No. 15.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
1st April 1873.

My Lord, I have the honour to report I have this day drawn the following Bills on the credit of the Parliamentary Grant for the current financial year 1873/74 - viz:-

No 1. dated 1st April 1873 for the sum of Four hundred pounds sterling in favour of the Crown Agents for the Colonies - at Sight - £400-

No 2. dated 1st April 1873 for the sum of One hundred pounds sterling in favour of Messrs J. M. Dean & Co - at Sight. £100

No 3. dated 1st April 1873 for the sum of One hundred and forty two pounds sterling, in favour of John P. Smith, at Sight - £142

No 4. dated 1st April 1873 for the sum of Ninety five pounds sterling in favour of the Falkland Islands Company - at Sight £95.

The proceeds of these Bills are required for the general service of the Colony, and have been carried to the credit of the Colonial Revenue as per enclosed certificate -

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

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

Colony of Falkland Islands –

Bill No 1,	dated 1st April 1873	for	£400. –
" 2,	—do— do—	"	100. –
" 3,	—do— do—	"	142. –
" 4,	—do— do—	"	95.
			£737. –

Drawn by Governor G D'Arcy on the Paymaster General, on the credit of the Parliamentary Grant, for the general service of the Colony, in aid of Colonial Revenue for the year 1873-74.

I hereby certify that the amount realized by the above mentioned Bills was duly carried to the credit of the Colonial Revenue on the 1st April 1873.

(sd) G Travis
Financial Clerk.

(sd) G D'Arcy
Governor

No 16.

Government House
Stanley, Falkland Islands
April 2nd 1873

My Lord,

H.M.S. "Cossack" will leave this Port for England in a day or two when Mr Bailey's superannuation form will be duly forwarded.

The Right Honble
the Earl of Kimberley K.C.
&c &c &c

I have &c
(sd) G D'Arcy
Governor

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies per H.M.S. "Cossack" on the 5th April 1873

No of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	No of Enclosures
17	1873 April 4th	The price of Crown Land being £1 the acre not £2	one
18	" 4th	Reporting the resignation of Mr Turpin and the appointment of Mr Bailey, acting Stipendiary Magte	none
19	" 4th	Reporting the sale of the Colonial Schooner "Jason"	two
21	" 4th	The superannuation form relating to Mr Bailey, Surveyor General	one
20	" 4th	Explaining why the Blue Book was not sent last Mail	one (the Blue Book)
22	" 4th	Relating to a fine imposed on the Master of the barque "Sabrina" for discharging Ballast into the harbour.	one

No 17.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
April 4th 1873.

My Lord,

In reply to the third paragraph of your Lordship's Despatch No 7 of the 8th February, I have the honour to explain that the price of Crown Land appearing at two shillings the acre in the Blue Book is simply a clerical error. 2/-

In the Estimates of 1871-72 bearing date the 14th September 1870, the sale of Crown Land was estimated at 2/- the acre, in conformity to the Amalgamation Ordinance No 6 of 1870, then on the point of becoming law, and in the Estimates for 1872-73, and for 1873-74, the Clerk continued to copy the numeral 2 whereas 4/- ought to have been inserted, agreeable to the Land Law passed in 1871; and the error was not discovered till the receipt a few days ago of your Lordship's Despatch. 2/- 4/-

No 7
8 February 1873.

The compulsory purchase of Crown Land only remained at 2/- the acre between the date of colonially passing the Amalgamation Ordinance viz:- the 26th of September 1870 and the 14th March 1871, the date of disallowance. Mr Cobb, the Manager of the Falkland Islands Company, purchased with land order 320 acres at 2/- the acre between these dates, but no other purchaser availed himself of the opportunity and ever since the promulgation of the Land Ordinance, the upset price of

land

£4/- land has been at £4/- the acre.

I trust your Lordship will be pleased to exonerate me for having neglected your instructions, the last Ordinance you allude having been duly made law and known as the Land Ordinance.

I am quite alive to the necessity of meeting your Lordship's views by reducing the expenditure of this Government as much as possible, but I trust I may be allowed to remind your Lordship that my predecessor administered the Government on the Parliamentary Grants of £5,550, £5,836 and £5,016. ; whereas I commenced my administration on the 1st April 1870 on the reduced grant of £3,800, with which it would have been impossible to have met the expenditure, but for the Virgin tax on Spirits, an unpopular measure which I was compelled to enforce in a Colony heretofore untaxed.

£5,550.
5,836.
5,016.
£3,800.

In 1880 on the increased rental of Crown Lands there is every reason to believe the settlement will be very nearly if not wholly self supporting.

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

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

No. 18.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
April 4th 1873

My Lord /

Referring to my Despatch No 1 of the 1st January 1872, in which I announce to your Lordship that I appointed Mr C. C. Turpin to act for Mr Griffiths as Stipendiary Magistrate, I have to report that for eleven months this gentleman performed his duties with credit, but a press of work bearing upon him owing to the number of vessels then in harbour, his mind gave way much in the same way during the month of December as it had done in Mr Griffiths case, only not to the same extent. Mr Turpin by the advice of his medical attendant tendered me his resignation, and on the 1st January 1873 I appointed Mr Bailey to the vacancy, and this I would have duly reported but for the circumstance that it was expected the next mail would have brought from England the newly appointed Stipendiary Magistrate, when Mr Bailey's appointment would have been of a very temporary character.

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

I have &c
(Sd) G D'Arcy
Governor

No 19.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
April 4th 1873.

My Lord,

In conjunction with my Despatch No 11 of 22nd March 1873, I have the pleasure to report that I have sold the Colonial Government Schooner "Joan" for Five hundred £500. pounds to a Lessee of Crown Lands Mr Andreas Petaluga, Mr Dean, the leading Merchant of the Settlement, going security for the payment on the terms enclosed, this sale relieves the Government from a considerable expence.

Mr Petaluga's tender was the only one received, and bearing in mind that the "Joan" was an old vessel, the price is considered by the seafaring community her full value.—

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

I have &c
(Sd) G. T'Arcy
Governor

No 20.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
April 4th 1873.

My Lord,

On closing the Despatches which left on the 2nd instant per "Blackhawk" an error in figures was discovered at the last moment in the Blue Book which altered the total; it was therefore found necessary to retain it for correction until the departure of H.M.S. "Cockatrice".

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

I have &c
(s) G D'Arcy
Governor

№ 21

Government House
Stanley, Falkland Islands
4th April 1873

My Lord,

I have the honour to forward the superannuation form carefully filled up of Mr Bailey's services, agreeable to the instructions conveyed in your Lordship's Despatch № 7 of the 8th February 1873.—

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

I have &c
(Sd) G D'Arcy
Governor

Name of Applicant.— Arthur Bailey
Official Station. Surveyor General
Recommended for. Superannuation
Age 54 years.
Service in years and months 37 years 4 months.
Actual Salary, if 3 years have elapsed since last promotion: but if not then average salary for the last three years.— } Average Salary for last three years £245. 10. 0.

Cause of retirement Abolition of Office.

Dates of

Dates of Commencement and Termination of the several appointments held by Applicant with Rate of Emoluments distinguishing Salary from other Allowances, and specifying such Allowances.

Office	Dates of Commencement of the different appointments held by Applicant	Dates of Termination of the different appointments held by Applicant	Salary	Allowances
Ordnance Survey of England	10th Novr 1835	10 March 1841	About 4/- a day	
Surveyor	10th March 1841	25th Decr 1846	£200 p. ann	Rations
Solicitor General	31st Jany 1848	31st March 1875	£400 per ann	Nil
Justice of the Peace	2nd May 1849	Still holds the Appt	Nil	Nil
Member of Legislative Council	17th May 1849	15 Augt 1850	Nil	Nil
Registrar	26th July 1852	Still performs the duties	Nil	Fees average £12 a year
Chairman of the Resident Court	13th July 1854	12 Augt 1874	Nil	
do	16th Jany 1855	16 Feby 1855	½ pay a £200 a year	Nil
do	16th May 1855	16 June 1855	do	Nil
do	17 Septr 1855	17 Oct 1855	do	Nil
do	16 Jany 1856	16 Feby 1856	do	Nil
Deputy Chairman Resident Court	1 Novr 1862	30 Sept 1863	½ pay a £277.11/-	Nil
Acting Stipendiary Magistrate	10 May 1869	31 May 1870	½ pay a £262.10/-	Nil
do	1 Jany 1873	Still holds the appointment	do do	Nil
Coroner	21st Feby 1861	do	Nil	
Member of Executive Council	26 May 1864	19 April 1869	Nil	Nil
do	30 Decr 1872	Still a member		
Notary Public	11 May 1869	31st May 1870		Fees £84 during the year.
Receiver of Wrecks	6 Feby 1872	Still holds the appointment	Nil	Fees -

Wrekker

Whether holding any other public Appointment. Nil

Absence during each of the last ten years Nil

1 April 1873. Acted to do duty as Surveyor General and to receive pay, but is still drawing half salary.

Mr Arthur Bailey the Surveyor General of the Colony has discharged his duties with diligence and fidelity.

He received his technical training as a Surveyor and Engineer under his brother Colonel Bailey of the Royal Engineers who was employed on the Ordnance Survey of the United Kingdom under Colonel Colby R.E. Mr Bailey passed his qualifying examination under Major Robe R.E. before proceeding to New Zealand as Assistant Surveyor.

All the public buildings except the Secretariat were constructed by Mr Bailey during the summer months of the year, during the severe Winter months he was for several consecutive years employed surveying. He has not enjoyed private practice as Surveyor or Engineer.

During the Winter of 1855 he volunteered to assist the Government by venturing in an open boat on the ocean to render assistance to the inhabitants of Kapiti Island which was reported to be in a state of famine.

In the month 1856 the civil power was defied by a band of armed Californian gold diggers, Mr Bailey received a severe wound in his right hand on that occasion which has ever since partially prevented its use. He was then a Magistrate and endeavouring to suppress the riot before the arrival of the Military on the ground.

(signed) G D'Arcy
Governor

G. H. S. T. G.
April 4th 1873.

No 22.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
14th April 1873.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch No 5 of the 3rd January 1873 containing a copy of a letter from Messrs Kreuitt & relative to a fine imposed by the Magistrates Court on the Master of the Barque "Tokeena" for discharging ballast into the harbour of Stanley.

In consideration of the Rules and Regulations being out of print at the time, the Magistrates fined the Master in half the penalty, although he was warned the day before by a Pilot on no account to discharge his ballast into the harbour as it was against the law; however it was clearly proved he had done so during the night.

I trust I am in order when I mention to your Lordship that the harbour is the very right arm of the Settlement, it is by no means a deep one, unless the Masters of vessels are very narrowly watched, they act in the most independent manner to the great detriment of a Colony they never care to see again.

The Pilots are always furnished with the printed Rules and Regulations of the Port, which they invariably serve outside the harbour to the Masters on bringing in a Vessel.—

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

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

Mr. the Speaker to Parliament
dated 29 August 1873.

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies per barque "Sea Witch" on the 20th April 1873.

No. of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	No. of Enclosures
23	16th April 1873	Requesting that £1500 in specie may be remitted	none
24	16 — " —	Detailing disasters at sea	one
25	16 — " —	Fusion of high appointments.	none

No 23.-

Government House
Stanley Falkland Island
16th April 1873.

My Lord,

I have the honour to request that your Lordship will be pleased to move the Paymaster General to remit for the service of this Government One thousand five hundred pounds sterling (£1.500) against the Parliamentary Grant in aid for the financial year 1873-74 £1.500

2.- The specie to consist of crowns and half crowns.-

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

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

No 24

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
16th April 1873

My Lord,

I am sorry to report the total loss of the British barque "Neptune" on the night of Good Friday the 11th instant on the Kelp Islands near Port Pleasant about 22 miles from Stanley, and it is feared all on board have perished.

On Saturday morning the 12th inst Mr Tarpin was walking on the beach at Port Pleasant where he had proceeded for change of air when he observed the evident signs of a wreck along the shore and immediately returned to Stanley for assistance; the Colonial Schooner "Louisa M Shepherd" Master sailed round south about to the scene of disaster and found the vessel on the reef where it is marked on the enclosed chart. In endeavouring to look for the crew on the small Islands in the neighbourhood he nearly lost his Schooner; up to this date, no tidings have been heard of any survivors, but as the remains of three boats have been found on the beach, it is supposed the crew took to them when the vessel struck and that they all perished in the terrible surf which breaks with violence on the shore especially when the wind sets in from the South, and as there are several charts on the beach but slightly injured it is thought the boats were capsized close to the shore. Mr Tarpin picked up a

seaman's

Seaman's pocket book by which it is known that the vessels name was the "Jeffrie" of Shields, two life buoys are amongst the debris also marked with the name of the vessel. The shore at this spot is lined with thick tree kelp in which probably the bodies of the poor sailors are entangled, none having as yet been washed ashore.

In the meanwhile on the afternoon of Saturday the 12th whilst taking steps to send assistance to any of the crew who might have been saved, a large vessel was observed making the Port from the Southward, with her bows down in the water to be the ship "Canning" 919 tons from Australia with a distressed crew on board, & the barque Caldera 469 tons; these vessels had a collision late on the evening of Tuesday the 8th instant in rounding the Horn, the former homeward the latter outward bound, the Master of the "Canning" much to his credit remaining all night near the "Caldera" and took off the crew in the morning.

These sad occurrences have been duly reported to Lloyds, and to the Board of Trade, in letters, together with a Mr Wreck Return.

The Right Hon'ble
The Earl of Kimberley K.C.
&c &c &c

I have &c
(Sd) G. D. Bucy
Governor

No 25.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
16th April 1878

My Lord,

In obedience to your Lordship's commands to endeavour by every means to lessen the imperial expenditure granted in aid of Colonial Revenue, I have the honour to report after much consideration that I believe a considerable saving might be advantageously made by the fusion of the two chief appointments that of Governor and Police Magistrate.

The only difficulty that is apparent to be measure is that appeals could no longer be made from the Magistrates Court to the Governor in Council, as laid down in the 9th & 10th Clauses of the Administration of Justice Ordinance, the Executive board in this small community being obliged to sit also on the bench, this however might be met by the sanction of a direct appeal to the Courts in England, the Charter being altered accordingly.

In carrying out this retrenchment it becomes necessary for me to solicit the favour of a translation to another government, and for the Sovereign to be recommended by your Lordship to appoint a gentleman of the bar as Governor thus making a saving of £400 a year. viz

Present salary of Governor & Police Magistrate	£1,000
	525.
	1,525.
Proposed salary of a Governor being a Member of the Bar. — —	1.125
	£ 400

£400.

With a good clerk at the Secretariat such as Mr Nash is, and with another at the Police Office, the work of both departments might easily be done by the supervision of an active, zealous, foreman of fair business qualifications.

Personally I am very sorry to be compelled to recommend this fusion being much attached to the Islands, indeed I had hoped to have been allowed to remain three years longer, but my desire to meet your Lordship's views is paramount to every private consideration.

In the event of this suggestion meeting favourable reception, I trust I may venture to request that it may not take place before the 1st April 1874 as I am very anxious to observe the working of the Savings Bank and other measures which I hope will be conducive to the best interests of the Colony.

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

I have &c
(Sd) G D'Arcy
Governor

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies per sailing ship "Canning" bound for London on the 3rd May 1873.

No. of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	Number of Enclosures
26	3rd May 1873	Reporting the outbreak of yellow fever at Montevideo	none.

No 26.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
May 3rd 1873.-

My Lord,

I have the honour to report that I have received advice from Her Britannic Majesty's Consul at Montevideo to the effect that the Inhabitants are suffering from an epidemic of yellow fever to the extent of from fifteen to twenty deaths daily, the shops being all closed and the town deserted!

As there is constant communication between this Port and Montevideo the Colonial Surgeon has been directed rigorously to inspect the crews of all vessels arriving from Montevideo, before granting pratique experience having proved that the severity of the climate is no safeguard against the fever spreading in a temperate zone.-

The Right Honble
The Earl of Kimberley KP
&c &c &c

I have &c
(Sd) G D Kay
Governor

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies per mail schooner "Blackhawk" on the 14th May 1873.

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	No. of Enclosures.
27	7th May 1873	Advising drafts drawn on the Paymaster General—	one. (1)
28	14th May	Acknowledgment of certain Parliamentary papers	none
29	14th May	Post Office Accounts and Remittances.	none.
30	14th May,	The amount of subsidy for conveying the Mails, and the freight on each parcel.	two (2)
31	14th May	The probability of Wollaston Island being colonized by the Chilian Government and a harbour of refuge established	none.

No 27.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
7th May 1873.

My Lord,

I have the honour to report I have this day drawn the following Bills on the credit of the Parliamentary Grant for the current financial year 1873-74. viz:-

No 5 dated 7th May 1873 for the sum of Eighty pounds sterling, at par, in favour of Blondel & D'Arcy. £80.-

No 6 dated 7th May 1873 for the sum of Eighty pounds sterling, at par, in favour of Messrs D. McDean Jr. £80.-

No - dated 7th May 1873 for the sum of Ninety five pounds sterling, at par, in favour of the Falkland Islands Company £95.

No 8 dated 7th May 1873 for the sum of Eight hundred pounds sterling at par, in favour of the Receiver & Accountant General, General Post Office. £800.-

The proceeds of these Bills are required for the general service of the Colony and have been carried to the credit of the Colonial Revenue as per enclosed certificate

I have &c
(Sd) G D'Arcy
Governor

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

Colony

Colony of Falkland Islands

Bill No 5 dated 7th May 1873 for £80.
6 . . 80.
7 . . 95.
8 . . 800.
1,055

Drawn by Governor G D'Arcy on the Paymaster General, on the credit of the Parliamentary Grant, for the general service of the Colony, in lieu of Colonial Revenue for the year 1873-74.

I hereby certify that the amount realized by the above mentioned Bills was duly carried to the credit of the Colonial Revenue on the 7th May 1873.-

(sd) G Travis
Treasurer Clerk.

(sd) G D'Arcy
Governor

No 28.

Government House
Stanley, Falkland Islands
May 14th 1873.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of certain Parliamentary Papers specified in the margin. I

The Rt Hon.ble
The Earl of Kimberley K.G.
&c &c &c

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

2 Copies of Despatch — Colonial Reports 1872 I - 1873.
2 — — — — — 2. 1873.

No 29.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
May 14th 1873.

My Lord,

I have the honour to report in reply to your Lordship's Despatch No 11 of the 18th March that the Post Office Accounts have been rendered up to the 31st March, and the balance due £847. 7. 6. on the date was eight hundred and forty seven pounds, seven shillings and sixpence.

£800.— A remittance of eight hundred pounds is forwarded by the present mail.

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

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

No 30

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
May 14th 1873.

My Lord,

Your Lordship has been pleased in a Despatch No 10 of the 8th March to order me to report on the points raised in Mr Coleman's letter to your Lordship's address of the 26th February.

Relative to the objection made to that part of Clause 4 where the Company consider they ought not to have been bound to carry small parcels or single packages of goods at the rate of 30/ a ton, and propose to substitute a charge of 10/6 for any single article addressed to one person if two or three packages for one individual then at 30/ pr ton the lowest amount of freight to be 10/6."

30/
10/6

This arrangement certainly is more equitable and would have been conceded at once had Mr Langdon pointed it out.

Relative to the objection raised that £760 is the amount to be yearly paid to the Company instead of £800 I can only refer to a copy of Mr Cobb's tender for the service which was approved by your Lordship wherein the former sum is named. Mr Cobb took much interest in the whole arrangement and he distinctly informed me that the Company were not desirous

£760
£800
Mr Cobb to Colonial Office 25 August 1871
No 50 - 25 January 1872

desirous of taking the contract for a long period, and the clause 7 was carefully worded to meet his wishes; at the time of framing the draft contract the possible calamity of the loss of the "Blackhawk" was discussed, but it was considered that the contingencies named in the 2nd Clause sufficiently met the occasion.

The above modifications can be made in a supplementary contract if your Lordship thinks it desirable. The necessity of submitting the contract to the Chief Magistrate for his revision did not escape me but unfortunately he was very dangerously ill at the time.

Your Lordship's instructions relative to the Seal of the Colony being attached to this contract, and other such documents, will be remembered.—

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

I have &c
(Sd) G D'Arcy
Governor

No 31.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
May 14th 1873.—

My Lord,

I have the honour to enclose for your Lordship's information an extract from a San Francisco newspaper of March 7th 1873, by which you will perceive it is the probable intention of the Chilean Government to establish a harbour of refuge at Wallaston Island close to Cape Horn.—

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

The Rt Hon
The Earl of Kimberley KG.
&c &c &c

Schedule of Despatches from the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies forwarded by the Mail of the 22nd May 1873 per sailing ship "Dartmouth."

No. of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	No. of Enclosures
32	20th May 1873	Requesting permission to pass an Ordinance making pilotage dues compulsory	Two (2)
33	20th May	Forwarding a letter received from the Welsh Colonists on the River Chupat, Patagonia.	Two (2)

No 32

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
May 20th 1873.

My Lord,

In conformity with the directions conveyed in your Lordship's Despatch No 29 of the 7th April 1871, a clause was introduced to the Pilot Ordinance leaving the pilotage optional to Masters of vessels entering this port.

Most respectfully I am desirous of explaining to your Lordship the necessity of making an exception of this rule in favour of this port differing as it does so much from ports in other parts of the world, and especially in Great Britain where the necessity for Masters being qualified to take the pilotage is so apparent. Stanley cannot be said to be a trading port, but two vessels convey the imports and exports from and to the United Kingdom, all the traffic of the port is maintained by the harbour of refuge Stanley affords to the mercantile marine rounding the Horn, and its great utility is allowed by Masters, but after all danger is over when the anchor is down they endeavour by every excuse to evade the expence of the pilotage. Moreover it sometimes happens that Australian vessels calling for provisions or medical attendance fearful of being wind bound in the inner harbour anchor in Port William (as per chart) directly the masts are seen by the Master of a vessel bound for Stanley, he steers a mid channel course straight for the vessel

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at anchor, declining the assistance the Pilot schooner is ready to give, his seamanship telling him that if a ship is at anchor at the head of the bay the town cannot be far off; in the meantime the Pilots have to return after a fruitless errand over a bleak outer harbour with their zeal checked!

The books of this Office show that about ten vessels annually cast anchor in the Port without taking a Pilot at an £6. average loss of five pounds each vessel, but if your Lordship would permit this Government to pass a short Ordinance making the Pilotage compulsory the yearly accounts of this Department will balance; and as the peculiar circumstances which nearly all the shipping seek the Port I trust your Lordship will consider this request reasonable.

The approximate calculation mentioned in my Despatch No 3 of 14 January 1877 was made during the six months when the compulsory Pilotage was provisionally by law previous to the Ordinance receiving Royal sanction. —

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

I have &c
(Sd) G D'Arcy
Governor

No 33.

Government House
Stanley, Falkland Islands
May 20th 1873.

My Lord,

I have the honour to forward for your Lordship's information an interesting letter lately received from the Welsh Colony of Chapat situated on the North East Coast of Patagonia.

A small trade has commenced between the Settlements, the cargo of the schooner 'Felix' consisting of clothing and groceries was eagerly bought up by the Welsh Settlers.

If your Lordship would in your consideration think fit to move Her Lordships of the Admiralty to order a cruizer to visit the Settlement next summer (November or December) the visit would be I am sure a source of great gratification to the Settlers.

I have ventured to comply with the requisition for medicines enclosed, and I trust I shall receive your Lordship's consent for so doing -

I have &c
(Sd) G D'Arcy
Govr

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

Schedule of Despatches from the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies transmitted per "Hambleton" bound for London - 16 June 1873.-

No. of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	No. of Enclosures.
34	1873. June 2nd	Forwarding a scale of prices of the necessaries of life in Stanley with their relative prices in England.-	one (1)
35.	—do—	Owing to yellow fever at Montevideo, the Governor will not avail himself of the leave of absence extended.	none -

No 34.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
June 2nd 1873.

My Lord,

I have the honour to enclose for your Lordship's information, an accurate list of prices of the indispensable articles of housekeeping in Stanley; it will thus appear that the departmental Officers to keep up their social status can only do so under adverse circumstances, and that with the exception of beef and mutton living is much more expensive than in the United Kingdom.

2.- The class in the Islands who are most independent, and who can live at little cost are those whose avocations involve manual labour of some kind, whilst those to whom hired labour is indispensable, ordinary comfortable existence in this severe climate is most costly, and it is in favour of the interests of the latter class I now venture to solicit your Lordship's consideration.

3. My excuse for troubling your Lordship with this matter of detail is owing to an apprehension having been expressed that the salaries of the departmental Officers are about to be reduced on the understanding that the necessaries of life are so cheap in Stanley.—

The Right Hon'ble
The Earl of Kimberley K.P.
&c &c &c

I have &c
(Sd) G D'Arcy
Governor

Necessaries of life	Prices in Manley	Prices in England	Difference in favour of England	Remarks
Coal	60/- per ton	40/- per ton	20/	
Flour	4/- " stone	2/8 " stone	1/4	
Beef	1/ per ℔	1/- per ℔		
Mutton	2/ per ℔	10 " ℔		
Pork	1/- " ℔	10 " ℔	2	
Tea	4/- " ℔	2/6 " ℔	1/6	
Coffee	1/6 " ℔	1/- " ℔	6	
Sugar	3 " ℔	3 " ℔	2	
Bread	11	6	5	a quartern loaf
Butter	2/- " ℔	1/- " ℔	1/6	salt
	2/ " ℔	1/6 " ℔	6	fresh
Beer	1/9	1/-	9	per bottle
Milk	1/-	4	8	" quart
Boots	10/	4/-	6/-	a couple
Eggs	3 for 2d	1	2	each
Candles	1/6 per ℔	6 " ℔	1/-	
Firewood	—			Very dear and difficult to obtain, consisting of broken packing cases only to be had at the large stores. 50% dearer than in England —
Wearing Apparel & Boots				As expensive to clothe a Coal Labourer being as dear from 5/- to 8/4 per day.
Rent				
Field Labour				£5 a month with board and lodging. —
Men Servants				£5 a month with board lodging & Husband and Children
Female Servants				all the year round. —
Skilled Labour Machinist Miners Hewers Hydraulic Miners	N.B Prices have to be kept up			(sd) G D'Arcy Governor.

No 85.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
June 2nd 1873.

My Lord,

I have to express my acknowledgments for the permission your Lordship has been pleased to grant me to visit the River Plate during this Winter, but the prevalence of the Yellow fever at Montevideo has prevented my availing myself of your Lordship's consideration. -

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

I have &c
(sd) G D'Arcy
Governor

Schedule of Despatches from the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies transmitted via Montevideo per Schooner "Black Hawk" 1st July 1873.—

No. of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	No. of Enclosures
—	10th June 1873	Acknowledgment of Despatches and Circulars	none
—	21st " "	do do	one (1)
36	24th " "	Proposed increase of pay of the Assistant Lighthouse Keeper at Cape Pembroke Lighthouse.	none
37	30th " "	Papers relating to the Estate and Effects of the late Captain Allman "Vicar of Bray"	four (4)
38	30th " "	Reporting Mr Byng having received twelve months leave of absence.	one (1)
39	1st July "	Forwarding copies of the Executive and Legislature Councils.—	three (3.)

Govt. of F. I.
10th June 1873.

No.	Date
12	22nd March 1873
13	26 " "
14	27 " "
15	28 " "
Issued	22nd March 1873.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch and Circular as noted in the margin received on the 6th inst. per 'Scotia' via Montevideo.—

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

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

No	Date
16.	10th April 1873
17.	13th " "
Circular	10th " "

G.H. I. T. I.
21st June 1873.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatches and Circular as noted in the margin received this day per "Blackbank" via Montevideo, also to forward a Schedule of unanswered Despatches.

I have &c
(Sd) G D'Arcy
Governor

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

Schedule of Despatches which have remained in my hands unanswered more than a month

Nil.

(Sd) G D'Arcy
Governor

Schedule of Despatches sent by me to the Secretary of State which have remained more than four months unanswered —

Nil

(Sd) G D'Arcy
Governor

No 56.

G/St. S. F. I.
June 24th 1873.

My Lord/

Adverting to my Despatch No 43 of the 9th August 1871, in reference to the additional service required for Cape Rembrode Lighthouse I have now the honour to report that this Government has been unable to procure an Assistant at the present salary viz: Five pounds a month — £5.

For the last three months the vacancy has been filled by the Wife of the Lighthouse Keeper, but she was unable to bear the fatigue attendant on continuous night duty, and begged to be relieved from duties she felt physically unable to perform.

Within the last month I have been fortunate so to obtain the services of a very experienced man, one Andrew Carter accustomed to the care of lamps. He has expressed his desire to serve in the meantime on the present salary provided the Government consent to increase it in Two pounds the month, and he will remain until the decision of the home authorities arrive. £2. — £5 present salary 2 proposed — 7 Total

Taking into consideration the high price Labour commands here, and in South America, the great expense of living and the difficulty in the transit of provisions from Stanley to Cape Rembrode — the loneliness of the exposed situation and the active responsible life the duties entail, I cannot help re-commending that Andrew Carter's application

application should be favourably entertained, if your Lordship will be pleased to forward it to the Brethren of the Trinity Board in order that Seven pounds a month may be the amount of salary for the Assistant Light Keeper in future. Otherwise, I really am afraid the efficiency of the important service rendered by the Lightthouse to the Mariners of the world will be impaired—

I have
&c
G D Grey
Governor

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

No 37.

G.H.S. F.I.
June 30th 1873.

My Lord,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch No 17 of the 13th April 1873, directing me to forward any information I may be able to obtain respecting the Estate of the late Lieut. J. B. Calderon of the Bangkok Titan of May.

In reply I have to honour to report that the effects and balance of Estate were duly forwarded to the Board of Trade in May 1872 as your Lordship will perceive by the inclosed correspondence and vouchers.

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

I have &c
(Sd) G. Dibsey
Governor

The Earl of Kimberley to Board of Trade
Re Account current of Effects of late
Lieut. Calderon
Received 7th July 1873

No 38.

G.H. S. J. I.
30th June 1873.

My Lord,

I have the honour to report that I have granted Mr H Byng, Colonial Secretary twelve months leave of absence after one year eleven months resident service with full months full pay from this date.

Being fully aware that it is your Lordship's intention to abolish the office of Colonial Secretary I have not appointed Mr Travis to act as Colonial Secretary provisionally or otherwise, but as on Mr Byng's departure all the duties of this Office will fall to him I beg to recommend that his salary be increased one hundred pounds a year, the bonded stores and the extra duties of Collector of Customs are also under his care and collection.

Mr Travis has now served upwards of two years in this Office displaying all the necessary qualities of an experienced Government Officer.

On Mr Byng's translation perhaps your Lordship may think favourably of bestowing upon Mr Travis the rank of Government Resident, or any title your Lordship may deem appropriate to the Office.

Present Salary £200
Proposed increase 100
£300

The Right Hon'ble
Earl of Kimberley K.G.
&c &c &c

I have &c
(sd) G.D. Kreg
Governor

Enclosure to Despatch No 37 of 30 June 1873.

I hereby certify that with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of Government I have granted to Mr. H. Byng twelve months' leave of absence.—

(signed) G. D'Arcy
Governor.

I hereby certify that Mr. H. Byng has received full salary at the rate of Four hundred pounds per annum as Colonial Secretary up to the 30th June 1873.—

(signed) G. Travis
Finance Clerk

I hereby certify

1st That the above leave was granted to commence on the 1st day of July 1873 and end on the 30th day of June 1874 on the ground of having served continuously for a period of nine years.—

2. That Mr. Byng has been in the service of the Colony for 9 years 11 months.—

3. That in the course of that service he has never been absent from the Colony.

4.— That provision has been made for the due execution of Mr. Byng's office during his absence by Mr. Travis.—

	Years	Months
1. Total service from date of arrival in the Colony to date of certificate.	9.	11.
2. Deduct total absences since arrival (other than vacation leave) with or without half salary.	"	"
3. Period of Resident Service.	9.	11.
4. Maximum amount of leave authorized by Regulations in respect of the above period of Resident Service (viz: One sixth of Resident Service plus 6 months)	2.	1.
5. Leave on half salary already taken.	"	"
6. Leave now granted.	1.	—

(signed) G D'Arcy
Governor

No 39. Gov St. S. F. I.
Saby 1st 1873.

My Lord,

I have the honour to forward certified copies of the Minutes of the Executive and Legislative Councils for the six months ending 30th June 1873.

I have &c
(Sd) G Bitsey
Governor

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

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies per H.M. Barque "Iericles" on the 15th July 1873.-

No. of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	No. of Enclosures
40.	1873. 10th July	Mr Byrne's long and meritorious services	none.

No 40.

G.H.S.P.I.
July 10th 1873.

My Lord,

The press of business on the departure of the Mail was so urgent that I had only time to confine myself to the usual special report that Mr Byng the Colonial Secretary had obtained twelve months' leave of absence under the Colonial Regulations.

It is, however, due to this Officer to bring his services more prominently before your Lordship.

Mr Byng has served continuously for a period of ten years characterized by zeal & integrity, gaining the confidence of my Predecessor & myself together with the esteem of the community, for some portion of this period he conducted the duties of Colonial Secretary, Shipping Master, Post Master, Storekeeper and Clerk of the Council, not to speak of the correspondence and responsibility connected with the Lighthouse, quickly to those who had occasion to transact business in this Office great satisfaction by his conciliatory manners & attention to his multifarious duties.

The proximity of these Islands to the stormy regions of Cape Horn entails considerable manual labour on the Shipping Master. Often the harbour is full of shipping, the trade is nil, cargo is never broken, and the number

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of wrecked Mariners and discharged seamen from condemned vessels who crowd up to this Office is embarrassing, their accounts are forwarded to the Board of Trade, amounting yearly to several hundreds of pounds causing endless work to the Chief Officer of this the only Government Office in this Settlement and considerably interfering with the more immediate duties of the Secretariat; who is necessarily confined to the desk for beyond Office hours indeed so severe has been the work that I fear Mr Byrne's health has suffered from his assiduity, he requires rest and a change of air and being after such continuous service in so desolate a settlement.

In the event of your Lordship being pleased to translate Mr Byrne to a more genial Colony the consideration will be a graceful recognition of meritorious service –

I have &c
(Sd) G D'Arcy
Governor

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

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies per Royal Mail schooner "Black Hawk" via Montevideo on the 15th August 1873.-

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	Number of Enclosures.
—	1873 15th August	Acknowledgment of Despatches and Circulars	one
41.	15th do	Forwarding the Certificate appertaining to Bills drawn on the 1st April 1873.-	two
42.	15th do	Requesting the Admiralty may be moved to pay £53.10/ for passage money of Officers of the Royal Marines & two Naval Surgeons	one
43.	15th do	Advising drafts drawn on the Parliamentary Grant for 1873-74.-	one.

No	Date.
18	30th May 1873.
19	6th Inst. "
/	2nd May Circular
—	9th " Accounts
—	20th " Circular
—	21st " Postpaid.
—	22nd " Circular
—	23rd " Circular
—	24th " Circular

The Rt Hble
The Earl of Kimberley K.P.
&c &c &c

G.H. S. 7. J.
15th August 1873

My Lord.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt on the 31st ultimo of your Lordship's Despatches and Circulars as noted in the margin. also to forward a schedule of unanswered Despatches.

I have &c
(s) G D'Arcy
for Governor

Schedule of Despatches sent to the Secretary of State which have remained unanswered one four months —

Nil. —
(s) G D'Arcy
for.

Schedule of Despatches received from the Secretary of State, which remained in my hands one month unanswered. —

Nil.
(s) G D'Arcy
for.

No 41.

G.H.S. T.I.
August 15th 1873

My Lord,

I have the honour in reply to your Lordship's Despatch, as per margin, to forward a certificate duly signed by Mr Travis who has taken up all the duties hitherto performed by Mr Byng in this Secretariat and countersigned by myself, and to express my deep regret at the dereliction.

Early grant 21st May 1873.

No 38 30th June 1873.

2.- The omission of signature to important documents on this and other occasions has arisen from a habit which is so rife in these Islands, and which I have in vain contended against, that of postponing all business until a day or two before the sailing of the mail schooner, and it is not only confined to departmental Officers, the Merchants and the public partake of the custom, they transact business in fact under the excitement of the departure of the mail when all is hurry and confusion they rush up to the Government Office to pay Government bills only, at the eleventh hour so perplexing to the Colonial Secretary who being Postmaster is then engaged in making up his mail bags.

3.- I learn, however, that this has been always the case and it is accounted

accounted for owing to the number
of consecutive grey days with but
humid sunshine causing the fibres
of the body to be relaxed, the spirits
fall back and it becomes a mental
labour to undertake anything like
business, indeed I have heard that
the junior officers of the Naval survey
of these Antarctic shores suffered in
1835–37 from this depression to a
calamitous extent.

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

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

No 42.

G St. S. & I.
August 18th 1873.

My Lord,

It has been very recently discovered that the passages to and from Montevideo of the Officers and Men of the Royal Marines together with the passage of the Naval Surgeons due to this Colonial Government have never been recovered.

May I request that your Lordship will be pleased to move my Lords of the Admiralty to sanction this amount allowing it to appear as a credit with the Crown Agents.

I have &c
(Sd) G D'Arcy
Governor

The Rt Hon^ble
The Earl of Kimberley K.G.
&c &c &c

Copy of Enclosure to Despatch No 42 –

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty Dr.

To the Government of the Falkland Islands

To passages of the following Officers, their families & Private of the Royal Marines between Montevideo and Stanley per Her Majesty's Mail Schooner "Doris."

Date of passage	Name of Passengers	Rate of passage	Amount		
		£	£	s	d
1870 21st Sept.	Surgeon Dicker R.N.	6.	6	–	–
17th Oct.	" McClinton R.N.	6	6	–	–
	Wife & 2 Children		12	–	–
1872 13th August	Private Oldershaw & French	£3. 10/ each	7	–	–
30th October	Lieut. Sweny R.N.	£6. each	12	–	–
	& Wife				
" "	Private Hickford Tollefsen Church	£5. 10/ each	10	10	–
		£	53	10	4

E. & O. E.

G. D'Arcy
Governor.

No 43.

G.H.S.F.I.
August 15th 1873.

My Lord,

I have the honour to report I have this day drawn the following Bills on the credit of the Parliamentary grant for the current financial year 1873-74 - viz:-

No 9 dated 15th August 1873 for the sum of Sixty pounds sterling in favour of Mr James Turner - at par - £60-

No 10 dated 15th August 1873 for the sum of Thirty pounds sterling in favour of Miss Dickson C- at par. £30

The proceeds of these Bills are required for the general service of the Colony and have been carried to the credit of the Colonial Revenue, as per enclosed certificate.

I have &c
(Sd) G.D. Arey
Governor

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

Falkland Islands
Bill No 9

Falkland Islands.

Bill No 9 dated 15th August 1873 for £60.
" " 10 " " " 30.
£90.

Drawn by Governor G. D'Arcy on the Paymaster General, on the credit of the Parliamentary Grant, for the general service of the Colony, in aid of Colonial Revenue for 1873-74.

I hereby certify that the amount realized by the above mentioned Bills was duly carried to the credit of the Colonial Revenue on the 15th August 1873.-

p.p. G. Travis
Colonial Treasurer.

p.p. G. D'Arcy
Governor.

Schedule of Despatches from the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies transmitted by the mail schooner "Black Hawk" via Montevideo on the 1st October 1873.

No. of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	No. of Enclosures
—	1st October 1873	Acknowledgment of Despatches and Circulars	one
44	1 "	Acknowledgment of Parliamentary Papers	none
45	1 "	Acknowledgment of receipt of Circular dated 20th June 1873 respecting the prescriptive rights of real property	none
46	1 "	Reply to Despatch No 20 of 10th June 73 respecting the property of the Children of Henry a felon.	one
47	1 "	Reply to Circular of 19th June 1873 respecting Letters Patent for Inventions.	none
48	1 "	Governor D'Arcy's application for a Pension	one
49	1 "	Forwarding Copies of the Naturalization Ordinance No 5 of 1873.	three.

No	Date
20	10th June 1873.
21	7 July "
22	8 " "
23	8 " "
Acknowledgt	9 June "
"	9 " "
"	9 " "
"	7 July "
Circulars	7 June "
"	19 " "
"	20 " "
Parliamentary	24th " "

G.H.S.F.I.
1 October 1873.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt on the 17th September of your Lordship's Despatches and Circulars as noted in the margin, also to forward a schedule of unanswered Despatches.

The Rt. Hon.
The Earl of Kimberley K.G.
&c &c &c

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

Schedule of Despatches sent to the Secretary of State which have remained unanswered more 4 months —

Nil —

Schedule of Despatches received from the Secretary of State which remained in my hands unanswered over one month.

Nil

(sd) G. D'Arcy
Governor.

G.H.S.F.I.
1 Oct 1873.

Nil Rcvd from England of the 9th August which arrived on the 17th September except recitals Despatches nos Circulars. —

No 44. —

G.H.S.A.S.
Octr 1st 1873.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt, per book post, of certain Parliamentary Papers, the titles and number of copies are specified in the margin. —

2 Copies of Generals' Reports for 1 of 1873
for 2 - 1873.

The Right Hon^ble
The Earl of Kimberley K.P.
&c &c &c

I have &c
(sd) G D'Arcy
Governor

No 45.

G.H.S.A.S.
Octr 1st 1873

My Lord,

In reply to your Lordship's Circular of the 20th June 1873, I am of opinion that there are no prescriptive rights to real property in this Colony. But as a professional gentleman is expected to arrive by next packet, I will refer the question for his opinion, forwarding his answer.

I have &c
(sd) G D'Arcy
Governor

The Right Hon^ble
The Earl of Kimberley K.P.
&c &c &c

No 46.-

G. St. S. N. D.
Oct 1st 1873.

My Lord,

In acknowledgment of your Lordship's Despatch No 20 of the 10th June 1873 I have the honour to detail all the particulars connected with the family of Mary I have been able to procure.

No 11
22 March 1873.

The date of the transaction referred to in my Despatch was 20th September 1838. I cannot find from the books in the Secretariat that the transaction was ever reported home or received the approval of the Imperial Government; but from the enclosed deed and from what I can gather from Mr Bailey who was then at the head the transaction was regarded as a local matter having been arranged by the Court in conjunction with the Bench of Magistrates, nor can I find the Governor's authority to receive the amount into the Chest; the Expenses have however been charged as the local government in connection with the management of the property which is
£700. valued at £700.

By extracts from the Cash Book the amount stands thus:-

	£		£
Deducted by Mr Bailey from time to time between 1838 & 1873.	378	Paid by Gov. Robinson 1866	200
		Paid by Gov. D'Arcy 1867	200
			400
		Still due to the Children	378
	778		£778

At the request of the Guardian Mr Dodgett these sums have been paid as each child has arrived at the age of 21, I understand from him that another sum of £200 will be applied for during the ~~fall~~ of this year, and the balance in the course of the next 18 months when the remaining child will attain 21 years. £200—

On the next occasion of a Prisoner entering the Gaol I will keep your Lordships orders in view in reference to that Gaol.—

I have &c
(sgd) G D'Arcy
Governor

To
The Earl of Wemyss K.P.
&c &c &c

No 47.

G.H.S. P.I.
October 1st 1875.

My Lord,

In answer to your Lordship's Circular Despatch of the 19th June 1875, referring to another of the 31st August 1872, which I have carefully perused together with the 19th Clause of the Report of the Select Committee of the House of Commons on Letters Patent for Inventions, I have the honour to state that the Legislature of this Colony think it quite practicable to adopt the recommendation of the Report as a basis for legislation in the event of such legislation being adopted by H.M. Government.

I have &c
(Sd) G.D. Ibbetson
Governor

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

No 40.

G.H. & F.I.
Oct 1st 1873

My Lord,

In expressing my acknowledgments for the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch No 22 of the 8th July 1873, I take occasion to suggest how a vacancy may ensue in the administration of the government of these Islands, your Lordship seeing no prospect of being able to transfer my service to another government. —

2.- As I venture to read the Governor's Pension Warrant, having served considerably more than ten years as Governor, Administrator, Lieut Governor, and Governor, nearly eight years of which period were passed in the worst climate of the British Possessions, with submission I think I am entitled under the latter part of the 3rd Clause to a pension at the rate of £333. 6. 8. a year, in consideration £333. 6. 8.
of the accompanying medical certificate

3.- On your Lordship being pleased to rule, and so allowing me to draw the retain passage money in consideration of abolition of office I have the honour respectfully to request to be allowed to tender my resignation from the 1st April 1874.

4.- In the event of your Lordship's considering that I am not entitled to receive such a pension may I request that I may receive permission to pass the Winter months of 1874 viz: June, July, & August in the Kind Rate. —

The Rt Honble
The Earl of Kimberley K.G.

I have &c
(Sd) G.D. Arms
Governor

Name of Applicant — George D'Arcy
Official Station — Governor of the V.I.
Recommended for — Pension
Age — 55 years
Service in years & months — 11 years 6 month
Actual salary if 3 years have elapsed since last promotion: but if not then average salary for the last 3 years — £ 1000.
Cause of Retirement — Ill health

Dates of Commencement and Termination of the several appointments held by Applicant with other emoluments distinguishing Salary from other allowances, and specifying each allowance.

Office	Dates of Commencement and of the different appointments held by Applicant	Dates of Termination of the different appointments held by Applicant	Salary	Allowances
Governor of Gambia.	20th May 1859	1st April 1866	£ 1.000.	£ 200 table money £ 40 house allowance
Administrator of Gambia	1 April 1866	18th Dec 1866	£ 1.300.	
Lieut Governor Falkland Island	22 January 1870	2 June 1870	£ 1.000	20 Cwt of Coal per annum at £3 a ton
Governor V. I.	2 June 1870			None.

Whether holding any other public appointment.

Absence during each of the last two years. — At Madeira - 1 month autumn 1861.
" Teneriffe 1 " " 1863.
" do 2 " " 1865.

Enclosure to Despatch No 40.

Services.—

During February March 1861. I organized an expedition against the robber chief of Kiff. whose country is situated on the right bank of the River Gambia W.C.A. He had been for years previously aggressive in his robberies of our factories on the River.

I commanded the Gambia Militia Artillery in the field at the battle of Saba & was favourably mentioned in Despatches to the Secretary of State for War, and from my immediate superior the Duke of Newcastle I received the enclosed eulogistic despatch.

In 1863 I proceeded above the country to the scene of native hostilities in the Barra Country on the right bank of the River Gambia W.C.A. where I persuaded the rival chiefs of Marabouts & Soninkies to conclude a peace, remaining on the ground until the stockades of the belligerents were burned, thereby restoring the trade of a large agricultural district very necessary to the prosperity of the town of Bathurst; and a similar successful expedition I made to Katoi or Upper Combo on the left bank of the river. three days' voyage perilous to my life negociating with thousands of armed infuriated savages and so dangerous did I consider the service that I was accompanied only by an interpreter!

In 1866 the insurgent Marabouts of Tabadecolong (British) situated on the ceded mile on the right bank of the river attacked, burnt, and slew the inhabitants of the Soninkee town of Bantang-kolla (British) also on the ceded mile; whereupon I organized an expedition at St Louis' notice to oppose the rebels, they eventually took refuge in the strongly stockaded town of Tabadecolong and

and after a desperate fight of several hours the town was destroyed but with a loss of 62 British killed and wounded including two officers Lieut. Kelly & Jenkins 4th W. I. R. the storming party of this regiment I led and I was the first man through the stockade, the soldier who followed me the late Private Stodge 1st 4th W.I. Regt received the Victoria Cross at my recommendation for his prowess. The news of the successful campaign dispersed a Marabout army then marching upon Bathurst for Goongour, a large Akeu town on the south sea board, a fleet having been conceived by Alaba the Marabout Prophet to decoy that troops over the river & the defence of the ceded mile and Akeu its capital; Bathurst being consequently bereft of troops, it might have easily been burnt and plundered by the aid of the resident and no made Marabout population.

For this exploit the European Merchants of Bathurst presented me with a sword of honour value 120 guineas inscribed on the blade

"for devoted bravery at the stockaded town of Tabakoolong, River Gambia, and to mark their appreciation of his services."

No 49.

G.H.S.I.S.
1 October 1873.

My Lord,

I have the honor to transmit two Copies of the Naturalization Ordinance No 5 of 1873, and to request that your Lordship will be pleased to recommend the same for the confirmation of Her Majesty.

I have &c
(Sd) G D'Arcy
Governor

The Right Hon.ble
The Earl of Kimberley K.G.
&c &c &c

Schedule of Despatches from the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies transmitted per H.M. ship "Andrew Johnston" bound for Cork 10th October 1873.

No	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch	No. of Enclosures
50	6th October 1873	Forwarding the Estimates for the Financial year 1874-75.	one
51	6th " "	The Contract for the conveyance of Mails between the Falkland Islands & Montevideo for 1874.	two
52.	6th " "	Forwarding a coloured map of the Islands showing the sheep farming stations leased & the names of the Lessees.	one

No 50. G. H. S. & I. S.
5 October 1873

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit for your approval the estimates for the year 1874-75.

I have necessarily placed the sale of Town Lands at One hundred and four pounds a year, the town land of Stanley being all sold, and the applications are few for suburban land. £104.

The pilotage was placed at too high a figure in consequence of the compulsory pilotage being discontinued, I have therefore reduced the receipts on this head by One hundred pounds, they amounted in all 1872 to Two hundred and fifty pounds and the Expenses were Two hundred and ninety six pounds. £100. £250. £296.

The Auction duties and the Licenses necessarily fluctuate, they are placed at a lower rate than last year, the mercantile house ceasing to take out a Wholesale and retail licence.

The expenditure shows an increase of Two hundred and thirty nine pounds thirteen shillings and fourpence, especially in the amount (£153) paid for rations for the garrison, in previous years this item has been underestimated, the fact having been overlooked that the price of provisions has gradually increased, and in the event of the garrison being reduced £239. 13. 4

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as contemplated this increase will cease to be a permanent charge.

No 7 22 March 1875. last paragraph but one.

I have already shown to your Lordship the great necessity for providing the Settlers of the West Islands with conveyance for their mails there will however be a drawback in this item, the Settlers having agreed to share the expence.

The salary of a Temporary Clerk again appears on the Estimates, Mr Travis having now all the work of the Office on his hands.

I have to request that your Lordship will be pleased to sanction the increase to Mr Stockings (the Sacks) salary of £12 the year, all the Government Employés of his class receiving Sixty pounds a year, and his conduct has been exemplary and faithful for the last 13 years I thought it but just to entertain his application.

£60

Your Lordship will observe that the application for the Parliamentary Grant is larger than the two previous years; I have advisedly placed the receipts of the Colonial Revenue at the lowest possible amount in order to be able by an increased Parliamentary Grant to liquidate all the liabilities of the Colonial Government during the coming year, I have adopted the course in preference to making an application for a special grant to meet the unforeseen liabilities reported in my Despatch No 11 of 22 March amounting to £1,070.

£1,070.

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

The Right Honble
The Earl of Kimberley K.C.
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No
57.

G. H. S. N. D.
October 5th 1873.

My Lord,

Referring to your Lordship's Despatch No 23 of the 8th July in which a copy of a Despatch to the Secretary of the Falkland Islands Company was enclosed, ruling that your Lordship was not prepared to sanction the increase of forty pounds a year, as requested by the Directors to the amount of Seven hundred and sixty pounds a year set aside from the Colonial Revenue for the conveyance of mails; I have the honour to forward a letter from Mr Cobb on the subject which fully explains the cause of the difference in the amount. £760

Meanwhile your Lordship's instructions of the 8th July arrived on the 18th September after I had by my letter to Mr Cobb of the 2nd July accepted the contract at the higher rate.

The agreement in the first instance was made before the wreck of the "Lotus" after that disaster Mr Cobb requested me to keep the "Foam" running the mails until the Company could replace the "Lotus" nothing further passed on the subject Mr Cobb leaving for England shortly afterwards, but on the receipt of the Contract drawn up

up between the Colonial Government and
Mr Langdon the Directors demurred
£760. at the amount being only £760. when
they imagined the agreement was made
£800. for £800 a year. —

Under a review of all the
circumstances of the case I trust your
Lordship will be pleased to confirm my
having accepted the larger sum in the
contract for 1874, especially when it is
remembered that the "Black Swan" was
built for the mail service of a Colony
which derives so much benefit from
the employment given to the people by
the Company's yearly expenditure. —

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

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

No 52.

G. H. S. I.
October 5th 1878.

My Lord /

It may be convenient for reference to be furnished with a map of these Islands defining the land held by Lessees, I have the pleasure to forward your Lordship such a map with the names of Lessees opposite the colors. —

The Right Hon.ble
The Earl of Kimberley K.T.
&c &c &c

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

Schedule of Despatches from the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies transmitted per Black Hawk via Montevideo 15th November 1873.

No. of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	No. of Enclosures
—	15th November 1873	Acknt of Despatches and Circulars	1
53	15th "	" Parliamentary Papers	—
54	15th "	Reporting arrival of Mr C. F. Smith the Stipendiary Magistrate	—
55	15th "	Forwarding Mr Bull's superannuation form	1
56	15th "	That the sum due to Mr Bull under his agreement with Governor Moore will be withheld awaiting further instructions	—
57	15th "	Relative to the £400 due by the Colonial Government for the repairs to the Lazaretto	6
58	15th "	Pensioner Stocking's claim of £525	—
59	15th "	Relative to the proposed encampment	two — 2.

No	Date		
—	8th July 1873	Circular	
	9th "	"	
	12th "	Parliamentary paper	
	26th "	Circular	
	28th "	Parliamentary paper	
	29th "	Circular	
	1st August	Circular	
	4th "	"	
	5th "	"	
	6th "	"	
	11th "	Accounts	
	22nd "	Circular	
	26th "	"	
	28th "	"	
	30th "	"	
	10th September	"	
24	19th August	"	
25	7th "	"	
26	8th "	"	
27	28th July	"	
28	22nd August	"	
29	25th "	"	
30	25th "	"	
31	25th "	"	
32	8th September	"	
33	5th "	"	
34	12th "	"	
35	12th "	"	

Govt. S. T. I.
15th Nov. 1873.

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt on the 2nd instant of your Lordship's Despatches and Circulars, noted in the margin, and to forward a schedule of unanswered Despatches.

I have &c
(sd) G. D'Arcy
Lorenzo

The Rt. Hon. Earl of Kimberley K.G.
&c &c &c

No 53 -

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands.
15th November 1875.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of certain Parliamentary Papers, the titles and number of copies of which are specified in the margin.

The Rt Hon'ble
The Earl of Kimberley K.G.
&c &c &c

I have &c
(sd) G D'Arcy
Governor

Ecclesiastical Plans (Colonies)
3 Copies.

No 54.

G.H.S.J.
Nov 18th 1873

My Lord,

In acknowledging the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch No 27 of the 24th July 1873 in which you announce the appointment of Mr Edward Thomas Smith to be Stipendiary Magistrate of the Falkland Islands, I have the honor to report that this gentleman arrived on the 2nd instant and took the Oath of Office the following day, meanwhile the course ordered in your Lordship's Despatch No 30 of 25th August 1873 was carried out and Mr Smith's name placed at the head of a new General commission of the peace.

The Right Hon'ble
The Earl of Kimberley K.P.
&c &c &c

I have &c
p/ G D'Arcy
Governor

No. 55.

G.H.S. T. I.
15th November 1873.

My Lord /

I have the honour to forward the cooperamination form carefully filled up of Mr Bull's services agreeable to the instructions conveyed in your Lordship's Despatch No 33 of 3rd September 1873.

I have &c
(Sd) G D'Arcy
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No 56.

Gilt. S. F. S.
Nov 15th 1873

My Lord,

I take occasion to notice your Lordship's instructions conveyed in a Despatch No 53 of 8th September 1873 to withhold the Five hundred and eighty pounds, thirteen shillings and nine pence sterling due to Mr Ball under the agreement of 1862 with the late Governor Moore until the receipt of further instructions.

£580. 13. 9
Gov. to S/S
No 57 of Nov 15th 1873

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

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

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No 57.

G.H.S. 7th J.
Novembr 18th 1873.

My Lord,

In reference to your Lordship's Despatch No 32 of the 8th September 1873 I have the honor to report that on the departure of Mr Bell in May 1872, the government building set apart for the use of the Colonial Chaplain was at once occupied by Doctor Stirling as Acting Colonial Chaplain without at all passing under the scrutiny of this Government, but when the Revd Mr Long became the Incumbent he represented to me that the house was uninhabitable, the cupboards and grates having been sold by Mr Bell evidently by mistake.

Col Secty to Surgeon Fidler 13 March 1873
Surgeon Fidler's reply 9th April 1873
£19. 16. 3.

You Lordship will perceive from the enclosed correspondence that I was compelled to order a board of survey to assess the damage which amounted to Nineteen pounds sixteen shillings & three pence, and I have to request this amount may be deducted when the occasion arises from the Four hundred pounds due by this Colonial Government on account of the repairs made from time to time on the building by Mr Bell.

The late Lieutenant Governor to Colonel Secretary 9 August 1873

At the same time I take occasion to forward for your Lordship a copy of the bond between the late Governor Moore and Mr Bell and to forward all the correspondence connected with the liability; it appears that Mr Bell

Mr Bell to Lieut Robinson 2 April 1870
Surveyor Sent to do - 1 April 1870

Mr Bell was allowed to keep the report of the valuation board of 1876 and unfortunately no copy was retained for the Secretariat but that such a valuation board was held in March 1870 by the orders of my Predecessor is proved by the evidence given by Messrs Kelway and Biggs members selected to the missing articles being Government property inasmuch as they were included in that valuation four years ago.

Recognizing the legal weight a bond always carries with it, and the authority of the subsequent proceedings I nevertheless venture to recommend to your Lordship that on the occasion of cancelling this bond by the payment of the amount due time will be opportune to resume the proprietorship over the house & appurtenances leasing it and the garden attached at the disposal of the Chaplain at a barley corn rent but reserving the half acre of glebe valuable town land; by the accompanying plan and measurements your Lordship will perceive that the garden ground is ample.

By this arrangement the Chaplain will still possess an advantage over other Colonial Officers inasmuch as they do not receive lodging allowance unless they occupy Government buildings —

The Rt Hon^ble
The Earl of Kimberley K.P.
&c &c &c

I have &c
(Sd) G D'Arcy
Governor

No 58.

G. St. S. F. I.
15th November 1873.

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch No 34 of the 12th September with copies and extracts of a correspondence between the Colonial Office and the Revd C Bull respecting the large debt due to Pensioner Stocking by that gentleman.

There are parts of Mr Bull's letter calculated to mislead your Lordship

1st In the 4th paragraph Mr Bull states a person was appointed to be Acting Chief Magistrate who is notoriously connected with interests most antagonistic to the estate of Goss which he Mr Bull administers, he alludes of course to Mr Bailey, an Administrator of the rival estate of Smiley in litigation with Goss but the real facts connected with the acting appointment do not draw to the conclusion Mr Bull wishes your Lordship to arrive at — the case stands thus —

On the departure of Mr Griffiths on the 1st January 1872, I had in view the possible contingency of the bankruptcy of the Board of Goss when it would be the duty of the Chairman of the Court to adjudicate on the claims of creditors, consequently I passed over Mr Bailey for the sole reason that he was an

Administrator

Administrator of the Estate of Smyley, but in other respects eligible for the appointment and with but a very limited selection I provisionally appointed Mr Turpin to the vacancy in no way mixed up with the litigation and it was this gentleman in June of that year who was compelled to repudiate the agreement made in the presence of Mr Bell and Pensioner Stocking a few weeks before to pay the costs £25 a month from the proceeds until the debt of £525 was liquidated but which Mr Turpin found himself totally unable to do owing to the general indebtedness of the firm. Mr Bailey was not provisionally appointed as Chief Magistrate until the 1st January 1873 and had nothing to do with this reference either directly or indirectly.

£25
£525.

2nd At the end of the second paragraph of his letter to your Lordship Mr Bell further states that he performed the administration of the Estate without 'a single shilling personal profit' whilst the books of the firm kept in Mr Bell's handwriting show that between April 1869 and April 1872 £224. 9. 1. was Exactly received by him from time to time at 5% as Administrator on the share of profits!

£224. 9. 1
5%.

3rd The Debtor and Ex account given to your Lordship of the Estate of Goss in the margin of Mr Bell's letter is void of

accuracy

£600. £1.100. £2.500

accuracy the admitted debt to Littlejohn of Montevideo placed at £600 is increased £1100.— the freehold row of buildings may have cost £2,500 to erect, but with no competition in the market it will not fetch one third of this sum, and the stock placed at £500 is literally nil seeing what little stock Mr Ball left in store being the property of Mr Littlejohn, the proceeds were remitted by the Bank to this Merchant as from time to time they were realized.

4th Mr Bell in the 4th paragraph writes alluding to the Estate of Goss "upon which Stockings claim must first be levied" — here with submission to your Lordships ruling I venture to demonstrate to keep this infirm old Pensioner waiting for his money until the complicated affairs of Goss are wound up, would upon the face of the affidavit marked A in the correspondence be hard indeed, seeing that taking Mr Bells own figures in his letter of 29th May he places £5,925 the liabilities at £5,925 whilst the credits are only £3000, as yet is the worry and anxiety of this business has broken down a frame never very strong and it is the opinion of the medical men of this town that he will not live throughout the next Winter, and I anticipate much delay in the settlement of the debt to Smyley as there are disputed items & the administrators of Smyley decline arbitration.—

5 Most

Mr Reynolds Executor Smiles
6 Sept 1870.
14th & 15th & 16th & 22nd April 1871

5.— Most respectfully I beg to solicit that your Lordship will be pleased to hold in trust the £380.13.9 due to Mr Bull on account of the repairs of the Government building set apart for the Chaplain, but moreover to attach in trust £1144.6.3 from his pension to render the sum owing to Stocking complete viz £525. allowing Stocking to receive from the Colonial Government 5 per cent for the amount until the affairs of Lyon are wound up.—

£380.13.9.

£1144.6.3

£525. . .

I have &c
(Sd) G D'Arcy
Governor

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

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No 59.

G. H. S. 7. J.
15th Nov. 1873.

My Lord,

I kept in view your Lordship's directions conveyed in the latter part of Despatch No 72 of 15th August 1872 but it appears that by the Mail which arrived here on 2nd November the information was given through various private letters that on Mr Bulls resignation the concurrent Endowment to the three denominations is to be carried out, hence the receipt of the enclosed letters which I have the honor to forward.

Mr Lory to Colonial Secy
Mr Jones to do

It is satisfactory to observe that the Revd Mr Lory will remain, until the arrangements are complete, his ministry is of a higher order than is generally met with in the smaller Colonies, and his zeal has been so marked as to enable me to recommend your Lordship to bestow upon Mr Lory on the occasion of his leaving the Colony the difference between Mr Bulls Ministerial allowance and the Chaplain's half salary £200 a year. —

£200 —

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

The Right Honble
The Earl of Kimberley K.C.

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies per barque "Sea Witch" 19th December 1873.

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	No. of Enclosures.
60	6th December 1873	Covering despatch to the Revd Mr Lloyd's complaints	5.
61	16th —"—	Reporting Mr Lloyd (the acting Colonial Chaplain) seditious conduct at a public meeting.	none

No 60

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
December 6th 1873.

My Lord,

I have the honor to forward two letters from the Revd M.Lorry acting Colonial Chaplain one addressed to myself and the other to your Lordship in reference to certain acts of mine, and to explain how they occurred.

I was greatly astonished by M.Lorry making a peremptory demand "to restore" property to him, as the representative of the Catholic clergy in these Islands, which had been removed by my order from the burial ground.

On the arrival of Bishop Stirling in January 1872, at his request I bestowed upon him and his successors a Crown Grant of the land used as a burial ground for the purpose of consecration; on this ground stood a wooden building intended originally as a mortuary chapel, but of late years entirely neglected and used only as a receptacle for spades, wheelbarrows, lime, mortar &c. the Ministers for the last 15 years having read the greater part of the burial service in Trinity Church Stanley, the coffin being placed in front of the communion rails, and on no occasion during this period was the building used for a sacred purpose.

I distinctly declined to include this building in the deed of gift, as it was much wanted for use as an infant school room, and I always intended to remove it to the play ground and utilize it for that purpose, this intention I

Mr Lorry to Lieut. Pearcy 4/12/73
Mr Lorry to Lieut Kirkcaldy 5/12/73

Gov. to Sec of S
No 44 3rd Feb Received 1874

V page 254 Governor's Despatch to C.O.

I explained to the Bishop and Mr Ball on the occasion of the conference at Government House relative to the consecration, and the latter expressed himself at the time much pleased that this pressing want in the Colony should be thus supplied.

On arrival early in 1870 the neglected state of the burial ground had pained me much, the building and fence dilapidated, tombs and paths alike undefinable, overgrown with long grass and weeds, and the excuse made was the inexpediency of doing anything until a strong wall was made to exclude cattle and wild boys; I at once initiated a public subscription long before the Bishop or Mr Levy's arrival for the purpose of building a substantial wall and commenced it by a small subscription of £1 to bring the contribution within the reach of all in the Colony, and a promise on behalf of the Colonial Government to double the amount raised; a sum of Thirty pounds was soon collected by the inhabitants, and a fund of £60 was thus at command; a committee of management composed of working men was formed and a contract made but unfortunately the Contractor failed, and no progress was made for a time in the building of the wall, as the funds were insufficient I doubled my private subscription and other parties did the same, and the list was sent to Darwin and the Camp for additional subscribers. £1 £30 £60

Meantime in June 1872 Bishop Sterling having undertaken the duties of Acting Ch. Chaplain

and

£10 and desiring to see the work finished himself
subscribed Ten pounds, and Mr Dean, the leading
£10 Merchant, gave a similar donation, and I presented
a pair of iron gates which cost me Ten pounds
moreover Lieut Sweny R.N. gave the proceeds of his
£27 10/ valedictory theatrical representations amounting to twenty
seven pounds, whereupon the undertaking received
an impetus, a contract was taken at ten shillings
the yard, and about six weeks ago the wall was
£100 finished, as per enclosed photograph, at the cost
of £100, directly the gates were up I caused
the old decayed wooden fence placed there by
Government twenty two years ago to be removed,
requiring that wood to repair the dockyard fence
naturally conceiving that this property belonged
exclusively to the Government both building and fence
as I never had any intention of including either
one or the other in the grant of land for consecration,
and the Clergy then in the Island distinctly understood
this to be the case as is proved by my letter to the
Bishop of the 9th February 1872 and furthermore as
the non consecration of the building was specially
alluded to by Bishop Sterling in his address to the
people after the ceremony I cannot understand
on what grounds Mr Levy makes his Extraordinary
demands. Mr Levy states in his letter that the
Committee were desirous to sell the wooden fence
and to devote the proceeds to pointing the newly
built wall which he adds is not complete.
this is an error the building of the wall is
complete and would remain intact for the next
ten years to come; the old fence is valued from
£3 to £5 £3 to £5, and the expence of pointing the wall
320 yards in length and 5 feet 5 inches in height
£100 being estimated at £100, the loss of the fence
to

to the new undertaking is not of moment especially as I trust I have proved it never was ecclesiastical property by deed of gift or otherwise!

I am under the impression that the words "members and appurtenances" must have been struck out in the original grant and the erasure initialled as I certainly ordered it to be, the original document is now in Bishop Sterling's possession, the copy enclosed in Mr Lory's letter to your Lordship is copied from the grant book of this Office.

In explanation of the complaint contained in the last paragraph of Mr Lory's letter to your Lordship, I can only observe that his letters became so numerous that I was compelled some months ago to decline a correspondence with a departmental Officer residing in the same town with myself, the more especially as I am to be found daily in the Office from 11 to 3, and this restriction I felt was within the scope of my authority.

Mr Lory adds that I terms his letter to me "impertinent" I was very guarded on the occasion and to the best of my recollection I used the word "contumacious" in reference to the letter for as his whole conduct appears to me to be in refusing to listen to my explanation and insisting on his complaint being forwarded to your Lordship after I had placed a copy of my letter of the 9th February 1872 to Bishop Sterling in his hands.

Mr Lory arrived in Stanley on the 29th December 1872.—

I may be allowed to add that the

Infant

Infant School was opened on the 1st June 1872
and has been in working order ever since with
an average attendance of 40 Children. On the
occasion of the inauguration Bishop Sterling
complimented and publicly "trusting (I remember
his words well) that it would not be the
last of my good works in the Colony."

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

I have &c
(Sd) J. D'Arcy
Governor

No 61. —

G. F. S. P. G.
Dec 16th 1873.

My Lord,

Events which in the next may be of small importance, may if rashly dealt with become of considerable magnitude, and give rise to consequences of no slight character in which the peace of the Town may be involved and this has been the case in the present instance.

On Sunday the 7th Decem: the Rev: Mr Lowry gave a notice that a public meeting would take place to give the Committee of the Cemetery Hall an opportunity of rendering the account of their expenditure and to elect another Committee.

On Thursday evening the 11th instant, the meeting was held in the Foremans School Room and on the resignation of the Chairman of the old Committee Mr Lowry was voted to the Chair, when he took immediate occasion to censure my conduct in reference to the fence and mortuary chapel, and he continued to express contumelious disdain of the explanations given by Mr Smith and Mr Rees even after these gentlemen left the room in spite of Declamations from the meeting of "question"; from my intimate knowledge of Mr Lowry's disposition I knew perfectly well he would travel beyond the simple business before the meeting, to the reference before your Lordship, concerning the fence and building, only in the event of such a contingency I requested that gentleman to explain to the meeting all the circumstances connected with the

consecration of the burial ground, and several of those present expressed themselves perfectly satisfied with Mr Smith's clear exposition of the case how the building was specially exempted in the ceremony of consecration which took place two years ago.

I cannot help regarding Mr Long's conduct as seditious, casting doubts on the truth of my oral and written statements and catechistically by leading questions seeking for evidence at a public meeting in corroboration of his own views, tending to engender a factious feeling in the settlement I have the honour to govern, and taking upon himself a course very foreign to the sacred character of his office, and most unusual in a government officer.

As Mr Long is only performing the duties of Acting Colonial Chaplain until the Home Government find it convenient to fill the vacancy caused by Mr Bull's retirement, before this mail reaches England Mr Lindop may have filled it up and Mr Long will cease to belong to the Colonial Service; the knowledge that he is but an irresponsible locum tenens has I fear led his guide, and I venture to submit that it becomes a question how far the government may be inclined again to appoint an acting Chaplain to a distant dependency, as it would be far preferable for the community to be without a Minister for a time, rather than receive an Incumbent who understood by the fear of suspension is bent on making a disturbance for the sake of own notoriety.

Referring

Referring to my Despatch No 60
of 6th December 1873 I perceive I have not
sufficiently explained all the circumstances
connected with the removal of the old
Cemetery fence to the dockyard, this
procedure on my part was advisedly
taken as a moral effect to show the people
(who are much inclined in these Islands
to look upon all government property as
theirs but their property as theirs own.
and that although the government had helped
them so considerably in building the wall, they
have yet to be taught not to look to the
government for every consideration; the right
of the ecclesiastical authorities to the property
never occurred to my mind, especially as the
stone wall was commenced by a general
subscription long before they held property in
the Settlement.

With the exception of thus reporting the
occurrence to your Lordship I have not taken
notice of Mr Lory's conduct at the meeting.

I have &c
(Sd) G D'Arcy
Governor

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

Schedule of Despatches from the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies transmitted per Mail schoon. "Black Hawk" via Monte 2 January 1874.

No. of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	No. of Enclosures
62	20th December 1873	Returning the Falkland Islands Ordinance for publication	four 2
63	22nd "	Acknowledgment of receipt of £1500 in Florins.	one 1
64	24th "	Acknt of Parliamentary Papers	none
65	24th "	Reporting that £250 would be a fair compensation to Mr Sall.	none
—	24th "	Acknt of Despatches and Circulars	one
66	24th "	Relating to the situation of Assistant Lightkeeper at Cape Pembroke, and suggesting that a lad should be sent by the Treasury Board for a period of years	one
67	25th "	Concurs in Endorsement of the denominations of the Falkland Islands	one
68	29th "	Requesting that £2000 in Florins may be remitted for mail of 9 April 1874	none
69	29th "	Reporting for approval Mr Davis' appointment as Member of Exec. Council	none
70	31st "	Transmitting Minutes of the Executive and Legislative Councils for the half year ending 31 Dec. 1873.	four 1 2 1

No 62.

G.St. S.I. &
Dec. 20th 1875

My Lord,

I beg to express my acknowledgments for the receipt of the proof sheet of the Falkland Islands Ordinances, they have now been compared and corrected against the originals and I have the honor to return them for publication.

The Ordinances are not sufficiently voluminous to render it advisable to arrange an analytical index, the alphabetical table of the laws will be found ample for every requirement.

In answer to the last paragraph of your Lordship's Despatch, I request on the part of this Government to be furnished with 100 bound copies of the Ordinances as there is every prospect of being able to dispose of them in the Settlement, detaining those requisite for Imperial reference

I have &c

(Sd) L. D'Arcy
Governor

The Right Hon.ble
The Earl of Kimberley K.G.
&c &c &c

No 63.

G.H.S. F.I.
22nd Decr 1873.

My Lord,

£1500. I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of One thousand five hundred pounds (in florins) required for the service of this Government which arrived per mail schooner "Blackhawk" on the 20th instant.

The usual certificate showing that the above amount has been duly carried to the credit of the Colonial Revenue is inclosed signed by the Colonial Treasurer, and countersigned by myself.

The charge of £3-0-9 connected with the shipment was anticipated, and leaves a balance of £114-19-3 standing to the credit of the Colony.

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

Colony of Falkland Islands.—

I hereby certify that the sum of £1500 in specie forwarded from England, on the credit of the Parliamentary Grant for the year 1873-74, for the general service of the Colony, was duly received and carried to the credit of the Colonial Revenue on the 22d day of December 1873.—

(signed) G D'Arcy
Governor.

(signed) G. Fraser
Colonial Treasurer

№ 64.

Govt. H. S. V. I.
21st Dec 1873

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of certain Parliamentary Papers, the titles and numbers of copies of which are specified in the margin.

I have &c
(Sd) J. D'Arcy
Governor

The Rt Hon.ble
The Earl of Kimberley K.P.
&c &c &c

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No 65.

G.H. & P.I.
24 December 1873.

My Lord,

In reply to your Lordship's Despatch No 56 of the 15th ultimo together with copies of a correspondence between the Under Secretary of State Mr Holland and the Revd Charles Bull late Colonial Chaplain I have the honour for the most part to refer your Lordship to my Despatch No 57 of 15 Nov 1873 which left this portion recently as 15th November 1873 it therefore only remains for me to comply with that part of your Lordship's Despatch ordering the house hitherto set apart for the Chaplain to be surveyed by some competent person and to report what sum would in his opinion and mine be a fair compensation to Mr Bull

I directed Mr Travis to perform this duty assisted by Mr Kelsey the Foreman of works and to report to me accordingly after minutely inspecting the building they place the value of that part of the house originally built by the Government before Mr Bull's occupation at £200 but allowing for wear and tear at the present time the property is worth £150 ✕ the Greenhouse built by Mr Bull at £20 only it being in a very dilapidated state, in fact owing to the house having been unoccupied for the last 12 months the property has depreciated.

£200

£150

£20.

✕ of the additions added by Mr Bull at the present time £200.

£200 of the greenhouse &c &c

I am

I am sorry for the sake of Mr Bell's interests to forward so small a valuation in comparison with that of the valuation board of 1870, and I can only account for it by remembering that in a climate like this, a warm well furnished house, full of people presents a far different appearance to that of a cold unoccupied shell. (the Acting Chaplain having elected to live in the Barracks with Lieut Sweny R.N.)

Taking into consideration the high price which skilled labour commands in the Settlement and that timber has always been very dear Mr Travis agrees with me that £250 would be a fair and equitable compensation for Mr Bell to receive from the Colonial Government, and that the recent repairs reported in my Despatch to the value of £18 may be waived. — £250 £18

No 57 of 15 Nov. 1873.

The information may be of moment and not out of place when I report that in a great measure owing to Mr Smith's energy there is a prospect of the affairs of the Estate of Goss being wound up. The Administrators of the real Estate Company having consented to abide by local arbitration as far as the disputed items of the alleged debt to Smyley are concerned; the Estate will then be sold by an injunction of the Court of Magistrates after due notice of sale of the buildings has been given in the English papers. —

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In the event of your Lordship taking as I have recommended Mr Bell can appear as a Creditor in the schedule of liabilities against the Estate to the amount of £525, and will be paid with the Creditors at a rateable charge.

It is much to be regretted that he undertook the Administratorship seeing that he received the Estate over from the Court in 1869 with only a disputed debt of £1,500 to the Estate of Smyley £1.800. whilst from overtrading he left it in 1872 with a debt of £5000 the Widow and Children will be if so feared left destitute, as the sale of the buildings and good will of the public house) will not realize anything like such a sum.

The Rt Honble
The Earl of Kimberley, KP.
&c &c &c

I have &c
(Sd) H D'Arcy
Governor

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36.	3rd October 1873	
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	3rd Sept.	Circulars
	15th Sept.	"
	13th Oct.	"
	10th Oct.	"
	21st Oct.	"
	1 Nov.	"
	8 Nov.	Accounts.
	25th Sept.	Parly.
	24th "	"
	1st Oct.	"
	4th "	"
	2nd Oct.	Parly. Grant
	4th Oct.	Acknowledgt.

G.H. L. F. I.
24th Dec. 1873.

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatches and Circulars, as noted in the margin, and to forward a schedule of unanswered Despatches.

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

I have &c
(sd) J. D. Kay
Governor

No 66.

G.P.O.
December 24th 1875

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your covering Despatch from Mr Herbert the Under Secretary of State enclosing one from the Secretary of the Trinity Board, in which an offer is made to Andrew Carter of Sixty five pounds a year for the duty of attending upon the duty of Assistant Lighthouse, together with a £65 further rise of Five pounds per annum on the £5. completion of four years service.

I am sorry to announce that Carter very respectfully begs to decline the engagement, he says, and I know it to be a fact that he was offered before he went to the Lighthouse a situation of £65 in Stanley with a monthly salary of Five pounds and his board but knowing the man was of a serious turn of mind I recommended him to take the appointment for the sake of the quiet and retirement, and this was the inducement which led him to serve in the hope of the salary being raised. He was Cook & Steward of the "Dove" for years and his age is 45, but he has now given the usual monthly notice to quit.

With reference to the Trinity Board I am desirous of pointing out how circumstances have altered rendering it impossible to fill the vacancy of Assistant Lightkeeper.

Within the last 22 years heavy drifting sand has steadily advanced against the Westerly gale, covering the whole of that part

part of the Island adjacent to Stanley called the peninsula, as you Lordship will perceive in the Chart. It is feared indeed that some years hence the town itself will be compelled to retire from its rapid advance there is no longer a blade of vegetation within three miles of the Lighthouse. the consequence is that the men have to walk in all weathers through this heavy drifting sand against the wind, and such a wind!! before they can catch the horse that carries their weekly provisions from Stanley. formerly it is said the elder boys of the Government school supplied the vacancy, but now their Parents will not allow them to do so, they allege that the balance £1-10/ after paying for their board is not found sufficient to keep the lad in clothes and boots in this Expensive Colony, that the rubbing their clothes, and the walk before the horse can be caught in such a climate is more than they can endure.

What is to be done if the vacancy cannot be filled at the price sanctioned? the mercantile marine of the world is one hundred of vessels prove their observations by sighting the Lighthouse before breasting another Ocean, let that the light go out for one hour, and a calamity dreadful to contemplate might occur!

"steer by the course, and when you see the light call me"

is the order given by Masters when approaching

there

Ellice Islands, in the event of there being no light ship would probably be on the "Volunteers" before the Master was awake!

I would suggest that the Board appoint a strong healthy Lad of 16 to the service providing him a direct passage to Stanley of little education as Assistant Lightkeeper with a liberal sliding scale of salary in proportion to his service, and holding out a prospect of promotion, keeping in view the high rate which labour receives in the Islands, otherwise he would soon get discontented and be tempted to desert his post. Masters of Vessels so frequently wanting hands in these seas.

Unskilled Labour Unskilled Labour
10/- per diem £6 per annum

The Right Hon.ble
The Earl of Kimberley K.G.
&c &c &c

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

W.P.W.

No 67. 162 / 5 17 p 110 G.t. S.J.

Decem 25th 1873.

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch No 38 of the 20th October 1873 enclosing a letter from Wm C.H. Williams Lately a Land conveyancer of Cheltenham but at the present time a Sheep farmer and Lessee of the Station and Weddell Island of the West Falklands, this gentleman is of the Roman Catholic persuasion by conviction, but he is not or ever was in holy orders!

Since the occasion of Father Walsh's visit to the Islands and the date of my Despatch No 21 of the 24th May 1872, I am sorry to report that disturbing ecclesiastical influences have arisen in the Colony, which quite prevents any assistance for the Salesian American Mission in carrying out the efficient changes I recommended, Bishop Stirling being much opposed to the measure which he views as one tending to lower the Anglican Church in the eyes of the community.

Surely there are young Clergymen of the Established Church who would accept One hundred and fifty pounds a year as a Colonial Government subsidy! twenty five pounds a year from the Admiralty the Chaplain to the Marines, with an expectation of at least One hundred a year a grant in aid from the congregation of Trinity Church, the Government Officers and Merchants being members of the Anglican Church and the bulk of the congregation composed of the wives and children of well to do Artizans who

£150

£25

£100

are

16/ are earning sixteen shillings a day as shipwright.
The Chaplain's salary may thus be computed

	£
Colonial Subsidy	150.
Congregation	100.
Admiralty	25.
Marriage (Special licence)	6.
Value of a Stone and Vegetable garden	30.
Total	311

I am now approaching the detail of controversial circumstances which have been personally of an embarrassing nature. The Revd. Mr Bull, the late Colonial Chaplain enjoyed for a decade undisturbed ministrations: with a sleepy complacency he attributed this to the supremacy and validity of his orders whereas the absence of all competition in religious matters simply arose from the geographical position of these Islands, to the difficulty of transit which a little schooner of seventy tons presented to Travellers, compelling them to cross a tempestuous water way of six thousand miles in so small a vessel as the "Foam." The Roman Catholics were in the absence of a resident Priest necessitated to accept Mr Bull's ministrations of baptism burial and marriage: these Islands in a spiritual Roman Catholic sense are in the diocese of Roman Catholic Bishop of Buenos Ayres, who once in 7 years ordered a Priest to give the Catholics at Stanley a flying visit. But although this Prelate cannot be said to have looked after the interests of the stray sheep of his flock very zealously, yet he was not prepared to

appd Bishop of FI. by Queens mandate 1st Sept 17/69 W.E.W.

to lose sight of them altogether for when Dr Sterling elected by courtesy Bishop of the Falkland Islands, left the Rio Plate for Stanley in some eclat the Town conveyed a few days after Father Walsh a very active, young, zealous Irish Priest who was specially ordered by the Vicar Apostolic Diocesan to leave his parochial duties and proceed at once to the Falklands, the scene was changed and to the chagrin of the Anglican Ecclesiastical authorities the Roman Catholics eagerly sought the ministrations of the Priest, no longer could the Islands be considered as "Exclusively Protestant"!

Father Walsh requested me to lend him a building to perform his services in and I placed the theatre at his disposal, a government building in the dockyard, but to amateurs lent at the time, and for a considerable period previously unused, on his departure he requested me to allow his congregation to meet there on Sundays according to the custom and discipline of their faith. The building itself as I have remarked belonged to Government but the scenic properties were the private property of a Committee of subscribers, upon whom a Requisition was brought and they demanded the use of the building, this was of course promptly complied with, but at the same time conceiving that the Roman Catholics had been treated with[out] consideration I offered in the part of the Government to give Government labour if they could subscribe amongst themselves a sum sufficient to obtain materials for a Chapel of their own, they collected at once £150 and at the same time sold a freehold acre of town land purchased by the Catholics 22 years ago as a site for a Chapel but not

Govt find labour to build R.C chapel!

£150

£115. not built upon) for £115, with this money
£265. £265, they purchased the fourth of an acre
of town land together with timber and material
and about six months ago a pretty little Chapel
(photograph of Chapel) capable of containing 150 people was opened by
Padre del Villas, a missionary priest, who was sent
down from Buenos Ayres for that purpose however to
the regret of his congregation he only remained a
month. In this building the Catholics now
assemble on Sunday reading their services without
a Priest & the children attend in the afternoon
to be instructed by the Catholic ladies in the time
honoured catechism of their faith, they are of
course most anxious to obtain the services of a
resident English speaking Priest & this is just within
the scope of their means if the Government can
£75 bestow a subsidy of seventy five pounds a year,
£60 the congregation will be delighted to subscribe sixty
pounds in cash and probably something more in kind,
the Fathers salary will then stand

Government subsidy	£75
Congregational subscription	60
	£135.

on application to the Roman Catholic Bishop of Buenos Ayres
(a Spanish Priest of eminent piety) under whose
direction all resident English resident Priests, a fit
& proper person might be elected by humble
supplications.

In the meanwhile the situation of the
Scotch & Presbyterian Church at Darwin remains
the same as when I wrote in May 1872, with
the addition very creditable to the people of having
imported

imported a Schoolmaster and a new church which he here is now erected at Darwin, the Ministers salary accordingly will be

	£
from Scotland	50
guaranteed by the F.I. Coy	100
Special Subsidy	75
That £	225

A Yeoman

and the reverend gentleman has the benefit of a house and garden together with fuel and rations being found him by the Company, and will be far better off than the resident Priest in Stanley who will have to provide himself with expensive lodgings without any such allowances. The figures in this Despatch remain the same as that written 10 months ago, & shows the same saving to Government of One hundred pounds a year - viz:

	£
Colonial Chaplain	150
Scotch Minister	75
Roman Catholic Priest	75
£	300

	£
Present salary of Chaplain	400.
Future Ecclesiastical Establishts	300
Saving £	100

There is a difference however in the amount of population since I wrote on the 24th May 1872 at least 100 more souls have been imported by the Falkland Islands Company, the figures may therefore be safely placed thus as the resident population in the two Islands according to their various persuasions

400	Episcopalians
350	Presbyterians
150	Roman Catholics
That	900

Thus

this return does not include the English and Foreign Sailors on board the shipping in harbour.-

I have been obliged to enter into detail to prove to your Lordship that the different denominations are able and willing to aid in the support of their several Ministers otherwise it might have been doubted how to report would work; the only doubtful part is that affecting the congregation of Trinity Church, how far they will subscribe to the maintenance of the minister, as it must be remembered that hitherto they have been singularly favoured, the support of the Church Establishment and the repairs of the building having been defrayed by the Government.

I wish it were in my power to report a guaranteed sum in aid of the salaries of the Ministers of the Church of England, but unfortunately it is a subject impossible for me to canvass. At the time of Bishop Walsh's arrival Dr Stirling was my guest & had been so for the previous 6 weeks. I am a member and a constant attendant of the services of the Church of England, but at the same time I pitied the poor Roman Catholics of these Islands who had been for the last 22 years spiritually neglected and I endeavoured consistent with my duty to befriend them such liberality Dr Stirling, Mr Ball and Mr Terry can not understand, and they attribute my policy solely to the recent conversion of a member of my family to the Roman Catholic faith in answer to this I can but quote an Extract from the Annals of the Propagation of the Faith Vol 25 March 1854. No 149 a monthly magazine wherein

wherein your Lordship will see that nearly ten years ago I successfully prevailed on the local legislature to bestow upon the Roman Catholics of the Gambia that which I conceived to be their right — a fair share of the Government money towards their Schools and Charities, hitherto enjoyed for years by the Wesleyans to the total exclusion of the Catholics who formed a large proportion of the inhabitants of the town of Bathurst

"The Governor who is a Protestant in order to promote the good work carried on under his eyes by the Catholic Missionaries has entrusted to them a sum of money of 500 francs for distribution among the poor.

Last year he granted moreover a subsidy of 2000 francs for the Schools still more recently he visited the two Schools of the Mission, examined and tested with marked satisfaction the studies and progress of the Children, expressed his gratification in the kindest terms and two days afterwards wrote officially to the Missionaries a letter of approval & felicitations promising at the same time to give us still greater help."

In the event of your Lordship approving of these changes, the Colonial Government will not be embarrassed by doing away with the interests of a Corporate sole — the Colonial Chaplain is only a Government Office, without Churchwardens or Vestry, and the building in which he celebrates Divine service is not

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consecrated and is the property of the Government.

saving £100 a year

If your Lordship will consent to allow the economical part of this arrangement to lapse when the difficulty in reference to the salary of the new Incumbent who succeeds Mr Bull is removed, £281 a year and House together with what the congregation may eventually elect to bestow will be sufficient for a young clergyman beginning life, whose duties really are very light.

Salary 250.
Admiralty 25
Licences (marriages) 6.
£281.

Ministers of Mr Bull or Mr Lowry's mental calibre and expectations are not required in so small a colony, they have little or nothing to do, there is not middle class in Stanley, for the rich merchant & Government employé & the artizan there is but one step, the men are hard at work all day in the harbour repairing vessels & the women are attending to their equally laborious household work which the severity of the climate entails - each day brings its own work, as a body they are singularly indifferent without being hostile to the Clergyman's visitations, the result has been that to employ his irrepressible energies, he takes up work for which he is incompetent, tailors his cloth by keeping a public house, and ends by inextricably involving the Estate he rashly undertook to administer; or he calls public meetings, excites strife and faction, questioning the Governor's acts to the great surprise of the people who in this little place had previously regarded the office in loco parentis.

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After giving the subject much consideration and with every respect to Dr Stirling whose opinion must carry great weight yet I am still inclined to regard the change in the ecclesiastical establishment as a very wholesome one, seeing that it must in time remove that indifference to spiritual matters now so apparent, by infusing competitive zeal into the administration of the three Ministers of the different denominations, and the result it is to be hoped will soon be apparent in the altered lives of the people. —

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

The Rt Hon
The Earl of Kimberley K.P.
&c &c &c

No 68.

G.H. S.T.I.
29th December 1874.

My Lord,

I have the honour to request that your Lordship will be pleased to move Her Majesty's Paymaster General to remit to me for the service of this Government the sum of £2000 sterling, charging the same against the Parliamentary Grant for the financial year 1874-75.

The specie which should consist of florins may be consigned to Her Majesty's Consul at Montevideo. I would pray that if possible the money may be shipped on board the Royal Mail Steamer leaving Southampton on the 9th April next.

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

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

No 69.

G. St. S. P. S.
29th December 1873

My Lord,

I have the honor to report for your Lordship's approval that I have appointed Mr Travis, Acting Colonial Secretary, to be a Member of the Executive Council, in the room of Mr Lyng, Colonial Secretary, on leave of absence to the United Kingdom. —

I have &c
(Sd) J. D'Arcy
Governor

The Rt Hon'ble
The Earl of Kimberley K.C.
&c &c &c

No 70.

G St. S. P. S.
31st December 1873

My Lord,

I have the honor to forward certified copies of the Minutes of the Executive and Legislative Councils for the six months ending 31st December 1873. —

The Rt Hon'ble
The Earl of Kimberley K.C.
&c &c &c

I have &c
(Sd) J. D'Arcy
Governor.