Lease, but it will be right for me to await Your Grace's reply, and to allow Mr Packe time to appeal, Should that be his intention, before finally disposing of the Land.

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5. The land lying idle in the meantime. I take the earliest opportunity of submitting the correspondence to Your Grace.

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

His Grace
the Duke of Buckingham
& Chandos.

P.S. Having consulted my Council throughout this business, I beg to Enclose the Minutes of Proceedings, inserted, to facilitate perusal, in the place at which they should be read.

I also Enclose the following papers in case Your Grace should wish to refer to them.

1 The Land Proclamation of April 1861.

1 The West Falkland Land Proclamation of June 1867.

2 The Ordinance and the Regulations respecting Wild Cattle.

2 Mr Packes Occupation Licence and the Lease now Cancelled.

This despatch was not forwarded in Consequence of Captain Packes subsequent action in the matter.

H.S.

No. 118.

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Government House
Falkland Islands
29th Sept. 1868.

My Lord Duke,

I have the honour to forward the Blue Book of the Falkland Islands for the Year 1867.

2. The local revenue amounted to £1611. and exceeded that of 1866 by £425. The Parliamentary Grant in aid of the local revenue for the financial year 1867-68. was £6.836 that for 1868-69 £5.016.

3. I may be permitted to observe that in the short Space of three years the local revenue has been nearly doubled, and that, taking into account the Estimates now in course of preparation, our demands on the Imperial Parliament have been reduced by an Amount (£1,703) which represents rather more than one fourth of the total Expenditure.

4. The following Extract from a despatch which I addressed to You on the 25th of May last, on the subject of the West Falkland Land Regulations will not be out of place.

"When submitting to Your Grace on the 8th of "August last the New Regulations with regard "to the disposal of Crown Lands on the West "Falklands I ventured on the following remarks.

"I have reason to believe that the Regulations are "greatly appreciated by intending Settlers, and I "entertain a strong confidence that they will lead "to the speedy and profitable occupation of the "West Falkland Groups.

"I have now the pleasure to forward a Chart "with Schedule attached shewing that these "favourable anticipations have been entirely real-"ized. The boundaries of the different Sheep Stations

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"into which this island has been divided are in-
"dicated in the Chart. And Your Grace will
"observe that the whole of the available land on the
"main Island has already passed into the
"hands of private individuals. Twelve months
"ago there was not a settler on the Islands; now
"there is is not one acre of land, with the
"Exception of the Government Reserves. Unoccupied;
"Twelve months ago the Island did not con-
"tribute in any manner to the Revenue; now the
"Land rents Amount (or rather will Amount
"next Year for as yet the land is held under
"occupation licence for which only half rent is
"paid) to over £1:300 per Annum." Believing the
"West Falkland to be peculiarly adapted for
"sheep, I always felt that the prelaration, as
"regards that Island, of certain Conditions
"which I could not but see, had retarded
"the settlement of the East Island (I refer to
"the conditions to which Mr Waldron objected -
"when contemplating a settlement on the West
"Falkland and which were detailed in my
"despatch No. 7 of 28th August 1866) was very
"desirable; but I freely confess that this actual
"result has far exceeded my most sanguine
"Expectations."

I might to add that since the above was written the large islands of Wedell and Saunders have been taken up, and that the only land now available is on the East Falklands, on which island some 150,000 acres (somewhat swampy and inferior) are still unoccupied.

3. Last winter was unprecedentedly severe; notwithstanding this, and the trying process to which the sheep are subjected on arrival in order to free them from scab (they are immersed in tobacco water at a temperature of 96° degrees, and then turned loose to encounter the fierce winds of this boisterous climate) the prospects of the sheep farmers are considered

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to be very Encouraging. The grasses of the Falklands would appear to be of a nutritious character. I am assured by Gentlemen of great experience in such matters that imported sheep, especially those placed on the West Falkland, improve with remarkable rapidity. For example, out of one Cargo landed on that Island in the early part of last year from the warmer climate of the River Plate, about two per Cent died from the Effects of the severe but apparently necessary dipping process. The remainder in the course of a few weeks were in excellent condition and have continued so ever since. These sheep when landed were poor and covered with Scab. It is evident the food must be suitable and of good quality or sheep brought suddenly from a hot to a cold climate, and so roughly acclimatized, if I may so term it, would not live at all. Of course sheep imported from England would fare better in point of climate than those brought from the River Plate. They would also be free from Scab. But the Expense of this would be far greater, regard being had to the original Cost of the sheep and the great distance of the Colony from England. The River Plate sheep on the other hand, can be landed in the Falklands at a cost of from twenty to twenty Eight Shillings per head;

6. In illustration of the value of this Harbour as a Port of Refuge, I may mention that at one time in the month of August, after a continuance of bad weather, there were no less than Eight Vessels in Port, with an Aggregate tonnage of 3.798 tons which had been more or less disabled in endeavouring to round the Horn, which in all probability must have been lost (some at all events) but for the rest, refreshment, and facilities for Effecting repairs afforded by this place; the inhospitable shores of

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Otwegia and Patagonia containing no suitable Port of Refuge, and the Crews of the Vessels being in more cases than one so worn out by Cold, fatigue, and Scurvy as to be incapable of working their crippled Ships to Monte Video or Valparaiso in Safety

7. In other respects the Condition of the Colony is much as it was at the date of my last Annual Report.

I have &c. &c. &c.

(Signed)
William Robinson
Governor.

His Grace
The Duke of Buckingham
& Chandos.

P.S. I am told at the last moment that owing to a pressure of business in the Office the fair Copy of the Blue Book cannot be completed in time for transmission by this Mail. I am unwilling to delay this Report any longer, and will forward the Blue Book itself by the first opportunity.

No 119

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Government House
Falkland Islands
2nd October 1868

My Lord Duke,

I have the honour to submit an Estimate of the Amount which will be required in aid of the support of this Government for the Financial Year 1869-70.

2. It is gratifying to me to be able again to call your attention to a reduction of the Estimate. Last Year I applied for £5.016; this Year (owing to so much land having been taken up on the West Falkland) I shall require only £4.132 being a decrease of £884.

3 I may be permitted to observe that in the short space of three years, our demands on the Imperial Parliament have been reduced by an Amount which, as will be seen from the following table, represents rather more than one fourth of our total Expenditure.

Financial Year	Amount of Estimate	Increase as compared with previous Year
	£	£
1867-68	5.836	39
1868-69	5.016	820
1869-70	4.132	884
Total reduction during three Years		£ 1.743

I have taken the liberty of making one or two trifling additions to the Estimates of Expenditure which are absolutely necessary for the Efficiency of the Service and for which I solicit Your Graces approval.

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

His Grace
the Duke of Buckingham
& Chandos.

No. 120.

Government House
Falkland Islands
5th October 1868

Finance

My Lord Duke,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Grace's Circular despatch of the 27th June, forwarding certain general Instructions which it has been found necessary to issue in connection with the Administration of the Parliamentary Grants in aid of Colonial Revenue, and which are to be substituted for the Colonial Regulations 339 to 364 inclusive. I beg also to acknowledge Your Grace's Separate Despatch of the 11th July furnishing me with Special directions upon the same subject applicable to the case of the Falkland Islands.

2. In drawing Bills on Parliamentary Grants in aid of the Colonial Revenue, I will not fail to be guided from and after this date by the Rules laid down in the Memorandum of the 27th June 1868. And, as regards the past, I beg to forward a Certificate in the form required of all Bills drawn by me, up to the receipt of Your Grace's despatch on the Credit of the Parliamentary Grant for 1867-68 and for the present financial Year, showing the dates on which the proceeds of the Bills were carried to the credit of the Local Revenue.

3. I beg sincerely to thank Your Grace for Your Consideration in saying that, as my own Salary is not specifically borne on the Parliamentary Estimate, and ought properly under the new arrangement to be paid in the Colony instead of to my Bankers in England direct from the Treasury, I may, should I for any special reason wish my

Salary

Salary to be paid as heretofore in England. draw
quarterly Bills on the Crown Agents for the Same,
or direct my Bankers to apply to them quarterly
for payments. But it will be perfectly convenient
to me to receive my Salary in the Colony in future
And with Your Graces permission I will accord-
ingly pay myself. as I pay the other Officers. out of
the proceeds of the Bills which I draw from
time to time on the Parliamentary Grant in
aid, for the General Services of the Colony.
I forward a Certificate (Signed and Counter-
Signed as required) Showing the Date on
which my Salary for the Quarter Ended the
30th June last was carried to the Credit
of the Colonial Revenue. As regards the
previous (March) Quarter. for which a
Certificate is also required. I experience
some difficulty. I must Explain that up
to the End of last financial Year. my
Salary, through an Error the Effects of which
ought to have been foreseen, was not made
to appear in our Accounts at all. The result
was. as I of Course at once saw on Examining
the Comparative Statement of Estimated
and Actual Expenditure drawn up at the
Expiration of the financial Year to Show an
Apparent decrease of Expenditure as compared
with the Estimate of £1000 - being the Am-
ount of my Salary Paid to that Date in
England direct to my Bankers on production
by them of the Life Certificate which I for-
warded Quarterly for the purpose. The necessary
Explanation was made on the face of the
financial Statement. And since that time
I have caused my Salary to be passed through
our Books by treating the Life Certificate as a
Draft on the Credit of the Parliamentary Grant,
and Carrying the proceeds realized in England
to the Credit of the Colony. This was done for
June 1868. Quarter; for September Quarter

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I have paid myself in cash since receiving your Graces despatch upon the Subject. I am therefore at a loss to know what Kind of a Certificate is send for March 1868 Quarter to order to Enable the Comptroller and Auditor Generyal to pass the payment. I shall be happy to forward a Certificate in any form which under the Circumstances Your Grace may direct; or my Banker, to whom I have written upon the Subject, will furnish such Receipt for the Amount as may be required of them if that will be sufficient.

I have &c, &c,
(Sd.)

William Robinson
Governor

His Grace
the Duke of Buckingham
& Chandos

Certificate referred to in par. 3.

Government House
Falkland Islands
29th Sept. 1868.

I hereby certify that the Amount of Governor Robinson's Salary for the Quarter Ended the 30th June 1868, was duly Carried to the Credit of the Colonial Revenue on the 1st July 1868.

(Signed)
William Robinson
Governor.

No.	Date	Year	Amount	Note credited
5	3rd April	1867 – 68	£ 500	3rd April
6	27th "	" "	250	27th "
7	" "	" "	150	" "
8	" "	" "	100	" "
9	25th June	" "	150	25th June
10	26th "	" "	100	26th "
11	" "	" "	25	" "
12	" "	" "	150	" "
13	3rd July	" "	60	3rd July
14	" "	" "	25	" "
15	4th "	" "	110	4th "
16	27th Augt	" "	200	27th Augt
17	30th "	" "	10	30th "
18	9th January	" "	16	9th January
19	29th February	" "	19	24th Febry
20	" "	" "	100	" "
21	" "	" "	144	" "
22	" "	" "	40	" "
23	31st March	" "	397	31st March
24	28th April	1868 – 69	200	28th April
25	" "	" "	70	" "
26	16th May	" "	200	16th May
27	" "	" "	100	" "
28	" "	" "	80	" "
29	30th June	" "	38	30th June
30	1st July	" "	200	1st July
31	" "	" "	20	" "
32	" "	" "	150	" "
33	2nd July	" "	35	2nd July
34	1st Augt	" "	25	1st Augt
35	19th "	" "	60	19th "
36	26th "	" "	30	26th "
37	" "	" "	15	" "
38	9th Sept	" "	20	9th Sept
39	" "	" "	25	" "
40	10th Sept	" "	20	10th Sept

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No. 121.

Government House
Falkland Islands
5th October 1868.

My Lord Duke,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Grace's despatches of the 29th May and 1st July (Nos. 38 & 43) with reference to the proceedings which arose here out of the wreck of the "Coquimbana" and forwarding a copy of a letter upon the same subject from the Association for the protection of Commercial Interests as respects wrecked and damaged property.

2. I am exceedingly gratified at receiving the expression of Your Grace's Approbation of the course which I adopted on that occasion; and I am glad that it fell in the line of my duty to render to the Salvage Association the service which they have now so handsomely acknowledged.

I have &c. &c.

(signed) William Robinson
Governor.

His Grace
the Duke of Buckingham
& Chandos

No. 122.

Government House
Falkland Islands
3th October 1868.

My Lord Duke

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Grace's Separate (Parliamentary) despatches of the 10 & 17th June & 15th July, covering the following papers:-

	Copies
Emigration Commissioners Report	3
Railway Accidents 1868 part 2.	2
10th Report of Medical Officers of the Privy Council 1867	2.

I have &c. &c.

Signed
William Robinson
Governor

His Grace the
Duke of Buckingham
& Chandos

No. 123.

Government House
Falkland Islands
27th October 1868.

My Lord Duke

In accordance with the permission contained in Your Grace's despatch No. 40. of the 23rd June. I have the honour to report that I have duly recognized Mr George W. Sloan in the permanent appointment of Vice Commercial Agent for the United States at this Port.

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

His Grace
the Duke of Buckingham
& Chandos

Separate

Government House
Falkland Islands
31st October 1868.

My Lord Duke

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt by last Mail of Your Grace's despatches of the Numbers and dates noted in the Enclosure, and to forward at the same time the usual Schedules of Unanswered despatches.

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

His Grace
The Duke of Buckingham
& Chandos

Acknowledgement of Despatches.

Originals

18th May	(Par.)	
9th June		
10th "		
" "	(Par)	
15th "	"	
" "	(Par)	
23rd "	"	
" "	"	
25th "	"	
27th "	"	
4th July	"	
7th "	"	
9th "		
11th "		
14th "		
13th "	(Par)	
21st "	"	
29th "	"	
31st "	"	

Duplicates

Separate	5th May	— —	Circular
Circular	13th "	— —	"
No 39	19th "	— —	No. 37.
Separate	22nd "	— —	Circular
Circular	26th "	— —	Circular
Separate	29th "	— —	No. 38.
No 40	30th "	— —	Circular
Circular	1st June	— —	"
"	10th "	— —	No. 39.
	13th "	— —	Circular
"			No 40
Separate	23rd "	— —	Circular
No 41	" "	— —	
Separate	25th "	— —	"
"	4th July	— —	Separate
No 42	7th "		No 41.
Separate			
No 43			
Circular			
"			

No. 124.

Government House
Falkland Islands
3rd November 1868.

My Lord Duke

I have the honour to inform your Grace that I have drawn the following Bills on the Paymaster General on the Credit of the Parliamentary Grant in aid for the Financial Year 1868-69. :-

No. 1. dated 6th October 1868. the Sum of One hundred pounds Sterling in favour of the London and Westminster Bank. Exchange at par.

No. 2. dated 24th October 1868. the Sum of Ten pounds Sterling in favour of Mr E Worthington. Exchange at Par.

No. 3. dated 31st October 1868. the Sum of Fifty pounds Sterling in favour of J. C. Schaeffler. Exchange at par.

No. 4. dated 2nd November 1868. the Sum of Thirty pounds Sterling in favour of the London and Westminster Bank Exchange at par.

No. 5. dated 2nd November 1868. the Sum of Thirty five Pounds Sterling in favour of Edward Thornton. Exchange at Par.

No. 6 dated 2nd November 1868. the Sum of One hundred Pounds Sterling in favour of J. P. Smithin Exchange at par.

2. These Bills in accordance with the Colonial Instructions as Amended by Memorandum of 27th June, are drawn on the Paymaster General at Ten days sight. The proceeds are required for the General Services of the Colony, as will been seen from the Enclosed Certificate. have been duly carried to the Credit of the Colonial Revenue.

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

His Grace
the Duke of Buckingham
& Chandos.

Government Office
Falkland Islands
2nd November 1868.

I hereby certify that the proceeds of the Bills on the Paymaster General mentioned in the Accompanying letter of advice have been duly carried to the Credit of the Colonial Revenue as per Statement below.

No. 1	—	6th	October	1868	£ 100	Carried to Credit	6th Oct 1868
" 2	—	21st	"	"	" 10	do do	24th " "
" 3	—	31st	"	"	" 50	do do	31st " "
" 4	—	2nd	Nov.	"	30	do do	2nd Nov.
" 5	—	"	"	"	35	do do	" " "
" 6	—	"	"	"	100	do do	" " "

(Sd)

H. Lyne
Acg. Col. Sec.y

No. 125.

Government House
Falkland Islands
3rd. December 1868.

My Lord Duke

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Grace's despatches Nos. 46 and 47 of the 8th and 25th September, with Copies of letters from the Falkland Islands Company regarding two letters which were addressed to the Companys late Manager, Mr. Foster, at Stanley, and which were returned to England instead of being delivered to Mr. Foster's Successor Mr. Cobb.

2. Your Grace will observe from the Enclosed correspondence between the Postmaster and Mr. Cobb that the Letters in Question were forwarded, not to the Returned Letter Office, as the Directors appear to have understood, but to Mr. Foster's private residence in London, in accordance with his particular request before leaving the Colony that all letters addressed to himself personally and arriving after his departure might be so returned. When Mr Cobb applied at the Post Office for the Letters Mr Byng Consulted me upon the subject, and asked my advice as to whether he should deliver them to Mr. Cobb or return them to Mr. Foster. There was nothing to show that the letters were on the Companys business. They were addressed to Mr. Foster by name, and had all the appearance of private letters. I therefore recommended Mr Byng to forward them to Mr. Foster in fulfillment of his promise. And he redirected and posted them Accordingly. Mr. Cobb was probably annoyed at not being able to obtain possession of the letters. but I think

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the Directors might well have waited to acquaint themselves with all the circumstances of the case before writing to the Secretary of State about a distant Officer in the terms which they employ in the Correspondence. In their letter of the 15th September the Directors express a hope that Your Grace's "application to the "Governor will lead to the Falkland Postal "Service being conducted in a more Regular "manner." In simple justice to a most faithful and painstaking Officer, I would beg to assure Your Grace that the Postal Service is conducted by Mr Byrne with that Care and marked Consideration for the Convenience of the Public which characterize his Official Conduct and which he cheerfully brings at all times to the performance of the multifarious and troublesome duties that devolve upon him as the sole assistant to the Head of the Executive Government.

I have &c &c &c

(Sd)

William Robinson
Governor.

His Grace
The Duke of Buckingham
& Chandos.

No. 126.

Government House
Falkland Islands
16th December 1868.

My Lord Duke

In reply to Your Grace's Despatch No. 49 of the 2nd October, I have the honour to report that I am not aware of any objection to the appointment of Mr Cobb as Belgian Consul in the Falkland Islands.

2. Mr Cobb is Colonial Manager for the Falkland Islands Company. He is a Gentleman of Education and intelligence. And I have in accordance with Your Grace's permission, recognized him provisionally as Belgian Consul until the arrival of the Exequatur.

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

His Grace
The Duke of Buckingham
& Chandos.

No. 127.

Government House
Falkland Islands
16th December 1868

My Lord Duke

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Grace's Despatch No. 44 of the 29th August, with a Copy of a letter from the Italian Chargé d'Affaires stating that his Government would be glad to obtain any information which I may be able to supply respecting the position and respectibility of Mr Cobb, Manager of the Falkland Islands Company.

2. Mr Cobb is a Gentleman of Education and Intelligence. He is a Magistrate for the Falklands Islands, a shrewd man of Business, and holds provisionally as Your Grace is aware from my Despatch of this date the appointment of Belgian Consul in the Falkland Islands, an Appointment in which he will doubtless be permanently recognized.

I have &c. &c.

(Sd) William Robinson
Governor

His Grace
The Duke of Buckingham
& Chandos.

No. 128.

Government House
Falkland Islands
17th December 1868.

My Lord Duke

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Graces Despatch No. 45 of the 8th September, and hasten to accept the proposal of the French Government, communicated to Your Grace in the General Post Office letter of the 21st August, that the Public in France and this Colony should enjoy the privilege of optional pre-payment of ordinary letters, as well as security for the transmission of registered letters, the Colonial Post Office receiving as its share of the Postage 2d per ounce in Halfs upon all letters the postage of which shall be collected in France. Awaiting the promised instructions to be furnished by the General Post Office with respect to the rates to be collected on paid letters sent to, and unpaid letters received from France,

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

His Grace
The Duke of Buckingham
& Chandos.

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Government House
Falkland Islands
31st December 1868.

My Lord Duke

I have the honour to report to Your Grace that in conformity with Colonial Instructions Sections 147-8-9. I have this day drawn a Bill of Exchange on the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury at thirty days sight in favour of Mr George Rose Johnson, Paymaster of H.M.S. "Oberon" for the sum of £53.11.0 being the Amount due to the Captain of the "Oberon" for my Entertainment on board that Vessel during an official tour of inspection which occupied nineteen days. And from which I returned Yesterday.

2. Having been detained rather longer than I expected on the West Falkland in consequence of the severity of the Weather, I must beg Your Grace's indulgence if I postpone a Report on the Condition and prospects of the Colony, based on the personal Knowledge which I have acquired during this Visit, until another opportunity, as our Regular Mail will leave in three or four days, and I did not have time, without laying aside other and more pressing business to do justice to the subject or to place clearly before Your Grace the result of my observations.

3. For the present, however, I may say that the prospects of the Sheep farmers, Especially on the West Falkland, appear to me to be Extremely satisfactory.

I have &c &c

(Sd) William Robinson
Governor.

His Grace
The Duke of Buckingham
& Chandos.

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N° 129

Government House
Falkland Islands
31st December 1868.

My Lord Duke

In reply to Your Grace's Circular Despatch of the 1st September, I have the honour to report for the information of the Postmaster General and of the General Board of Telegraphs of the North German Board that there are not any Railways or Telegraphic systems in operation in this Colony, nor is the Colony connected by Submarine Cable with the Any other part of the World.

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

His Grace
The Duke of Buckingham
& Chandos.

N° 130 see ante
W. R/W.

"Keppel"

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Nº 131

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Government House
Falkland Islands
31st December 1868.

My Lord Duke

I had the honour duly to receive Your Grace's despatch Nº 43 of the 21st July, Authorizing me to issue to the South American Missionary Society a Lease of Keppel Island for 60 Years at a peppercorn rent.

2. On the Occasion of a recent visit paid to Stanley by Mr. Stirling, I accordingly completed the Lease, in the terms of the Draft enclosed in Your Grace's Despatch, and handed it to him as Legal Superintendant of the Mission. I was unable to obtain from Mr Stirling for cancellation the Original Lease of 1856. As neither Mr Stirling nor the Society at Home have ever had possession of anything more than a Copy of that document: Mr. Sheppard (the former Superintendant) to whom the Lease was issued, is supposed to have mislaid it, or to have carried it away, inadvertently Among his own Papers. The Official Copy of record in my Office has however been Consulted, and Mr Stirling has furnished me with a relinquishment, of which I enclose a Copy, And which Mr Griffiths, my legal Adviser, informs me is in due form and sufficient.

I have &c. &c.

(Sd.) William Robinson
Governor.

His Grace
The Duke of Buckingham
& Chandos.

In England (I am not Capt) no lease from Crown may exceed 21 years & this very excellent limit should not I think have been exceeded. The fee in asking for a lease ask Govt to trust them while they undertake do not trust the Govt: 22Jan98 W. EW

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Government House
Falkland Islands
31st December 1868.

My Lord Duke,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Grace's despatches of the numbers and dates noted in the Enclosure, and to forward at the same time the usual schedules of unanswered despatches.

I have &c. &c.
(1st)
William Robinson
Governor.

Acknowledgment of Despatches

Enclosure I.

Originals			Duplicates	
6th August	—	Circular	27th June	Circular
15th "	—	do	14th July	No 42
25th "	—	do	21st "	" 43
28th "	—	do	29th "	Circular
29th "	—	do	31st "	"
" "	—	No 44	6th Augt	"
1st Sept	—	Circular	13th "	"
4th "	—	Separate	28th "	"
8th "	—	No 45	29th "	"
" "	—	No 46	" "	"
9th "	—	Circular	1st Sept	No 44
11th "	—	Separate	8th "	Circular
13th "	—	Circular	" "	No 45
25th "	—	No 47.		" 46
1st Oct	—	" 48		
2nd "	—	" 49.		

Enclosure 2

None.

Enclosure 3.

None.

Government House
Falkland Islands
4th January 1869.

My Lord Duke

I have the honour to inform Your Grace that I have drawn the following Bills on the Paymaster General on the Credit of the Parliamentary Grant in aid for the financial year 1868-69:-

No 7 dated 3rd December 1868. The Sum of Fifty Pounds Sterling in favour of John P. Smitten At par.

No 8. dated 28th December 1868. The Sum of Sixty Pounds Sterling. in favour of John Spittle At par.

No 9. dated 29th December 1868. The Sum of Fifty Pounds Sterling in favour of the London and Westminster Bank. at par.

No 10 dated 30th December 1868. The Sum of One Hundred Pounds Sterling. in favour of J.P. Smitten At Par.

No 11. dated 30th December 1868. The Sum of Two Hundred and Eighty one Pounds Sterling in favour of J.M. Deale. At par.

No 12. dated 30th December 1868. The Sum of Thirty Pounds Sterling in favour of Major J.J. Moore. At par.

No 13. dated 31st December 1868. The Sum of Two Hundred Pounds Sterling. in favour of the The Falkland Islands Company. At par.

These Bills, in accordance with the Colonial instructions as Amended by Memorandum of 27th June, are drawn on the Paymaster General at ten days sight. The proceeds are required for the General Services of the Colony and as will be seen from the Enclosed Certificate, have been duly carried to the Credit of the Colonial Revenue.

I have &c
(Sd) William Robinson
Governor

His Grace
the Duke of Buckingham
& Chandos.

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No 133.

Government House
Falkland Islands
January 6th 1869.

My Lord Duke

I avail myself of the Approaching departure of the "Matilda" to forward for Your Graces Approval Authenticated transcripts in duplicate of two Ordinances passed by the Governor and Legislative Council on the 7th October last. Entitled respectively:-

No 2 of 1868. — "Spirit Licences Amend-" "ment Ordinance."

No 3 of 1868 — "An Ordinance to render" "Owners of Dogs liable for in-" "juries done to Cattle Sheep" "or other Stock"

2. These Ordinances which do not Appear to call for any Special remarks were introduced by me at the instance of Mr Cobb, the Colonial Manager of the Falkland Islands Company, of whose letter upon the Subject, I beg to forward a Copy.

3. The Minutes of the Legislative Council are also Enclosed.

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

His Grace
The Duke of Buckingham
& Chandos.

No. 134.

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Government House
Falkland Islands
29th January 1869.

My Lord Duke

I have the honour to request that Your Grace will be pleased to move the Paymaster General to remit to me for the service of this Government Three thousand pounds Sterling, Charging the same against the Parliamentary Grant in aid for the financial year 1869-70.

Sov.s & ½ Sovs	£1500
Crowns & ½ Crowns	1000
1s 6d & 3d pieces	480
Coppers	20
	£3000

2. This Specie (which should consist of the coins noted in the margin) may be consigned as usual to the Senior Naval Officer at Monte Video. I shall feel obliged if the Money can be shipped on board the Mail Steamer leaving Southampton on the 9th April next. Unless an opportunity should offer for transmitting it direct to the Falklands, or Monte Video, by any Vessel of War proceeding to South America.

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

His Grace
The Duke of Buckingham
& Chandos.

Despatches Nos. 133 and 134 ever forwarded by Brig "Matilda"

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No. 135.

Government House
Falkland Islands
19th February 1869.

My Lord Duke,

I have the honour to inform Your Grace that I have this day drawn the following Bill on the Paymaster General on the Credit of the Appropriation Law Grant in Aid for the current financial Year, No. 14. dated 19th February 1869. the sum of Five hundred Pounds Sterling in favour of the Revd Charles Bull. At-par.

2. The proceeds of this Bill are required for the General Service of the Colony, and as will be seen from the Enclosed Certificate have been duly carried to the Credit of the Colonial Revenue.

I have &c. &c.

Sd William Robinson
Governor

His Grace
the Duke of Buckingham
& Chandos.

Government Office
Falkland Islands
19th February 1869

I hereby Certify that the proceeds of the Bill No. 14. of the 19th February 1869. in favour of the Revd Charles Bull for the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds Sterling, now this day Carried to the Credit of the Colonial Revenue.

(Sd) A Byrne
Acg Colo Secretary

(Sd)
William Robinson
Governor

Forwarded by Mail of 1st Dec.

No. 136.

Government House
Falkland Islands
11th February 1869.

My Lord Duke

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Grace's Circular despatch of the 10th November and to state in reply that it will afford me much pleasure to show every attention in my power to the members of the Austrian Naval Expedition to Eastern Asia should that Mission visit the Falkland Islands.

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

His Grace
The Duke of Buckingham
And Chandos.

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No. 134.

Government House
Falkland Islands
13th February 1869.

My Lord Duke

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Grace's Circular despatch of the 26th October, with its Enclosures, enquiring which of the British Colonies are in a position to claim certain privileges in regard to the Differential Port and Navigation Dues levied upon Foreign Shipping in Cuba, Porto Rico, and the Philippine Islands, on the grounds of reciprocity in the treatment of Spanish Shipping.

2. In reply I beg to state that this is a free Port, and that no Port or Navigation Dues are levied on Vessels whatever may be their Nationality visiting the Falkland Islands, we are therefore in a position to claim the privileges referred to for Colonial Vessels visiting the Spanish Colonies, although, regard being had to the position and circumstances of the Colony there may be no immediate prospect of our benefiting by the privilege.

I have &c. &c.

(Sd) William Robinson
Governor

His Grace
The Duke of Buckingham
& Chandos.

No. 138.

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Government House
Falkland Islands
13 February 1869.

My Lord Duke

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Graces Circulars of the 10th and 21st October And the 3rd December, marked as per margin

The papers Entitled. "Railway Accidents: Parts 1868 and "Army Medical Report" 1866. were duly received by me. Those Entitled. "Consuls. Commercial Reports No. 5 to 10. 1868 Circular of 21st October did not reach the Colony.

I have &c. &c.

(Sd) William Robinson
Governor.

His Grace
the Duke of Buckingham
& Chandos.

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No. 139.

Government House
Falkland Islands
13th February 1869.

My Lord Duke

I have the honour to acknowledge Your Grace's despatch No. 50 of the 27th November, respecting the transmission of the Cape Pembroke Lighthouse Accounts to the Board of Trade

2. I will take care that these Accounts are forwarded to the Board of Trade as early as possible after the Expiration of each Month.

I have &c. &c.

(Sd) William Robinson
Governor

His Grace
the Duke of Buckingham
& Chandos.

Government House
Falkland Islands
25th February 1869.

My Lord Duke

I have not failed to give the most careful consideration to Your Grace's Circular of the 15th June, asking my opinion as to the expediency of adopting in this Colony the principles of the Imperial Act which provides for the carrying into Effect Capital Punishment within Prisons.

2. The opinion at which I have arrived is, that the time has not yet come for adopting this Law in the Colony. In England it was felt I believe that the advantages of Public Executions were more than counterbalanced by their demoralizing Effect upon the Spectators; And I for one am not disposed to contest the wisdom of the change. But the circumstances of this place are peculiar, and I do not think that the same argument applies to this Colony. The population is small, orderly, and free at all Events as yet, from the class of men which in England the Evils of Public Executions had become so apparent as to necessitate the alteration of the Law. In a large population where the criminal and depraved flock to a Public Execution, I grant that more crime is committed and the seeds of more evil laid than are compensated for by the Public Vindication of the Law. But I am told that at the only Public Executions (two) that have taken place here since the formation of the Settlement, nothing could have been more decorous and apparently awe-struck than the demeanour of the few people who attended.

3. For these reasons I am inclined to think that it is unnecessary, And for the following reasons

Reasons inexpedient, to alter the practice of the Colony. Our small population contains a considerable proportion of foreigners from South America, and these people accustomed as they are to an Atmosphere of falsehood and deceit, would never believe that a private Execution had been carried out at all, or that its solemnities really meant what they professed. On the other hand the Spanish and Indian Gauchos throughout the Country still speak of the Executions that they have witnessed, with terror and admiration of the way in which Englishmen carry out the Law.

4. Should Your Grace nevertheless be of opinion that it is desirable at once to assimilate the law of the Colony to that of England in this respect, I would beg to say that there is no Statutory impediment or difficulty in the way. There is no particular law or Regulation in force to the carrying out of Capital Punishment in the Settlement, the Law and as nearly as may be the practice formerly prevailing in England having hitherto been the rule. This being so it is competent to the Legislature of the Colony to adopt such measures as may be considered advisable.

I have &c. &c.

(Sd.)

William Robinson

Governor

His Grace
The Duke of Buckingham
& Chandos.

No. 141

Government House
Falkland Islands
26th February 1869.

My Lord Duke

I have the honour to submit copies of letters addressed to me by the Chairman of the Magistrates Court and the Colonial Chaplain relative to the Appointment of the Revd. Mr. Bull as administrator of the Estate of the late J. R. Goss, a Merchant and Publican of Stanley.

2. As this Administration is distinctly connected with the management of trading and commercial operations, Mr Bull is precluded by the 76th Section of the Colonial Regulations from accepting it without leave from the Governor approved by the Secretary of State. I have allowed Mr Bull to undertake provisionally the Administration of the Estate, and I hope that under the peculiar circumstances detailed in the correspondence Your Grace will approve of my having done so.

3. Mr Bull proposes, so soon as he shall have placed the business which was latterly much neglected by Mr Goss, in fair working order, to appoint a Competent Storeman to carry on the details of the work; Exercising himself nothing more than a general supervision of the business.

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

His Grace
The Duke of Buckingham
& Chandos.

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No. 142.

Government House
Falkland Islands
26th February 1869.

My Lord Duke

I have the honour to enclose Copies of letters that have passed between Mr. William Bull of Quality Court, Chancery Lane, and myself, respecting the granting of a Patent or an Exclusive privilege to one of his clients for the manufacture of fuel suitable for Steam purposes, from the Peat with which these Islands abound.

2. So much time must unnecessarily be consumed in conducting a correspondence of this nature between this Colony and England, that I have ventured to refer Mr. Bull to your Grace in the matter; and I need only add that the Legislative Council is quite prepared to grant a Patent or Exclusive privilege to Mr. Bull's client on such Conditions and for such period as your Grace may be pleased to direct.

3. Mr. Bull asks me to notify the Cost and Mode of proceeding for obtaining this Patent or concession. The Patent would, with Your Grace's approval, be granted by an Ordinance of the Local Legislature. The Enactment of such Ordinance would not be attended with any Expense to the Patentee.

I have &c. &c.

(Sd.)

William Robinson

Governor.

His Grace
The Duke of Buckingham
& Chandos.

No. 143

Government House
Falkland Islands
26 February 1869.

My Lord Duke

I have the honour to inform Your Grace that I have this day drawn the undermentioned Bill on the Paymaster General on the Credit of the Parliamentary Grant for the financial Year 1868-69.

No. 15 dated the 26. February 1869. For the sum of £50. in favour of the London and Westminster Bank. Exchange at par.

2. The proceeds of this Bill are required for the general Services of the Colony, and, as will be seen from the Enclosed Certificate, have been duly carried to the credit of the Colonial Revenue.

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

His Grace
The Duke of Buckingham
& Chandos.

Government Office
Falkland Islands
26th Feby. 1869.

I Hereby Certify that the proceeds of the Bill No. 15. of the 26th February 1869. in favour of the London and Westminster Bank, for the sum of Fifty Pounds Sterling, have been this day duly carried to the credit of the Colonial Revenue.

(Sd.) A. Byrne
Accountant.

(Countersigned)
William Robinson
Governor.

No. 144.

Government House
Falkland Islands
27th February 1869.

My Lord Duke,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the undermentioned despatches and to enclose the usual Schedules of Unanswered despatches:—

I have &c. &c.

(Sd) William Robinson
Governor.

His Grace The
Duke of Buckingham
& Chandos.

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Acknowledgment of Despatches.

Original			Duplicate		
10th October	(Part)	Separate	9th Sept.	"	Circular
21st "	"	"	15th "	"	"
26th "	"	Circular	25th "	"	No. 47.
27th "	"	"	1st Oct.	"	No. 48.
31st "	"	"	2nd "	"	No. 49
2nd Nov.	"	No. 50	26th "	"	Circular
3rd "	"	Circular	31st "	"	Circular
7th "	Acknowledging	Despatches	2nd Nov.	"	No. 50
10th "	"	"			
"	"	No. 51			
11th "	"	No. 52			
" "	"	Circular			
19th "	"	"			
28th "	"	"			
30th "	"	"			
" "	"	No. 53			
3rd Dec.	(Part)	Separate			
4th "	"	Circular			
" "	"	No. 54			
5th "	"	No. 55.			
8th "	Parliamentary Grant.				
"	Time table of Postal Service				

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Schedule of Sleepatches received from the Secretary of State which have been more than a month in the Governors hands unanswered.

None.

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Schedule of Sleepatches addressed by the Governor to the Secretary of State which appear to have remained unanswered for more than five months.

None.

No. 145

Government House
Falkland Islands
27th February 1869.

My Lord Duke

I have the honour to submit to Your Grace an Ordinance recently passed by the Governor and Legislative Council of this Falkland Islands entitled:- No. 1 of 1869.

An Ordinance to provide for the Appropriation of the Casual Revenues of the Crown arising from escheated Estates.

2. In framing this Ordinance the Legislative Council has had before it the Secretary of State's Circulars of the dates noted in the margin, on the instructions contained in which this Ordinance, slightly modified to suit local circumstances has been based. Circ 25 Jan 1867 W. Gn.

I have &c. &c.

(Sd.) William Robinson
Governor

His Grace
The Duke of Buckingham
& Chandos.

P.S.

The Minutes of the Legislative Council are herewith Enclosed.

No. 146.

Government House
Falkland Islands
27th February 1869.

My Lord Duke

In reference to your Grace's circular despatch of the 9th September. I have the honour to state that there is no law in force in this Colony relating to the Registration of Medical Practitioners.

2. In legislating upon this subject I will not fail to be guarded by the provisions of the Act 31 Victoria, Cap 29. which accompanied your Graces despatch.

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

His Grace
The Duke of Buckingham
& Chandos.

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No. 147.

Government House
Falkland Islands
27th February 1869

My Lord Duke,

I have the honour to report to Your Grace that I have this day drawn the undermentioned Bill on the Paymaster General on the Credit of the Parliamentary Grant for the Financial Year 1868-69.

No. 16. dated 27th February 1869. For the sum of £30. in favour of the Revd. Charles Bull Exchange at Par.

2. The proceeds of this Bill are required for the general services of the Colony, and, as will be seen from the Enclosed Certificate have been duly Carried to the Credit of the Colonial Revenue.

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

His Grace
The Duke of Buckingham
& Chandos.

Government Office
Falkland Islands
27th February 1869.

I hereby Certify that the proceeds of the Bill No. 16 of the 27th February 1869, in favour of the Revd. Charles Bull, for the sum of £30. have been this day duly Carried to the Credit of the Colonial Revenue.

(Sd) A. Byng
Accountant.

Schedule of Despatches.

Transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies by the Schooner "Foam" on the

Number of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	No. of Enclosures
No. 136.	11th Feb.y 1869.	Acknowledging Circular of 10 November	Nil
No. 137.	12th " "	Respecting Port Dues at certain of the Spanish Colonies.	Nil
No. 138.	12th "	Acknowledging Parl.y Papers	Nil
No. 139.	12th "	Relative to transmission of Lighthouse Accounts	Nil
No. 140.	25th Feb.y	Respecting Capital Punishment within Prisons.	Nil
No. 141	26th Feby	Respecting Colonial Chaplains appointment as Administrator to Estate of late J.W. Goss.	2.
No. 142.	26th Feby.	Regarding Patent Solicited by Mr. Wm. Bull for manufacture of Steam Fuel from Peat.	2.
No. 143.	26th " "	Advising Draft on Paymaster General.	1.
No. 144.	27th " "	Acknowledging Despatches.	3
No. 145.	27th " "	Forwarding transcripts of Ordinance No. 1 of 1869.	
No. 146	27th " "	Acknowledging Circular regarding Registration of Medical Practitioners	Nil
No. 147.	27th " "	Advising Draft on the Paymaster General.	
Also	Duplicate	Despatches of Nos. 133-4-5.	

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No. 148.

Government House
Falkland Islands
18th March 1869.

My Lord

Referring to the Secretary of States No. 33. of the 30th November, I have the honour to report the safe arrival per H.M.S. "Boxer" of the £1,750. forwarded from the Treasury on the 30th November in Compliance with the request contained in my despatch No. 114 of the 31st August.

I have &c &c

(Sd.) William Robinson
Governor.

The Right Honble.
Earl Granville K.G.

No. 149.

Government House
Falkland Islands
30th March 1869.

My Lord

I have the honour to report that I have this day drawn the undermentioned Bill on the Paymaster General on the Credit of the Parliamentary Grant for the financial Year 1868-69.

£12 No. 17. dated the 30th March 1869. for the sum of twelve Pounds in favour of the Revd Charles Bull, Ct. par.

2. The proceeds of this Bill are required for the general Services of the Colony, and, as will be seen from the Enclosed Certificate, have been duly carried to the Credit of the Colonial Revenue.

3. This Bill (vide accompanying Statement) exhausts the Parliamentary Grant in aid of this Government for the financial Year 1868-69.

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

The Right Honble
Earl Granville K.G.

Colonial Secretarys Office
Falkland Islands
30th March 1869.

I hereby certify that the proceeds of the Bill No. 17. of the 30th March 1869. in favour of the Revd Charles Bull for the Sum of twelve Pounds Sterling were this day carried to the Credit of the Colonial Revenue.
(Sd) H. Lyons
Accountant.

Disposal of Grant for 1868-69.

No. & description of Service		Amount of Bills	Remarks.
No.	24	£200	
"	25	70	
"	26	200	
"	27	100	
"	28	80	
"	29	38	
"	30	200	
"	31	20	
"	32	150	
"	33	35	
"	34	25	
"	35	60	
"	36	50	
"	37	15	
"	38	20	
"	39	25	
"	40	20	
"	1	100	
"	2	10	
"	3	50	
"	4	30	
"	5	35	
"	6	100	
"	7	50	
"	8	60	
"	9	50	
"	10	100	
"	11	281	
"	12	30	
"	13	200	
		250	Governor's Salary to 30 June 1868. paid in England.
		1,750.	Cash from Treasury shipped 30th Nov. 1868.
"	14	500	
"	15	50	
"	16	50	
"	17	12	
		£5016	

Government House
Falkland Island
30th March 1869.

Statement showing disposal of Parliamentary Grant for 1868-69.

Governor's Salary 1st to 30th June paid in England	£250
Cash from Treasury Shipped 30 November 1868	£1750
Governor's Drafts Nos 24 to 40 and 1 to 17 inclusive.	£3,016.
	£5,016
Total Grant for period as above	£5,016

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No. 150.

Government House
Falkland Islands
31st. March 1869.

My Lord.

I have the honour to report that in accordance with the permission contained in the Secretary of State's despatch No. 64 of the 4th December, I have caused to be re-enacted the Ordinance for the protection of Wild Cattle, passed by the Governor and Legislative Council on the 23rd. of August 1867, for the purpose of correcting a verbal error in the first clause of the same, And I now beg leave to Enclose Authenticated transcripts of the Ordinance as Amended, which will I trust be found correct. No. 3 of 1867. No. 2 of 1869.

2. I will take care to remove all doubts as to the limits within which the Lessees are respectively Authorized to Kill and Capture Wild Cattle.

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

The Right Hon.ble
Earl Granville K.G.

No. 151.

Government House
Falkland Islands.
1st April 1869.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's Circular despatch of the 9th December informing me that Her Majesty has been pleased to entrust to Your Care as one of the principal Secretaries of State, the Seals of the Colonial Department:

I have &c. &c.

(Sd) William Robinson
Governor

The Right Honble
Earl Granville K.G.

No. 152.

Government House
Falkland Islands
1st April 1869

My Lord I have the honour to Acknowledge the receipt of the following Parliamentary Papers, Enclosed in your Lordship's despatches (Parliamentary) of the 8th January

Consuls Commercial Reports No. 11 & 12 of 1868.
Ditto in China, Japan, and Siam 1866-68.
Reports of Secretaries of Embassy and Legation No. 3 & 6 of 1868.

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

The Right Honble
Earl Granville K. G.

No. 153.

Government House
Falkland Islands
14th April 1869.

My Lord.

I have the honour to report that I have this day drawn the undermentioned Bill on the Paymaster General on the Credit of the Parliamentary Grant for the financial Year 1869-70.

No. 1. dated the 14th April 1869. for the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds, in favour of the Revd Charles Bull, at Par.

2. The proceeds of this Bill are required for the General Services of the Colony, and, as will be seen from the Enclosed Certificate, have been duly carried to the Credit of the Colonial Revenue.

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

The Right Honble
Lord Granville K.G.

Colony of the Falkland Islands.

Bill No. 1 dated 14th April 1869. drawn by Governor W. C. F. Robinson on the Paymaster General for the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds, on the Credit of the Parliamentary Grant for the General Services of the Colony in aid of Colonial Revenue for the Year 1869-70.

I hereby Certify that the Amount realized by the Bill above described was duly carried to the Credit of the Colonial Revenue on the 14th April 1869.

(Sd) W. Wynn
Accountant.

(Sd) W. F. C. Robinson
Governor

14th April 1869.

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No. 154

Government House
Falkland Islands
19th April 1869.

My Lord.

I had the honour duly to receive the Duke of Buckingham's despatch No. 55 of the 5 December, instructing me to report whether I am aware, or not, of any objection to the Appointment of Mr Powell, as Commercial Agent for the United States at the Falkland Islands.

2. My Acquaintance with Mr Powell (who arrived from the United States only by last mail) is of very recent date. He appears, however, to be a Gentleman of intelligence and discretion, And I am certainly not aware of any objection to the Appointment. Under these Circumstances I have recognized him, subject to Her Majesty's Approval, as Commercial Agent for the United States at the Falkland Islands.

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

The Right Hon.ble
Earl Granville K.G.

No 155.

Government House
Falkland Islands
26th April 1869.

My Lord

I have the honour to report that I have this day drawn the undermentioned Bills on the Paymaster General on the Credit of the Parliamentary Grant for the Current Financial Year:-

No 2 dated 26th April 1869. for the sum of Thirty Pounds, in favour of the London and Westminster Bank, at par.

No 3 dated 26th April 1869. for the sum of Thirty Pounds in favour of Messrs E. F. Manning & Co. at par.

No 4. dated the 26th April 1869 for the sum of Thirty Pounds in favour of Messrs Hodges & Bitter, at par.

2. The proceeds of these Bills are required for the General Services of the Colony; and, as will be seen from the enclosed Certificate, have been duly carried to the Credit of the Colonial Revenue.

I have &c. &c.

(Sd) William Robinson
Governor

The Right Hon.ble
Earl Granville K.G.

Colony of the Falklands Islands

Bill No. 2 dated 26th April 1869. drawn by Governor W. F. C Robinson on the Paymaster General, for the sum of Thirty Pounds, on the Credit of the Parliamentary Grant for the general services of the Colony in aid of Colonial Revenue for the year 1869-70.

Bill No. 3 dated 26th April 1869. drawn by Governor W. C. F. Robinson on the Paymaster General for the sum of Thirty Pounds on the Credit of the Parliamentary Grant for the general services of the Colony in aid of Colonial Revenue for the year 1869-70.

Bill No. 4 dated 26th April 1869 drawn by Governor W. C. F. Robinson on the Paymaster General for the sum of Thirty Pounds on the Credit of the Parliamentary Grant for the general services of the Colony in aid of Colonial Revenue for the year 1869-70.

I hereby certify that the Amounts realized by Bills above described were duly Carried to the Credit of the Colonial Revenue on the 26th April 1869.

(Sd.) A. Byrne
Accountant.

(Sd.) W. C. F. Robinson
Governor

Government Offices
26th April 1869.

No. 156.

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Government House
Falkland Islands
26th April 1869.

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordships despatches of the Numbers and dates noted in the Enclosure, and, to forward at the same time the usual Schedules of unanswered despatches.

I have &c. &c.

(Sd) William Robinson
Governor

The Right Honble
Earl Granville K.G.

Enclosure 1.

Originals			Duplicates	
5th December	Circular		2nd Oct.	Circular
8th "	Statutes of St. Michael & St. George		3rd Nov.	"
9th "	Circular		10th "	"
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9th "	Circular		23rd "	"
11th "	"		28th "	"
16th "	No. 1.		30th "	"
18th "	No. 2.		30th "	No. 53.
28th "	No. 3.		4th Dec	Circular
29th "	Circular		4th "	No. 54
30th "	"		5th "	" 55
5th Febuary	"		5th "	Circular
			9th "	"
			4th January	

Enclosure 2.

Schedule of Despatches received from the Secretary of State which have been more than 4 Months in the Governor's hands unanswered.

None

Enclosure 3.

Schedule of Despatches addressed by the Governor to the Secretary of State which appear to have remained unanswered for more than five Months.

No. 110. of 12th August 1868.

No Inconvenience is occurring or likely to occur to the Colonial Government by delaying the Answer to this despatch.

No. 157.

Bills & E

Government House
Falkland Island
26th April 1869.

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordships despatch (Parliamentary Grant) of the 29th December, acquainting me that a Bill (Numbered 6) drawn by me on the 2nd November 1868. for the Sum of £109 had been presented at the Office of the Paymaster General, that Your Lordships had authorized the payment of the Same, but that in Consequence no advice of it having been received from me the Amount of the Bill had been charged as an imprest against myself.

2. I beg to assure Your Lordship that the Bill in question was duly advised by me in my despatch No. 1244 of the 2nd November the day on which the Bill was drawn - And that I never omitt to advise a Bill immediately and to forward the advice by the very first opportunity leaving the Colony as I am very sensible of the Embarassment which any omission in this respect on my part would cause in England. In the present case, I observe from Your Lordships general acknowledgment of Despatches dated the 7th January 1869 that my letter of advice re. the presentation of the Bill, and I can only conclude that the purchaser of the Bill forwarded it by the French Mail from Monte Video: whereas my despatches were sent, as usual, by the Castonian Channel of the Royal Mail (Contract) Steamer via Southampton.

3. To guard, as far as possible against

a repetition of this inconvenience, I will in future forward duplicates of all letters of Advice under Cover to H.M.'s Consul and Packet Agent at Monte Video, requesting him to send them on by the earliest opportunity or by the next usual Route instead of waiting for the departure of the Regular Mail which leaves Monte Video towards the End of each month.

4. Hoping that Your Lordship will acquit me of blame in the matter, under the circumstances mentioned in this despatch.

I have &c. &c.

(Sd) William Robinson
Governor.

The Right Hon.ble
Earl Granville K.G.

No 158.

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Government House
Falkland Islands
30th April 1869.

My Lord

I have the honour to Report that I have this day drawn the undermentioned Bills on the Paymaster General on the Credit of the Parliamentary Grant for the Financial Year 1869-70:-

No 5 dated 30th April 1869. for the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds, in favour of the Revd Charles Bull, at par.

No 6. dated 30th April 1869. for the Sum of One Hundred and Eighty Five Pounds in favour of the Receiver and Accountant General. At par.

The proceeds of these Bills are required for the General Services of this Colony, and, as will be seen from the Enclosed Certificate, have been duly Carried to the Credit of the Colonial Revenue.

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

The Right Honble
Earl Granville K.G.

Colony of the Falkland Islands.

Bill No. 5 dated 30th April 1869. drawn by Governor W. C. F. Robinson on the Paymaster General for the sum of Two Hundred Pounds, on the Credit of the Parliamentary Grant for the General Services of the Colony in aid of Colonial Revenue for the Year 1869-70.

Bill No. 6. dated 30th April 1869. drawn by Governor W. C. F. Robinson on the Paymaster General for the sum of One Hundred and Eighty-five Pounds, on the Credit of the Parliamentary Grant for the general Services of the Colony in Aid of Colonial Revenue for the Year 1869-70.

I hereby Certify that the Amounts Realized by the Bills above described were duly Carried to the Credit of the Colonial Revenue on the 30th April 1869.

(Sd) A. Syms
Accountant.

W. C. F. Robinson
Governor

Colonial Office
30th April 1869.

No. 159.

Government House
Falkland Islands
30th April 1869.

My Lord

I have the honour to Enclose certain papers concerning the painful loss by fire of the Ship "Blue Jacket" of Liverpool, on the 9th March, between 1000 and 500 miles due East of the Falkland Islands. A boat belonging to the "Blue Jacket" containing 11 Seamen and bar gold to the value of about £12,000, was picked up at Sea on the 29th March by the "Antonia Vinent" of Swansea; And from the Enclosed Reports, and the Evidence taken on An Enquiry which on the arrival of the "Antonia Vinent" at Stanley I ordered to be held touching the loss of the "Blue Jacket", Your Lordship and the Board of Trade will learn in detail all that I have been able to ascertain respecting this distressing and fatal Event.

2. It appears, briefly, that the "Blue Jacket", James White, Master, sailed from Lyttelton, New Zealand, on the 13th Feb'y last. She was bound for London and laden with wool, cotton, skins, flax, tow, tallow and gold; And had on board twenty six passengers whose names are given below. The Ship took fire at half past one P.M. on the 9th March, from, as is supposed, 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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3 There boats left the Ship on the night of the 5th inst. (1) A large half decked boat of about 10 or 11 tons burthen, called the Gacht.
(2) The first life boat.
(3) The second Life boat.

The Gacht was Commanded by Captain James White, Master of the "Blue Jacket", and had on board besides:

Fredrick Williams.	1st. Mate.
Fredrick Dalgleish	Surgeon.
* George Farrington	Purser
Thomas Perrit	1st. Steward
Hastings Riley	3rd Do
Thomas Assey	3rd Do
George Bobbin	Seaman
George Grinstead	Do
George Lynes	Boy
Miss Hunt	Stewardess.

Shipped via Lyttleton by the Sydenham.

Mr & Mrs Campbell
Mr & Mrs Saxton
Mr Brancher
Mr Clay
Another Gentleman a Naturalist. Name unknown, going Home for the Sake of his Eyes Believed to be English.

} Saloon Passengers.

Mr Compton
Mr Williams
Mr Hilchcott & Son
Mr Muir
Mrs Carlos & 2 Children
Miss Sheffield
Mr & Mrs Falkner & 4 Children
4 Passengers, Names unknown

} 2nd Cabin Passengers.

The first Life boat Contained:
Mr Arthur W. Webber 3rd Mate
James Cox. Boatswain
James Nathan. Engineer.

Samuel Maddox.	Apprentice
Ben. Neilson.	a Swede
Thomas King	
George Small	
William Jones	
Alexander Robertson	A.B.
William Henderson	A.B.
Samuel Hansel	A.B.
James Mace	A.B.
James Birch	Sailmaker
Michael Burgess	Carpenter
John M.c Donald	O.S.

The Second Life boat Contained:

Wm Bell.	Second Mate	
John Williams	Cook.	
Jesse Brown	A.B.	
— Spice	A.B.	
— Wilkinson	A.B.	
— Robertson	A.B.	
John Hollman	A.B.	
Henry Cobby	A.B.	
Walter Taylor	2.nd Cabin Steward	
Charles May	Cooks Mate	
Joseph Osborne	Coloured Man	O.S.
Charles Baikenfell		O.S.

The Ships Butcher name Unknown
Shipped in Lyttleton.

1. The first Life Boat it was which was picked up by the "Antonio Vinent" after having been twenty days at Sea. For provisions they had on board when they left the wreck. three bags of bread one Cask of water mixed with Rum, two Jars of water And a few tins of preserved meats, Sardines, and butter. Some articles of clothing which were saved in the first instance, were partly thrown overboard on the morning of the second day. The Gold to which I have Already referred

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was stowed away in the side Compartments of the Life boats. The Crew, as may be supposed, suffered the greatest Hardships from thirst and Cold. Four. M^c Donald, Burgess, Robertson, and Henderson, died in the boat, one after the other delerious from excessive thirst and Exposure: and three (Grace, Hansell, and Bicks.) on board the "Antonia Vincent.", from the Effects of Weakness and frostbite. Immediately on the Arrival of the "Antonia Vincent." at this Port. I placed the survivors in the hands of a Medical man, and afforded them, I need hardly say, all the Comforts and assistance in my power. One or two of the men were landed in an exceedingly Critical State, and had to submit to Painful Amputations of the feet, but they are all now out of danger and able to walk about again. It is my intention to send them home as distressed Seamen in H.M.S. "Megæra", now momentarily expected from Rio de Janeiro with our next detachment of Marines.

3. I deeply regret that it is not in my power to afford any information respecting the fate of the two Crowded Yacht or the second life boat. "It appears from the Evidence (the "Magistrates state in their Report.) that on the "11th" of March, whilst waiting for the Falkland "Islands, with a fair wind as directed by the "Captain, the 1st" Life boat lost sight of the "other two boats. (which have never been heard "of since. We had no Evidence to prove how "the second Lifeboat was provisioned, but we "fear the Yacht had but a scanty Allowance "for so many persons, as there were only 30 tins "of Meat, 2 dozen tins Sardines, 2 Boiled Hams, some "tins of Soup, one Bag of Bread (partly damaged "by Salt Water) and 25 Gallons of Water. If "therefore they have not been picked up by

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"some (boxes), the probabilities are that they
"have perished. We are however still sanguine
"that they have reached some place
"in safety."

"In conclusion (we) beg to send (for the satisfaction
"of their friends) a list of the crew
"copied from the Ships Log who were left
"in Lyttelton New Zealand. viz:-
"J. Thorn (A.B.) A. Carlow. C. Holland. Cart-
"-wright. - Maurice. - Brown (A.B.) Johnson. -
"Bellingeburg. - MacLeod. - J. Laird (A.B.)
"Ciselly (A.B.)".

6. As regards the Gold which was found
in the first lifeboat. It consists of fourteen
bars each marked with a number and the
words "Bank of New Zealand"; And is worth
altogether, As nearly As I can judge £12,000
Sterling. I took charge of it on the Arrival
of the "Antonio Vicent" on behalf of the
owner or owners unknown, there being no
Receiver of Wrecked property in the Colony
And deposited it in one of the Government
Safes, mounting a Guard of Marines over
the Building for greater Security by night.
As I neither know to whom it belongs nor
when it was insured, I have decided to send
it to England by H.M.S. "Megera" consigned
to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, 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 involve a
delay of seven or Eight months And a loss
of Interest on the money Value of the
Gold.

7. I am sorry that I cannot send the
Enclosed Report and Evidence to your Lordship

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in duplicate, but as I only received the papers from the Court this morning, and the mail leaves in a few hours I have not time to do so. The duplicates shall be forwarded by H.M.S. "Megera".

I have &c. &c.

(Sd) William Robinson
Governor

The Right Hon^ble
Earl Granville K.G.

Schedule of Despatches

Transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies by the Schooner "Foam" on the [illegible] 186[illegible]

Number of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	No. of Enclosures
No. 148	18th March	Respecting sale Arrival of Specie per H.M.S. "Boxer"	Nil
" 149	30th "	Advising Draft. No. 17 on Paymaster General.	2
" 150	31st " "	Forwarding Ordinance for protection of Wild Cattle	2
" 151	1st April	Acknowledging Circular of 9th November.	Nil
" 152	" "	Acknowledging Parliamentary Papers.	Nil
" 153	14th " "	Advising Draft. No. 1. on Paymaster General.	1
" 154	19th " "	Respecting Appointment of Mr. J. Powell as Commercial Agent for the United States	Nil.
" 155	26th " "	Advising Draft. No. 2.334. on Paymaster General.	1.
" 156	" "	Acknowledging Despatches	3
" 157.	" "	Explaining that Bill No. 6 of the 3rd Nov. was duly Adopted by Governor on the day on which it was drawn	Nil
" 158.	30th " "	Advising Draft No. 546 on Paymaster General.	3
" 159.	" "	Reporting loss by fire of the "Blue Jacket."	
Note.	A Duplicate Copy was forwarded by	No. Despatch No. 149 Private Vessel.	

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No. 160

Government House
Falkland Islands
1st May 1869.

My Lord I have the honour to report for Your Lordship's approval that I have appointed Mr. William Forrest MacClinton M.D. Surgeon to the Garrison, to be a Member of the Executive Council in the room of Mr. Arthur Bailey, resigned.

I have &c. &c.

(Sd.) William Robinson
Governor

The Right Hon.ble
Earl Granville K.G.

No 161.

Government House
Falkland Islands
4th May 1869

My Lord.

In Continuation of my despatch No 159. of the 30th ultimo, I have now the honour to report, that I have this day shipped on board H.M.S. "Megara", Staff Commander Jabez Loane, Commanding the fourteen bars of Gold recovered from the wreck of the "Blue Jacket," Consigned to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, to be held by them to the order of the lawful owners. The eight Sea Otter referred to in the 4th paragraph of my despatch as aforesaid will be embarked on board the "Megara" the day after tomorrow for Conveyance to England. They leave the Colony in Comparatively good Health.

2. I ought to mention that James Cox, the Boatswain of the "Blue Jacket", was put on his trial before the Police Court for stealing the Gold. It having come out in Evidence on the Enquiry which I ordered for the information of the Board of Trade, that he broke open two boxes containing the Gold as soon as the "Antonio Vinent" appeared in Sight, and endeavoured to secrete Certain of the bars about his person, before leaving the Boat. He was, however, acquitted; And the Chief Magistrate reports to me that in his opinion it does not appear desirable under the Circumstances to know that any further Criminal proceedings should be taken in this Colony.

3. I regret to say that up to the present time no information has been received here respecting the fate of either of the missing boats.

4. I enclose for transmission to the Board of Trade a duplicate Copy of the Report of the Magistrate who conducted the Investigation;

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a duplicate Copy of the Evidence taken in the Enquiry; the Mates log of the "Blue Jacket" and two paper books found in the Boat.

I have &c. &c.

(Sd.)

William Robinson

Governor.

The Right Honble
Earl Granville K.G.

No 162.

Government House
Falkland Islands
5th May 1869.

My Lord,

I have the honour to report that with the advice and consent of the Executive Council I have granted Eight-months leave of absence to Mr Edward R. Griffiths, Stipendiary Magistrate, for the purpose of enabling him to return to England for the benefit of his health.

2. Mr Griffiths is unable to say at this moment whether or not he will be able to return to the Colony at the expiration of his leave, but he has promised me that he will take the earliest opportunity of communicating with Your Lordship how this point is; and I would beg to express a hope that if Mr Griffiths should be compelled to resign his appointment no time may be lost in the selection of his successor. As it is extremely undesirable that the Colony, rapidly increasing as it is in business and importance, should be left without the assistance of a legally qualified Officer.

3. The usual Certificate are herewith enclosed.

I have &c. &c.

(Sd) William Robinson
Governor

The Right Hon.ble
Earl Granville K.G.

P.S.

Mr Bailey who has been appointed by me to act for Mr Griffiths during his absence from the Colony is the Senior Magistrate on the Roll of Justices, and on a former occasion discharged the duties of Stipendiary Magistrate and Chairman of the Courts for some months with considerable intelligence.

Certificate.

I hereby Certify that with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of Government I have granted to Wm. Edward Rogers Griffiths Eight months leave of Absence.

(Signed)
William Robinson
Governor.

I hereby Certify that Wm. Edward R. Griffiths has received full Salary at the rate of £325 per Annum as Stipendiary Magistrate up to the 30th April 1869.

(Sd) G. H. Lynes
Ag. Col. Sec.

I hereby Certify
1st That the above Leave was granted to commence on the 10th May 1869 And End on the 10th of ~~December~~ January 1870 on the ground of Ill Health. And that the Medical Certificate was produced, of which a Copy is Annexed.
2nd That Mr Griffiths has been in the Service of the Colony for 5 Years and 7 Months.
3rd That in the Course of that Service he has not been absent on Leave.
4th That provision has been made for the due Execution of Mr Griffiths Office during his absence by Wm. Arthur Bailey.

Extension granted by Sec of State until to end to April 1870

	Years	months
1. Total Service from date of arrival in the Colony to date of Certificate:	5	7
2. Deduct Total Absences since arrival (other than Vacation Leave) whether with or without half Salary:	"	"
3. Period of Resident Service.	5	7.
4. Maximum Amount of Leave Authorized by by Regulation in respect of the above period of Resident Service viz:- ½ of Resident Service + (Six Months).	1	5
5. Leave on half Salary already taken since first arrival in this Colony	"	"
6. Leave now granted.	"	8

No. 163.

Government House
Falkland Islands
6th May 1869.

My Lord,

I have the honour to report that Her Majesty's Ship "Megara", having on board a new Detachment of Marines, arrived here on the 3rd instant, and that she will leave again for England on Monday next, reconveying three men of the old Detachment who have not taken their discharge in the Colony.

I have &c, &c,

(Sd) William Robinson
Governor.

The Right Hon^ble
Earl Granville K.G.

Schedule of Despatches.

Transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies by H.M.S. "Megara" on the 11th May 1869.

Number of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	Nº of Enclosures
No. 160	1st May 1869.	Respecting appointment of Mr W.T. Mac Clinton to the Executive Council.	Nil
" 161.	4th " "	With reference further to loss of "Blue Jacket"	
" 162.	5th " "	Respecting leave of absence to Stipendiary Magistrate Mr E.R. Griffiths.	
" 163.	6th " "	Respecting arrival of detachment of Royal Marines.	

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No. 164.

Government House.
Falkland Islands
22nd May 1869.

My Lord.

I have not failed to give due publicity to the Duke of Buckinghams Despatch of the 8th December informing me that the Queen has been graciously pleased to sanction such a modification of the Statutes of the order of St. Michael and St. George together with such an Enlargement of its numbers as will render it available as a reward of Distinguished Merit or Services in any part of Her Majesty's Colonial Possessions.

2. As one long connected with and interested in the Colonies, I may be permitted to express the pleasure with which I witness a step which will associate leading Colonists with persons of distinction in the Mother Country, and serve, I feel convinced, to strengthen the loyalty and attachment of Her Majesty's Colonial Subjects in all parts of the Empire

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

The Right Hon.ble
Earl Granville K.G.

No 165.

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Government House
Falkland Islands
23rd May 1869.

My Lord.

Referring to the Duke of Buckingham's despatch Circular of the 15th December respecting the system of furnishing Government Houses in those of Her Majesty's Colonies not possessing Representative Governments; I have the honour to acquaint Your Lordship that I have substituted the new arrangement for that heretofore in force in this Colony, and that the Government House is now furnished throughout in a substantial and Comfortable manner at the Public Expense.

2. I have expended in furniture for the Bedrooms (the Reception Rooms were furnished some years ago) a little over £300 which will not I hope be considered unreasonable, especially when I mention that many of the Articles were hastily purchased at Monte Video in anticipation of a visit from His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.

3. A Complete List of the furniture of Government House showing the Value of each Article will be found in the Blue Book for 1868, which I hope to forward by next mail.

I have &c. &c.

(Sd) William Robinson
Governor

The Right Honble
Earl Granville K.G.

No. 165. A

Government House
Falkland Islands
3rd June 1869.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordships despatch No. 7 of the 1st April enclosing a Notarial Protest in the case of the Italian Merchant Vessel "Peru", and directing me to return it to Your Lordship duly attested with my own Signature.

2. In the absence of Specific instructions as to the form of attestation desired, I have Certified under my hand and Seal to the Signature of the Notary Public; And I have suggested to the Notary Public that in cases of Protests connected with Foreign Vessels it would be well for him in future to obtain such attestations before the Protests leave the Colony.

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

The Right Hon.ble
Earl Granville K.G.

I hereby Certify that Wm. Edward Rogers Griffiths was at the date of the within Protest a duly appointed Notary Public for this Colony, And that the Signature "E.R. Griffiths, Notary Public." is in the hand writing of that Officer.

Given under my hand and Seal at Government House, Stanley, Falkland Islands this third day of June One thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-nine.
(Sd) William Robinson
Governor & Commander in Chief

No. 166.

Government House
Falkland Islands
3rd June 1869.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's despatches Parliamentary of the 19th and 22nd March enclosing the following Parliamentary Papers:—

Report on Laws of Naturalization and Allegiance. 1. Copy

Army Estimates. Colonies
Repayments 6. Copies

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

The Right Hon.ble
Earl Granville K.G.

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No. 166. A

Government House
Falkland Islands
15th June 1869.

Sir F. Rogers to Gov. Robinson
Despatch Circular 10 March

My Lord,

In reply to the Circular noted in the margin, I have the honour to report for the information of the Science and Art Department that the Government does not Publish or Authorize the publication of any works on Educational Subjects.

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

The Right Hon.ble
Earl Granville K.G.

No. 167.

Government House
Falkland Islands
18th June 1869.

My Lord,

I avail myself of the sailing of the Schooner "Louisa" for Monte Video to advise Your Lordship of my having drawn the Bills noted in the enclosed Schedules on the Board of Trade and the War Department in (part) repayment of sums which I have expended in the relief of distressed seamen, the support of Cape Pembroke Lighthouse, and the payment of Pensioners resident in the Colony. As per accounts ordered by me respectively to the Departments Concerned.

2. The detailed accounts of these advances have been forwarded by me duly supported by the usual Vouchers, and I have furnished to the Audit Department a Certificate in respect of such advances of the character required by the latter part of Section 362 of the Colonial Regulations as amended by Circular of the 27 June 1868.

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

The Right Hon.ble
Earl Granville K.G.

Schedule of Bills drawn by the Governor of the Falkland Islands on the Board of Trade in repayment of Advances made on behalf of that Department.

Date	Number	In whose favour	Services in which Advances was expended	Rate of Exchange	Amount of Bill. £	s	d
1869							
18th June	8vo 1	Walter Bailey	Liquidation of Advances	par	100	0	0
" "	" 2	C. Peniam	Do Do	"	80	0	0
" "	" 3	John Spittle	Do Do	"	30	0	0
" "	" —	W. Dean & Son	Relief of Distressed Seamen of Ship "Malvern"	"	128	4	10

Stanley
18th " June 1869.

(Sd) William Robinson
Governor.

Schedule of Bills drawn by the Governor of the Falkland Islands on the War Department in repayment of Military Advances.

Date	8vo	In whose favour	Services in which Advances were made	Rate of Exchange	Amount of Bill £	s	d
1869							
18th June	1	Jas. Brandon	Payment of Pensioner resident in the Colony.	par	200	0	0

Stanley
18th " June 1869.

(Sd) William Robinson
Governor.

Government House
Falkland Islands
25th June 1869

Cost allowance

My Lord,

Paul & Grant.
D.S. 16th March 1869.
Duty Grant.
R.S. 3rd April 1869

Referring to your Lordship's despatches noted in the margin, I have the honour to state, by continuation of my despatch No 130 of the 31st December, that I embarked on board H.M.S "Oberon" on the 9th December and returned to Stanley on the 27th December. And that the Bill drawn by me on the Lord's Commissioners of the Treasury on the 31st December, and advised to your Lordship in my despatch as aforesaid of that date, was for the Amount due to the Captain of the "Oberon" for my Entertainment, and that of Captain G. H. Elliot R.N. my Private Secretary and Aid de Camp, who attended me on that occasion. I beg to forward a Duplicate of the receipt which I received from the Paymaster of the "Oberon", which will serve as a Certificate of the dates therein referred to.

2. I regret Exceedingly that the details contained in my Letter of advice to the Treasury were not Repeated in my despatch to your Lordship, and I wish to present my thanks to Your Lordship for relieving me of the Imprest £19.19.0 as soon as a Copy of my letter to the Treasury reached the Colonial Office.

3. The 3rd drawn for in Excess by me was an Error on the part of my Secretary for which I beg respectfully to apologize. The Bill should have been made out for £3.11.0. as advised in my despatches, and not

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for £53 . 11 . 3 as stated on its face. And I have refunded to the Falkland Islands Company (who purchased the Bill) the 3d which they lost through the clerical in-accuracy of the Documents.

4. I shall hope in future to defray all travelling expenses which it may be necessary to incur from the General funds of the Colony without exceeding the Estimates, the local Revenue having of late as Your Lordship is aware shown Signs of Elasticity and im-provement which were not looked for a year or two ago.

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

The Right Hon.ble
Earl Granville K.G.

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No. 169.

Government House
Falkland Islands
30th June 1869.

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's Despatches of the Numbers and dates noted in the Enclosure. And to forward at the same time the usual Schedules of unanswered Despatches.

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

The Right Hon.ble
Earl Granville K. G.

Enclosure 1.

Originals		Duplicates	
9th Feby	Circular	9th Jany	Circular
27th "	"	11th "	"
6th March	No 4	16th "	No 1
10th "	Acts & Despatches	18th "	" 2
10th "	Circular	29th "	" 3
16th "	Parl.y Grant.	"	Circular
19th "	No 5	30th "	"
19th "	Parliamentary	5th Feby	"
22nd "	"	9th "	"
29th "	Circular	27th "	"
31st "	No 6	6th March	No 4
1st April	Circular	18th "	Circular
1st "	No 7	19th "	No 5
3rd "	Parliamentary		

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Enclosure 2.

Schedule of Despatches received from the Secretary of State which have been more than 2 months in the Governor's hands unanswered.

Nil.

Enclosure 3.

Schedule of Despatches addressed by the Governor to the Secretary of State which appear to have remained unanswered for more than five months.

Nil.

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No. 170.

Government House
Falkland Islands.
30th June 1869.

My Lord,

I have the honour to report that I have this day drawn the undermentioned Bills on the Paymaster General on the Credit of the Parliamentary Grant for the financial year 1869–70.

No. 7. dated 30th June 1869. the Sum of Sixty Pounds Sterling in favour of Robert C. Packe. at par.

No. 8. dated 30th June 1869. the Sum of One hundred Pounds Sterling in favour of John Stuart & Co. at par.

The Proceeds of these Bills are required for the general Services of the Colony, and, as will be seen from the Enclosed Certificates, have been duly carried to the Credit of the Colonial Revenue.

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

The Right Hon.ble
Earl Granville K.G.

Colony of the Falkland Islands

Bill No 7 dated 30th June 1869 drawn by Governor W.C.F. Robinson on the Paymaster General for the Sum of Sixty Pounds, on the Credit of the Parliamentary Grant for the General Services of the Colony in aid of Colonial Revenue for the Year 1869–70.

Bill No 8. dated 30th June 1869 drawn by ~~the~~ Governor W.C.F Robinson on the Paymaster General for the Sum of One hundred Pounds, on the Credit of the Parliamentary Grant for the General Services of the Colony in aid of Colonial Revenue for the Year 1869–70.

I hereby Certify that the Amounts realized by the Bills above described were duly Carried to the Credit of the Colonial Revenue on the 30th June 1869.

(Signed)
A. Lyne
Accountant.

(Sd)
W.C.F. Robinson
Governor

Colonial Office
30th June 1869.

No. 171.

Government House
Falkland Islands
30th June 1869.

My Lord,

I have received as the Mail is closing the enclosed Memorial from the Settlers on the West Falkland respecting the Establishment of a regular Postal service between Stanley and that Island. In compliance with the wish of the Memorialists, I forward their application to your Lordship without delay, but have only time to say that I will Report on it by next mail when submitting the Estimates for 1870–71, a subject with which of course the Memorial is closely connected.

I have &c &c
(Sd)
William R Stevens
Governor

The Right Hon^ble
Earl Granville K.G.

Schedule of Despatches

Transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies by the Yacht "Foam" on the July 1869.

Number of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	No. of Enclosures
No. 164	22nd May	Acknowledging Circular respecting orders of St. Michael & St. George	Nil
" 165	23rd "	Acknowledging Circulars respecting furnishing of Government Houses.	Nil
" 165a	3rd June	Returning Protest in Case of "Peiu". duly attested.	1
" 166	" "	Acknowledging Parliamentary Papers.	Nil
" 166a	15th "	Replying to Circular of 18th March	Nil
" 167	18th "	Advising Drafts on Paymaster General	1
" Private	25th "	(Private)	Nil
" 168	26th "	Furnishing information called for in Despatches of 16th March & 3rd April.	1
" 169	30th "	Acknowledging Despatches	Nil
" 170	30th "	Advising Drafts on Paymaster General.	1
" 171	" "	Forwarding Memorial respecting Postal Service from Settlers on West Falkland.	1

Schedule of despatches despatched 31. August 1869.

No. 172.	5th	July	Reporting appointment of Revd Charles	Enclosures
	"	"	Bull provisionally to Executive Council	2.
No. 173	5th	July	Forwarding Statement showing	
	"	"	financial condition of Colony on 31st	
			March 1869 " " "	1
No. 174	22nd	July	Explaining in reply to despatch of 5th May	
	"	"	that Lighthouse ~~Light~~ acts have been already	
	"	"	forwarded " " "	1
No. 175	22nd	July	Acknowledging despatches.	
No. 176	24th	July	Acknowledging Parliamentary Papers	
No. 177	11th	August	Respecting Forms of Oaths to be	
			adopted in the Colonies	
No. 178	11th	"	Respecting the exclusive adoption of	
			the Commercial Code of Signals	
No. 179	12th	"	Furnishing information which may	
			prove useful in connection with	
			proposed visit of Flying Squadron	
No. 180	17th	"	Indicating proper officer to receive	
			insignia of order of St. Michael	
			and St. George.	
No. 181	17th	"	Forwarding an application from the	
			Revd Charles Bull for the Bishopric	
			of Sierra Leone. " —	1
No. 182	18th	"	Acknowledging Parliamentary Papers.	
No. 183	21st	"	Submitting that the Appointment of a	
			Finance Clerk is necessary for the efficient	
			performance of the duties of the Governor's	
			Department	1
No. 184	26th	"	Advising Bills on Board of Trade	
No. 185	28th	"	Acknowledging Despatches	3.
No. 186			Promising Income Tax Returns in a few	
			days per "Lotus"	
No. 187.		"	Advising Drafts Nos 9. 10. & 11. on	
			Paymaster General	1.

No. 172.

Provisionally

5th July 1869

My Lord.

I have the honour to report to your Lordship that I have appointed the Rev.d Charles Bull M.A Colonial Chaplain to be provisionally a Member of the Executive Council in the room of the Stipendiary Magistrate absent on leave.

2. I doubt not that the circumstances mentioned in my letter to Mr. Bull, a copy of which is enclosed, will procure for me your Lordships Approval of this temporary Appointment

I have &c.

(Signed)

W. Robinson

No. 173.

5th July 1869

My Lord.

I have the honour to enclose a Copy of an abstract statement of the financial Condition of the Colony on the 31st March last, which I am now forwarding to the Audit Office with the Accounts to that date, shewing an excess of Assets over Liabilities at the close of the financial year 1868 – 69 of £1,434. 12. 0.

Hoping that this Statement will be considered satisfactory,

I have &c.

(Signed)

William Robinson

Governor.

No. 174.

22nd July 1869.

My Lord,

I have this day had the honour to receive by private Vessel from Montevideo Your Lordship's despatch No. 9. of the 8th May, respecting the non transmission of the Cape Pembroke Lighthouse Accounts, & hasten to reply to it in order that I may be able to avail myself of any opportunity that may offer for Communication with England.

2. I beg leave to report that on the 18th June I forwarded to the Board of Trade the Cash Accounts for the three Quarters referred to in your Lordship's despatch, and that on the 30th June I forwarded the Cash Accounts for the Quarter ended the 31st March 1869. The Board of Trade particularly requested in their Mem.: of the 28th October 1868, (acknowledged in my despatch to Your Lordship's No. 139. of the 12th February 1869,) that the Accounts for March might be made to reach the Department not later than the 1st of the following September. I accordingly despatched them, as I have said on the 30th June, and they will be due in England on or about the 24th August. There remains to be forwarded the Cash Accounts for the quarter ended the 30th of last month, and the oil and store accounts to date. These will I hope be ready for transmission by the next regular Mail.

3. I regret the delay which occurred in forwarding the Accounts called for by Your Lordship, but upon this point it will be better that I should address you in a separate letter.

I have &c.

(signed)
William Robinson
Governor.

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No. 175.

22nd July 1869

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordships despatches of the numbers and dates noted in the margin.

I have &c.

(Signed)

William Robinson

Governor.

10th April	Originals acknowledging despatches	
12th "	No. 8.	
15th "	Circular	
16th "	Parliamentary	
19th "	Circular	
20th "	Parliamentary	
24th "	Parliamentary Grant	
26th "	Circular	
27th "	Parliamentary Grant	
May 1st	Circular	
3rd "	Do.	
4th "	Parliamentary Grant	
"	Acknowledging Despatches	
5th "	Parliamentary	
8th "	No. 9.	

Duplicate

29th March — Circulars

31st March No. 6.

1st April No. 7

1st " Circulars

No. 176.

24th July 1869.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Parliamentary despatches of the 16th and 20th April, and 5th May, covering the following Parliamentary papers. (Title) Blue Book Reports 1867. Part 1. Railway Accidents parts 4. and 5 - 1868. Rule of the Road @ Sea

I have &c.

(Signed) William Robinson

Governor.

No. 176.

24th July 1869

My Lord.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordships Parliamentary despatches of the 16th and 20th April and 5th May covering the following Parliamentary Papers.

Title

Blue Book Reports 1867. Part 1. 2 Copies
Railway Accidents Parts 4. and 5. - 1868 2 Copies
Rule of the Road at Sea. 4. 5.

I have &c

(Signed)
William Robinson
Governor.

11th August 1869.

No. 177.

My Lord.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordships Circular Despatch of the 8th May, with Copies of the Acts of Parliament noted in the Margin, and of the Forms of the different Oaths which your Lordship desires to see adopted, and requesting me to take such steps as may be necessary to secure the adoption of the Forms of Oath now suggested, and thereby to assist in securing the desired uniformity upon this subject throughout Her Majesty's Colonies.

30+31 Vict. C 75
30+31 Vict. C 72

2. I will prepare and introduce an Ordinance upon this subject forthwith without delay, & hope to submit it for your Approval by an early Opportunity.

I have &c

(Signed)
William Robinson
Governor.

30 & 31 Vict. C 75.

No. 178.

11th August 1869

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge your Lordships Circular of the 23rd April with extracts from two letters from the Board of Trade with reference to the use of the Commercial Code of Signals throughout Her Majesty's Possessions.

2. During the last few years Marryatt's Code of Signals has not been in use here, nor have any signals been made or answered from on shore except by means of the Commercial Code.

3. I will endeavour to keep Cape Pembroke Lighthouse, the only Government Signal station in the Colony, regularly supplied with the Latest Code List of ships.

4. I have reasons to believe that, in consequence probably of being so accustomed to it, Merchantmen as a Rule still prefer Marryatt's code. In fact Masters have often told me that not one ship in ten makes use of the Commercial Code willingly, but doubtless the new Regulations requiring Masters and Mates to pass an examination in the use of the Commercial code will greatly help to bring about the uniformity of which is so desirable and of so much international importance.

I have &c.

(Signed)

William Robinson

Governor.

No. 179.

12th August 1869

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge your Lordship's Circular Despatch of the 26th April informing me that a Flying Squadron will visit the Falklands about the 26th August, 1870

2. Your Lordship may perhaps wish to let the

admiralty know the usual condition of the Stanley Market, as regards stores and refreshments.

3. August is a bad time of the year for vegetables of the finer sort, but potatoes and turnips can always be procured at from 2d. to 3d. per lb. Fresh meat as a matter of course is plentiful and cheap. The retail price of Beef & Mutton is 4d. per lb, but considerably less when as supplied to shipping in large quantities. Fifteen hundred tons is the average quantity of steam coal kept on hand, but I have no doubt the merchants would be glad to order an extra supply for next year, if they thought it was likely to be required. The price of Steam Coal is from £2-10. to £3. per ton.

I have &c.

Signed

William Robinson

Governor.

No. 180

17th August 1869

My Lord.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Circular Despatch of the 21st May enclosing copies of the revised Statutes of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

2. The chief Officer of the Governor's Department for the time being will be the proper person to recover the Insignia in this Colony, and should occasion arise, I will not fail to make the necessary arrangements accordingly.

I have &c.

Signed

William Robinson

Governor.

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No. 181.

17th August 1869.

My Lord,

I have the honour to submit a letter addressed to me by the Revd. Charles Bull, Colonial Chaplain, expressing a desire that his name should be laid before your Lordship in connection with the Bishopric of Sierra Leone, which he believes to be about to become Vacant.

2. Mr. Bull is a person of energy and ability. He has served this Government faithfully and usefully for ten years, and it is due to him that I should now say so. His views on Church matters are moderate. His sympathies I fancy are with the high church party, but I am not aware that he has taken any active part in the controversial agitation of the day or Allied himself decidedly with either party. He is well fitted by disposition for a position of Command and would be likely to secure the regard of those serving under him.

I have &c.

(Signed)

William Robinson

Governor

18th August 1869.

No. 182.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Parliamentary Circular of the 14th May enclosing the following Paper.

Railway Accidents Part 1. 1869. 2. Copies.

I have &c.

(Signed)

William Robinson

Governor

No. 183.

31/11

21st August 1869.

My Lord,

It becomes my duty preparatory to the transmission of the Estimates now in Course of preparation, to address your Lordship on the subject of the personnel of the Governors Office, the staff being (as Mr. Byng properly represents in the Accompanying letter) quite inadequate to the proper & efficient performance of the work of the Department.

2. When the Office of Colonial Secretary was done away with on the 31st March 1868, the entire work of the combined Offices of Colonial Secretary, Accountant, (Treasurer in fact) Shipping Master, Postmaster, Clerk of the Councils, and the duties which in another Colony would be performed by the Private Secretary, fell on Mr. Byng, the Government Clerk, who had been appointed by the acting Colonial Secretary on Mr. Pynes departure on leave in 1866. I reported at the time that I thought the work would be too much for one man, and the Secretary of State recognised that "so large a reduction must "be viewed as to a certain extent experimental, and liable to reconsider- "ation here after if necessary."*

3. Mr. Byng entered on the work cheerfully. He fully shared my desires to reduce the establishment to the lowest possible limit, and I can safely say that if it had depended alone on his good will and attention the duties of the Department would have been efficiently and punctually carried out. But the work proved far too heavy for the reduced establishment, and finding towards the end of 1868, that our accounts and records were considerably in arrear I was obliged to devote to the clerical details of the Office a great deal of time which I could but ill spare from the primary and more important duties of my position. By this means we have now cleared off all Arrears, and brought the work up to date. I am sure however it is far from your Lordships desires that the Government Clerk should be tasked beyond his powers, or that the Governor should be compelled to undertake duties by no means appertaining to his Office and position, and which interfere sadly with those administrative duties and questions to which his whole time and attention should be devoted. Moreover while I am prepared to continue what I have begun, so far as my time will allow, my successor may not be disposed to do the same, in which case the business will unavoidably fall back into confusion and arrear.

* Mr. Elliot's Despatch 25 July 1867, Journals & Comm. of Leg. Council for 1867 pp 1 June 1868.

4. I would therefore submit very respectfully the propriety of providing in the Estimates for a Finance Clerk at a Salary of say £200 per Annum, to perform all the duties of Treasurer and Accountant, leaving the Government Clerk, pro tem, for the performance of the other duties of the Department as enumerated in the 2nd paragraph of this letter, and in the enclosure. I am convinced that such an arrangement would in the long run be to the advantage of the Public Service. The Finance Clerk should be a good accountant or at all events a young man of intelligence able and willing to learn. The Governor would still, as now, be responsible for the safety of the Money, and the Accuracy of the Accounts, and therefore it would not be necessary for the Clerk to give security as in the case of a Treasurer to whom the 310th Section of the Colonial Regulations would apply.

5. I could provide for a Salary of £200 (which would be sufficient for a man without family) without adding to the Parliamentary Estimates, as I expect a further increase of rather more than that amount next year from the West Falkland, added to which the £30 per annum which is now allowed for the remuneration of an occasional Copyist would be saved.

6. I recommend this subject to your Lordship's favourable consideration with some confidence, seeing that since my assumption of the Government three years ago the local ~~Expenditure~~ revenue has been doubled and the Parliamentary Grant reduced by an amount ~~which~~ rather more than one fourth of the total Expenditure

I have &c
(Signed)
William Robinson
Governor.

Earl Granville K.G.

No. 184.

Government House
Falkland Islands
26th August 1869.

My Lord.

I have the honour to Report that I have this day drawn the following Bills on the Accountant of the Board of Trade in (part) repayment of sums expended by me in support of Cape Pembroke Lighthouse as per Accounts and Vouchers forwarded by me direct to the

Department

No. 4. dated the 26th August 1869. in favour of the Receiver General of Inland Revenue, for the sum of (£165.13.10.) One hundred and sixty five Pounds thirteen shillings and ten pence at par.

No. 5. dated the 26th August 1869 in favour of Mrs Emuley Riseley for the sum of (£25.) Twenty five Pounds at par

I have the honour to be
My Lord
Your Lordship's most Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) W. Robinson
Governor.

No. 185.

28th August 1869.

My Lord.

I have the honour to Acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's despatches of the numbers and dates noted in the Enclosure; and to forward the usual Schedule of unanswered despatches.

I have &c
(Signed) William Robinson
Governor.

Enclosure 1.

Originals

23. April Circular
8. May Do.
10. " No. 10
12. Circular
14. Parliamentary
18. Circular
" No. 11.
19. No. 12
24. Circular
27. Parliamentary Grant
" No. 13.
1st June No. 14.
2d " No. 15.

Duplicate

12. April No. 8
15. Circular
19. Do.
24. Parliamentary Grant
26. Circular
27. Parliamentary Grant
1. May Circular
3. " Do.
8 " No. 9.

Enclosure 2.

Enclosure 2.

Secretary of State's Despatches remaining unanswered.

None

Enclosure 3.

Governors Despatches Not Answered. None.

No. 186.

28th August 1869.

My Lord.

I shall hardly be able to Complete for transmission by this mail the Income Tax Returns called for in your Lordships despatch marked Parliamentary Grant of this 27th April. The necessary information has been collected, but there will not be time to have the Tabular Returns copied out before the departure of the "Foam". The Schooner "Lotus" will however be leaving for Montevideo in the Course of a few days, and I will avail myself of that opportunity of communicating again with your Lordship.

I have &c.

(Signed) W. Robinson

Governor.

30th August 1869.

No. 187.

My Lord.

I have the honour to report that I have drawn the undermentioned Bills on the Paymaster General on the Credit of the Parliamentary Grant for the current financial year.

No. 9. dated the 28th August 1869. for the sum of Forty Pounds sterling in favour of David Whelan at par

No. 10. dated the 30th August 1869. for the sum of

of One hundred and fifty pounds sterling in favour of Messrs Gurney and Birkbeck at par.

No. 11. dated the 30th August for the sum of Twenty five Pounds Sterling in favour of C. F. Byng at par.

2. The proceeds of these Bills are required for the General Services of the Colony, and as will be seen from the enclosed certificate have been duly carried to the credit of the Colonial Revenue.

I have &c.

(Signed)
William Robinson
Governor.

Colony of the FalkLand Islands.

Bill No. 9. dated the 28th August 1869 drawn by Governor W. C. F. Robinson on the Paymaster General for the sum of Forty Pounds on the credit of the Parliamentary Grant for the General services of the Colony in aid of Colonial Revenue for the year 1869-70.

Bill No. 10. dated the 30th August 1869. drawn by Governor W. C. F. Robinson on the Paymaster General for the sum of One hundred and fifty Pounds on the credit of the Parliamentary Grant for the general services of the Colony in aid of Colonial Revenue for the year 1869-70.

Bill No. 11. dated 30th August 1869. drawn by Governor W. C. F. Robinson on the Paymaster General for the sum of Twenty Five Pounds on the credit of the Parliamentary Grant for the general services of the Colony in aid of Colonial Revenue for the year 1869-1870.

I hereby certify that the amounts realized by these Bills above described (Nos. 9. 10. and 11.) were duly carried to the credit of the Colonial Revenue on the 28th & 30th August respectively

(Signed) William Robinson
Governor.

(Signed) C. F. Byng
Accountant.

No. 188

2nd September 1869.

My Lord.

I have the honour to report that I have this day drawn the undermentioned Bill on the Board of Trade in repayment of sums expended by me in support of Cape Pembroke Lighthouse.

No 60. dated the 2nd September 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 account rendered to the Board of Trade by last Mail.

I have &c.

(Signed) W. Robinson

Governor.

No. 189

3rd September 1869.

My Lord

Adverting to your Lordship's despatch (Parliamentary Grant) of the 27th April, and to my despatch No. 186 of the 30th ultimo, I have now the honour to forward the Income Tax Returns referred to in that Correspondence.

2. In Accordance with instructions I have prepared a separate Return for the Financial year 1868-1869. I may here mention that Income Tax ceased to be deducted in the Colony from the 1st September 1868: as the Secretary of State's despatch of the 27th June 1868 (forwarding the Amended Regulations, 359 to 364.) was received before the September salaries were paid.

3. I trust the returns will be satisfactory. they have been prepared rather hurriedly but I think they contain all the information that will be required and are correct.

4. My Officers are very desirous that I should express to your Lordship their gratitude for your Lordships Kindness in procuring for them from the Board of Inland Revenue ~~this~~ remission of Income duty, an expression in which on my own

part

part I beg leave very cordially to join.

I have &c

Signed, William Robinson

Governor

For Copies of Returns see Guard Book.

No. 190.

4th September 1869

My Lord

I have the honour to repeat that the Peruvian Corvette "Union" having on Board Senior Manuel Ferreyros, President of the Council of Ministers of Peru, arrived here on the 26th ultimo and sailed hence on the 30th for Rio.

2. It Appears that at this moment a revolutionary Movement is on foot amongst the friends of the ex-president of the Republic, and that Senior Ferreyros, who is a Naval officer by profession, was sent off in haste by the party in power to Meet and take command of certain monitors which have been purchased in the United States by the Peruvian Government, and on board of which the partizans of the ex President are supposed to be numerous.

3. It is certain that the "Union" left Callao at four hours notice, picking up her crew as she came down the coast. Senior Ferreyros expects to fall in with the Monitors at Rio. He will then hoist is flag, take command of the Squadron, and return at once to Peru.

4. During my first interview with Senior Ferreyros I preferred to H.M. Proclamation of Neutrality, believing the war between Spain and the Republics of Chili and Peru to be still in existence, but he claimed to be exempt from its provisions inasmuch as the "Union" is on her way to join a squadron which Spain at the request of the United States has consented to allow to pass round to Peru unmolested. Having no Knowledge of any such arrangement, I was of course unable to discuss this point with Senior Ferreyros, and therefore confined myself to

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communicating Her Majestys Regulations to the Officer, leaving it to them to apply them to his own case.

5. I submit a Copy of the correspondence that passed on the occasion, and need only add that the "Union" did not remain here an hour more than was actually necessary to enable her to take in the requisite supplies of Coals and provisions

I have &c.

(Signed)

William Robinson

Governor.

Schedule of Despatches

Transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies by the Schooner "Foam" on the 1st November 1869.

No. of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	No. of Enclosure
	1869.		
191.	6th Sep.	Blue Book Report for 1868. Forwarding Estimates for Financial	1
192.	6. Sep.	Year 1870-71.	
193.	6. "	Reporting on Memorial from West Falklands respecting the mail Service for that Island.	
194	6th "	Respecting relief of distressed Colonial Seamen	
195	27th Sep.	Acknowledging Despatches.	1
196	29. "	Acknowledging Parliamentary Papers.	
197	29 "	Expenses connected with shipment of Specie have been duly noted.	
198	29th "	Regarding the Consecration of the Revd. H. H. Stirling to be a Bishop	
199	30 "	Reporting loss of Ship "Moderation" of London	
200	24th Oct.	Reporting safe Arrival of Specie per H. M. Ship "Beacon"	
201.	28 "	Reporting that Governor sees no Objection to the immediate sale of Pebble Island to Mr. Dean.	
202	29 "	With regard to continued supply of Mercantile Navy Lists by Board of Trade.	
203	30th "	Repairing Returns required in Connection with Hospitals and Lunatic Asylums	
204	1st Nov.	Advising Drafts on Paymaster General in repayment of Military advances.	

Owing to the Severe illness of the Government Clerk it has been found impossible to complete the Fair Copy of the Blue Book for transmission by this Mail. It will be forwarded by H.M.S. "Beacon" in a few days.

No. 191

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Falkland Islands

6th September 1869.

My Lord,

I have the honour to forward the Blue Book of the Falkland Islands for the Year 1868.

2. I have nothing special to add to former reports, but I may say, generally, that the condition of the Colony continues steadily to improve, and that our prospects as a sheep rearing country are now very encouraging. The results of the tobacco dip, to which I referred in my report for last Year, were completely successful. The Falkland Islands Company for instance, having lost only 300 sheep from scab since the introduction of the dips, as against a loss of 13000 during the Years 1867-68. The Manager (Mr. Cobb), in a letter which I have received from him upon the subject adds:

"The result of the dipping has been to preserve almost "entirely the fleeces of the breeding stock and old sheep, while it has "saved the lives of the hoggets, last Years lambs, always the most "susceptible of disease, although the fleeces of the latter have suffered to a "certain extent.

"Whether Owing to the fine spring or the improved health "of the breeding stock I cannot say, but it is certain that the lambing now "progressing will be an unusually good one, as the number of twins "is remarkable. I look forward to having a stock of at least 40,000 "sheep to commence the winter with.

"With regard to the result of the dipping on the returns of "wool, I anticipate an increase of about 250 bales on last years clip. 29000 "in all were clipped last year, and should show an average this Year "of at least 1 lb per head more, making at once 50 bales of 350 lbs each. "And 10,000 more will be clipped this Year, which should produce 200 "bales. It is rather early to make an estimate, but I feel pretty confident "that mine is correct".

3. The Advantages which we offer as a harbour of refuge are becoming better known and more largely employed, and though the price of labour is still high, I believe that shipping repairs can be effected here at a cheaper rate than at any port on the Coast of South America. The want of a Dock continues to be much felt, and I am only surprised that Capitalists interested in the place have not already recognised and taken advantage of the Opening. I have &c.

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No. 192.

6th September 1869.

My Lord,

I have the honour to submit an Estimate shewing the amount which will be required in aid of the support of this Government for the financial year 1870-71.

2. The estimate is the same as that of last year with the exception that I expect an increase of £200 from the Land Revenue which of course reduces the Estimate by that Amount

The amount granted for 1869-70. was £4132; this year I ask for £3932.

3. I have not ventured to include in the Estimate the salary of the Financial Clerk whose appointment I ~~advocated~~ alluded to in my despatch No. 183. of the 23rd Ultimo but I respectfully ask that that despatch may be considered in conjunction with the Estimates now submitted.

4. I may here appropriately say that I hope to submit very shortly to your Lordship a scheme of reduction which will if carried out effect a further saving of nearly 1000 per Annum without detriment indeed I think with advantage, to the Service. The changes which I have in contemplation to propose are sweeping ones, and I desire to consider them maturely before addressing your Lordship upon the subject. I may however say at this stage that they appear to me to be feasible, and if this opinion should be confirmed on further consideration it will be a pleasure to me to invite your Lordship's consideration of the proposal.

I have &c.

(Sig) William Robinson

Governor.

a copy of the Estimates is posted in at the end of this Book.

11£ for proposed reduction extract on p 173 of book 15

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No. 193

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6th September 1869.

My Lord,

I forwarded to your Lordship by the mail before last a Memorial on the subject of the West Falkland Mail Service, and promised to report on it when submitting the Estimates for the coming financial year.

2. The Memorialists represent the inconvenience which Settlers in the West Falkland suffer from the want of postal communication between that island and Stanley, solicit Government to undertake the transmission of the correspondence, and express an opinion that a subsidy of £200 per Annum would be sufficient for the purpose.

3. Since forwarding the memorial I have had an opportunity of examining closely into the matter, and anxious as I am to do all that I can for the settlers on the West Falkland, I do not feel that I should be justified in recommending their Application to your Lordship's favourable consideration.

4. There are only six resident settlers on the West Falkland, and therefore as may be supposed, the correspondence is extremely limited. I have ascertained that about 20 letters per mail, or a 120 a year, is the Average number received at the Post Office addressed to persons resident on the West island; and for the transmission of these, and a few newspapers the settlers expect H.M. Government to spend £200, being at the rate of £1-13-4 per letter. I admit that if the correspondence is to be regularly forwarded the service could not be performed for less, but I think that as the Colony is situated the demand is somewhat unreasonable. The Settlers pay no taxes; their exports are liable to no duties; the £1000 to which they refer as being the Amount of their contribution to the Revenue is paid in the form of land rent; and I certainly consider that under these circumstances they ought to arrange amongst themselves for the transmission of their own correspondence from Stanley, instead of asking the Imperial Parliament, which has already done so much for the Colony, to go to any additional expense — an expense, too, so disproportionate to the results to be realised. Moreover if we undertake to forward the correspondence to the West Falkland,

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we must be prepared to receive Applications of a similar nature from Darwin Harbour and other out stations in the East Falkland Island, as well as from Pebble Island and any other stations which may hereafter be established on any of the outlying islands.

5. Looking at the matter in this light, I have not included any amount for this service in the Estimates which I forwarded by this Mail, and if Your Lordship Approves of it I will return to the Memorialists an Answer in the Sense of this Letter.

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

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6th September 1869.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge your Lordship's Circular Despatch of the 1st May directing me to introduce in the Legislative Council an Ordinance sanctioning provision for the repayment from Colonial funds of Money expended elsewhere than within the Colony in relief of Seamen belonging to the Falkland Islands,

2. I respectfully submit that in the case of the Falkland Islands the intervention of the Legislature is not required. The entire Management of the Revenue is in the hands of the Governor acting for Her Majesty's Government, and if in any case it should become proper to repay expenses incurred abroad in the relief of persons belonging this place (which is considering the circumstances of this Colony by no means probable) it will be competent to the Governor as sole custodian of the Revenue to act in the matter in the sense and spirit of the new regulations.

3. Submitting this view of the Question for your Lordship's consideration, and better judgment,

I have &c
(Sig.)
William Robinson
Governor

No. 195.

27th September 1869.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's despatches of the Numbers and dates noted in the Enclosure, and to forward the usual Schedule of answered and unanswered despatches.

I have &c.

(Signed) William Robinson.
Governor.

Original			Duplicate		
7	June	Circular			
10	"	"	23.	April	Circular
11	"	"	8.	May	"
17	"	"	10.	No.	10
"	"	No. 16	12.	Circular	
24	"	" 17	18.	No.	11.
"	"	Confidential	"	Circular	
25	"	Parliamentary	19.	No.	12.
"	"	"	24.	Circular	
26	"	Circular	27.	No.	13.
28	"	"	"	"	Parliamentary Grant
30	"	Parliamentary Grant	1.	June	No. 14.
3	July	No. 18.	2.		15
8	"	Acknowledging Despatches			Circular
10.	"	No. 19	10		"
12	"	Circular	11		"
13	"	"	17		No. 16
14	"	"	"	"	Circular
"	"	Parliamentary	24	"	No. 17
15	"	"	"	"	Confidential
"	"	Circular	26	"	Circular
17	"	No. 20	28	"	"
"	"	Circular	30	"	Parliamentary Grant
22	"	Parliamentary	3.	July	No. 18.
23	"	No. 21			
7th	August	No. 22.			

No. 196.

29th September 1869.

My Lord,

I have the honnour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Parliamentary Circulars of the Dates in the margin and of the undermentioned papers enclosed therein:

25th June
" "
14 July
15 " "
22 " "

Reports of Embassy & Legation Nos. 1. 2. 3. of 1869 } 1 Copy

Consuls Commercial Reports Nos. 1. to 5. of 1869 and in Japan 1868 } 1 Copy

1st Report of Indication Commission 2 Copies
29th " Report of Emigration " 3 Copies
Railways Accidents part 2. 1869. 2 Copies

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

No. 197.

29th September 1869.

My Lord.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's despatch Parliamentary Grant of the 30th June informing me of the Amount of the Expenses incurred in connexion with the shipment of £3,000 in Specie recently forwarded for the service of this Government.

2. This payment of £20. 1. 9. has been duly noted, and will not fail to take it into account when drawing against the Parliamentary Vote for the Current financial Year.

I have &c.
(Sigd)
William Robinson
Governor

No. 198.

29th September 1869.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordships despatches of No. 17. and Confidential of the 24th June respecting the Consecration of the Rev. Watts Hocken Stirling to be a Bishop

2. I have informed the Colonial Chaplain that he will be required to recognize Mr. Sterling as his Ecclesiastical superior should Mr. Sterling, as is proposed, take up his residence in the Falkland Islands.

3 Adverting to the second paragraph of your Lordships' Confidential despatch, I may remark that Mr. Stirling mentioned to me before his departure for England that all the Expences incurred in his Visitations to the Coast would be defrayed from funds at the disposal of the South American Missionary Society. He seemed to look on such Visitations as the primary Object of his consecration, and was not aware that he would be unable to exercise any functions on the Coast unless named by the Bishop of London as Bishop Delegate to act for him in any case of Episcopal need.

I have &c.

(Signed)

William Robinson

Governor

No. 199

30th September 1869.

My Lord,

I have the honour to report that the ship "Moderation" of London Henry White master, bound from Cardiff to San Francisco, loaden with Railways iron, foundered off Cape Horn, in Lat: 57. South. Long: 76.10. West, on the 21st inst.

2. The master & crew, 30 persons all told, were saved and brought on to Stanley by the Ship "Clarendon" of Liverpool.

3. I have ordered six of the Shipwrecked crew to be sent home by

by the "Clarendon", twelve by the "Glencairn", and the remainder to be provided with the usual Accommodation until the departure of the packet for "Montevideo", unless an Opportunity should sooner offer for sending them direct to England.

I have &c.

(Signed) William Robinson

Governor.

200.

24th October 1869.

My Lord,

Referring to your Lordship's despatches (Parliamentary Grant) of the 24th April and 27th May, I have now the honour to report the safe Arrival per H. M. Ship "Seacon" of the £3,000 in Specie referred to in the correspondence.

I have &c.

(Signed) William Robinson

Governor.

The Right Honble

The Earl of Granville K. G.

&c &c &c

201.

28th October 1869.

My Lord,

I have the honour to report, in reply to your Lordship's despatch No. 21. of the 23d July, that I see no reason for refusing to comply with Mr. Dean's request to be allowed to purchase Pebble Island at once instead of waiting for the termination of his lease.

2. The lease provides that the Crown shall have the right to survey and reserve a block of 160 Acres on any part of the leasehold not built upon or under Cultivation. It will be desirable to mark off this reserve before converting the Lease into a Freehold grant of the property. I will take an early opportunity of having this done, and will then hand the Grant to Mr.

George

Mr. George Dean of Stanley in exchange for the £400 which it has been arranged he is to pay for it.

3. The rent of Pebble will of course not Appear in future Estimates.

I have &c.

(Signed)

William Robinson

Governor.

No. 202.

29th October 1869.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Circular despatch of the 17th July asking me whether the Mercantile Navy Lists supplied by the Board of Trade are found necessary in connection with the business performed here on behalf of the Board of Trade, and what number of Copies will in future be required with reference to that consideration.

2. As a Port to which shipping so largely resorts, the work in question is one of extreme utility, and could ill be dispensed with. The Shipping Master has occasion to refer to it Almost daily and the Light Keeper at Cape Pembroke keeps a record of the manner of passing ships by means of the lists contained in the publication.

3. I hope the Board of Trade will continue to supply me with two Copies Annually; one for this Office and One for Cape Pembroke Lighthouse.

I have &c.

(Signed) William Robinson

Governor.

No. 203

30th October 1869.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Circular of the 12th July enclosing blank forms of Amended returns respecting Hospitals and Lunatic Asylums, directing me to cause the same to be filled up, transmitted to Your Lordship, and inserted in the Annual Blue Book.

2. There are no Hospitals or Lunatic Asylums in this Colony.

I have &c.

(Sgd) William Robinson

Governor.

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1 Rose 1869.

My Lord,

I have the honour to report that I have drawn the undermentioned Bills on the Paymaster General in Repayment of sums expended by me in the payment of Pensioners resident in the Colony.

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

No. 3. dated 1. November 1869 in favor 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 rendered to that Department and duly supported by the usual Certificates

I have &c.

(Signed)
William Robinson
Governor.

The Right Hon.ble
The Earl Granville K.G.

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2d November 1869.

My Lord.

I have the honour to submit authenticated transcripts in duplicate of an Ordinance (No. 3. of 1869.) recently passed by the Governor and Legislative Council of the Falkland Islands, entitled "An Ordinance supplementary to the spirit Licence Ordinance No. 9. of 1853"

2. This Ordinance simply provides for the sale of Home brewed beer, and does not appear to call for any Special report.

I have &c.

(Signed) William Robinson
Governor.

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10. November 1869.

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the Receipt of your Lordship's Parliamentary despatch of the 7th September and of the following Paper accompanying the same:

Army Medical Report for 1867. One Copy

I have &c.

(Signed) William Robinson
Governor.

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13th November 1869

My Lord.

I have the honour to report that I have drawn the under-mentioned Bill on the Paymaster General on the credit of the Parliamentary Grant for the current financial year.

No. 12. dated the 13th November 1869, for the sum of £61. 18.3. sterling, in favour of the Receiver and Accountant General, Post Office, London.

2. The proceeds of this Bill will be required for the General services of the Colony, and, as will be seen from the enclosed certificate, have been duly carried to the credit of the Colonial Revenue.

3. This Bill exhausts the Parliamentary Grant in aid of local Revenue for the Financial year 1869-70, as was is shown by the accompanying statement.

4. (as a matter of fact this money is not of course required by me at this moment, but I think it better to close my account for this year as regards the Parliamentary Grant at once, so as to prevent all possibility of mistake after my departure from this Colony

I have &c.

(Signed)
William Robinson
Governor.

Colony of the Falkland Islands.

Bill No. 12. dated the 13th November 1869, drawn by Governor William C. F. Robinson, on the Paymaster General for the sum of £61. 18. 3. on the credit of the Parliamentary Grant for the General Services of the Colony in aid of Colonial Revenue for the financial year 1869-70.

I hereby certify that the Amount realised by the Bill above described (No. 12.) was duly carried to the credit of the Colonial Revenue on the 13th November 1869.

(Signed)
Henry Byng
Accountant

W. C. F. R
Governor

Falkland Islands.

Statement showing the disposal of the Parliamentary Grant in aid of the Colonial Revenue for Financial Year ending 31st March 1870.

	£. s. d
1. Amount of Specie forwarded from England per H. M. Ship Liverpool	3000. 0. 0
2. Expenses in Connection with shipment of above Specie	20. 1. 9.
3. Government Drafts.	
No. 1.	£200
2.	30
3.	30
4.	30
5.	200
6.	185
7.	60
8.	100
9.	40
10.	150
11.	25
12.	61. 18. 3.
Total Grant for 1869-70.	1111. 18. 3.
	£ 4132. 0. 0

No. 208.

30th November 1867.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatches of the numbers and dates mentioned in the enclosure.

I have &c.

(Signed)

William Robinson

Governor.

Enclosure 1.

Originals

18. August Parliamentary Grant
19. " Acknowledging Despatches
24 " Circular
26 " Circular
30 " Parliamentary Grant
4 September No. 23.
7 " Parliamentary
8 " Private
9 " Parliamentary Grant
10 " Parliamentary
" " Circular
11 " "
15 " "
22 " Parliamentary
23 " Circular
30 " Parliamentary
24 " Circular
30 " "
8 October 24.

Duplicates

Despatches

10. July No. 19.
17 " " 20
23 " " 21
7 August " 22
4 September " 22
8. Private.

Circulars

12. July
13 "
14 "
15 "
17 "
24. October

No. 209.

4. December 1869.

My Lord,

I have the honour to report that I have drawn the undermentioned Bill on the Paymaster General in repayment of sums expended by me in the payment of Pensioners resident in the Colony.

No. 4. Dated the 13th November 1869. 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 September last, as per accounts and Vouchers rendered to that Department duly supported by the Usual certificates.

I have &c.

(Signed) William Robinson
Governor.

2. November No. 205. Forwarding Authenticated Copies of Ordinance
" No. 3. of 1869.

10. November No. 206. Acknowledging Parliamentary Papers.
"

13. " No. 207. Advising Draft on Paymaster General.
"

30 " No. 208. Acknowledging Despatches. Letter
" to Secretary of State marked "Personal"

4 December No. 209. Advising Draft on H. M's. Pay
Master General.

No. 210.

December 10th 1869.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordships despatch No. 23. of the 4th September with statement of the Amount due to the Admiralty for certain stores supplied to me from H. M. Ship "Brisk" on the 19th January last to the Value of £73. 1. 1.

2. These stores not being procurable in this Colony were supplied to me for private purposes, and not for the use of this Government. After they had been sent on shore from the "Brisk" I found that Captain Hope could not receive payment for them, but that the Account would have to pass through his Department at home. I therefore at once lodged the Amount due in the hands of the Government Clerk to be held by him until instructions should be received from home as to the Department to which the money was to be transfered.

3. I beg leave to transmit a Bill for £73. 1. 1, and respectfully ask that it may be forwarded to the Admiralty with the papers (herewith returned) which Accompanied your Lordships despatch.

I have &c
(Signed) William Robinson
Governor.

No. 211.

13th December 1869.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Lordships Circular despatch of the 10th September, enclosing Copies of instructions which have been issued to Commanders in Chief and senior Officers of H. M. Ships, and which will be of considerable use to the Civil Authorities in the Colonies, as they point out very clearly what acts amount to breaches of the most important sections of the Foreign Enlistment Act.

I have &c
Signed, William Robinson
Governor.

No. 212

13th December 1869.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordships' Circulars (Parliamentary) of the 10th, 22nd, and 30th Sept. and of the following Parliamentary papers, enclosed therein.

11th Reports of Medical Officers of Privy Council
2. Copies
Crown Lands Colonies. 2 Copies
Emmigration Returns . 3 Copies

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

Secretary of State,

No. 213.

16th December 1869.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge your Lordships Circular of the 14th July informing me that a change of professional opinion has taken place as to the degree of safety with which certain contagious and infectious diseases may be admitted into the general wards of Public Hospitals

2. It is possible that with proper provision for Space and Ventilation contagious and infectious diseases may, with certain exceptions, be safely received into the General Wards of Public Hospitals; at the same time there can be no doubt that the increased precautions now recommended will be very acceptable to the non-professional Public.

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

No. 214

16th December 1869.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Circular of the 30th September respecting the working of the 65th 66th and 69th Rules of the Colonial Rules and Regulations which provide for the mode of Appointment to Public offices, and indicating the only cases in which in future Warrants under the Royal sign Manual and signet will be issued.

2. There is no objection legal or otherwise, to the adoption of the new rule so far as this Colony is concerned.

I have &c

(Signed) William Robinson
Governor.

No. 215

16th December 1869.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Circular of the 26th June transmitting a Treasury Warrant Authorising a modification of the rate of Postage Chargeable on Books and Trade patterns of light weight sent by post from the United Kingdom to the British Colonies

2. I have invested the Colonial Postmaster to adopt a similar Arrangement with regard to printed papers and patterns forwarded from this Colony to the United Kingdom.

I have &c

(Signed) William Robinson
Governor.

No. 216

17th December 1869

My Lord,

I have the honour to Acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Circular despatch of the 7th June with a Copy of the "Colonial Prisoners Removal Act 1869", and of a despatch to the Governor of Ceylon explaining the views of H. M. Government on the question.

No. 216. (Contd.)

2. Though very suitable in many respects, the geographical position of the Falkland Islands renders it improbable that this Colony will ever be selected by Another for the reception of prisoners under sentence of transportation, and on the other hand it is not likely that the Falklands will soon require an outlet for its Criminal population. The inhabitants are few, the population will never be very large, and when the new Gaol is Completed there will be Ample means of carrying out an efficient system of prison discipline and Control.

I have &c.

(Signed) William Robinson

Governor.

No. 217.

20th December 1869.

My Lord,

Referring to my despatch No. 201. of the 28th October, I have now the honour to report that I have completed the sale of Pebble Island, having issued a crown Grant of it to Mr. J. M. Dean and exchanged the same with his son Mr. G. M. Dean of Stanley for a Bill on his Father for £ 400, at 30 days sight which I forward by this Mail to the Crown Agents for Collection.

2. I have reserved a block of 160 acres as stipulated in the Lease. I visited the island personally for the purpose of selecting this Reserve, and chose it of course in that situation in which it is likely to be most useful to Government; and with this object in view I fixed on a block with available water frontage in the only good harbour in the Island,—"Ship harbour", north of Tamar Pass.

I have &c.

(Signed) William Robinson

Governor.

No. 218.

20th December 1869.

My Lord.

In Conformity with the 145th Section of the Colonial Regulations, I have the honour to report that I recently applied to the Officer Commanding H.M. Ship "Beacon" for a passage to Mare Harbour, Darwin Harbour, Salvador and Pebble Island, for the purpose of causing lands to be surveyed at those places for sale.

2. To Mare Harbour and Darwin Harbour I was accompanied by the Surveyor General, at Salvador and Pebble Island the surveying work was done by the master of the "Beacon" Mr. Bailey's presence being required in Stanley. I was entertained on board from the 14th to the 23rd of October, inclusive, and again from the 18th to the 28th of November, inclusive. Mr. Bailey was entertained on board from the 14th to the 20th of October, inclusive. The total expense of these surveys, including the messing of the Pilot on board the "Beacon" and the remuneration of the seamen who acted as chainmen to the surveyor. Amounted to £77. 10. 0; which sum I caused to be disbursed from the Colonial Treasury to the Paymaster of the Ship in accordance with sections 147 and 148 of the Amended Regulations. I may here mention that the survey had party been dependent on the resources of the place, that is had it not been able to procure the service of a vessel of war, the expenses would have been far greater.

3. The total Value of the land surveyed and sold on this occasion was £928. One hundred and sixty acres to Mr. Musters at Mare Harbour; one thousand acres to the Falkland Island Company at Darwin; one hundred and sixty acres to Andres Vitaluga at Salvador; and Pebble Island station less the Government Reserve, to Mr. Dean in Compliance with the instructions contained in Your Lordship's despatch No. 21. of the 23rd July 1869.

I have &c.

(Signed)
William Robinson
Governor.

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"Jacob"

No. 219

December 20th 1869.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's despatche (Parliamentary Grant) of the 18th August and 9th September, acquainting me with the changes of detail which are to be introduced with a view to the more effectual audit in England of the accounts of the Crown Colonies, and instructing me that the new arrangement should take effect here from the 1. January 1869.

2. Your Lordship's instructions shall be carefully attended to. I am very sensible of the importance of rendering the Colonial accounts to the audit Office with promptitude and punctuality. If there has been heretofore any appearance of unnecessary ~~delay~~ delay in making up the Amounts, I submitted an explanation of the cause of it in my despatch No. 83. of the 21st August; and I will now only add an assurance that every possible exertion shall be used with a view to the monthly amount being received at the Audit Office as early as the arrangements of our Mail Service will allow.

I have &c.

(Signed)

William Robinson

Governor.

End of Despatches for 1869.

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Government House, Falkland Islands
3rd January 1870.

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State on the above date, per Ship "Golden Land".

Date	No.	Subject	Enclosures
~~1869~~ 1870 January 3rd	1.	Reporting progress of new gaol and steps taken during past year to make prison discipline more deterrent	Nil.

3rd January 1870.

No. 1.

My Lord,

I have the satisfaction of reporting that considerable progress has been made towards the completion of the New Gaol, of which an estimate and plans were enclosed in my despatch No. 77 of the 17th December 1867.

2. The doors and windows are finished, the whole of the internal woodwork is grooved and fitted, the walls are half up, and, unless we are delayed for want of lime, which is now running scarce in the Colony, the building will be completed within the time (three Years) named at the outset.

3. I am happy to say that, so far as I can at present judge, the estimate will not be exceeded.

4. I have not waited for the completion of the new Gaol to render imprisonment disagreeable and deterrent. On the 17th March last I revised the scale of diet, and ordered at the same time that all prisoners admitted after that date, should be cropped. This was a new regulation. It is detested and has had a salutary effect. As to the diet, I struck meat, Coffee, and in fact everything palatable out of the scale, substituting Soup, gruel, and biscuit instead. I of course consulted with the Colonial Surgeon on this point. I told him that, due regard being had to the health and strength of the prisoners, I wished to make the diet an element of punishment, and I can assure your Lordship that this has been done. Silence is now enforced.

5. The prisoners have been employed during the year in Supplying stones for the New Gaol. This was necessary to the progress of the work on hand

No. 1. (Continued.)

on hand, and unavoidable in consequence of the limited area of the present Gaol. It was my intention, had I remained in the administration, to have worked the prisoners, after their transfer from the old to the New building, exclusively within the walls of the prison; for I am convinced that daily contact with the outer world, even though the prisoners may not be allowed as formerly to converse with their friends when they meet them in the streets, deprives imprisonment of half its severity.

But as, by your Lordship's favour, I shall not be ~~harassed~~ less to see the completion of the New Gaol, the Arrangement of this question will necessarily rest with my successor.

I have &c.

(Signed)

William Robinson.

Governor.

No 2.

Government House,
Falkland Islands,
5. January, 1870.

My Lord,

I ask leave, in view of my approaching departure, to submit a comparative statement showing the condition of the Colony, in certain material respects, in 1866 (when I assumed the administration) & at the present time.

Comparative statement of the condition of the Colony in 1866 & 1869.

Date	Revenue collected in the Col	amount of said supplied by Parl	Area of land occupied in Sea Lion Is	Area of land occupied in West Falkland	Annual Rental Roll
1866	£	£	Acres.	Acres	£
	1.186.	5.175	210,000	none	310
1869	2.119	11.132	336,000	215,000	1.900

(This does not of course include the Company's freehold of Lafonia

2. On my arrival in 1866 my attention was immediately directed to three principal objects, of which I have never lost sight. (1) To increase the local revenue; (2) to decrease the amount of ~~late~~ aid required from Parliament; and (3) to encourage by all the means in my power that industry to which the Islands are best adapted and to which they will ultimately owe their prosperity, I refer, of course, to sheep farming.

3 As regards the local revenue and the Parliamentary grant the enclosed return speaks for itself. As regards sheep farming I beg to remark that there are now eight settlers on the West Falkland, as against none in 1866, who occupy between them the whole of the available land on that Island. Five of these gentlemen reside on the Island;

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three of the Properties are managed by Agents living on the Spot. The capital invested amounts by this time to something considerable. Large numbers of sheep have been imported from the River Plate; excellent substantial Houses have been erected in the different Stations, especially at Fox Bay (Mr. Packe,) Port Howard (Mr. J. L. Waldron) and the Chartres River (Mr. J. McClymont); & I am happy to be able to say, from personal observation, and from the accounts which I continue to receive from the Island that the prospects of the Sheep Farmers are most encouraging. The Settlers are well satisfied with their Stations, I have reason to believe they are themselves astonished at the rapidity with which imported Sheep improve, and at the weight of the Fleece which nature provides as a protection for the severity of the Climate.

I have &
(Signed) W. Robinson
Governor.

To the Right Honble
Earl Granville K. G.
&c &c &c

See also Gov D'Cruz's No 30 of 1870

No 3. book 15 p 4. W.P.W.

Government House,
Falkland Islands.
7 January 1870.

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My Lord,

Having hitherto been so fortunate as to dispose of all questions that fell to my decision in connection with the administration of local affairs without intruding on the time and attention of the Secretary of State, it is with regret that on the eve of my departure, I find myself under the necessity of submitting to your Lordship a somewhat lengthy correspondence that has recently taken place between the Colonial Surgeon and myself on a point of some importance as regards the position and duties of that Officer.

2, I forward the correspondence at Dr. Walls' request, accompanied by a letter which he has himself addressed to your Lordship.

3, The case is briefly this.

Dr. Walls greatly objects to attend any person not residing in Stanley or its immediate neighbourhood. He thinks that the Office of Colonial Surgeon is maintained by Government for the sole purpose of affording gratuitous medical assistance to the Handful of public Officers who constitute the civil establishment of the Colony, & that the colonists, however willing to pay for them, have no claim on his services.

My view, on the other hand, is essentially different from this. I epitomized it in my letter to Dr. Walls of the 5th October, from which, for the purpose of placing our opinions in juxta position, I beg to subjoin an extract.

"It is necessary that I should repeat once
"more that if the 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

"general inhabitants who choose to pay for it.
"If the Colonial Surgeon, satisfied with what
"he gets from 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 sub-
"sidized by Government the field would be
"open to a private practitioner whose livelihood
"would depend on the very work which you
"are now desirous of being allowed to refuse.
11. You Lordship will I think see that Dr.
Watts view of this question is based on
considerations of personal care & convenience,
mine must on consideration that affect the entire
Community.
5. In my Despatch No 2 of the 17 July 1866, page 5.
I reported, at Mr. Cardwell's request, as to, "the
"custom" in the Falkland Islands on that subject
"generally of Medical attendance", & laid down,
or rather referred to the pre-existence of, the
principle which I have now had occasion to
enforce. Dr. Watts may be, and is, most
anxious to set it aside. He dislikes the exertion
and discomfort of a long ride, and greatly
exaggerates the danger of travelling into the
Country. But if I am right in believing
that Her Majesty's Government maintain
the office of Colonial Surgeon for the double
purpose of providing gratuitous medical assistance
for the Public Servants and of placing
medical aid within reach of those of the
General inhabitants who choose to pay for
it, it is evident the camp population ought
not to suffer, the good intentions of Her
Majesty's Government ought not to be
thwarted, by the inertness of the Officer.
Dr. Mac Clinton, the Surgeon to the
Garrison, who receives only £ 100 per annum £100.

from the Colony, has taken as will be seen from the Correspondence, had more than his share of the camp work; while Dr. Watts, who receives £450. as Colonial Surgeon for the Falkland Islands (not for Stanley alone), is desirous of avoiding it altogether.

Dr. Hamblin, the late Colonial Surgeon, was never known to neglect a summons to the outstations, what ever the distance from Stanley, however uncertain the payment of the fee.

6. Dr. Watts states in his letter to your Lordship that I never before insisted on his attending patients resident in the Camp, & that had he been sooner aware of my opinion on this point he would have been compelled long ere this to appeal to the Secretary of State. In the early part of 1867 I had occasion to send for Dr. Watts for the purpose of asking him why he objected to attend a summons he had just received, from a sick person at Darwin, whose Agent at Stanley had appealed to me against Dr. Watts' refusal to undertake the journey. His objections were vague and insufficient. I pointed out to him that the Camp population must not be neglected, but I added that as the duty was to him a disagreeable one I would request the other Doctor to share it with him, & that the Colonial Surgeon and the Surgeon to the Garrison would in future take it in turns. He expressed himself quite satisfied, & left for Darwin next morning. On receiving his present communication to your Lordship I asked him in the presence of my Secretary whether he remembered the occurrence of 1867. He acknowledged that he did, but expressed no desire to correct the inaccuracy of his letter.

7. It will not be considered improper or foreign to the question if I add as an indication

of public feeling, that the course which Dr. Watts adopted on the occasion referred to in the correspondence led to his dismission by the Stanley Benefit Club from the situation of Surgeon to that society, and I believe I am right in saying that had he persisted in the line of conduct which he adopted in the first instance the entire population would have been roused to a feeling of indignation which would have found vent in memorials to Your Lordship and myself.

8. I would willingly conclude this despatch without any allusion to the Certificate from Mr. Griffiths and Captain Elliot which Dr. Watts annexed to his letter, were it not that such reference on my part might lead Your Lordship to suppose that I concur in the opinion expressed by those Gentlemen as to Dr. Watts' qualifications and claims. I regret to say that this is by no means the case, & that, in my judgement, Dr. Watts does not deserve either as a public Officer or a Medical Practitioner the favourable testimonial to which Mr. Griffiths & I can not (improperly, but think, inasmuch as it was done without my knowledge or approval) attached his signature as Chairman of the Courts and a Member of my Executive Council.

9. I received the correspondence from Dr. Watts on the 17th ultimo. It would have been forwarded to Your Lordship sooner but that the copies prepared by Dr. Watts were so inaccurate that I was obliged to have the whole correspondence re-copied in my office.

I have &

Signed. William Robinson
Governor

To the Right Honble
Earl Granville, K. G.
&c &c &c

No 14.

Government House
Falkland Islands
21, January, 1870.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's Despatches, of the numbers and dates noted in the enclosures

I have &
(Signed) William Robinson
Governor

To the Right Hon^ble
Earl Granville, K. G.
&c &c &c.

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Government House,
Falkland Islands,
29 January 1870.

No. 5

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordships despatch No. 27 of the 23rd October, informing me that Her Majesty has been pleased to approve of the appointment of Mr. Frederick E. Cobb as Consul at Port Stanley for the North German Confederation.

2 I have notified Mr. Cobb's appointment, and Her Majesty's approval of it, in the usual manner.

I have &c.

(Signed) William Robinson
Governor

To the Right Honble.
Earl Granville K. G.
&c &c &c.

Government House,
Falkland Islands,
29 January 1870.

No. 6.

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge Your Lordship's Circular (Parliamentary) of the 21 October and of the following Paper therewith transmitted.
Railway accidents part 3 – 1869 – Copies 2.

I have &c
(signed) William Robinson

To the Right Hon^ble
Earl Granville K. G.
&c &c &c

No. 7

Government House
Falkland Islands
7 February 1870.

My Lord,

I have the honour to request that Your Lordship will be pleased to move the Paymaster-General to remit two thousand pounds Sterling for the service of this Government for the financial year 1870-71, charging the same against the Parliamentary Revenue for the above period.

2 This specie (which should consist of the coins noted in the margin) may be consigned as usual to the Senior Naval Officer, or to Her Majesty's Consul at Montevideo.

50 s 1/2 sov £ 1,000
crowns 1/2 crowns
and shillings 1,000
£ 2,000

3 The £ 2,000 now asked for will, if the Estimate enclosed in my despatch No 192 of the 6th August has been approved, leave a balance of £ 1,932 in the hands of the Paymaster-General to be drawn against by my successor during the course of the coming financial year.

I have &c
(signed) William Robinson
Governor

To the Right Hon^ble
Earl Granville K. G.
&c &c &c

No. 8.

Government House
Falkland Islands
7th. February 1870.

Advising Draft on Board of Trade in re payment of Lighthouse Advances and distressed seamen, drawn this date.

No. 9

Government House,
Falkland Islands,
7th. February 1870

My Lord,

I have the honour to enclose a letter addressed to me by Mr. George Travis chief clerk & book-keeper to the Falkland Islands Company.

Mr. Travis is a person of whom I entertain a very favourable opinion. His manners are gentlemanlike, and prepossessing, he is intelligent and I believe a very good accountant, and should it be Your Lordship's intention to adopt my suggestion respecting the creation of a Financial Clerkship, I may say, in case the appointment is still vacant, that I should be well pleased to see it filled by Mr. Travis & consider myself fortunate to secure so eligible a candidate for the office.

I have &c.

(signed) William Robinson
Governor

To the Right Hon'ble
Earl Granville K. G
&c. &c. &c.

No. 10

Government House,
Falkland Islands,
9th. February 1870.

My Lord,

I have the honour to ask your Lordship's Circular of the 8th. November enclosing a copy of a letter from the Board of Trade with copies of a revised Form of Certificate of British Registry of Ships, which it is desired may be substituted for the one at present in use, as early as possible.

2. I have furnished a copy of the revised Certificate to the Shipping Masters and instructed him to use the new form in future.

I have &c.
(signed) William Robinson
Governor

To the Right Honble.
Earl Granville K. G.
&c &c &c

No. 11

Government House,
Falkland Islands,
9th. February 1870.

My Lord,

In reply to your Lordship's Circular of the 20th October, I have the honour to report that while there would be no objection, per se, to an enactment in the Falkland Islands relative to the practice of Ballasting Vessels with Tidal Mud, I do not think there is any necessity for it at present. 2 Stone ballast is very plentiful; tidal mud very scarce; vessels are prohibited by law from discharging ballast of any kind in Stanley Harbor (the only port at all frequented by Shipping); there is no case on record of vessels having arrived here ballasted with tidal mud; and though this kind of ballast-

would in the tropics breed fever and other maladies, it would here, in consequence of the character of the climate, be quite innocious.
3. Which is always undesirable, I think, to place unnecessary laws on the Statute book, and therefore subject to Your Lordship's approval, I do not propose to legislate in the present matter.

I have
(signed) William Robinson
Governor

To the Right Honble
Earl Granville K.G.
&c &c &c

No 12

Government House,
Falkland Islands
9th February 1870.

My Lord,

I have the honour to forward the Colonial Chaplain's Ecclesiastical Return for the year 1869.
2. Mr. Bull has anticipated to some extent in the fourth paragraph of his letter a suggestion which I intend to offer to Your Lordship before my departure when submitting for consideration a proposal respecting the future reduction of the Establishment referred to in my despatch No. 192 of 6 September, paragraph 4.

I have
(signed) William Robinson
Governor

To the Right Honble
Earl Granville K.G.
&c &c &c

№ 13.

Government House,
Falkland Islands,
22. February 1870

My Lord,

I have the honour to ask Your Lordship's despatch № 24 of the 8th October with a copy of a letter from the Falkland Islands Company on the subject of their property in these Islands, and respecting permission to purchase part of the land which they now occupy under the Proclamation of 1849. together with a copy of a report by the Emigration Commissioners on their application.

2. Your Lordship adds unless I see some reason to the contrary I will be at liberty to act on Mr. Walcotts' conclusions, but I think it right before taking any further steps in the matter to submit to your Lordship the following outline and report.

3 In 1849 a Proclamation was issued to the effect that any person purchasing at auction a block of 160 acres of rural crown land would be entitled/~~conditionally~~ to occupy unconditionally 10,000 acres of the surrounding land for 20 years at a rental of £10 per annum with the privilege of purchasing to the extent of, but not exceeding, 10,000 at the expiration of the lease. The Company were amongst those who took up land under this Proclamation.

4. In 1861 it was thought advisable to amend the Proclamation of 1849, & new regulations were accordingly issued. Under these new regulations the stations were reduced in size from 10,000 to 6,000 acres, the duration of the leases were shortened by one half, and conditions were imposed as to striking and building houses on the stations; but on the other hand five years were allowed for purchasing the 160 acres required by the old Proclamation to be paid for before the settler could enter on his land, and it was arranged that the lessee might also "at any time during his lease purchase any further quantity of land in his station at the same (the

the upset price".

5. The Company took up land under this Proclamation also. The Stations which they hold under the Proclamation of 1849 being subject, as a matter of course, to the old Proclamation; those subsequently occupied under that of 1861, to the new.

6. On the 7th May 1867 the Manager of the Falkland Islands Company made application to me for permission to purchase a block of about "1970 acres of land adjoining the freehold on their "Station No. 8 – No. 8 being one of the Stations held under the Proclamation of 1849. I replied on the 24th June as follows: "I have had under my "consideration your letter of the 7th ultimo applying, "on behalf of the Falkland Islands Company, for "permission to purchase 1970 acres of land on the "Company's holding at Darwin Harbour, No. 8.

"Your lease of the above station provides that on the "expiration of this lease the said Falkland Islands "Company shall have the right of purchasing at "the then upset price of rural land any block of "the land hereby leased not being less than 500 nor "more than 1000 acres in extent.

"The Proclamation of 1849 under which the lease "was granted says: 'No land included in the "licence to be sold during the continuance of the "lease.

"Under these circumstances you will see that it "is not in my power to comply with your present "application.

"But the Proclamation of the 4th April "1861 contains the following clause: 'The lessee "of any station must within 5 years from the "date of his lease purchase at the upset price of "land for the time being (not exceeding 8/ an acre) "a section containing not less than 160 acres; and "may also at any time during his lease purchase "any further quantity of land at the same price.

I am therefore prepared to sale you 1970 acres on any Station held by the Company under the Proclamation

last referred to."

On the 9th Jan.y 1868 the new Manager Mr. Cobb urged me to reconsider the question, explaining his own view of it, requesting me "to "cause a Proclamation to be issued placing the "holders of land under the Proclamation of 1849 "on an Equality with holders under that of 1861, "as regards the purchase of land on their several "Stations." I replied on the 22 February acknowledging Mr. Cobbs "letter of the 9th January "respecting "the Land Proclamation of the 31st January 1849, "& the leases granted under it Tallered:

"I find myself unable to concur in the view which "you take of that Proclamation. I am advised by "my legal adviser that the Proclamation, taken in "conjuction with your leases, admits of no other "interpretation than that communicated to Mr. Foster in my letter to that Gentleman of the 24th June 1867."

The question as to the propriety of issuing a Proclamation placing holders of land under the Proclamation of 1849 on equality, as regards the privilige of purchasing land, with holders that of 1861, will be taken into consideration.

7. On the 18 March and 21 April the question was accordingly considered in Council. The following extracts from the Minutes are submitted.

Minutes of Executive Council 15 March 1869

Extract.

"The Governor produced a correspondence "with the Colonial Manager of the Falkland "Islands Company respecting the purchase of "land on Stations held under the Proclamation "of 1849. Correspondence read. [Mr. Griffiths "concurred in the view which ~~he~~ Hy Exy had taken of the "question as explained in the Correspondence. ["Mr. Bailie" was rather disposed to concur with "Mr. Cobb that the restriction as to purchasing

during

"during continuance of lease was against outsiders
"and not against helpers / The Governor thought
"one point was quite clear. At the expiration of the old
"leases the lessees are to have the privilege ~~of~~
"~~the exercise~~ of purchasing 1,000 acres on
"each Station. Whether this regulation might
"not be properly modified now so as to allow them
"purchasing that quantity during the continuance
"of the lease instead of waiting for its expiration
"is a question which is worthy of consideration;
"but it is quite clear that no lessee can be
"allowed during the continuance of the lease to
"go beyond what he would be entitled to at the
"end of the twenty years, and this is what Mr.
"Cobb wants to do. The old Stations contain
"some of the best land in the Colony, & the
"Governor thought the arrangement under which
"the greater part of these lands will presently
"revert to the Crown too valuable a one to be ~~at~~
"voluntarily set aside now that the demand for
"land has increased so largely.

"Further consideration of this point postponed,
"the members entirely agreeing with ~~His Excy~~ the Governor's
"views in the matter"

Minutes of the Executive Council April 21. 1869.

Extract.

"The application from the ~~Governor~~ Manager
"of the Falkland Islands Company to be allowed to
"purchase land on the Stations held under the
"Proclamation of 1849 was again considered.

"The Governor said that which he was
"unable to put any other interpretation on the
"Land Proclamation of 1849 than that which he
"had communicated to the Company, and to the
"Council at the last meeting, he was prepared,
"should the Council concur, so much to relax
"the old Regulations as to allow the Company to
"purchase 1,000 acres on any section held under the
"Proclamation as aforesaid, instead of waiting for
"the expiration of the lease to do so.

"The Members unanimously concurred with His "Excellency as to the propriety of this course, and His "Excellency said he would communicate in that sense "with the Manager of the Company accordingly."

8. On the 14th July I wrote to Mr. Cobb as follows:

"Referring to previous correspondence I have now "the honour to inform you that while 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 the 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 1,000 acres "on any section held under the Proclamation "aforesaid, instead of waiting for the expiration "of the Lease to do so.

Mr. Cobb gladly accepted this offer. In the month of November I accordingly availed myself (as your Lordship is aware from my Despatch of 20th December) of the presence of Her Majesty's Ship "Beacon", and causing 1,000 acres of the land desired by the Company to be surveyed, I handed a Crown Land of it to the Colonial Manager in the 7th December last.

10. The only questions which have now to be considered are these:

1. Have we gone far enough in allowing the lessees under the Proclamation of 1849 to purchase during the continuance of their leases the maximum quantity guaranteed to them by the terms of the Proclamation instead of obliging them to wait for the expiration of their Leases to do so; or 2) shall we adopt Mr. Walcott's conclusions and declare land owners under the two Proclamations to be on the same footing as regards their purchasing power.

I have explained (paragraphs 3 & 4) the difference between the Proclamations of 1849 & 1861. I have shown (paragraph 7) that I did not put

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at liberty on my own authority voluntarily to set aside an arrangement under which some of the best land in the Colony will presently revert to the Crown. But having done this I may frankly say that, as a matter of abstract right, there is, as Mr. Walcott remarks, no valid reason why a difference should be made between the leases under the two Proclamations, and that I am quite prepared, should Your Lordship still consider it advisable, to give effect of this view of the question.

A settler taking up a Station today may buy the whole of it at once if he thinks proper, and it would perhaps be ungenerous to take advantage of the circumstance that the early settlers did not stand out for a privilege since conceded to those who came after them, simply because the land they occupy happens to be some of the best in the Islands and that if they are held to their original bargain the greater part of it will hereafter revert to the Crown.

I have &c
(Signed) William Robinson
Governor.

The Right Honble
Earl Granville K. G.
&c &c &c

No. 14

Government House,
Falkland Islands
26 Feb 1870.

My Lord,

I have the honour to submit copies of the Minutes of the Executive Council for 1869.

2 The Minutes of the Legislative Council were forwarded from time to time with the Ordinances passed during the year

I have &c.

(signed) William Robinson

Governor.

The Right Honble
Earl Granville K.G.

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No. 15

Government House,
Falkland Islands,
27 Feb 1870.

My Lord,

It will give me great pleasure to do my best to supply the Colonial Department with Photographs of the principal buildings &c in this Colony, as called for in Your Lordship's Circular Despatch of the 29 November.

2 I must premise, however, that there is only but one Photographer here, and that he is a very bad one. Coupling this fact into the circumstance that the town and Public buildings are exceedingly ugly, I fear the Falkland Islands Album will be the last interesting of those which will be sent home in compliance with Your Lordship's request.

3 I will take the first opportunity of endeavouring to procure Photographs of any of the Fuegians who may visit Stanley in the Missionary Schooner that runs between this & the coast, but I am not at all sure that they will consent to be photographed in the only manner which would be of worth to Professor Huxley, as explained by him in the enclosure to your Lordship's Circular Despatch of the 30 November last.

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

The Right Hon^ble
Earl Granville K.G.
&c &c &c

No. 16.

Government House,
Falkland Islands,
27 Feb 1870.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's Despatches (Parliamentary Grant) of the 30th October & 20th November with correspondence respecting the transmission from Montevideo of the £9,000 in Specie recently forwarded to me by Her Majesty's Ship "Liverpool"

2 Your Lordship will have learned from my Despatch No. 200 of the 24th October last that the Specie in question was only received by me, having been conveyed from Montevideo by Her Majesty's Ship "Beacon".

I paid Acting Commander Jolliffe £22 " 10/ from the (Gold) Chest being the account due to that Officer as freight on the Treasure from Montevideo to Stanley.

I take this occasion to ask Your Lordship Despatch (Parliamentary Grant) of the 6th November informing me that the Treasury has authorized the payment from the Half grant for 1869-70 of claims for the conveyance of specie for the use of this Govt amounting respectively to £30 and £17 " 10 " 0. Not anticipating these charges, I have already drawn, as Your Lordship is now aware from my Despatch No. 207 of the 13th November, to the full extent of the grant, and will therefore feel grateful if Your Lordship will instruct the Crown Agents to replace the excess of £ 47 " 10 " 0 from Colonial Funds in their hands.

I have &c

To the Right Honble (Sigd) William Robinson
Earl Granville K.G. Governor

No. 17

Government House,
Falkland Islands,
2 March 1870.

My Lord,

I have the honour to ask Your Lordship's Circular Despatch of the 4 November with a copy of Mr. Robert A. Macfie's proposed Motion on the subject of Colonial Acts.

2 We have no means of printing an Ordinance here, but I will take care that in future all Manuscripts copies of each Ordinance shall be sent home as soon as possible after the Laws are passed.

I have &c.

(signed) William Robinson,

Governor.

The Right Honble
Earl Granville K. G.
&c &c &c

No. 18

Government House,
Falkland Islands,
3 March 1870.

My Lord,

I regret that the Rules of the Colonial Service oblige me to transmit to your Lordship the accompanying letter from the Colonial Surgeon.

Dr. Watt's complaint is so frivolous & unnecessary that I would gladly refuse to forward it, were it not that "every individual has the right to address the Secretary of State if he thinks proper", & that "the Governor is bound to transmit to the Secretary of State every communication" that may be forwarded to him for that purpose.

2 When preparing the Estimates for 1870-71, I had it for a time in contemplation to stop the gratuitous issue of medicines & appliances from the Government Dispensary; but before arriving to any final decision I invited from the Colonial Surgeon any remarks that he might be anxious of offering upon the subject. This led to a correspondence throughout which I was unable to convince Dr. Watts but that some of the privileges of his office were to be withdrawn. He fancied that I was about to compel him to go to the trouble & expense of importing his own Medicines or to pay for such of the Government Medicines as he might require in his private practice, whereas all I ever thought of doing was to say that those persons, other than Government Servants, to whom Medicines were supplied from the Dispensary would thenceforward be required to make good their value to Government.

3 On looking fully into the whole question I found that Dr. Watts' private practice was so inconsiderable as to render it unnecessary to make any change, but it appears that nothing short of a written assurance from your Lordship will

will satisfy Dr. Watts that he is not about to be deprived of the privilege of making use of the Government Medicines in his private practice — a privilege which he himself values at about £ 0 a year!

4. In conclusion I can only repeat my regret at having to trouble Your Lordship with this paltry & unnecessary appeal. I allowed the February Mail to pass in the hope that Dr. Watts would see the propriety of taking my advice in the matter & withdrawing his letter to Your Lordship, but he has not done so and I have therefore no alternative but to forward his communication.

I have &c.

(signed) William Robinson,

Governor

The Right Hon^ble.
Earl Granville
&c &c &c

No. 19

Government House,
Falkland Islands,
28th. March 1870.

My Lord,

I have the honour to ask: Your Lordship's Despatches of the number & dates noted below.

I have &c.

(Signed) William Robinson,

Governor

The Right Hon.ble
Earl Granville K. G.

&c &c &c

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No. 20

Government House,
Falkland Islands,
28/3/1870.

My Lord,

I have the honour to ask: Your Lordships' Circulars of the 6th & 14th January & of the undermentioned Parliamentary Papers therein contained:

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I have &c.

(Signed) William Robinson,
Governor.

The Right Honble
Earl Granville K. G.
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No. 21

Government House,
Falkland Islands,
20th March 1870.

My Lord,

Adverting to your Lordship's Despatch No. 36 of the 7th February, I have the honour to report that Colonel D'Arcy arrived here from Monte Video on the 27th instant, and that I propose to embark on Saturday next the 2nd April.

2. I will hand over the Treasury Chest and the archives of the office to Colonel D'Arcy on Saturday morning. He will be sworn in as Lieutenant Governor, pending the receipt of his full Commission as Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

I have the honour to be
My Lord,
Your Lordship's most obedient
humble Servant.

Sd William Robinson

Governor

The Right Hon.ble
Earl Granville K. G.
&c &c &c

No. 22

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Government House,
Falkland Islands,
31 March 1870.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's Despatch of the 26 October, No. 28 with a copy of a note from the United States Minister in London suggesting that United States Sailors should not be included in the regulations in force in the Falkland Islands under which Foreigners are required to deposit a sum of money on landing in order to indemnify the Colony in the event of their becoming a public charge, & requesting my opinion as to the possibility of giving effect to Mr. Motley's suggestion.

2 By the Alien Ordinance No. 7 of 1853 the Governor is authorized to require from any Alien landing in the Falkland Islands, or from any person importing an Alien, a guarantee that the Alien will not be allowed to become a public charge in the event of his falling sick or be unabled to obtain employment.

The Ordinance was passed to meet a special case at a time when there was little employment in the Colony and provisions were scarce. It was intended to restrain the introduction of Spanish Gauchos who could find work during the summer months, but were likely to be left destitute in the winter, at the present time there is little probability of any one becoming a public charge. Provisions are plentiful, and labour so high as to prevent employers entering on beneficial works that would under this circumstance be undertaken. For my own part I have allowed the Ordinance to fall in the back ground, and I think that it might very properly be now repealed. As a vagrant law it is useless, for it only applies to foreigners, who as a rule make sober & industrious colonists.

3 Under these circumstances I have not been in the habit of requiring the United States

Commercial Agent at this port to make any deposits on account of American Seamen. It is true that as the Law stands he is also liable to be called upon under the Ordinance, and this probably what Mr. Powell wished to represent; as a matter of fact I have never had occasion to enforce the Law against an American Seaman, nor is it at all likely that such occasion will ever occur in the future.

I trust your Lordship will pardon this hasty report. I write in the midst of my preparations for departure, and indeed if I wrote at greater length there would hardly be time for my despatch to be copied

I have &c.

(Signed) William Robinson

Governor

The Right Hon^ble
Earl Granville K.G.
&c &c &c

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Falkland Islands	5836
Keppels Island	3900
Albemarle Harbour	1936

Falkland Islands

Estimate for the financial year 1870-71

Memo

I ask Mr Byng for the difference of 1936 £'s between 70/71 & 67/68 is accounted for & that portion appropriated to such an account could have copied.

Falkland Islands

An Estimate of the sum required to defray the charge of the Govt of the Falkland Islands for the financial year ending 31 March 1871

Three thousand nine hundred and thirty two pounds

£3932. 0. 0.

Salaries of:			
Governor	1000	0	0
Stipendiary Magistrate	575	0	0
Colonial Surgeon	450	0	0
Colonial Chaplain	400	0	0
Surveyor General	400	0	0
Government Clerks	300	0	0
Boat Keeper	60	0	0
Governor's Department	230	0	0
Magistrate's Department	170	0	0
Ecclesiastical & Educational Dept.	82	0	0
Surveyor General's Dept. & Public Works	500	0	0
Conveyance of Mails	800	0	0
Police and Gaol expenses	100	0	0
Purchase of Stores & Materials	270	0	0
Royal Marine Garrison expenses	1116	0	0
Miscellaneous & contingent expenses	148	0	0
Total estimated expenditure	6551	0	0
Deduct:			
Total estimated Colonial Revenue	2619	0	0
Amount said required for the Govt of the Falkland Islands for the financial year 1870-71	3932	0	0
Being a decrease as compared with last year of	£200	0	0

The following are the alterations in the Estimate.

Revenue:

Increase in Rentals 200 0 0

Expenditure:

Same as before

5836
3932
£1904

Estimate reduced by £200 0 0

Falkland Islands

An Estimate of the amount required to defray the charges of the Govt of the Falkland Islands for the financial year ending the 31 March 1871, Also an estimate of the Estimated Colonial Revenue for the same period.

Estimate for the financial year 1870.71.

Item of Estimate	Estimate for 1870-71	Copy of Estimate for 1869-70	Increase on Each item	Decrease on Each item	Remarks
Salaries of:					
Governor	1000 0 0	1000 0 0			
Stipendy Magistrate	525 0 0	525 0 0			
Colonial Surgeon	450 0 0	450 0 0			
Colonial Chaplain	400 0 0	400 0 0			
Surveyor General	400 0 0	400 0 0			
Court Clerks	300 0 0	300 0 0			
Goal Keeper	60 0 0	60 0 0			
Governor's Department	230 0 0	230 0 0			
Magistrate's Ditto	170 0 0	170 0 0			
Ecclesiastical & Educational Dept.	82 0 0	82 0 0			
Surveyor General's Dept & Public Works	500 0 0	500 0 0			
Conveyance of Mails	800 0 0	800 0 0			
Police & Goal Expenses	100 0 0	100 0 0			
Purchase of Stores & Materials	270 0 0	270 0 0			
Royal Marine Garrison Expenses	1116 0 0	1116 0 0			
Miscellaneous & contingent expenses	148 0 0	148 0 0			
Total Estimated Expenditure	6551 0 0	6551 0 0			Expenditure same as last year
Estimated Colonial Revenue					
Sale & Rent of Crown Lands	1993 0 0	1793 0 0	200 0 0		p. 18
Wild Cattle	400 0 0	400 0 0			
Licenses	221 0 0	221 0 0			
Auction Duties	100 0 0	100 0 0			
Miscellaneous	105 0 0	105 0 0			
Total Estimated Revenue	2619 0 0	2419 0 0	200 0 0		Net increase of Revenue £ 200
Amount of Paid required for the support of the Falkland Islands for the Financial Year 1870-71	3932 0 0	4132 0 0		200 0 0	Total decrease of Grant £ 200

2419
3932
6351

4132
3932
200

Governor's Department.	Estimate for 1870-71	Copy of Estimate for 1869-70
Wages of Office Keeper and Court Messenger	60	60
Wages of Court Gardener	60	60
Wages of Matron & House Keeper	60	60
Expenses of Stationery for Public Offices and charges for printing &c.	20	20
Temporary Clerk employed occasionally	30	30
£	230	230

Being the same as last year.

Judicial Department	Estimate for 1870-71	Copy of Estimate for 1869-70
Wages of Chief Constable	60	60
Wages of Keeper of the Magistrates Office & Court House	12	12
Clothing for Chief Constable and Stationery for use of Courts	12	12
Additional Constable required in winter & occasional services of Special Constables	12	12
Incidental Expenses of admin of Justice, serving Summonses, writs, &c, in the interior	24	24
Allowance to Chief Magistrate for Clerk hire	50	50
£	170	170

Being the same as last year.

Ecclesiastical and Educational Department.	Estimate for 1870-71	Copy of Estimate for 1869-70
Contribution to salary of the Schoolmaster	44	44
Contribution to salary of School mistress in charge of Girls School	18	18
Salary of Church cleaner and Church Clerk	10	10
Fuel for the schools and contribution towards fuel and incidental expenses of the Church	10	10
	82	82

Surveyor Generals Department and Public Works.	Estimate for 1870-71	Copy of Estimate for 1869-70
Wages of Chainmen employed in Surveying in the interior under Surveyor General	25	25
Labour by contract, or daily pay as Opportunity may offer, in the repair & maintenance of Roads & other public places, wages to Marine Artificers when employed on the Public works under Surveyor General	362 10	362 10
⁂ 1 Carpenter 300 days at 7/6 a day	105 0	105 0
1 Bell ringer 300 days at 6 a day	7 10	7 10
⁂ 1 Blacksmith Head the Carpenter, Railway from his long services & the high rate of wages he receives as mechanic & extended experience to repair & maintain the Railway Engines & Carriages, estimated at 8/ or 8/6 a day	500	500

⁂ Struck off April 1870

Conveyance of Mails	Estimate for 1870-71	Copy of Estimate for 1869-70
Maintenance of the Colonial Vessel "Foam" employed in conveying the Mails between the Falkland Islands and Monte Video: viz:		
Master	180	180
Mate	90	90
Second Mate	48	48
Cook and Steward	48	48
Five Seamen	225	225
Cost of Provisions, Rope, Sails, Paint &c and Miscellaneous repairs	209	209
	£ 800	800

Being the same as last year.

Police and Gaol Expenses	Estimate for 1870-71	Copy of Estimate for 1869-70
Wages of Gaoler at £4 a month.	48	48
Allowance to Gaoler at the rate of Six pence a day for each Prisoner in Gaol over Three in Number and a similar allowance to the Gaoler's wife for every female Prisoner in Gaol.	12	12
Cost of Clothing and Bedding for Prisoners, lighting the Gaol &c &c and also the occational employment of an additional Turnkey for Prisoners when at work.	20	20
Subsistence of Prisoners.	20	20
	£ 100	100

Being the same as last year.

Purchase of Stores & Materials	Estimate for 1870-71	Cf's of Estimate for 1869-70
Purchase of Coals and Peat-fuel for Government Offices, Gaol Court House Guard Room, and other Public Services.	100	100
Purchase of ten Tons of Coal for the use of the Public Reception Room at Government House.	30	30
Purchase of corn for Cart-Mules, Boat-Sails, Rope for Boats &c &c of Provisions for Surveying parties & other Stores.	40	40
Purchase of Timber, Nails, Screws, door locks, hinges, glass, Paint Tools and other Miscellaneous Stores, and building Materials.	100	100
	£ 250 270	250 170

Being the same as last year

Royal Marine Garrison Expenses	Estimate for 1870-71			Cf's of Estimate 1869-70		
Colonial double pay of Detachment equal to their Imperial Pay viz:						
1 Lieutenant in Command 365 days a 7/6 per diem	135	12	6	135	12	6
1 Medical Officer in charge of Royal Marines and attending in the general practice of the Colony	100			100		
1 Sergeant 365 days at 2/ a day	36	10		36	10	
1 Corporal 365 " " 1/4 " "	24	6	8	24	6	8
18 Privates 365 " " 1/ " "	328	10		328	10	
Total double Pay	626	4	2	626	4	2
Ceded:						
Expenses of Commissariat Department in accordance with the Scale of Rations authorized by Her Majesty's Government.	490			490		
	£ 1116	4	2	1116	4	2

Being the same as last year

Miscellaneous Services	Estimate for 1870-71	Copy of Estimate for 1869-70
Freight of Specie to the Colony, Insurance of Stores sent out by the Crown Agents for the Colonies, and Loss on exchange of Treasury Bills.	34	34
Allowance to Postmaster for his services to the Colony defrayed from the Postal Revenues.—	30	30
Expences of procuring Jurtac Grass for the Cart-Mules and the Government-Horses in the Winter.	24	24
Allowance to the Harbourmaster of 6d a ton on all water supplied to Merchant-Shipping from the Reservoir in his charge.	6	6
	£ 94	94

Being the same as last year.

Miscellaneous services continued	Estimate for 1870-71	Copy of Estimate for 1869-70
Brought forward	94	94
Expences connected with the Powder Magazine defrayed from fees received for the deposit of gunpowder in the Magazine.	10	10
Pay of Boat-crew occationally employed, and other incidental services.—	26	26
Allowance to Harbourmaster for undertaking duties of Storeman	18	18
	£ 148	148

Being the same as last year

~~Estimated~~ Colonial Revenue

Item of ~~Estimate~~	~~Estimate~~ for 1870-71	Copy of Estimate for 1869-70
Crown Lands and Buildings		
Sale of 270 Acres of rural land at 8/ an Acre, or an equivalent of Town Land.	108	108
Lease of Pebble Island		20
Lease of Forty Grazing Stations at £10 per annum each.	400	380
Rent of Slaughter House and other Public Buildings in Stanley	85	85
Lease of West Falkland.	1600	1200
Wild Cattle.		
Royalty on the capture of Wild Cattle.	200	200
	£ 2193	1993

~~Estimated~~ Colonial Revenue

Item of ~~Estimate~~	~~Estimate~~ for 1870-71	Copy of Estimate for 1869-70
Brought Forward	2193	1993
Auction Duties		
Duties on Spirits and fermented Liquors sold by Public Auction say £1000 at 5 per cent.	50	50
Duties on other goods sold by auction say £2/10 at 2½ per cent.	50	50
Licences.		
Eight Spirit Licences at £20 each.	160	160
One Wholesale and Retail Spirit Licence at £30	30	30
Three Auctioneers Licences at £5 each	15	15
Forty Dog licences at 8/ each.	16	16
	£ 2514	2314

Estimated Colonial Revenue

Item of Estimate	Estimate for 1870-71	Copy of Estimate for 1869-70
Brought forward	2514	2314
Water Rate (Being a charge of 2/6 a Ton levied on all Water supplied to Merchant Ships from the Reservoir)	30	30
Fines Forfeitures and Fees of Court (Levied in Courts of Justice in the Colony.)	30	30
Postage:- Being the Colonial Share of the Revenue derived from the Correspondence between the Falkland Islands and the United Kingdom	31	31
	£2605	2405

Estimated Colonial Revenue

Item of Estimate	Estimate for 1870-71	Copy of Estimate for 1869-70
Brought forward	2605	2405
Gunpowder: (A charge of 6d per package on Powder deposited for security in the Government Magazine from Merchant Ships in Harbour, under the Harbour Regulations clause 18. Say upon 561 packages.)	14	14
	£ 2619 0 0	2419 0 0

Being an increase of Revenue of £200