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& LETTER BOOK
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Government House
Falkland Islands

April 11th 1870.

My Lord,

I have the honour to report, that I arrived here on Sunday the 27th of March - Captain Buckley R. N. commanding Her Majesty's Ship "Pygades" having given me a passage on requisition from Montevideo.

2. Governor Robinson handed me over the government on the 2nd of April, when I was sworn in as Lieutenant Governor.

3. The "Pygades" sails to-morrow for Montevideo with Governor Robinson on board.

I have the honour to be, by God,
Your Lordship's
most obedient Servant.

(Signed) G. D'Arcy.

Colonel and Lieutenant Governor

To The Right Hon^{ble}

Earl Granville K. G.

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"Foam"
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 2nd May 1870.

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| 4 | 21 st " | Reporting wreck of Maid of Athens | none |
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Also Duplicate Despatch No. 1 of 1st April 1870

Signed / G. D'Arcy.
 Governor
 & Colonel

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"From"

Government House,
Falkland Islands
April 21st 1870

My Lord,

I have the honour to forward an Ordinance to amend the Administration of Justice Ordinance relating to Juries.

6 copies

2. The Lawyer General, who is doing the duty of Chief Magistrate having had occasion to visit a distant part of the Settlement on duty, the Clerk of the Courts did not feel himself authorized in his absence, to issue the usual notices, and the time provided by law was allowed to lapse, consequently it then became necessary shortly after my arrival to pass a short Ordinance, making it legal to assemble a Jury, in doing so the Council represented to me, that the occasion would be opportune to improve the law as it stands, inasmuch as the resident Farmers from the Camp, the Gentlemen from the Mission at Ropel Island, and the Proprietors of the West Falkland are constantly in the habit of visiting Stanley, it would be a great object to secure their unbiased opinion; at present as your Lordship will perceive, the Jury is composed solely of residents in the town of Stanley.

3. At the same time, the Amended Ordinance meets the Coroner's suggestions, much time, expense, and trouble will be spared by this Officer being able to assemble an Inquest at the locality where the death takes place, instead of conveying the body into Stanley.

I have
To the Right Honble [signed] G. D'Arcy
Earl Granville K. G. Lt. Governor.

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Government House, W.W.
 Falklands Islands
 April 21st. 1870.

My Lord, I have the honour to forward an Ordinance to repeal and almost abrogate the Alien Ordinance now in force for your Lordship's approval and the final sanction of the Sovereign.

Agreeable to the

spirit of Governor Robinson's answer to Your Lordship's Despatch I was induced to suggest this measure to the Legislative Council owing to the great want felt in the Settlement for Immigration, so that by competition, the exorbitant price of labour might be reduced which at present bears so grievously on the community, indeed the subject was pressing inasmuch as the war being concluded in the Countries bordering on the River Plate, many enterprising Foreigners for the most part French and German without means sufficient to return to Europe, yet were ready to migrate to this Settlement provided the old Alien Act was abrogated, which they disliked and misunderstood.

Your Lordship will perceive I have endeavoured to release Aliens from the vexatious clauses in the old act, whilst those Aliens who are represented by Consuls are free to reside in the Colony without payment; on arrival, merely giving their names and residence to the Police Magistrate; the unrepresented, such as the Gaucho's & Horse-breakers from Paraguay earn ample wages in the Summer but are liable to be discharged in the Winter, some guarantee is taken to prevent their becoming a

*No 22 - 2nd March 1870
No 23 - 25th Oct. 1870*

"Harm"

source of embarrassment to the Government
I have every reason to believe
that this amendment to the old law of
1853 will meet the necessities of the
Settlement which the present state of
the labour market so urgently requires.

I have the honour to be,

Your Lordship's
most obedient servant

(signed) G. D'Arcy.

Lt Gov & Col.

To the Right Honble

Lord Granville K. C.

Esq.

Government House,
Falkland Islands,
April 21st 1870.

No 4.

My Lord, I have the honour to
report a distressing case of shipwreck
which might have entailed considerable
loss of life but for this harbour of refuge
the Port of Stanley.

The Barque "Maid
of Athens" with a general cargo bound for
Valparaiso, took fire off Staten Island,
~~at the Falklands in the~~ an Island near
Tierra del Fuego, uninhabited; the
Captain run her on shore on the Island,
with the fire bursting through her decks,
very soon the vessel was destroyed; with a
compass and a small quantity of provisions
he steered for Stanley a distance of 300 miles,
in the long boat with his Wife and seven
men, and all reached Stanley on the 1st
of April after a six days voyage, perfectly
exhausted, and in a sad state of destitution.

Three men of the crew having refused
to leave Staten Island, considering the

boat

~~Papa went to~~ "Foam"
boat too small to cross such a tempestuous sea,
they elected to remain subsisting on a few
provisions saved from the wreck.

I despatched
the "Foam" immediately to their assistance she
returned in eight days with the rescued
men on board.

I am now engaged in
sending the crew home as distressed British
Subjects, one man the mate was
unfortunately washed over board before
the fire was discovered.

I have the
Signed / G. D'Arcy
Lt. Governor & Colonel.

To the Right Honble
Earl Granville K. G.
8. 8. 8.

No 5

Government House,
Falkland Islands,
28th April 1870

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 1870-71

Bill No 1 dated 28th April 1870.
for the sum of one hundred pounds sterling £100.
in favour of the Revd Charles Bull at par.

Bill No 2 dated 28th April 1870.
for the sum of Fifty Pounds Sterling in £50
favour of Messrs Tony Paget and Co at
par.

Bill No 3 dated the 28th April 1870.
for the sum of fifty pounds sterling in £50
favour

7.
favour of the Revd Charles Bull, at par.
The Proceeds of these Bills are
required for the General services of the
Colony, and, as will be seen by the
certified Certificate, have been duly
carried to the credit of the Colonial
Revenue.

I have the honour to be,
my Lord,
your Lordship's most
obedient humble servant

signed/ G. D'Arcy.

To the Right Honble Lt Governor
Earl Granville K. G.

Colony of the Falkland Islands.

Bill No 2 dated 28th April 1870 drawn
by Governor George D'Arcy on the Paymaster
General for the sum of One hundred pounds
Sterling, on the credit of the Parliamentary
Grant for the general services of the Colony in
aid of Colonial Revenue for the year 1870.

Bill No 2 dated 28th April 1870
drawn by Governor George D'Arcy on the
Paymaster General for the sum of fifty
pounds Sterling, on the credit of the
Parliamentary Grant for the general services
of the colony in aid of Colonial Revenue
for the year 1870-71

Bill No 3 drawn by
Governor George D'Arcy on the Paymaster
General for the sum of fifty Pounds
Sterling on the credit of the Parliamentary
Grant for the general services of the colony
in aid of Colonial Revenue for the year
1870-71

I hereby certify that the amount
realized

£ 100

£ 50

£ 50

realized by the Bills above described, was
fully carried to the credit of the Colonial
Revenue on the 28th April 1870.

(Signed)

H. Byng
Colonial Treasurer

(Signed)

G. D'Arcy
Colonel & Lt. Governor.

Dated this twenty eighth day of April 1870

Schedule of Despatches

Transmitted by the Governor of the
Falkland Islands to the Secretary of
State for the Colonies by the Schooner
"Irene" on the 12th of May 1870

| Number of Despatch | Date of Despatch | Subject of Despatch | Number of Enclosures |
|--------------------|---------------------------|--|----------------------|
| 6 | 10 th May 1870 | Intimating concurrence of the Falkland Islands in the modification in the Money Order Service. | " |
| 7 | 11 th May | Replies to Circular Despatch of 13 th July, with regard to retiring Pension. | " |

Nos.

"Irene"

Government House,
Falkland Islands
11th May 1870

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordships Despatch with one from the Post Master General together with an amended set of rules it is proposed to adopt in the transaction of Money Order business between this Colony and the Imperial Post office, and in answer I have to report that the modifications have been notified to the Public of this Settlement, the Colonial Government quite concurring in the rules laid down by Lord Hartington.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

your obedient servant.

I signed /

G. D'Arcy,
Lt. Governor.

To the Right Honble
Earl Granville K. G.

June

No 7

Government House,
Falkland Islands
11th May 1870

My Lord,

In reference to the Circular of the 15th July 1869, organizing a scale of pensions for Colonial Officers in the event of their transfer from or promotion into this settlement, I have the honour to report that I do not think any Ordinance is necessary inasmuch as the entire management of financial matters as far as these Islands are concerned is vested in Her Majesty's Government.

I have &c.
Signed/
G. D'Key
Lt. Governor

To the Right Honble
Earl Granville R. G.
etc. etc.

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Schedules of Despatches
Transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands
to the Secretary of State for the Colonies by the Schooner
Foaum on the 7th of June 1870.

| Number of Despatch | Date of Despatch | Subject of Despatch | Number of Enclosures |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| 8 | 11 th May 1870 | Suggested Badge for the Colonial Union Jack. | 1 |
| 9 | 14 th " | Advising Bill on Paymaster General | 1 |
| 10 | 24 th " | Suggesting that Stanley instead of Rio should be the Station for Naval Stores. | 1 |
| 11 | " " " | Claim for remission of Income Tax on Salary paid as Governor of the Gambia. | 2 |
| 12 | 1 st June " | Forwarding certificate for £3,000 called for by the Comptroller and Auditor General. | 1 |
| 13 | " " " | Acknowledging receipt of Queen's Commission under the Great Seal appointing Colonel D'Urban Governor and Commander-in-Chief. | None |
| 14 | " " " | Respecting the charges of Commission as Governor. | None |
| 15 | " " " | Relating to the expected visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh. | None |
| 16 | " " " | Replying to despatch No 45 of 4 th April, with reference to Stores supplied by H.M. Garrison. | 1 |
| 17 | " " " | Acknowledging receipt of Party Paper relating to "Conference of Colonial Representatives in London". | None |
| 18 | " " " | Replying for extra allowance of coal for Government House. | None |
| 19 | " " " | As to three kinds of Despatches to be used. | None |

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| Number of Despatch | Date of Despatch | Subject of Despatch | % of Incliances. |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---|------------------------|
| 20 | " " " | Relative to furnishing of Meteorological works | None |
| 21 | " " " | Respecting Return of W. ^{rs} of Wreck and casualties and suggesting that a Master Attendant be appointed. | 1 |
| 22 | 5 " " | Wreck of "Bulaway" | None |
| 23 | 1 " " | Acknowledging Receipt of Parliamentary Papers relating to "Conference of Colonial Representatives in London". | None |
| 24 | 6 " " | Acknowledging receipts of Despatches and Circulars | 3. |
| 25 | " " " | Regarding the expenses incurred by the owners of the Ship "Glengairn" for conveying and of the shipwrecked crew of the "Moderation" | None |

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No. 8.

Government House.
Falkland Islands.
11th Mar 1870.

My Lord,

In answer to your ^{Sir} Lordship's circular dated 11 September 1869 with reference to Flags to be used by the different branches of Her Majesty's Service, I have the honour to inform your Lordship that I have consulted my Legislative Council upon the matter and they agree with me in thinking that the nearest adaptation of the accompanying ^{impression} of the public seal of the colony that can be suitably emblazoned in the centre of the Union Jack should be the device adopted.

I have the honour to be

My Lord,
your Lordship's most obedient
humble Servant

signed J. G. Astley.

Colonel and
Governor.

To the Right Honble.
Earl Granville R. G.

No 9

Government House.
Falkland Islands.
14th May 1870

My Lord,
I have the honour to report
that I have this day drawn the undermentioned
Bills on the Parliamentary Grant for the
year 1870-71.

Bill No 10 dated 14th May 1870
for Four hundred and twenty nine Pounds, £ 429. 7. 4.
seven shillings, and four pence sterling
in favour of the Receiver and Accountant
General at par.

I have the
signature

G. D'Acry

The Right Honble
The Earl Granville, K.G.

Colonel &
Governor

Colony of the Falkland Islands.

Bill No 11 dated 14th of May 1870, drawn
by Governor D'Acry on the Paymaster General
for the sum of Four hundred and twenty
nine pounds, seven shillings and four
pence, on the credit of the Parliamentary Grant
for the general services of the colony for the
year 1870-71.

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 day of May 1870.

signed

signed
G. D'Acry
Governor

H. Byng
Treasurer

Copied from

No. 10.

Government House.
Falkland Islands
11th May 1870.

My Lord

I have the honour to request you will be pleased to allow me to make a suggestion consequent on the above praying off of the "Bermont," Her Majesty's Store Ship at Rio de Janeiro, beneficial to this settlement, and at the same time advantageous to the Public Service.

2. The tonnage of the Squadron on the east coast of South America having been considerably reduced, it may not be considered necessary to have so large a dépôt of Stores at Rio, where the Yellow Fever has assumed a chronic endemic form; and is of a type, / as I have lately so sadly witnessed / very fatal to Europeans, especially to those officers recently arrived from England, whose duties compel them to remain on board the Store Ship, without a prospect of change of air.

3. The present time may be thought opportune for dwelling on the many advantages this fine harbour of Stanley affords for our vessels of war to refit in; the climate although rigorous is invigorating and bracing, and the spirits rise in the same ratio as they are depressed in the tropics from the lenervating heat, moreover there is a commodious colonial government store on the beach, a building quite capable of containing 1,000 tons of stores which might be transferred to the Admiralty with advantage to the public service, the Colonial stores never having exceeded 200 tons at one

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one time and only occupying a decimal of
the building

4. Many advantages present
themselves in this proposed transfer of stores
from the Store Ship at Rio to the Dock yard
at Stanley the most important being that
of the many valuable lives which in all
human calculation may be saved, together
with the expense of the Guard Ship computed
at £3,000 a year! Vessels of war bound
for the Pacific, only calling at Stanley to
refit might almost shape a course for Cape
Horn, thereby avoiding the circuitous route
and the pernicious fever at Rio, again those
cruisers homeward bound from New Zealand
via Cape Horn will refit in this magnificent
harbour of Stanley materially increasing the
prosperity of these Islands.

I have &
(signed) G: D'Aray.
Colonel and
Governor.

The Right Honble
Earl Granville K. G.

Government House.
Falkland Islands.
May 21st 1870.

My Lord,

Adverting to a Despatch of
your Lordship's of the 27th of April 1869
to my Predecessor marked "Parliamentary
Grant"; I have the honour to solicit that
you will be pleased also to entertain
my application for the drawback of
the Income Tax which I paid into the
Treasury during the years I administered
the Government of the Gambia from 1859
to 1866.

I have re-

(sd)

B. D'Arcy
Colonel and
Governor.

The Right Hon^bble
The Earl Granville K.G.

No 12.

Government House
Falkland Islands.
June 1st 1870.

My Lord, In compliance with your Lordship's Despatch of the 9th March 1870 marked "Parliamentary Grant" I have the honour to forward the Certificate required by the Comptroller and Auditor General that the sum of Three thousand pounds was £3,000. 0. 0 duly carried to the credit of the colonial revenue it is signed by the Acting Colonial Secretary and Treasurer and countersigned by myself.

I have
signed / G. D'Alcy
Colonel and
Governor.

The Right Honble
The Earl Granville K. G.

Colony of the Falkland Islands.

I hereby certify that the sum of Three thousand Pounds in specie forwarded from England for the general services of the Colony on the credit of the Parliamentary Grant for the year 1869-70 was duly received and carried to the credit of the Colonial Revenue on the 11th day of October 1869. £3,000. 0. 0

G. D'Alcy
Governor

J.S.D/

H. Byng
Treasurer

No. 13.

London

Government House,
Falkland Islands
1st June 1870

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch No. 91 of the 2d ult. 1870 forwarding Her Majesty's Commission under the Great Seal appointing me Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Falkland Islands and their dependencies and transmitting instructions for my guidance under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet.

I beg to report that the usual oaths of office were formally administered to ~~me~~ by the Chief Magistrate on the 6th instant in the presence of the Public Officers and principal Inhabitants of the Settlement.

I have the honour to be

My Lord,

your Lordship's most obedient
humble Servant.

(Signed)

G. D'Acy.

Colonel and
Governor.

To the Right Hon^b
The Earl Granville K.G.

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Government House.
Falkland Islands.
June 1st 1870.

My Lord, I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch No^o 42 of the 26th March 1870 forwarding a receipt for £ 93^{..} 15^{..} 8, the charges on £ 93^{..} 15^{..} 8. my Commission as Governor and Commander-in-chief together with an order on the Colonial Chest for the drawback of £ 6^{..} 11^{..} 4 for which I beg to tender my respectful thanks.

I have &:
(Signed) G. D'Arcy.
Colonel and
Governor.

The Right Honble
The Earl Granville K.G.

No. 15.

Government House
Falkland Islands.
June 1st 1870.

My Lord, I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch No^o 143 of the 28th March 1870 announcing that His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh may visit these Islands about the last week in February 1871.

The Inhabitants greatly
appreciate

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appreciate the honour which His Royal Highness purposed to confer on this little settlement, by his visit; and as far as their limited means will admit, I am sure they will display every demonstration of loyalty.

I have re-

(Signed)

G. Dickey

Governor

Colonel.

The Right Hon^{ble}
Earl Granville K. G.

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Government House
Falkland Islands.
June 1st 1870.

My Lord, In answer to your Lordship's Dispatch No 15 of the 11th April 1870, calling for a report on the subject of supplies to the colonial government of these Islands received from Her Majesty's Ship "Brisk" I have the honour to forward a copy of the Report forwarded by Governor Robinson on the 10th November 1869, which I fear must have miscarried.

I have re-

(Signed)

G. Dickey

Colonel

Governor.

The Right Hon^{ble}
Earl Granville K. G.

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No. 17.

Government House.
Falkland Islands
June 1st 1870.

My Lord, I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Circular marked "Parliamentary" of the 7th April 1870 forwarding four copies of a proposed conference of "Colonial Representatives in London".

I have &c

(Signed)

G. J. Tracy
Colonel &
Governor

The Right Honble
Earl Granville K. G.

No. 18.

Government House.
Falkland Islands.
June 1st 1870.

My Lord, On the establishment of the Services for this Colony the Secretary of State was pleased to grant the Governor a colonial allowance of ten tons of coal - in consideration of the dead level of cold and wet weather, which sweeps over these Islands throughout the year.

At that time now thirty years ago, the Governor resided in the Government Cottage now used as a Secretariat, containing only two small rooms

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rooms, but at the present time the rooms in the new Government House require constant fires, they are many and large; and very damp, the walls unfortunately having originally been built with mortar made of sea sand, under these circumstances I trust your Lordship will be pleased favourably to consider my application to be allowed to draw from the Colonial Store ten tons annually, in excess of the ten tons hitherto granted.

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I have re
(signed)

G. D'Arcy
Colonel &
Governor.

The Right Hon^{ble}
Earl Granville. K. G.

No. 19.

Government House.
Falkland Islands.
June 1st 1870.

My Lord,
I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Circular marked "Confidential" dated 17th of March 1870 in which it is clearly laid down that Despatches are to be henceforth via
1 Numbered Despatches.
2 Confidential Despatches.
3 Secret Despatches.

Your Lordship's orders shall be carefully executed

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executed by this Government.

I have &:
 (signed) G. D'Arcy.
 Colonel &
 Governor.

The Right Honble
 Earl Granville K.G.

No. 20.

Government House,
 Falkland Islands.
 June 1st 1870.

My Lord. I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of a Circular dated 5th March 1870, in reference to the Meteorological works of this settlement, which shall receive my earnest attention.

I beg to take this occasion to forward the register for the missing eighteen months of 1864 & 1865 alluded to in a Despatch from Mr. Robinson to the Secretary of State which were accidentally found at the Lighthouse a few days ago!

I have &:
 (signed) G. D'Arcy.
 Colonel &
 Governor.

The Right Honble
 Earl Granville K.G.

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N^o. 21.

Government House
Falkland Islands
2nd June 1870.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of a Circular⁽¹⁾ of the 7th March 1870 with enclosures from Mr. Trevor of the Board of Trade in reference to the necessity of carefully filling in No. 1 Wreck returns - and I now take occasion to forward the wreck return, filled up carefully, in reference to the last wreck in these seas, that of the "Maid of Athens" reported only by letter last mail.

2. I can assure your Lordship I have always taken the greatest interest in this subject & it will be more than a duty to me to afford every information to the Board of Trade respecting wrecks but in compliance with the suggestion contained in the 3rd paragraph of Mr. Trevor's letter to your Lordship, I have the honour to name the Colonial Secretary, being the only officer of this settlement qualified to fill up such a return for at present he officiates as Collector and Registrar of Shipping together with his numerous other more immediate duties.

3. In the event of the colonial funds, hereafter being able to bear the strain of such an appointment a Master Attendant is much wanted for this

Mr. Byng.

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this Port. He might be a retired experienced Naval officer one who could with ease furnish these returns from time to time as casualties occur in these stormy seas, together with those required by the meteorological Department, and at the same time he might have charge of the Naval Stores recommended in my despatch No 10 of the 21st May 1870, moreover he would be well qualified to give the Chief Magistrate advice on subjects connected with the maritime laws which bear on wrecked property, the constant receipt of which is so trying to the character of a sea-faring community; the burden of this officer's salary might be divided between Imperial and Colonial funds.

I have &c
 (signed) G. D'Arcy
 Colonel
 Governor

The Right Hon^{ble}
 Earl Granville K.B.

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From

No. 22

Government House
Falkland Islands.
June 6th 1870.

My Lord,

Mr. Robinson informed me on leaving that he had all the papers connected with the wreck of the "Balcarry" in his desk, and that he would write a Despatch to your Lordship on the voyage home, as the calamity occurred during his administration, in reference to that I have the pleasure to report that the Schooner "Southern Cross" Sonathan Lewis Master, arrived in this harbour on the 3rd instant, and reports that the missing long boat containing the Captain of the "Balcarry" and his wife have arrived in safety at Rio Negro.

The cargo of the wreck is gradually arriving at Stanley in the small country craft of these Islands and is being disposed of by public auction at the instance of the Consignee.

I have etc.

(Signed)

G. D'Arcy

Colonel &
Governor.

The Right Honble
Earl Granville.

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Government House
Falkland Islands.
6th June 1870.

My Lord, I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Circular marked "Parliamentary" of the 23 February 1870 forwarding four copies of a proposed conference of colonial Representatives in London.

I have re-
(signed)
G. D'Arcy.
Colonel &
Governor.

The Right Honble
Earl Granville K.G.

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Government House
Falkland Islands.
June 6th 1870.

My Lord. I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt on the 9th ultimo of your Lordship's Despatches and Circulars of the numbers and Dates noted in the enclosure, and to forward the usual Schedule of answered and unanswered Despatches.

I have re-
(signed)
G. D'Arcy.
Colonel &
Governor.

The Right Honble
Earl Granville K.G.

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Enclosure 1.

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| 11 th February 1871 | £ 2.38. |
| 23 rd " " | Parliamentary . . . |
| 25 th " " | £ 2.39. |
| 25 th " " | Acknowledging Dispatches. |
| 28 th " " | Circular . . . |
| 3 rd March " " | " |
| 7 th " " | " |
| 8 th " " | " |
| 9 th " " | Parliamentary Grant. |
| 12 th " " | Circular . . . |
| 14 th " " | " |
| 15 th " " | " |
| 16 th " " | " |
| 17 th " " | Confidential . . . |
| 17 th " " | £ 2.40. |
| 21 st " " | Circular . . . |
| 22 nd " " | " |
| 23 rd " " | " |
| 26 th " " | £ 2.41. |
| 26 th " " | £ 2.42. |
| 28 th " " | " 43. |
| 2 nd April " " | " 44. |
| 4 th " " | " 45. |
| 7 th " " | Parliamentary Grant. |

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Enclosure 2.

Schedule of Despatches received from the Secretary of State which have been more than six 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 six Months.

Nil

No. 25.

Government House.
Falkland Islands.
June 6th 1870.

My Lord, I have the honour to comply with your Lordship's Despatch No. 58. of the 11th of February 1870, by reporting on the expenses incurred by the owners of the "Glengairn" respecting the Master and shipwrecked crew of the "Moderation" who were sent home on board the former vessel.

2. From all the information I have been able to collect in the Port, the Master of the "Glengairn" was not detained three days until the shipwrecked crew were ready to embark, and it does not appear

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appear that the Master made any complaint or entered a protest at the office of the Notary public to that effect - Surgeon Mac Clinton R.N, the Assistant Colonial Surgeon, certainly did recommend the Master to purchase fresh beef and mutton, as the men showed signs of incipient scurvy, but he conceived that these articles would be included in the sum allowed per diem for each man, as fresh meat is only 1/- pence a pound in this settlement, the same price as salt meat, this consideration ought not to have involved any unnecessary expense.

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3. Owing to the inclemency of the climate the charge for coals might not be considered unreasonable by the Board of Trade, together with the expenses for warming the Vessel necessary on receiving on board so many Passengers, but the other charges are considered by Dr. Mac Clinton and Mr. Byng the Colonial Secretary as exorbitant.

I have &c.
(Signed)

G. D'Arcy.
Colonel &
Governor.

The Right Honble
The Earl Granville K.G.

From

No. 26.

Government House
Falkland Islands.
18th June 1870.

My Lord, I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's despatch No. 42 of the 5th of May, in which you sanction the appointment of Mr. Travis as Finance Clerk and Bookkeeper subject to the conditions conveyed to me in a previous despatch.

In reply I have to report after consulting with Mr. Byng the Acting Colonial Secretary that the Colonial funds will not be able to bear this appointment at least till the 1st of April 1871 - by some mistake the liabilities of this government were not sufficiently set forth in the Estimates of '70 = '71.

I have the
Signed. G. D'Arcy.
Colonel and
Governor.

The Right Honble
The Earl Granville K.G.

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No. 27.

Government House
Stanley
Falkland Islands.
18th June 1870.

My Lord,

I have the honour to enclose
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for your information a shipping report announcing the receipt of the first consignment of gold from Sandy Point:- the Captain reports that the Diggers expect to realize large profits in the Spring, when they hope to receive from Montevideo tools and implements more adapted for their work, hitherto the washing has been quite on the surface, of the ground now covered with snow; good burning coal has also been found at Sandy Point and is sold at £2 the ton, this discovery will spoil the coal trade of this settlement where it cannot be sold under £3.

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I am sorry to repeat that it is generally supposed in Stanley, that the sudden prosperity and rise of Sandy Point will not be beneficial to the Falkland Islands labour will become scarce and dear and Stanley will be deserted.

There is another cause for the gradual lapse of business in Stanley, the carrying trade round the Horn to the Cities on the West Coast of South America is now quite monopolized by large steamers, who force a voyage right against the wind through the Straits of Magellan avoiding the tempestuous Horn.

I have etc
signed

G. D'Arcy.

Colonel and
Garrison.

The Right Honble
The Earl Granville M.P.

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Schedule of Despatches.

Transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies by the Schooner "Irene" on the 24th June 1870.

| Number of Despatch | Date of Despatch | Subject of Despatch | Number Enclosures |
|--------------------|----------------------------|---|-------------------|
| 26. | 18 th June 1870 | Respecting Finance Clerk. | None. |
| 27 | " " | Reporting discovery of gold and coal at Sandy Point, Chili. | 1 |

No. 28.

Government House,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.
July 1st 1870.

My Lord,

I am sorry to have to report that the Rinderpest has broken out in great violence in the Countries bordering on the River Plate, from whence cattle are constantly being imported into these Islands; moreover I am informed that a most fatal disease has broken out amongst the Sheep in these localities to such an extent that they are nearly exterminated!

By the advice of the Executive Council I am preparing a short Ordinance for the consideration of the Legislative Council making

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making it prohibitory to import cattle into the Settlement during the prevalence of the disease, and in the meantime I have placed a notice on the gazette board cautioning the farming community against the importation of cattle from the River Plat.

I trust your Lordship will approve of these steps, and any I may under advice have occasion to take to prevent such a calamity, as the importation of this disease would obvious be to the staple export trade of the colony.

I have
signed.

G. D'Arcy.

Colonel and
Governor.

The Right Hon^{ble}
The Earl Granville K.G.

No. 29.

Government House
Falkland Islands
July 14th 1870.

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 financial year 1870-71.

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dated 31st June 1870, for Three hundred and thirty three Pounds, two shillings and six pence Sterling in favour of the Receiver and Accountant General, at par.

Bill No. 6

dated

June

dated 1st July 1870 for One hundred pounds £ 100 " 0 " 0
sterling, in favour of the Falkland Islands
Company, at par.

I have
signed

G. D'Arcy.
Colonel and
Governor.

To the Right Hon^{ble}
The Earl Granville M.P.

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Colony of the Falkland Islands.

Bill No. 5 dated 30th June 1870 drawn by
Governor D'Arcy on the Paymaster General
for the sum of Three hundred and thirty £ 333 " 2 " 6.
three Pounds, two shillings, and six
pence Sterling on the credit of the
Parliamentary Grant for the general services
of the colony for the year 1870-71.

Bill No. 6

dated 1st of July 1870 drawn by Governor
D'Arcy on the Paymaster General for the
sum of One hundred Pounds Sterling £ 100 " 0 " 0
on the credit of the Parliamentary Grant
for the general services of the Colony
for the year 1870-71.

I hereby certify that the amount realized
by these Bills above described were duly
carried to the credit of the Colonial Revenue
on the 30th of June and 1st of July 1870,
respectively.

signed. R. Byng.

Treasurer.

signed.
G. D'Arcy.
Governor.

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Government House.

Stanley.

Falkland Islands.

July 1st 1870.

My Lord,

I have the honour to request
that you will be pleased to allow me
to refer you to the despatch of my Predecessor
confirmatory of the following statement.

Mr. Byng was
appointed Acting Colonial Secretary in
1866 under an arrangement submitted to
the Secretary of State, who qualified
his approval in these words

"that so large a reduction
must be viewed as to a
certain extent experimental,
and liable to reconsideration
hereafter."

Since that time a period of nearly four
years Mr. Byng has with the highest
integrity and conscientious zeal, carried
out the duties of the Secretariat on a
commuted allowance of Three hundred.
Pounds a year involving not only the
duties of Colonial Secretary, Treasurer,
and Clerk of the Councils but all the
responsibilities connected with the
accounts of the distressed wrecked British
seamen; depressed by this overwhelming
work entailed upon him in a depressing
climate, his health has suffered, and a
change for six months to England is
very desirable, but previous to his
departure I have the honour to request
your Lordship will be pleased to take
this deserving officer's case into your
consideration.

N^o. 183. 21st August 1869.

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consideration, that he may be confirmed
in the appointment of Colonial Secretary and
profit by the emoluments of the office £
held by his Predecessors which he has so
well earned for good and faithful service
400 a year.

I have the pleasure
to report that an Ordinance I have framed
has passed the Legislative Council nemine
contradicente, and will be forwarded to your
Lordship for approval by the next mail;
at the lowest computation this tax £
will raise the revenue in One thousand
Pounds a year - I shall then be in a
position easily to bear the increased
salary of a One hundred pounds a year
to Mr. Byng.

I have &
signed
G. D'Arcy.
Colonel and
Governor.

The Right Honble
The 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 Barque "Osborne" on the 14th of July 1870.

| Number of Despatch | Date of Despatch | Subject of Despatch | Number of Enclosures. |
|-----------------------|---------------------|--|--------------------------|
| 28 | July 1. 1870 | Rinderpest in the River Plate | None. |
| 29 | " 11 " | Advising Bills on Paymaster General. | 1 |
| 30 | " 11 " | That Mr. Byng should be confirmed as Colonial Secretary. | 1 |

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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 8th of August 1870.

| Number of Despatch | Date of Despatch | Subject of Despatch | Number of Enclosures |
|--------------------|----------------------------|--|----------------------|
| 31 | 31 st July 1870 | That an alien ordinance . . . had already been passed allegating the old law | None. |
| 32 | " " | Receipt of Circular | None. |
| 33 | " " | Receipt of Circular and Despatches | None. |
| 34 | " " | Receipt of Circular | None. |
| 35 | " " | Reporting wreck of American barque "Alto" | 1 |
| 36 | " " | Receipt of Parliamentary Papers. | None. |
| 37 | " " | Receipt of despatches and Circulars | " |
| 38 | " " | Receipt of Specie £3,000 | 1 |
| 39 | " " | Forwarding an Ordinance taxing all Spirituous liquors. | |
| 40 | " " | Forwarding a Memorial against the Ordinance taxing spirituous liquors | 3 |
| 41 | " " | Forwarding the finding of a Court of Inquiry on alleged inefficiency of the Lighthouse. | 2. |

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JanN^o 31.

Government House.
 Stanley.
 Falkland Islands.
 July 30th 1870.

My Lord,

In answer to your Despatch N^o 51 of the 21st May 1870 authorizing me to procure the repeal of the Alien Ordinance, I have the honor to refer your Lordship to my Despatch N^o 3 of the 21st April 1870 and the Ordinance N^o 2, in which I anticipated your Lordship's commands and have to report that the law has been gratefully received by many hard working Aliens who in time will, I feel sure, become loyal British Subjects.

I have etc
signed.

G. Murray.
Colonel and
Governor.

The Right Honble
The Earl Granville K.G.

N^o 32.

Government House
 Stanley.
 Falkland Islands
 July 30th 1870.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of four numbers of copies of a Parliamentary Paper described as "Colonial Contribution to Relief Funds".

I have.

The Right Honble
The Earl Granville K.G.

signed.

G. Murray.
Colonel and
Governor.

Falklands

V^o 35.

Government House,

Stanley.

Falkland Islands.

30th July 1870.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt on the 19th ultmo of your Lordship's Despatches and Circulars of the numbers and dates noted in the enclosure, and to forward the usual schedule of answered and unanswered despatches.

I have the
honour to
sign.

G. D'Alay.
Colonel and

The Right Hon^{ble} Governor.
The Earl Granville K.G.

Enclosure 1

Despatches.

V^o 146.11th April 1870.

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G. D'Alay.
Colonel andThe Right Hon^{ble}

Governor.

The Earl Granville K.G.

"Farewell"

N^o 34.

Government House.
Stanley.
Falkland Islands.
July 30th 1870.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge
the receipt of four copies of certain Parliamentary
Papers styled Marriage with a deceased Wife's Sister.

I have the
honour to acknowledge
receipt of your copy of the
Falkland Islands
Papers.

G. W. Tracy
Colonel and
Governor.

The Right Hon^{ble}
The Earl Granville A.G.

N^o 35.

Government House.
Stanley.
Falkland Islands.

July 30th 1870.

My Lord,

I have to report the total wreck
of the American whaling barque "Alice" during
the eclipse of the moon on the night of Wednesday
the 12th of July on Jason Bay West, the extreme
north west Island of the group; a heavy sea was
running at the time, the vessel soon went to
pieces, but the crew twenty six in number took
to the boats, which are always in readiness for
going away in the davits of whalers, and made
for this Port which they reached in safety on
the morning of the 23rd July, happily without a
single frost bitten case, an unusual fortuitous
circumstance at this inclement season of the year.

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T. J. Powell

From

Powell, the American Consul of this Port is
now engaged in forwarding the shipwrecked
crew to the United States.

I have the honour to
enclose A^o 1 wreck return carefully fitted
up.

I have re
signed.

G. R. Grey
Colonel and
Governor

The Right Honble
The Earl Granville K.G.

N^o 36.

Government House.
Stanley.
Falkland Islands.
5th July 1870.

My Lord, I have the honour to acknowledge
the receipt of three numbers of copies of
certain Parliamentary Papers styled Cost of
the Colonies.

I have re
signed.

G. R. Grey.

The Right Honble
The Earl Granville K.G.

Colonel and Governor

"Faro"

No 3%.

Government House.
Stanley
Falkland Islands
31st July 1870.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt on the 25th ultimo of your Lordship's Despatches and Circulars of the numbers and dates noted in the enclosure, and to forward the usual schedule of answered and unanswered despatches.

I have the
Signed.

C. D'Acy.

The Right Honble Colonel and
The Earl Granville K. G. Governor.

Enclosure 1.

Despatches

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|-------|------------------------|
| No 50 | May 1870. |
| " 51 | 21 st " " |
| — | 24 th " " |
| 52 | 4 th June " |
| 53 | 8 th " " |

Parliamentary

| 1 st May 1870 | Enclosures |
|--|------------|
| 2 nd " " | 4. |
| 1 st June " " | 4. |
| 7 th " " Parliamentary Grant. | 3 |

Circulars

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|----------------------------|---|
| 27 th May 1870. | |
| 28 th " " " | |
| 30 th " " " | 2 |
| 1 st June " " " | 1 |
| 3 rd " " " | |

Faro

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Government House.

Stanley.

Falkland Islands

July 30th 1876.

My Lord;

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Two thousand Pounds in specie required for the service of this colonial government which arrived here in the "Faro" on the 23 instant.

The usual certificate accompanies this despatch signed by the colonial Treasurer and countersigned by myself.

I note carefully the last paragraph of your Lordships despatch apprising me that a balance of only One thousand eight hundred Pounds remains for the service of 1876-71, and that there will probably be charges in connection which will have to be provided for.

I have the
signed.

G. A'hey.
Colonel and
Governor.

The Right Honble
The Earl Granville K.G.

Colony of the Falkland Islands.

I hereby certify that the sum of Two thousand Pounds in specie forwarded from England on the credit of the Parliamentary Grant for the year 1870-71 for the general service of the colony was duly received and carried to the credit of the colonial Revenue on the

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Fare

26th Decr 1871
23rd day of July 1870.

signed.

G. W. Grey.
Governor.

signed.

H. B. Young.
Treasurer.

No. 39.

Government House.

Stanley.

Falkland Islands.

July 30th 1870.

My Lord,

I have the honour to request

your Lordship will refer to the estimates of 1870-71, prepared by my Predecessor in which an item of One thousand four hundred pounds appears as an asset under the head of rents from the West Falklands; the Lessees have for the most part delayed in taking out their occupation licenses, consequently they have thrown the receipt of leases into the years 1871-72 instead of as anticipated 1870-71 - this deficiency, together with the drawback from the Parliamentary Grant compelled me to propose to the Council the accompanying Ordinance taxing all spirituous liquors, wines, and beer, which at the lowest computation will add One thousand two hundred Pounds a year to the revenue.

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At the same time the deplorable intemperance of the settlement arising in a great measure from the fact that ardent spirits are sold in this free port, direct from Bond at a far cheaper rate, than they are sold in England, necessitated some steps being taken by the government to render ardent spirits more

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more difficult to obtain; the quantity now
yearly consumed by this sea-faring community
being 3000 gallons.

Your Lordship will
perceive that the Council has consequently leaned
heavily on ardent spirits but lightly on wines
and beer.

As this is the first tax of any moment
imposed on the colony, I thought it right to
propose to the Council to give every assistance to
the merchant who in the first place pays
the tax making the period twelve months
for the bond.

I have the honour to forward
the minutes of Council on the occasion of
the debates, and I trust your Lordship will
recommend the Ordinance for the approval of
the Sovereign.

I have etc.
signed.

G. W. H. Bay.

Colonial and

The Right Honble.

Governor

The Earl Granville K.G.

No 40 -

Government House
Stanley.
Falkland Islands
July 31st 1878.

My Lord,

A agreeable to the Colonial
Regulations I have the honour to forward a
Memorial I have received in opposition to the
Ordinance lately passed placing a duty
upon

From

upon all spirituous liquors, wines, and beer,
together with my answer.

Relative to the second paragraph
of the Memorial I think with the Memorialists
that as they now contribute a share in the revenue
they should be represented in the Legislative Council
and I hope before long to submit to your Lordship
the name of a Gentleman for that honour.

The fourth clause of the
Ordinance itself answers the third paragraph;
so much time having been given by the bond
of twelve months to the Importer, this consideration
was expressly shewn to relieve the government
from all the trouble, expense, and responsibility
of a bonded store, and the Council very naturally
presumed on the absence of all smuggling,
the only two Importers being Gentlemen
of high standing in the place.

The fifth
paragraph is also easily refuted, the Port of
Stanley is still free to all vessels who visit it
for repairs or for a market for their dry goods
there being no harbour or ad valorem duties dues of
of any kind - Importers of spirituous liquors alone
pay a duty, and they are the two leading
firms of Stanley - Messrs Dean and the
Falkland Islands Company.

I have the honour to
report that I strictly complied with the colonial
regulations by giving every publicity to the proposed
Ordinance - the notice was affixed to the Gazette
board some time before the council met, and your
Lordship will perceive I inserted the intention
of the Colonial Government in the little local
newspaper the Stanley Government Gazette.

The great necessity of
the

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the Ordinance being so obvious, I cannot recommend your Lordship to repeal it.

I have R.

The Right Hon^{ble} G. D'Urrey.
The Earl Granville H. C. Colonal and
T. T. Governor.

No. 41.

Government House
Stanley.
Falkland Islands.
July 30th 1870.

My Lord,

In consequence of the receipt of the enclosed letter I ordered a Court of Inquiry to assemble this morning to investigate the reports made by the Masters of the Schooners "Fairy" and "Irene" and I have the honour to forward the report of the Court by which your Lordship will perceive that the complaints are groundless.

I am compelled thus hastily as the Mail is leaving in an hour to forward this despatch in the event of the Falkland Islands Company forwarding a copy of Mr. Cobb's letter to St. Omer, it might be an act of justice to Mr. Benney the lighthouse keeper to send the report to the Board of Trade, the report itself I will forward by next Mail there being no time to make a copy by this mail.

I have R.

sd. G. D'Urrey.

The Right Hon^{ble} Colonal and
The Earl Granville H. G. Governor.

Schedule of Despatches.

Transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies by the barque "Hawringo" on the 16th of August 1870.

| Number of Despatch | Date of Despatch | Subject of Despatch | Number of Enclosures. |
|--------------------|--------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| 142 | 6 th Aug 1870 | Advising Draft on Board of Trade | None |
| 143 | 9 " " | Forwarding Ordinance respecting alleged Rinderpest | 7 |
| 144 | 16 " " | Advising Draft on Board of Trade | None |
| 145 | " " " | Advising Draft on Paymaster General. | One |

No 142.

Government House
Falkland Islands
6th Aug: 1870.

My Lord,

I have the honour to report that I have this day drawn upon the Accountant of the Board of Trade the undermentioned Bill.

Dated 6th August

1870 the sum of One hundred and eighty pounds sterling, in favour of J. M. Dean on repayment of advances made from the Colonial Treasury for the support of Cape Pembroke Lighthouse, at par.

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I have re-

The Right Honble
The Earl Granville H. B.

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G. O'Byrne
Governor

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Colony of the Falkland Islands.

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Dated 6th August 1870 the sum of One hundred and eighty Pounds Sterling, in favour of S. H. C. Bear in repayment of advances made from the Colonial Treasury for the support of Cape Pembroke Lighthouse, at par.

N^o 43.

Government House, Stanley
Falkland Islands

9th August 1870.

My Lord,

Taking up the subject of my despatch to your Lordship as per margin, I have now the honor to forward an ordinance giving the Governor the power by proclamation to inspect all importations of foreign Animals and if necessary to place them in quarantine or cause them to be destroyed; this course was thought preferable to an enactment prohibiting the importation of animals from South America even for a limited period which might have tended to injure the agricultural interests of the Settlers, especially those Gentlemen in the West Falkland so recently established there, moreover the reports of the disease are not as yet official, being promulgated only by the press of Buenos Ayres and Montevideo and the disease evidently there may not after all be of a contagious nature or of the Rinderpest type.

There are one of two Persons resident in the town of Stanley, who

No. 28, July 1st 1870

Buenos Ayres
London

who are quite qualified to act as Inspectors
should the occasion arise. I trust your Lordship
will be pleased to approve of the Ordinance.

I have etc.
sd. G. Whaley
Colonel and Governor.

The Right Honble
The Earl Granville H.G.

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Government House Stanley
Falkland Islands.

16th Aug : 1870.

My Lord,
I have the honour to inform
your Lordship that I have drawn the following
Bill on the Accountant of the Board of
Trade in repayment of sums advanced for
the Relief of Distressed British Seamen.

Dated 16th August
1870 in favour of Messrs Henry J. King
Co for the sum of fifty three pounds, ten
shillings and three pence Sterling at par.

I have etc.
sd. G. Whaley
Colonel and
Governor.

The Right Honble
The Earl Granville H.G.

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No. 45.

Government House.

Stanley.

Falkland Islands

16th August 1870.

My Lord,

I have the honour to report that I have drawn the undermentioned Bill on the Paymaster General on the credit of the Parliamentary Grant for the year 1870-71.

Bill No. 7 dated 16th August 1870 for One hundred Pounds Sterling, in favour of Thomas Weston, at par.

I have

sd G. D'Arcy

The Right Honble

Colonial Governor

The Earl Granville H.G.

Colony of the Falkland Islands

Bill No. 7 dated 16th of August 1870 drawn by Governor D'Arcy on the Paymaster General for the sum of One hundred Pounds Sterling, on the credit of the Parliamentary Grant for the general services of the Colony for the year 1870-71.

I hereby certify that the amount realized by the Bill above described was duly carried to the credit of the Colonial Revenue on the 16th day of August 1870.

sd.

G. D'Arcy
Governor

sd

H. Baring
Treasurer

Schedule of Despatches

Transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands
to the Secretary of State for the Colonies by the
Schooner *Scam* on the 17th of October 1870.

| Number of Despatch | Date of Despatch | Subject of Despatch | Number of Enclosures |
|--------------------|----------------------------|---|----------------------|
| 56. | 14 th September | Covering despatch to Estimates for 1871-72. | One. |
| 57. | " " | Resignation of Mr. Bonney | 1. |
| 58. | " " | Mr. Hurst appointed Collector of Customs. | None. |
| 59. | " " | Three Foreigners naturalized. | 6. |
| 60. | " " | Appointment to be sanctioned of Clerk to the Court. | 1. |
| 51. | " " | Receipt of Circular relative to Deserts of the Royal Navy. | None. |
| 52. | " " | Report on the Blue Book for the year 1869. | 1. |
| 53. | " " | Receipt of Circular respecting prison discipline. | None. |
| 54. | " " | Receipt of Parliamentary Papers. | None. |
| 55. | " " | Receipt of Instructions relative to war between France and Prussia. | None. |
| 56. | " " | Receipt of Circular respecting the war between France and Prussia. | None. |
| 57. | " " | Receipt of Circular respecting distressed British Seamen. | None. |
| 58. | " " | Receipt of Circular respecting Stationery. | None. |
| 59. | " " | Acknowledging receipt of Parliamentary Blue Book. | None. |
| 60. | " " | Receipt of report on the Blue Book. | None. |
| 61. | " " | Receipt of Circular respecting deceased Seamen effects. | None. |
| 62. | " " | Receipt of Parliamentary Papers. | None. |

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| Number of Despatch. | Date of Despatch. | Subject of Despatch. | Number of Enclosures. |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| 63. | 14 th Sept 1870 | Acknowledging receipt of Parliamentary Papers. | None. |
| 64 | 14. " " " | Covering Despatch to the Amalgamation Committee. | 6. |
| 65. | 15 th Oct. " | Reporting nine wrecks. | Land None. |

No 146.

Government House.
Stanley, Falkland Islands.
14th September 1870.

My Lord,

I have the honour to submit
an estimate showing the amount which
will be required in aid of the support of
this government for the financial year
1871-72.

The amount estimated for 1870-
1871 was Three thousand nine hundred
and thirty two pounds, this year I have
to ask for Three thousand seven hundred
and twenty three pounds, being a decrease
of Two hundred and nine pounds.

Your Lordship
will perceive that but for the new
appointments of Finance Clerk, Collector
of Customs, and Clerk of the Courts, the
grant in aid might have been considerably
reduced

For Estimates see Appendix

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reduced, but I found it difficult to conduct the Government without a staff.

The appointment of Finance Clerk does not commence till the 1st of April 1871, this arrangement was made by my Predecessor, the necessity of the Collector of Customs, and Clerk to the Courts being established, I have endeavoured to point out in other despatches.

I hope to be able next year to show a considerable increase in the revenue and a decrease in the expenditure without adding to the burden of taxation.

I have &c.
sd C. D'Arcy
Governor.

The Right Honble
The Earl of Kimberley M.P.

No 47.

Government House
Stanley, Falkland Islands
14th September 1870.

My Lord,

For the information of the Board of Trade, I have the honour to forward a copy of the resignation of Mr. Benney the Light House Keeper, who has accepted in Stanley the agency of an active business, I am however quite aware that the situation at Cape Pembroke was far too exposed to suit so delicate a person as his wife.

Until the pleasure of the Board of Trade can be known I have appointed

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appointed Mr Clarke, the government Schoolmaster to act as Light House Keeper, he has been very assiduous for eleven years at his laborious post on ninety pounds the year, and on his eagerly applying for the post and monetary promotion which the vacancy in the Light House afforded, I was glad not only to reward Mr Clarke for his good and faithful service, but at the same time to secure an educated man for the Post who could correctly keep the meteorological and other returns.

In the event of the Board of Trade thinking it an advantage to save the passage-money from England, I trust your Lordship will allow me to recommend Mr Clarke for the appointment, as he is in every way well qualified for the situation.

I have re
sd A D'Arcy
Colonel and Governor

The Right Hon^{ble}
The Earl of Kimberley K.T.

no 48.

Government House.
Stanley, Falkland Islands
14th September 1870.

My Lord,

Soon after my arrival in this settlement in April of this year, I was glad to appoint my private Secretary Mr Hurst as Clerk to the Councils, in order to relieve Mr Byng the Acting Colonial Secretary from

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from one of his many duties, but as the appointment in this settlement is purely honorary, I did not think it necessary to report it; now however I have the honour to solicit your Lordships sanction to an appointment I was able to confer on Mr Hurst, that of Collector of Customs under the 2nd clause of the Spirit Duties Ordinance, I have placed the salary at one hundred pounds a year as a commencement and I trust your Lordship will be pleased to confirm this nomination, the duties are sufficiently onerous and responsible to warrant the salary, the Collector is moreover ex officio, Receiver of wrecked goods under clause 1115 Act 17th and 18 Victoria, an appointment much wanted here for several years, so necessary to check the tendency which exists that of misappropriating property recovered from the Ocean.

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I have
 Sd G. W'ley.
 Colonel and Governor.

The Right Honble
 The Earl of Kimberley K.T.

No 49.

Government House.
 Stanley, Falkland Islands.
 14th September 1870.

My Lord, I have the honour to submit herewith a printed copy of an Ordinance No. 5 of 1870 for granting Pedro Varela, Francis Bowlands and George Willis

the privileges of British born subjects within
Her Majesty's Settlements of the Falkland
Islands, and to request that your Lordship
will be pleased to recommend the same
for the confirmation of the Sovereign.

I have re
sd G. D'Arcey.

Colonel and Governor.

The Right Honble

The Earl Kimberley K.T.

No. 50.

Government House,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

14th September 1870.

My Lord,

In consequence of the dissolution
of partnership between Messrs Pache and
Turpin, the latter tendered me his resignation
as Member of the Legislative Council,
having no longer interests in the Island
to represent; about the same time Mr
Griffiths, the Chief Magistrate having
strongly represented that to continue the
Administration of Justice without a
qualified Clerk was illegal, it occurred
to me that to appoint Mr Turpin to the
vacancy caused by the death of Captain
Sibbald R.N. was only due in return to
Mr Turpin as a mark of appreciation
from the government, for long and
gratuitous services at the council board,
where his abilities and experience much
assisted

assisted my Predecessors.

I have the honour
to request your Lordship will be pleased to
confirm this desirable appointment, cases
of moment, being yearly on trial in the
Magistrate's Court, the only Court of
Justice in the Islands.

I have the
sd G. D'Arcy
Governor.

The Right Hon^{ble}
The Earl of Kimberley K.T.

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Government House
Stanley, Falkland Islands.
11th September 1870.

My Lord,

I have the honour to
acknowledge the receipt of a Circular
dated Downing Street - 27th June 1870,
suggesting the expediency of adopting
such measures as may be best calculated
to check desertions from the Royal Navy,
putting in force the statutory penalty
for the offence of procuring or assisting
Naval desertions under section 25 of the
Act 29 and 30 Victoria, chapter 109.

In reply I
have to report that I have consulted with
Mr. Griffiths, the Chief Magistrate, and
he agrees with me in considering it
unnecessary to legislate on the subject;
owing to the bleak cold inhospitable nature
of

of the Country, desertions from the Navy or Merchant Marine have never taken place, and the town is so small that it is impossible to remain concealed in its environs even for one day.

I have the
sd^d G. D. Troe.

Colonel and Governor.

The Right Honble

The Earl of Kimberley K.T.

1862.

Government House
Stanley, Falkland Islands.
14th September 1860.

My Lord, I have the honour to forward the Blue Book of the Falkland Islands for the year 1860; my acquaintance with the Colony is but recent, yet I can, with confidence report that there is amongst the Colonists of these Islands a general amenability to law and order creditable to all classes of the community, and more especially so to the Colonial Chaplain for I find from the Gaol returns that the yearly average number of convictions is a little under twenty, and they are all taken from the shipping who visit the Port in distress, a Colonist has not been convicted for years!

With regret I am forced to give an unfavourable report as

as far as the prospects these Islands afford
as a sheep farming country, on first
arrival sheep Farmers are very sanguine,
the ground is clear, no trees or rank
vegetation requires removal, nor wild
Animals abound, plenty of fresh water
is to be had in every part of the Islands,
with no fear of drought as in Australia
or the River Plate, the low temperature on
47° Fahrenheit produces a fine large
flock of long staple, which is not
damaged by burs of any kind, moreover
the winters are not so severe as in Scotland
enabling the Farmers to leave their flocks
without protection, and he is saved the
expense of raising food of any kind
throughout the year, then are so many
reasons why it would appear that sheep
farming with proper care and attention
must be a lucrative pursuit, but I
am sorry to say such is not the
case for the following reasons in justa-
position, the short summer season
with its low temperature, the high
fierce drying winds which prevail
during the spring and summer months
and the consequent slow growth of
vegetation, together with the poor quality
of soil, tend to make Animal as well
as vegetable life a yearly struggle for
healthy existence, and so near is the
balance that on the occurrence of any
thing the least unusual that interferes
with the quiet rest and regular feeding
of the Animal produces weakness,
which it takes many days to recover from,
and should a severe winter set in, which
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is sometimes the case. Animals die by hundreds, there being no shelter, except what is precariously found to leeward of the rocks, and where they must remain starvings, in the snow till a thaw sets in, unaffected as in Great Britain by turnips, hay, or artificial food, fencing and agriculture being as yet beyond the resources of our Sheep Farmers, the bleak spring follows, but the land does not answer as it does in England to the more direct rays of the vertical sun, and the vegetation remains sparse, owing to the cutting cold winds of the early Spring, again at this season much is expected by the Farmer from the poor Animal, but the creature is exhausted and weakened in constitution and when the lambing season arrives great numbers die, whereas during the same season in England the sheep has only to walk a yard with the lamb and a large turnip presents itself, but here during the scant spring it has to wander for miles to look for food, the lambs get tired and lie down, and then the rashless Hawk, (the only pest of the Islands) swoops down and all is over, moreover on these half-starved, tired, flocks the terrible scab appears and appals the Shepherd and flock blaster, the blighted sheep soon leave the healthy flock and roam through the walks, their wool strewn about the country, conveying the contagion, and their carcasses testify to the ravages of the disease!

From the published accounts

accounts of these Islands it would appear that the extremely nutritious lussack grass abounds, but it is a fallacy to suppose it grows any where but on the sea-shore and is now for want of fencing and owing to the introduction of stock rapidly disappearing as it cannot stand the tread of cattle.

The well known remedy of an infusion of tobacco in a hot bath not below 96° Fahrenheit has been successfully tried in small flocks, when the staff is zealous, but when the Sheep are in thousands and the Shepherds few it is almost impossible for them to detect the disease in a sufficiently early stage so necessary to check the spread of contagion, the want of careful supervision is also much to be deplored, the cost of labour being so high in the Falklands, an insufficient number of Shepherds are employed, the soil being of so poor a quality, owners have to take up very extensive walks, and the Shepherds in many cases reside at a great distance from the Flock Master; the moor is bleak and cheerless, the fireside is warm and comfortable; instead of the flock being quietly driven down at a foot's pace feeding as they move, they are harried by Dogs and mounted Men, and arrive fatigued and alarmed round the home stead only to be exposed to the bleak winds of a long winter's night! as some proof of the correctness of my theory wild Sheep are known to have thriven wonderfully in

in the Islands, several instances have been known where the Animals have strayed from the flocks, and gone to the mountains where the Shepherds and Dogs cannot follow them, where they have a great choice of pasture and shelter, and become fat and healthy, and the wool attains to an astonishing thickness and length of fleece, tending to prove that the land is overstocked, and the flocks mismanaged for want of the Master's eye, and unless the Farmers alter very much their present system very materially, I fear sheep farming in these Islands cannot be considered by itself remunerative, for it is but too well known that all the flocks are seriously smitten with the scab, although this fact is not acknowledged by the Farmers.

Turning from pastoral to other occupations, such as the exportation of Seal and Penguin oil and the repairs necessary to be made to vessels which arrive in distress the exports show a steady and healthful increase, affording a good livelihood for our maritime population and Artizans, and it is a pleasing reflection to dwell upon the many occasions when valuable lives and property are saved by the harbours of refuge these Islands afford to our Mercantile Marine.

I hope to introduce an Ordinance placing a tax of two pence the ton on all vessels entering the harbour of Port William in order to defray the expences of an organized paid pilot service, for

for it is unreasonable to expect that the Pilots will venture to proceed far outside the harbour in such blowy regions in a small boat, at present they do not go beyond Port William, where all danger is over, and an anchorage reached, whereas they are required to board vessels well outside in the open ocean to conduct them into Port William.

I have the honour to annex a letter to this report bearing on the subject from the Colonial Chaplain, the Rev^d Mr^r Bull whose intimate connection with the settlement for the last eleven years will not fail to give it weight and is worthy of your Lordship's attention.

I have the
sd^r G. D'Arcy.
Colonel and Governor.

The Right Hon^{ble}
The Earl of Kimberley K. T.

N^o. 53.

Government House.
Stanley, Falkland Islands.
11th September 1870.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of a Circular as per margin respecting the time for which it is usual to work Prisoners on the treadwheel together with an enclosure from Dr Briscoe on the subject to the Under Secretary of State for the Home Department

3rd June 1870.

Department, and at the same time
directing that the English scales as set
forth should not be adopted without
first resorting to medical advice.

I have re^d
sd G. D'Arcy
Colonel and Governor.

The Right Hon^{ble}
The Earl of Kimberley H. S.

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No 54.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Is^s
14th September 1870.

My Lord, I have the honour to
acknowledge certain Parliamentary Papers,
three copies of printed matter in reference
to Sanscrit manuscript Ceylon.

I have re^d
sd G. D'Arcy
Colonel and Governor.

The Right Hon^{ble}
The Earl of Kimberley H. S.

N^o. 55.

Government House.
 Stanley, Falkland Islands
 14th September 1870.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Circular of the 21st July 1870, forwarding the Queen's Proclamation for the maintenance of neutrality in consequence of the existing state of war between France and Prussia.

Your Lordship's

commands have been obeyed and the said Proclamation made known in Stanley and otherwise circulated within the Colony.

I have
 Sd G. D'Arzy
 Colonel and Governor.

The Right Hon^{ble}
 The Earl of Kimberley K.T.

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N^o. 56.

Government House.
 Stanley, Falkland Islands
 14th September 1870.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of a Circular of the 19th July 1870, together with an enclosure from Earl Granville, the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to your Lordship conveying the pleasure of the Sovereign on various matters connected with

with the hostilities which have so unhappily broken out between France and Prussia.

I have not failed to give these orders every publicity in this Port and Colony.

I have re
sd G. D'Arcy.

Colonel and Governor.

The Right Hon^{ble}

The Earl of Kimberley K.T.

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N^o 57.

Government House
Stanley, Falkland Islands
14th September 1870

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of a circular as per margin forwarding copies of instructions issued by the Board of Trade to Officers in the British possessions abroad relative to the wages and effects of deceased Merchant Seamen, and the same will be attended to by the Colonial Secretary, who officiates as Shipping Master in this Port.

I have re

sd G. D'Arcy.

Colonel and Governor.

The Right Hon^{ble}

The Earl of Kimberley K.T.

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N^o. 58.

Government House
Stanley, Falkland Islands
14th September 1870.

My Lord,

On the part of this Government, I have in answer to your Lordship's Circular of the 16th July 1870, relative to stationery being supplied direct from the Manufacturers, only to reply that the advantages of the arrangement are fully appreciated and it is hoped may be at once carried into effect!

I have the
sd G. D'Acry.
Colonel and Governor.

The Right Hon^{ble}
The Earl of Kimberley K.T.

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N^o. 59.

Government House
Stanley, Falkland Islands
14th September 1870.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of certain Parliamentary Papers being the Blue Book Reports 1868, parts two and three, four copies of the former and two of the latter.

I have the
sd G. D'Acry.
Colonel and Governor

The Right Hon^{ble}
The Earl of Kimberley K.T.

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No. 60.

Government House
Stanley, Falkland Islands
14th September 1870.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of a circular as per margin forwarding to this Government, two copies of Blue Book Reports for 1868, part 1 - West Indies.

I have rec'd
Col. G. D'Arcy.

Colonel and Governor.

The Right Hon^{ble}

The Earl of Kimberley K.T.

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No. 61.

Government House.
Stanley, Falkland Islands
14th September 1870

My Lord,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of a circular of 1st August, 1870, regarding the conveyance home of distressed British Seamen, together with 36 copies of the new form C.C.M., and I have the honour to report that these documents have been distributed amongst those officers whose duty it is to give effect to the instructions which they embody.

I have rec'd
Col. G.D'Arcy.

Colonel and Governor.

The Right Hon^{ble}

The Earl of Kimberley K.T.

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N^o 62.

Government House.
 Stanley, Falkland Islands
 11th September 1870.

My Lord,
 I have the honour to
 acknowledge the receipt of certain
 Parliamentary Papers in reference to the
 Crown Lands of the Colonies.

I have the
 sd G. D'Arcy
 Colonel and Governor:

The Right Honble
 The Earl of Kimberley H. S.

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N^o 63.

Government House.
 Stanley, Falkland Islands
 14th September 1870.

My Lord,
 I have the honour to
 acknowledge the receipt of certain
 Parliamentary Papers viz: six copies of
 printed matter in reference to the removal
 and suspension of Judges.

I have the
 sd G. D'Arcy
 Colonel and Governor:

The Right Honble
 The Earl of Kimberley H. S.

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*Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands.
14th September 1870*

My Lord, ansby 16 of 7 Jan: 1871

In my despatch as per margin, I reported that the West Falkland farming settlements were not answering the expectations formed by my Predecessor and subsequently I found that my fears were so correct that unless the Government made the terms of the leases to the Settlers of the West Island less stringent, they would lapse into bankruptcy; a state of things most injurious to the settlement involving not only considerable loss of revenue, but by their impoverished return to England, they would effectually prevent other Settlers from taking up ground in all time to come, consequently I found it necessary to frame the accompanying Ordinance, amalgamating the leases of both Islands, and equalizing the rights of the Settlers who are Tenants of the Government under previous ordinances and Proclamations.

Your Lordship will be pleased to note that this ordinance places Settlers on a par in both the East and West Islands, as far as the wild cattle are concerned, this legislation is a most desirable arrangement.

No. 39, July 30th 1870

*No. 6 of 1870
see p 119 W.G.W.*

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arrangement, as it effectually removes the jealousy which existed between the rival Islands, and has also softened many asperities towards the local Government, it was found impossible to enforce the law as laid down in my Predecessor's proclamation of 1867, against so many Defaulters living at a distance from the seat of Government, and the honest few who complied with it, were annoyed by the licenses issued from time to time to Gauchos to kill cattle, whom they accused of galloping through their sheep walks, and harrying their flocks, it was upon this clause of the Bill that Mr Griffitts the Chief Magistrate and the Senior Member of Council pressed upon me the necessity of selling the wild cattle on the West Falkland by calling for tenders, before passing the ordinance, but such a step would only have irritated the present Lessees who cannot be prevented looking upon the wild cattle very much as the Tenant in England does rabbits, for although the Tenant feels it is a vexatious tax to pay the Government sixteen shillings for killing a head of cattle on ground rented by him, yet these wild Animals are very useful on his farm section, not only as provision, but the value of the hide is an object to secure, and moreover as a moving and rapidly increasing stock they improve his land

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land, without the expense of supervision it will now become the interest of the Government Tenant to preserve the wild cattle for himself and eventually for the Government, against the raids made upon them so constantly by lawless American Whalers, Sealers, and others who shoot them down most recklessly, and on the event of a lease lapsing by death or by insolvency, or on the occasion of its renewal, the wild stock will become a bonus on the lease, and a good reason hereafter for a rise being made on the rent, as the law was, these valuable animals would soon have become extinct, each Tenant vying with his neighbour to secure the hides of the roving wild stock before they left his section, whereas now it becomes the interest of all the Tenants to protect the wild herds, and eventually to tame them, sufficiently to turn to a House.

So much has been written on this subject, for and against the concession, and so exhausted is the subject, that I will no longer dwell upon it, except by remarking that the boon has been most gratefully received by all the Settlers of the West Falkland.

The next alteration of moment occurs in Clause No. 2; the occupation licenses remain at the

the old rate of five pounds the year,
unless the Lessee has taken up
not less than twelve thousand acres,
when the advantage of an extension
of a year in his license is granted,
to give him full time to comply
with all the requirements of the
Ordinance, such as building his
house, and stocking his extensive
acreage.

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In consequence of the
numerous petitions I received from
the Gentlemen of the West Falkland
our new Settlers, I was induced to
lower the rental for the first ten
years of lease from ten pounds
the year to six; they pointed out
that unless some such measure was
passed, they would all have been ruined,
that when they took up the land about
eighteen months ago, they had not
the least idea of the difficulties which
afterwards presented themselves in the
expense of transit, and that their hopes
of thriving flocks have not been realized
or likely to be realized for the next five
years owing to the poverty of the soil.
they were necessarily compelled to take up
a larger acreage than they would have
done had they elected to farm in

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Australia or New Zealand for it cannot be
gainsayed that in New Zealand two
acres suffices to support one animal
whereas here in the Falklands it takes six
acres; moreover owing to the great expense
they were put to in shipping building
materials from Port Stanley in the East
Falkland

2 acres

6 acres to
a sheep.

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Falkland round in the open ocean in
 large schooners against the wind, and
 again in the same expensive manner
 conveying the produce back to the
 market in Stanley, all the money
 made by the sale of their wool was
 swallowed up in these necessary expenses,
 thus by the extension of the time at
 the reduced rate, viz: six pounds,
 the West Falkland Settler may be
 enabled to recover his lost ground and
 be in a better position to pay the
 higher rental of ten pounds when
 it becomes due, and he has
 somewhat recovered his first outlay of
 capital.

In the 3rd clause a great
 but necessary change presents itself,
 your Lordship will perceive that the
 upset price of land is placed at
 two shillings the acre instead of eight,
 and as the time is doubled before it
 becomes compulsory to the Lessee to
 purchase, it is now in 1870 quite
 evident that eight shillings an acre
 is far too high a price to place on
 the poor grazing land of these Islands
 for it is in no ways superior to the
 land in Canada, sold at ten pence
 the acre; in the year 1842 on the
 first establishment of the settlement,
 Governor Moody placed this high
 price on the land of these Islands,
 trusting thereby to form a fund to
 convey Immigrants to the colony, and
 for other purposes not requisite in
 the present day, this high price for
 poor

poor land in a bleak climate, only tends to prevent Immigration, before these liberal terms embodied in this Ordinance were taken into consideration, the Tenantry bitterly complained at being compelled to purchase one hundred and sixty acres of such poor land, "sinking the money" as they termed it for ever, which they as beginners so much required for their business, certain it is that two-thirds of this capital expended on the freeholds in the Falkland Islands will never be recovered, moreover it will be admitted that land having a uniform price ought in all fairness to have a uniform value and in no way can this now be given, inasmuch as for the last thirty years all the land has been selected, leaving only the inferior rocky lands of the interior, without even water frontage still at so high a figure.

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In clause No. 5.

your Lordship will perceive that in order to give the recent settlers in the West Falkland every encouragement they may take out new leases under this Ordinance, but at the same time the impossibility of granting a drawback is carefully laid down, whilst to the old Tenants of the East Falkland Island many of whose leases are on the point of expiring, care has been taken that they continue on the rental they are at present paying, viz ten pounds a year, the only advantage the change in the law affords.

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affords to the East Falkland Farmers is, in the reduced compulsory purchase of land, the right of killing wild cattle they received from the Queen in council some years ago.

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By an approximate calculation made by Mr. Byng, the Acting Colonial Secretary, a loss to the Revenue of four hundred pounds a year appears on the leases for the next ten years, but on the other hand the sale of lands under the last line of the 3rd Clause, may reasonably be taken into account, the small freeholds so likely to be taken up in the neighbourhood of Stanley being so convenient to raise stock for the use of the shipping, and the revenue in years to come will be secured by an increased rental owing to the improvement accruing to the land by the pasturage of the increased stock.

The remaining clauses require no comment, they are copied verbatim from the old Proclamations that have been issued from time to time and found to be necessary.

I will not trouble your Lordship with enclosures, but I have received assurances from all the Government Tenants of both Islands nomic contradicte, that the measure will be a most beneficial one not only to the pastoral interests but eventually to the Government, allaying as it has already done many asperities and

and I trust your Lordship will be pleased favourably to recommend the Ordinance to the Sovereign.

I have etc
G. D'Arcy
Colonel and Governor

The Right Honble
The Earl of Kimberley W. I.
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No 5.

Government House
Stanley, Falkland Islands.
15th October 1870.

My Lord,

At this boisterous season of the year, the early spring of the southern hemisphere, the passage round Cape Horn becomes difficult and arduous to the Navigator, filling this small but land locked harbour with shipping, in varied stages of distress.

On the 19th of August, the "Shelburn" an old vessel of 1428 tons, anchored in a foundering state, with a valuable cargo of guano, from the Guanape group of Islands situated 300 miles to the north of Callao; tonnage will have to be taken up for the cargo, the vessel being condemned.

On the 11th of September the barque "Rosedale" of 1159 tons also took refuge in this port, having lost some spars and sails.

On the 5th of September a large

"Shelburn"

"Rosedale"

Queen of Nations

large ship the "Queen of Nations" of 1141 tons with the greatest difficulty made this port, the greater part of her sails having been blown out of the bell ropes from the violence of the equinoctial gales.

On the 12th of September the "Asturiana" a vessel of 1192 tons succeeded at last after being twice blown off the Island, in coming to an anchor in the outside harbour of Port William, she encountered off Cape Horn a gale of wind of so violent a character that the sea carried away the maintop, bulwarks, boats, and Donkey engine, moreover one man was unfortunately washed over board, and several of her crew being seriously injured, by the rolling of the vessel, it was necessary that Dr. Mac Clinton R. N., the Assistant Colonial Surgeon, should proceed to Port William to give medical aid to the crew.

I trust in a few days the vessel will be able to creep into the inner harbour of Stanley, fresh hands from the Settlement having gone out to her aid.

On the 21st

September, the "Vampyr" a three masted Schooner of 216 tons, bound for Guayaquil put in through steps of weather, having been 84 days out, from the port of London without being able to weather the Horn.

On the 22nd

instant the "Calabar" a vessel of 496 tons

Vampyr

tons of the Port of Liverpool, from Mexico, bound for London, having been 105 days out; put in to Stanley having lost most of her principal sails owing to the violence of the wind.

On the 26th of September the "Madawaska" an American vessel of 511 tons bound for Portland, Oregon, hundred and two days out from New York, England, with a cargo of railway iron experienced heavy gales off Cape Horn, which compelled her to put back to this port for repairs having lost three men overboard; her cabin stove in and all her boats lost.

And on the 8th of October the "Vicar of Bray", a barque of 364 tons, 133 days out from the Port of London, was obliged to make this Port in great distress, all her bulwarks and boats being washed away, and the captain and two of his crew had to be carried on shore, worn out with constant exposure night and day.

Thus my Lord within the space of one month, this harbour has afforded rescue to eight vessels, and it would be an interesting matter of record to detail to your Lordship at some future opportunity, the numerous occasions when this Harbour of Refuge has been of the greatest utility to the Imperial Merchant Marine.

I have the
sd G. D'Arey
Colonial Governor.

The Right Honble

The Earl of Kimberley K.P.

"Epsilon"

Schedule of Despatches.

Transmitted by the Governor of the
Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State
for the Colonies by the barque "Epsilon"
on the 5th November 1870.

| Number of Despatch | Date of Despatch | Subject of Despatch | Number of Enclosures |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| 66. | 1 st Nov. 1870 | Three more ships found refuge in the Port of Stanley Cape Embark. | Six. |
| 67. | 4 th . | | |

No. 66.

Government House
Stanley, Falkland Islands
1st November 1870

My Lord,

In continuation of my despatch No. 65 of October 15th 1870, I have to add the names of three more vessels who were compelled to take refuge in this Port owing to the heavy seas which roll round the Horn in one immensity of Ocean, without impinging on any Island or continent.

On the 24th of October the "Mathilde" of 845 tons from Baker Island one of the Guanape Group bound to Falmouth

"Mathilde".

"Epsilon"

Falmouth with a cargo of guano in a dilapidated state requiring repairs.

On the 25th of October the "Look-out" an American vessel of 1067 tons, arrived with a cargo of gunpowder from New York, bound to San Francisco, much damaged by the late gales, and with her small crew of 24 hands quite worn out.

On the 27th October the "Epsilon" of the Port of Swansea from the Port of Antofagasta in Mexico, bound for Queenstown with a cargo of nitrate of Soda arrived dismasted, under jury masts, with her rudder broken quite a wreck.

I have not however forwarded a Sett Week Return in the case of any one of these disasters, seeing that with the exception of the "Ithelum" which has been condemned as unseaworthy they are in course of receiving repairs and will proceed on their destination.

I have etc
Col G.D'Arcy
Colonel and Governor.

The Right Honble.
The Earl of Kimberley. R.I.

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N^o. 67.

Government House,
Stanley, Falkland Islands
14th November 1870.

My Lord,

Referring to my despatch N^o 41 of July 30th 1870 I have now the honour to forward the copy of the Court of Inquiry, in extenso, held to investigate the charge brought by Mr. Cobb the Manager of the Falkland Islands Company and Agent for Lloyd's against Mr. Benney the Lighthouse keeper.

Your Lordship will perceive these proceedings quite exonerate Mr. Benney; it came out in evidence that on the night in question the "Irene" was anchored for safety in a creek marked X in the chart enclosed, from whence the light is not visible, only three quarters of the disc is illuminated, but fully commanding an extended sea horizon; and the "Fairy" met with a heavy fog which obscured the light.

Numerous deep salt-water creeks interlace the Islands in every direction as they do on the coast of Norway, giving a smooth available harbour to each farm.

I have the
ord G. D'Arcy
Colonel and Governor

The Right Hon^{ble}
The Earl of Kimberley A.S.

Reindeer
29th Novr. 1870

Schedule of Despatches.

Transmitted by the Governor of the
Falkland Islands to the Secretary of
State for the Colonies by H. M. S.
"Reindeer" on the 29th November 1870.

| Number of Despatch | Date of Despatch | Subject of Despatch | Number of Enclosures. |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| 68. | 29 th Novr. 1870 | Forwarding an Ordinance duly signed. | 2. |

No. 68.

Government House,
Stanley, Falkland Islands
29th November 1870.

My Lord,

I beg to forward a
printed copy of the Spirit Duties Ordinance
duly authenticated and I have to express
my great regret that on the occasion
when I announced in a despatch
the measure had been passed in
the Legislative Council, I omitted to
forward such a copy.

2 copies

No. 28th 1st July
1870.

I have the
honour to be
Yours very
obediently &
Colonel & Governor.

The Right Hon^{ble} G. D'Arcy
The Earl Kimberley K. G.

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Schedule of Despatches.

Transmitted by the Governor of the
Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State
for the Colonies by the Schooner "Foarn"
on the 3rd of December 1870.

| Number of Despatch | Date of Despatch | Subject of Despatch | Number of Inclosures |
|--|-------------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| 69 | 2 nd Decr | Receipt of books relative to Kinderpest | None. |
| 70 | " " | Foot and mouth disease | None. |
| 71 | " " | Receipt of Parliaments Papers. | One. |
| For Despatch No ^o 69 ^a | October 28 th 1870 | Advising Bill on Paymaster General | 1. |

See Despatch No^o
69^a October 28th 1870
see page 90.

No 69.

Government House.
Stanley, Falkland Islands.
2nd December 1870.

My Lord,
I have to express my
acknowledgements for the receipt of
several books and documents relating
to the treatment of the Kinderpest
disease which I have duly circulated
to the Cattle Proprietors of these Islands.

I have &
The Right Honble Ld G. D'Arcy
The Earl of Kimberley K.T. Governor
9th 8th 1st

No. 70.

Government House
Stanley, Falkland Islands
2nd December 1870

My Lord,

In continuation of the subject of my despatch No. 28th of the 1st July I have the honour to report that the outbreak of disease amongst the cattle on the River Plate is of the foot and mouth type, equally fatal as the disease known in the United Kingdom as the Kinderpest.

With the powers furnished me by the Legislative Council, I hope to be able to prevent the importation of diseased cattle into these Islands.

I have the
s^t G. R. Grey
Governor.

The Right Hon^{ble}
The Earl of Kimberley - V.P.
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N^o. 71.

Government House.
Stanley, Falkland Islands
2nd December 1870

My Lord, I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt per book post of certain Parliamentary Papers, the titles and numbers of copies of which are specified below - viz

One copy of
Consolidated Commercial Reports, Nos
1, 2, 3 of 1870.

Two copies 19th
Report of Medical Officer of Privy
Council 1829.

One copy - Report of
Secretaries of Embassy and Legation
Nos 1 and 2 of 1870.

I have the
sd G. D'Arcy
Governor.

The Right Honble
The Earl of Kimberley K.T.

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N^o 69st.

Government House.
Stanley, Falkland Islands
28th October 1870.

My Lord,

I have the honour to report
that I have drawn the undermentioned Bill
on the Paymaster General on the credit of
the Parliamentary Grant for the financial
year 1870-71.

Bill No 8 dated 28th October L. s. d.
1870 for Two hundred and seventy-two pounds, 272. 12. 6
twelve shillings, and six pence in favour
of the Receiver and Accountant General, at
par.

I have the
affectionate
Governor.

The Right Honble
The Earl of Kimberley M.P.

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Colony of the Falkland Islands.

Bill No 8 dated 28th October 1870, drawn by
Governor D'Arcy on the Receiver and Accountant L. s. d.
General for the sum of Two hundred and seventy 272. 12. 6
two pounds, twelve shillings, and six
pence, on the credit of the Parliamentary Grant
for the general services of the colony for the
year 1870-71.

I hereby certify that the amount realized
by the Bill above described was duly carried
to the credit of the Colonial Revenue on the 28th
day of October 1870.

aff. G. D'Arcy
Governor

sd. H. Byng
Treasurer.

Schedule of Despatches.

Transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies by H. M. S. Speedwell on the 16th January 1871.

| Number of Despatch | Date of Despatch | Subject of Despatch | Number of Enclosures |
|-----------------------|---|--|-------------------------|
| 72. | 24 th Dec ^r 1870. | Forwarding photo-graphic likenesses of Natives of Sierra del Fuego. | 14. |
| 73. | " " | Nominating W ^r Dean as a Legislative Councillor. | None |
| 74. | " " | Terminating D ^r Hall as an Executive None Councillor. | |
| 75. | " " | Nominating D ^r Fisher R.A. Assistant Colonial Surgeon | |
| 76. | 31 st " | Reporting having drawn a Bill for £ 345, 15. 5 on the Parliamentary Grant. | 2. |
| 1. | 14 th Jan ^r 1871 | Reporting wreck of "Vampyr." | 1. |
| 2. | " " | Acknowledging the receipt of drawback of Income tax. | |
| 3. | " " | Placing the Pilots by Ordinance under the Colonial Government. | |

| Number of Despatch | Date of Despatch | Subject of Despatch. | Number of Enclosures |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| 4. | 14 th Jan 1870 | Detailing a tour of Inspection round the Islands | None. |
| 5. | " " | Acknowledging the receipt of drawback on Income tax. | None. |
| 6. | " " | Forwarding printed Ordinance heretofore not authenticated | 2. |

No. 72.

Government House.
Stanley. Falkland Islands.
24th December 1870.

My Lord, In reference to your Circular Despatch of the 30th November 1869, I have the honour to forward photographic likenesses of a few natives of Tierra del Fuego, who called here in the Allen Gardiner, Mission vessel from Ushuaia en route to the Missionary Station at Keppel Island. West Falkland.

I was unable to persuade the Revd Mr. Bridges, who is in temporary charge of the Mission in Bishop Sterling's absence to comply with the instructions so clearly laid down by Professor Huxley,

but

but the Acting Superintendent was averse to the Natives being taken otherwise, as he feared compliance with the Professor's instructions might tend to disturb the civilizing influences the Society have laboured for so many years to establish amongst these wild peoples.

I have the
S^t G. D'Arcy.
Governor.

The Right Hon^{ble}
The Earl Kimberley K.P.
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Government House.
Stanley. Falkland Islands.
24th December 1870.

My Lord
Consequent on Mr Turpin's resignation of his seat in Council under the circumstances detailed in my despatch No 49 of 14th September 1870, I have the honour to recommend for your approval the name of Mr George Markham Dean as a fit and proper person to succeed to the vacancy, and fully qualified to give the officer administering the Government experienced advice, he has been conducting

conducting his Father's business in Stanley for some years during which time he has held a seat on the bench of Magistrates, and he possesses considerable house property in the town, besides being the Proprietor of several sheep-walks.

Strictly in conformity with the 11th Clause of the Royal Instructions, on Mr Turpin's resignation I issued a new Commission of the Peace, placing Mr Dean's name second on the list of Magistrates, whereby he becomes ex-officio Member of the Legislative Council.

I have now the honour to request that your Lordship will be pleased to recommend Mr Dean's name to the Sovereign for a seat in the Legislative Council of this settlement.

I have &c.
J. D'Alrey.

The Right Hon^{ble} Governor.
The Earl Kimberley K.T.

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Government House.
Stanley. Falkland Islands.
24th December 1870.

My Lord! In consequence of Dr Mac Clinton being relieved by the Admiralty of his staff appointment as Surgeon to the Royal Marines stationed in

in this settlement, pending your Lordship's confirmation, I have appointed Dr. Watts, the Colonial Surgeon to the vacant seat in the Executive Council.

2. Dr. Watts has now resided here five years, he is in the commission of the peace, and is a Gentleman of education and good judgment, qualified to give the officer administering the Government at all times - sound advice.

3. May I request that your Lordship will be pleased to recommend him to the Sovereign for the vacancy.

I have the
sd G. D'Arcy.
Governor.

The Right Hon^{ble}
The Earl Kimberley K.T.
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No 75.

Government House.
Stanley: Falkland Islands
24th December 1870.

My Lord, I have the honour to report the departure from this settlement of Surgeon Mac Clinton R.N. by the "Team" on the 10th of October 1870, having been relieved of his

his staff appointment by the Admiralty
on promotion to the rank of Staff
Surgeon.

Surgeon Fisher R.N. late
of Her Majesty's Ship "Pygades"
arrived in Stanley on the 25th of
September 1870, having been appointed
by their Lordships of the Board of
Admiralty to succeed Surgeon
Mac Clinton, pending your
Lordships' sanction I appointed Dr.
Fisher to the situation of Assistant
Colonial Surgeon, and Inspector
of the Government Schools appointments
previously held by Dr. Mac Clinton

I have the
sd. G. D'Arcy.
Governor.

The Right Honble
The Earl of Kimberley K.T.
&c. &c. &c.

No. 75.

Government House.
Stanley Falkland Islands.
31st December 1870.

My Lord,
I have the honour to
report that I have drawn the
undermentioned Bill on the Paymaster
General on the Parliamentary Grant for
1870-71.

No. 9. dated 31st December 1870,
for Three hundred and fifty six pounds,
fifteen

L. s. d.
346. 15. 5

Colony of the Falkland Islands.

Bill No. 9. dated 31st December
 1870, drawn by Governor D'Arcy on
 the Receiver and Accountant General £ . . s . d
 for the sum of Three hundred and 346 " 16 " 5.
 forty six pounds, fifteen shillings,
 and five pence, on the credit of
 the Parliamentary Grant for the
 general services of the Colony for
 the year 1870-71.

I hereby certify that the amount realized
 by the Bill above described was
 duly carried to the credit of the Colonial
 Revenue on the 31st day of December
 1870.

S. G. D'Arcy
 Governor.

S. H. Byn
 Treasurer.

1871.

N^o. 1.

Government House.
Stanley. Falkland Islands
114th January 1871.

My Lord,

On the 8th of December 1870, I proceeded in Her Majesty's Ship "Speedwell" Captain Jones Parry, on a tour of inspection south about round the Islands, on casting anchor at Darwin Harbour at the end of the Choisuel sound a Shepherd in the service of the Falkland Islands Company brought information that a vessel had been wrecked in Low Bay not very far South of Darwin.

2. On my requisition Captain Jones Parry proceeded to the spot, the vessel proved to be the "Vampyr" a Prussian three masted Schooner of 215 tons, which had only left Stanley a few days before the "Speedwell", after having undergone a thorough repair in that harbour, where she arrived some months ago, having suffered from the equinoctial gales.

3. From the Captain's account the "Vampyr" struck on the night of the 14th December 1870, on what must have been an ice berg or an old floating wreck, as the vessel was foundering his only resource was to run her on shore.

4. We found the tide ebbing and flowing in the hold of the wreck, had the wind risen, the "Vampyr" must have gone to pieces, I therefore found

found it necessary to request Captain Jones Farry at once to convey the crew and cargo (British) to Stanley, postponing my tour of inspection.

5. This requisition Captain Jones Farry completely carried out in three trips between the wreck and Stanley, and on the 29th December I again proceeded round the Islands.

6. I have the honour to forward No. 1. Wreck Return.

*I have the
sd G. D'Alroy.
Governor.*

The Right Honble
The Earl Kimberley K.P.
7th 7th 7th

No. 2.

Government House.
Stanley. Falkland Islands.
14th January 1871.

My Lord, I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordships Despatch of the 24th September 1870, marked as per margin, announcing that the Receiver General of Inland Revenue had been instructed to repay to me various sums amounting to Fifteen pounds, eight shillings, and six pence which sum were deducted from my salary as

£ . s. d.
15. 8. 6.

Administrator

Administrator at the Gambia.

Taking notice of your Lordships instructions, I have reimbursed myself from the Colonial Treasury, and I have forwarded receipts to the Crown Agents accordingly, together with a formal evidence of identity.

I have the
Ld G. Pitney
Governor.

The Right Honble
The Earl Kimberley K.P.
T. S. S.

N^o. 3.

Government House.
Stanley, Falkland Islands
14th January 1871.

My Lord,
I have the honour to forward a properly authenticated copy of an Ordinance to make better provision for the pilotage of this Port.

2. As the service was performed, constant complaints were made by the Masters of Vessel on the inefficiency of the establishment of the licensed Pilots, inasmuch that they never ventured beyond Port William, whereas their services were urgently required outside in the Ocean to conduct Vessels into Port William, where comparatively safe anchorage is always to be secured; moreover it was well known that three vessels of large tonnage had been

been

been compelled only recently during the prevalence of the equinoctial gales reluctantly to beat up 1000 miles to Monte Video, after having tacked off and on the Light House for several days vainly endeavouring to procure a Pilot; the loss to the trade of the town of three large vessels in a crippled state, brought such pressure on the Executive, that I felt it my duty to meet the requirements of the Port by legislative enactment: the licensed Pilots on their part replying, and with reason, that only possessing open boats they dared not venture beyond Port William.

3. The accompanying Ordinance, provides that the Pilots are to be a salaried body under the Colonial Government, manning a small decked Schooner of about 35 tons, this essential change in the pilot service will be defrayed by a small duty on the shipping of six pence the ton, not for the purpose of swelling the revenue, but solely to cover the expense; according to our returns 18,137 tons is an approximate amount of shipping giving a revenue of four hundred and fifty three pounds, £. s. d. eight shillings and six pence a year, and the expenses of the boat and the salaries of the Pilots combined, according to Mr. Dean's calculations will amount somewhat under that figure. Many sea-faring

faring Men whom I have consulted have assured me that this duty will be cheerfully paid by the Merchant Marine who visit this Port, the advantages of the change being so obvious; by the old ordinance they were compelled to pay the Pilots three shillings a foot on their measurement when they were out of all danger, and in secure soundings, whereas now they will receive the full value for their money in the services of experienced Pilots, shortly after they make the lighthouse well out in the open ocean, where their responsibilities will in a great measure cease, and their vessel will be safely directed into the inner harbour of Port Stanley.

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It must be admitted that a measure of this kind may involve the local Government in a law suit, in the event of the incapacity or neglect of their servants, when in temporary charge of valuable bottoms and freights, and at the same time there is just a fear that the freedom of the Port from all dues may possibly be sullied by this impost, and prevent vessels calling at Stanley for a market.

The reply to the first drawback is, that it is impossible to avoid such a contingency, for in all occasions of change some risk is run, but the Pilots will now be under the

the immediate supervision of the Shipping Master, who will make it his duty personally to see, and nominate, the Pilot for each occasion on a vessel being signalled in Stanley; and with regard to the new Ordinance unnulling the freedom of the Port, I have carefully gone through the returns for the last ten years, and I find that scarcely any ships call here, unless they are positively obliged to do so for repairs, the inference is therefore when it becomes known at Gloyds that the pilotage is extended to the Ocean, the slight impost on the shipping may rather be the means of adding to our tonnage, as the Master of a weather beaten vessel off the Falkland Islands will run boldly for the Stanley Light House knowing that on making it, he will be bearded in the open Ocean by a Government Pilot.

The Ordinance having met with the approval of both Councils nomine contradicente, I trust your Lordship will be pleased to recommend it to the Sovereign.

I have
S. G. D'Arcy.
Governor.

The Right Honble
Earl Kimberley K. P.

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N^o 11.

Government House.
Stanley, Falkland Islands.
14th January 1871.

My Lord,

Having lately made a tour of these Islands, in Her Majesty's Ship "Speedwell" I have the honour to report for your Lordship's information in detail the result of my inspection.

At Darwin I met the Company's Manager, Mr. Cobb, who accompanied me round Lafonia, the Company's freehold settlement, it happened to be shearing time, consequently I was enabled minutely to inspect the large flocks of sheep owned by the Company. I am glad to report that not more than five per cent were suffering from the scab out of at least 40,000 I saw.

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In Lafonia, the Manager has succeeded in taming about 2,000 head of wild cattle; it was an interesting sight to witness a Rodeo, a Spanish term, used by the English settlers, meaning the weekly gathering together of herds of recently tamed cattle, from from their various grazing grounds to a central hill, or parade ground, where they remain under this taming drill perfectly quiet for an hour surrounded by Gauchos, horsemen skilled in throwing the lasso; at the expiration of which time the herds are allowed to return to their different pastures.

Mr. Cobb, is moreover
hopeful

hopeful to supply the home market with cargoes of fresh meat, if the Company will consent to send a qualified person to prepare it for the voyage, according to the Australian process.

The pasture of the table land of Lafonia, is far superior to the land to the north of the Isthmus of Darwin which is wet and boggy and interlaced with rock and stone runs.

Sailing along the sound I called at Fox Bay, where several gentlemen have embarked capital in the purchase of stock, and in the rental of extensive farms, from the local Government, owing to the December rains, I was unable to see their flocks together, but they reported favourably of their stock, and denied the existence of any disease, which it must be confessed is rife in the East Falkland Island.

At Port Howard and Shallow Bay, the same hopeful views were entertained by these early settlers, and they hope shortly to be able to charter a vessel once a year from Monte Video to freight with their produce of wool; they all expressed themselves grateful for the advantages afforded them, by the Amalgamation Ordinance so recently passed.

A fierce north wind compelled Captain Jones Parry R.N. to steam up to the Mission Station at Keppler Island, West

West Falkland, the finest site for a settlement these Islands present with a very good harbour, the proceeds of the farm pays all the expenses of the Mission, except the schooner "Allen Gardiner", but it is indispensably necessary to maintain this vessel in an effective state, so as to communicate with the new Missionary settlement of Ushuaia, situated on the south side of Tierra del Fuego, the ignorant natives of this Island so little known, are taught at Keppel to plant potatoes, to plough, and do a little carpentering, and are then returned to Tierra del Fuego, so many practical missionaries; they are of a very low type and seem to possess little intelligence, whereas the Clergy of the South American Mission are of a high order, and superior in education and general bearing to their fellow labourers in India or in Africa.

As your Lordship might like to know the names of those Gentlemen who rent farms from the Colonial Government, I have the honour to annex a nominal list.

Falkland Islands &c.

Messrs Gacke & Brothers.

Dr. Dr. Andres Petaluga.

Mr. John Bonner.

Mr. Robert Greenshields } East Falkland Island.

Messrs Dean & Son.

Dr. Dr. Pedro Varela.

Dr. Dr. Jose Llamosa.

Messrs Goff & C°.

Mr. James Felton.

Mess^{rs} Packe and Brothers.
 South American Mission
 Mr Bertrand.
 Mr Holmested.
 Mess^{rs} Waldron Brothers.
 Mr M^c Lymont.
 Mess^{rs} Baillon & Stickney.
 Mr W^d. Benney.
 Mr Williams.
 Mr Lewis.

West Falkland Island.

I have the
 ad^d G. Grey.
 Governor.

The Right Hon^{ble}
 The Earl Kimberley K. T.

Sr. vs. ss.

N^o. 5.

Government House.
Stanley Falkland Islands.
14th January 1871.

My Lord,

In answer to your Lordship's Despatch of the 24th September 1870 marked as per margin, I have the honour to report that the various sums have been paid to the Departmental officers as ordered in your Despatch viz;

| | £ . s - d. |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| Henry Byno | 15 . 0 . 11. |
| H. N. Watts | 13 . 6 . 9. |
| E. R. Griffiths | 29 . 0 . 7. |
| Arthur Bailey | 22 . 12 . 1. |
| Charles Bull | 22 . 12 . 1. |
| Edward Packe | 17 . 6 . |
| | <u>£ 103 . 9 . 11.</u> |

with the exception of Dr. Mac Clinton, who has proceeded to the United Kingdom on the lapse of his staff appointment as Surgeon to the Royal Marines.

2. Formal receipts have been prepared, and signed, and transmitted to the Crown Agents for recovery, as directed in your Lordship's despatch, together with formal evidence of identity of the payees, and a certificate of identity.

I have &c.
J. D'Arcy
Governor.

The Right Hon^{ble}
The Earl Kimberley K. T.

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Falkland Islands
Accounts.

N^o. 6.

Government House.
Stanley, Falkland Islands.
14th January 1871.

My Lord,

In obedience to your Despatch N^o. 8, of 3rd November 1870, I have the honour to forward two copies of the Kindergarten Ordinance duly authenticated together with two copies of the Amalgamation Ordinance, in case when the printed copies of this important Ordinance were forwarded, the same omission of signature inadvertently happened.

I have &c &c &c
sd G. D'Arcy.
Governor.

The Right Hon^{ble}
The Earl Kimberley
q^c q^c q^c

Government House.
Stanley, Falkland Islands.
14th January 1871.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt, on the 23rd August, 22nd September, 25th November 1870, and 9th January 1871, of your Lordship's Despatches of the numbers and dates noted in the margin.

I have &c &c &c
sd G. D'Arcy
Governor.

The Right Hon^{ble}
The Earl Kimberley K.P.
q^c E q^c

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| 17 th | June 1870 Circular. |
| 17 th | " " Parliamentary. |
| 18 th | " " Ack'd Despatches. |
| 21 st | " " Circular. |
| 23 rd | " " |
| 25 th | " " |
| 27 th | " " |
| 54 to 56. | 21 st |
| | 4 th July } Despatches. |
| 3 rd | July 1870 Circular. |
| 12 th | " " Parliamentary. |
| 13 th | " " Circular. |
| 18 th | " " |
| 19 th | " " Ack'd Despatches. |
| 21 st | " " Circular. |
| 22 nd | " " Parliamentary. |
| 28 th | " " |
| 1 st | August " Circular. |
| 2 nd | " " |
| 4 th | " " |
| 1 st to 6 th | of 25 th August } Despatches. , 8 th October. |
| 24 th | September } Accounts. |
| 5 th | September 1870 Parliamentary. |
| 6 th | " " " |
| 8 th | " " " |
| 9 th | August " Circular. |
| 10 th | " " " |
| 16 th | " " " |
| 27 th | " " " |
| 29 th | " " " |

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| 1 st | September 1870. | Circular. |
| 6 th | " " | " " |
| 7 th | " " | " " |
| 10 th | " " | " " |
| 12 th | " " | " " |
| 22 nd | " " | " " |
| 1 st October of 20th | 1 st October | Acknowledging Dep. |
| to 9 th | 3 rd November | Despatches. |
| 5 th | " " | Parliamentary. |
| 7 th | " " | " " |
| 7 th October | " " | Circular. |
| 17 th | " " | " " |
| 27 th | " " | " " |
| 4 th November | " " | " " |
| 14 th | " " | " " |

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies by the Schooner 'Tern' on the 30th day of January 1871.

| Number of Despatch. | Date of Despatch. | Subject of Despatch. | Number of inclosures |
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| 7. | 30 th Jan'y 1871 | Covering Despatch to Census. | 1. |

N^o. 7.

Government House.
Stanley. Falkland Islands.
30th January 1871.

My Lord,

In compliance with the Circular 23rd March 1870, I have the honour to forward the Census of these Islands according to the forms prescribed.

During the months of September, October, and November, the population of this town is much increased, by the arrival of quite a fleet of Merchant vessels, which are compelled to call at Stanley for repairs, but the crews who for the most part live on shore, cannot be considered as belonging to the Islands.

This considerable temporary addition to the population accounts for the large sale of imports from England, far beyond the requirements of the resident population.

I have &c.

G. D'Arcy.
Governor.

The Right Hon^{ble}
The Earl Kimberley K. G.
V. V. & C.

Schedule of Despatches.

Transmitted by the Governors of
the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of
State for the Colonies by the Barge
"Chisellhurst" on the 20th day of March
1871.

| Number of Despatch. | Date of Despatch. | Subject of Despatch. | Number of Enclosures |
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| 8. | 14 March 71. | Reporting arrival of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh. &c. &c. | None. |
| 9. | " " | Forwarding a supplementary census. | 1. |
| | 14 th March 71. | Acknowledging despatches and circulars. | — |

By the same opportunity is forwarded a despatch marked "Separate"

No. 8.

Government House.
Stanley. Falkland Islands
14th March 1871.

My Lord, I have the honour to report the arrival of the "Galatia" Captain His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh on the morning of Friday the 2^d February 2. During the afternoon

of Friday His Royal Highness rode to the Penguin rookery about ten miles distant from Stanley, so well described in the Admiralty sailing directions.

3. On Saturday a shooting expedition was undertaken near the settlement, and in the evening His Royal Highness received the society of Stanley at Government House.

4. On Sunday His Royal Highness remained on board the "Galatea".

5. On Monday Captain Packe organized an expedition for the Prince to Mare Harbour, fifty miles distant from the settlement to the southward, here His Royal Highness remained till the following Wednesday evening shooting Guanacos, wild Geese, Duck, Snipe &c.

6. On Thursday it was arranged that His Royal Highness should proceed outside in the "Fawn" to the Volunteer rocks, for the purpose of Seal shooting, but the day proved so boisterous that it was impossible to board any ship in the harbour, towards evening the weather having moderated, His Royal Highness entertained the society of Stanley at dinner on board the "Galatea".

7. His Royal Highness was

was pleased to express himself gratified with his visit, and very considerately sent the band of the "Galatea" on shore to enliven the town, and moreover allowed the children of the government school to be taken over the "Galatea".

8. The "Galatea" left for Montevideo, on the morning of Friday the 3rd of March, under a royal salute from the battery.

Charge
S^d G. D'Arcy.
Governor.

The Right Honble
The Earl Kimberley K.P.
R^t R^t R^t

N^o. 9.

Government House
Stanley. Falkland Islands.
14th March 1871.

My Lord, Returning to the subject of my despatch N^o. 7 of the 30th January, I have to request your Lordship will do me this favour to receive this census in view of the one sent by last mail.

2. Shortly after the departure of the mail, the sealing schooners returning from the southern islands, swelled

swelled up the numbers to no less than eight hundred and twelve souls, showing an increase of two hundred since the last census was taken!

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3. The Constable a very old resident who furnished me with the nominal return, did not think I required the names of the absentees, but they are bona fide Inhabitants of these Islands, having no other home.

I have &
S^d G. D'Are^y.
Governor.

The Right Hon^{ble}
The Earl Kimberley K. S.
T. R. S. S.

Government House.
Stanley. Falkland Islands.
14th March 1871.

My Lord,
I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt on the 27th February, of your Lordship's despatches of the numbers and dates noted in the margin.

Circulars.16th Nov. 187017th " "30th " "1st Dec. "19th " "

Despatches.

10th Oct. 14th Nov. 187011. 15th12. 12th Dec. 1870

I have &
S^d G. D'Are^y.
Governor.

The Right Hon^{ble}
The Earl Kimberley K. S.
T. R. S. S.

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Government House,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.
11th March 1871.

*a correct copy of
the Draft Copy which accompanied Dispatch marked Septo*

AN AMALGAMATION ORDINANCE.

~~OF THE LEASES OF CROWN LAND IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.~~

In the year 1870. I

No. 6.

Clause.

1. List of Ordinances and Proclamations annulled.
2. Occupation licenses and running leases granted for 7, 14, and 21 years.
3. Within 10 years to purchase part of station at 2s. the acre.
4. Wild Cattle to be ~~the property of lessee~~
5. Old leases may be consolidated in one lease, under this law but no drawback granted.
6. Leases to be transferable.
7. Rents payable in advance.
8. Limitation of Station.
9. Water frontage of Station.
10. Portion of land transferable.
11. Reservation on the part of the crown.
12. Six months warning to be given to Governor previous to an extension of lease being granted.
13. Boundaries defined.
14. Interpretation clause.

Commencement of Ordinance.

By His Excellency Colonel George D'Arcy Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Falkland Islands and the Dependencies thereof, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it has been judged expedient to alter, amend, abrogate, and annul the Ordinances and Proclamations in reference to leases, to define the rights and privileges of lessees, and to ~~amalgamate~~ regulate the leases of the East and West Falkland Islands, be it enacted as follows.

List of Ordinances and Proclamations annulled

1. That the Ordinance No. 5, 22d August 1867, the proclamations of the 31st July 1849, 4th April 1861, 24th June 1867, 21st August 1867, and the 37th section of the Summary Jurisdiction Ordinance 1853, are hereby repealed and annulled as far as all future applicants for land are concerned.

Occupation licenses and running leases granted for 7, 14, and 21 years.

2. That Settlers in the East and West Falkland, should be allowed to occupy sections of land on application to the Governor and on payment to the Colonial Secretary at the rate of five pounds for each section of 6,000 acres, this occupation license will be for one year only, unless the applicant is licensed to occupy any quantity of

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The Earl of
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My Lord,
acknowledged
27th Febr
despatches
dates noted

Within 10 years to purchase part of station at £45. the acre.

land not less than two sections or 4,000 acres, shall be entitled to two years from the date of his license to comply with the conditions hereinafter mentioned, and not renewable, that at any time before the expiration of the license the Licensee may obtain a running or optional lease of seven, fourteen or twenty one years, at the rate of six pounds a year payable in advance to the Colonial Secretary for 6,000 acres for the first ten years of his lease, and afterwards for ten pounds a year also payable in advance, all provided he can prove to the satisfaction of the Governor that the land so let be stocked with fifty head of tame Cattle or Horses, or one hundred Sheep for each section of 6,000 acres, each section of land to have a fair habitable house upon it of reasonable dimensions, unless it can be proved to the Governor's satisfaction, that the occupier already possesses a house on an adjacent section of land from which the stock on such section can be properly tended.

3. The Lessee of every section must within 10 years from the date of his lease purchase at the upset price of land for the time being not exceeding £45. an acre a block of land containing not less than 160 acres for every section of 6,000 acres to be determined by the Surveyor General by the consent of the Governor and may also at any time during his lease purchase any further quantity of land in his station at the same rate, and any person desirous of purchasing unleased land may do so at the same rate.

* 4. That the wild cattle on the West Falkland Islands shall be considered feral nature as is now ruled in favour of Lessees in the East Falkland. *That every feral shall be entitled to till cattle on his leased land*

5. That Lessees holding land in either the East or West Falkland Islands, can take a new lease under this Ordinance provided always, they have not been Leaseholders more than three years, and also that no rebate or refunding shall be made for any previous payment for Leases now held by Lessee's. Those who have been Landholders for a longer period must continue to hold their leases under the terms of the Proclamation upon which they were taken out until the expiration of those leases, at which time they may obtain an extension of their leases at the rate of ten pounds for every 6,000 acres as provided in clause No. 2, but in all other respects the terms of this Ordinance are open to them.

Leases to be transferable.

6. Every lease under this Ordinance shall be transferable by endorsement on the back of the lease signed by the Lessee or his Attorney, the Colonial Secretary, subject to the condition of giving notice of such transfer to the Colonial Secretary, *or the officer doing the duty of Colonial Secretary*

The Right Hon.
The Earl Kimberley M.P.

12. 12th Decr 1870

Separate

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Government House.
Stanley, Falkland Islands.
11. th March 1871.

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Rents pay-
able in
advance.

7. The rent of each station of land shall be paid in advance by the Lessee to the Colonial Secretary at Stanley from the date of the grant of the lease, and if the rent be not paid within three months after it has become due the lease shall be null and void.

Limitation of Station.

~~The ordinance shall not extend to any corporation~~
8. No licence shall be granted within six miles by land of Stanley or of any township which may hereafter be proclaimed.

Water
frontage of
Station.

9. Every section leased and every block of land sold under these regulations shall be as far as possible of a ~~square~~^{rectangular} figure of which not more than one side shall have available water frontage always provided that no Leaseholder under this Ordinance shall be allowed to purchase more than one third water frontage without the special leave of the Governor.

Portion of
Land trans-
ferable.

10. That should any holder of a lease at any time wish to part with or exchange a portion of his leasehold, he shall be permitted to do so on application to, and with the sanction of the Governor, the boundaries of such ~~land~~^{portion}, to be defined by the Surveyor General or by a competent sworn Surveyor at the expence of the parties concerned and indicated in the chart of the Colony as a seperate lot and numbered accordingly and after such transfer shall be duly concluded in the Colonial Secretary's office, the rent of the land to be charged to the person who thus becomes the lessee provided that no transfer of any land less than a section be made under this clause.

**Reservation.
on the part of
the Crown.**

11. Every lease shall confer the right to use the land for pastoral, agricultural, building, manufacturing purposes and shall be subject to all such reservations as are contained in the printed Crown grants of land in this Colony and the Governor shall have power at any time to proclaim a public road through any station.

Six months
warning to
be given to
Governor
previous to
an extension
of lease being
granted

Boundaries defined

12. If the Lessee of any Station under this Ordinance shall be desirous of obtaining an extension of lease he shall give notice thereof to the Governor six months before the expiration of his lease and the Governor in Council shall determine whether it is expedient that the land shall be sold or reserved for any public purpose, provided that the former Lessee ~~has~~^{shall have} priority of claim over other persons applying for the lease.

13. Every section and station of land shall be defined with reference to the nautical chart of the Colony without requiring any further Survey, but the boundaries will be subsequently made by the Surveyor General or by a competent sworn Surveyor and submitted for approval to the Governor.

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14. That in this Ordinance the word "block" shall throughout signify 160 acres of land, the word "section" signify 6,000 acres of land, and the word "station" signify the whole extent of land taken out by one lease.

15. Whereas the delay incident to a previous communication with Her Majesty to know her royal pleasure hereupon would be productive of serious inconvenience: be it therefore enacted that this Ordinance shall take effect and come into operation from the date of the passing thereof.

G. D'ARCY.
Colonel & Governor.

~~Passed the Legislative Council Twentieth day of September One Thousand eight hundred and eighty.~~

M. GALLWEY HURST.
Clerk to the Council.

15. That the Governor for the time being shall have power at his discretion to insert in every lease to be granted by him on behalf of the Crown such provisions, conditions, and restrictions, as may seem to him expedient & that such leases shall contain a clause that every dispute as to boundaries

~~JOHN NIXON COLONIAL PRINTER.~~

~~If any station or section shall be settled by the parties affected by arbitration in the usual way at their expense.~~

My Lord,
acknowledge
27th Feb,
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16. That every lessee shall be entitled to kill cattle on his leased or occupied land but that no one except by permission of the Governor in writing shall be allowed to kill or hunt cattle on the unleased or unsold land of the Crown under the penalties laid down in the Ordinance No^d 11 of 1869.

The Right Hon^{ble}
The Earl Kimberley M.P.

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Government House,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.
14th March 1871.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge
the receipt of your Lordship's despatch of
N^o 16 of the 9th January, in which the Sovereign
has disallowed the Amalgamation
Ordinance respecting the leases of
crown lands in the Falkland Islands,
and I have to report that the disallowance
has been published in the usual
manner on the gazette board.

2. Agreeable to the last paragraph
of your Lordship's despatch, I forward
a draft printed copy of an Ordinance
in view of that which has been
disallowed, and I have the honour to
request for permission to propose
it to the Legislative Council.

3. Very respectfully I wish
your Lordship to be informed that
the words "Colonial Secretary" in the
third line of the 6th clause was
simply an error on the part of the
Printer, they do not appear in the
sealed manuscript engrossed copy
signed by myself in Council,
but I take great blame for having
allowed the error to pass without
detection.

4. Moreover I greatly
desire your Lordship may know
that all Ordinances that have passed
the colonial legislature of these
Islands

Islands for the sanction of the
Sovereign bear the 15th clause.

5. The additional clauses in
manuscript are submitted so
as more fully to embrace the
spirit of your Lordship's despatch.

6. I have to report that
since the publication of the
Amalgamation Ordinance acres.
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considerably augmenting the
revenue.

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The Right Honble
The Earl Kimberley A. P.

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Schedule of Despatches
transmitted by the Governors of the
Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State
for the Colonies by the Schooner
"Foarn" on the 1st day of April, 1871.

| Number of Despatch. | Date of Despatch. | Subject of Despatch. | Number of Enclosures. |
|---------------------|------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| 10. | 27 th March | Forwarding two authentic copies of an Ordinance in reference to Aliens. | 2. |
| 11. | " " | Detailing circumstances connected with a Bill for £1,000 on the Parliamentary Grant for 1871-72. | 1. |
| " " | " " | Acknowledging despatches and circulars. | |

N^o. 10.

Government House,
Stanley Falkland Islands.
27th March 1871.

My Lord, In answer to your Lordships' commands, I have to enclose two copies of an Ordinance granting the privilege of British born subject to three shillings within the Majesty's settlements of the Falkland Islands, and I have to express my regret that those forwarded on the 14th September were so informal.

The Right Honble
The Earl Kimberley, Q.C.
P.S. 1st April 1871.

I have the
to y^r D^r Gov^ror

No. 11.

Government House -
Stanley. Falkland Islands.
27th March 1871.

My Lord, In August of last year
an Agent of the Salvage Association
branch of Lloyds, (Captain Seales
of the Merchant Marine service)
arrived in this port for the purpose of
watching the interests of the Underwriters
in connection with the wreck of the
"Bulcarrig" alluded to in my despatch
of last year.

No. 22.
6th June 1870.

2. After a detention in
Stanley of eight months during
which time he visited the wreck, he
obtained by the permission of His Royal
Highness the Duke of Edinburgh a
passage to Montevideo in the "Galatea";
a few days previous to his embarkation
Captain Seales requested I would grant
him a Government bill for One thousand £
pounds sterling on the
Parliamentary Grant of 1871-72 in
exchange for bullion, which he
represented was very inexpedient to
carry as he would have to proceed to
England by a circuitous route,
moreover he tendered a guarantee that
the bill would not be presented before
the 20th May 1871.

£
1,000.

3. Taking into consideration
the fact that the transaction would save
the colonial Government the expense
of transit of bullion from England,
and

and moreover be the means of retaining the money in the settlement, I agreed to the accommodation.

certificate to Bill.

4. I am quite aware, and so was Captain Seales that it is contrary to the regulations to draw for any part of the Parliamentary Grant previous to the commencement of the financial year, but the advantages to the Colonial Government, and to the Settlement were so manifest, that I trust your Lordship will be pleased to consider it as exceptional, indeed it is not likely to occur again, the equivocal system of wrecking hitherto adopted in this port having now received a severe check, it will hereafter be so legally conducted as to cause a more healthy and legitimate trade rendering the visits of Agents for Underwriters unnecessary.

5. The bullion has been held in trust in the chest, and will not be available until after the 1st of April.

I have the
s^d G. D'Arcy Governor.

The Right Hon^{ble}
The Earl Kimberley K. V.
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Colony of the Falkland Islands.

Bill No. 1. dated 2nd of March
1871, drawn by Governor D'Arcy
on the Paymaster General for the
sum of One thousand pounds sterling, £1,000.
on the credit of the Parliamentary Grant
for the general services of the Colony for
the year 1871 = 72.

I hereby certify that the
amount realized by the Bill above
described was duly carried to the
credit of the Colonial Revenue on the
2nd day of March 1871.

S^r G. D'Arcy
Governor.

S^r J. Byng
Treasurer.

Government House.
Stanley. Falkland Islands
27th March 1871.

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My Lord. I have the honour to acknowledge
the receipt on the 27th February of
your Lordship's despatches of the
numbers and dates noted in
the margin.

I have to
S^r G. D'Arcy
Governor.

The Right Honble
The Earl Kimberley M.P.

Schedule of Despatches.
Transmitted by the Governor of the
Falkland Islands to the Secretary of
State for the Colonies by the Schooner
"Rene" on the 5th day of April 1871.

| Number Despatch | Date of Despatch | Subject of Despatch. | Number Inclosures |
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| 12. | 3 rd April 1871. | Advising Draft on Paymaster General | 1. |

N^o 12.

Government House.
Stanley - Falkland Islands.
3rd April 1871.

My Lord, I have the honour to report that I have drawn the undermentioned Bill on the Paymaster General on the credit of the Parliamentary Grant for the year 1871 = 72.

Bill No. 2 dated 2nd of April 1871 for one hundred and fifty pounds sterling in favour of J. A. W. Harper Esq. at pay.

I have the
H. D. S.
Governor.

The Right Honble
The Earl Kimberley
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Colony of the Falkland Islands.

Bill No. 2 dated 3rd April 1871,
 drawn by Governor D'Arcy on the
 Paymaster General for the sum
 of One hundred and fifty pounds
 sterling, on the credit of the Parliamentary
 Grant for the general services of
 the Colony for the year 1871-72.

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I hereby certify that the amount
 realized by the Bill above described
 was duly carried to the credit of the
 Colonial Revenue on the 3rd day of
 April 1871.

L. G. D'Arcy
Governor.

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Treasurer.

Schedule of Despatches.
 Transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies by the barque "Eagle" on the 2nd day of May 1871.

| Number of Despatch. | Date of Despatch. | Subject of Despatch. | Number of Enclosures. |
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| 13. | 31 st April 1871. | Forwarding Meteorological returns. | 2. |
| 14. | " " | Reasons submitted for exemption of penalty of £50. | None. |
| 15. | " " | In reference to H.W. H. G. Hurst's late appointment of Collector of Customs. | 2. |
| 16. | " " | In reference to H.W. C. C. Tupper's late appointment as Clerk of the Courts. | 2. |
| 17. | " " | Reporting the wreck of the "Almanac". | 1. |
| 18. | " " | Forwarding the Minutes of Executive and Legislative Councils for the year 1870. | 2. |
| 19. | " " | Forwarding a programme of mail service. | 1. |
| 20. | " " | Advising Draft on Paymaster General. | 1. |