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No. of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	No. of Inclosures
—	1875 2nd February	Acknowledgment of Despatches and Circulars	one
7	15th February	Relative to the half salary of Stipendiary Magistrate during illness	four
8	— do —	Reply to Despatch No 40 of 16th Dec 1874 respecting the amalgamation of the leases held by the Falkland Islands Company	none
9	— do —	The incomplete meteorological Returns of the Lighthouses at Cape Pembroke	none
10	— do —	Reporting the arrival and departure of the Detached Squadron under Rear Admiral Randolph CB.	none

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No of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	No of Enclosures
11	15th February 1875	Returning the Circular of 3rd October 1874 inadvertently sent to this Colony	two
12	do	Suggesting that the next Man of War bound for the Pacific call at the Falklands to determine whether the Islands have of late years risen	none
13	do	The arrival of sundry ships in this harbour with their cargoes of Coal on fire	none

No	Date.
General.	14th Nov. 1874
39.	14th " "
40.	16th " "
41.	20th " "
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H.M.S. "Blanche"
2nd February 1875.

My Lord.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatches and Circulars, as noted in the margin, from Admiral Hamilton Moresby — also to enclose a schedule of unanswered Despatches.

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

The Right Honble
The Earl of Carnarvon
&c &c &c

No 7.

Medical certificate A

ACS to SM 5/1/75
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C.M. S. P.S.
15th February 1875

My Lord,

Agreeable to the Regulations it is my duty to forward the inclosed correspondence to your Lordship.

2. Mr Smith was suddenly confined to his bed from an attack of severe rheumatism — on his requisition I appointed Dr Watts, Deputy Chairman to the Magistrate's Court, under the 15th clause of the Administration of Justice Ordinance, to meet a pressing case before the Court which did not admit of delay; the Doctor performed the duty from the 5th December to the 5th January, during which time he personally superintended the punishment on the occasion detailed in our Despatch No 5 of 1st January 1875.

3. Your Lordship will perceive from my memorandum to Mr Travis I recommended that Mr Smith's salary should be left intact, but as the Doctor did not agree I had no other alternative.

4. Mr Smith, in some chagrin, after

refers me to Clauses in the Regulations which I conceive do not apply to his case, they refer to Officers under suspension, in his letter marked E, in commenting on the 107th rule, he adds to his second contingency the words "from the Colony" they are not in the rule, and do not follow the words "temporary absence".

This rule I respectfully conceive quite meets Mr Smith's case.

5. The pay of Regimental Officers when on the sick list is certainly not stopped, but it is an intransgressible rule of the service that half the salary of the Adjutant or Quarter Master whose duties are active and cannot be dispensed with even for a single day is invariably paid to the Officer who does the duty, should he demand it.

6.- From a perusal of Mr Harris's letter to Mr Pollock of 2nd February, your Lordship will see that any inconvenience which may mentarily arise will be the result of his own motion, such however is not at all likely to occur the Merchants being only too glad to pay the

the Stipendiary Magistrate credit under all the circumstances which are well known in this small community. —

The Right Honble
The Earl Normanton
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I have &c
(Sd) E. D'Arcy
Governor

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No 8.

G. H. S. I.
February 15th 1875.

My Lord.

In answer to your Lordship's Despatch No 40 of the 16th December in reference to the proposal made by Mr Goff to amalgamate the various leases under which his Company hold land from the Government in the East Island, I beg to be allowed to explain that in the event of your Lordship ordering me to do so it will quite prevent the Government from raising the rents in the East Island for the next twenty one years.

2. The East Island has been stocked and occupied for the last forty years, the soil is much improved in consequence, the Settlers have enjoyed the advantage of realizing the value of the carcases from the constant demand for fresh meat made by the shipping of the port of Stanley from which market the Settlers of the West Island are excluded owing to the great expense of water carriage; it would certainly be

be unjust to raise the rents of the West Island for twenty one years to come but it would be quite reasonable to do so on the East Island in a very few years, such additions to the revenue will gradually help towards the Islands becoming self supporting.

3.— Mr Coffe is a clever man of business, and has foreseen this contingency.—

4.— In my letter declining to entertain his application I advisedly withheld this reason, but I await your Lordship's orders on the subject trusting you will be assured they will be implicitly carried out.—

I have &c
(Sd) G. J. Lucy
Governor

The Right Honble
The Earl of Carnarvon
&c &c &c

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No 9.

G.H. S. 20
15 February 1875.

My Lord,

Referring to a correspondence between the Meteorological Office and the Board of Trade attendant on my Despatch to your Lordship No 36 of 20th July 1874 where I request to be allowed an Anemometer to test the force of the wind at Cape Tenbroke Lighthouse, I have the honour to report that I have conferred with Mr Brown, the Lightkeeper, relative to the observations he has from time to time furnished to the Office, he begs to be allowed respectfully to remind Mr Scott, the Director, that the maximum and minimum barometers were broken when opened by the authorities of the Montevideo Custom house, and that for years past the descriptions of clouds taken was of necessity incorrect or incomplete the temporary Assistant who took the watch every other day could not be depended upon, but now that he has the services of a permanent Assistant, he feels sure the observations will be more satisfactory.

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2.- I venture to suggest that such valuable and delicate instruments in future are forwarded by long sea either to the care of the Falkland Islands Company or Messrs Dean Jan, Stoke Lodge, Stoke Newington, London, who are constantly taking up freight to these Islands.

3.- In the event of the Director being pleased to forward the instruments in question I will cheerfully guarantee that they

"will be cared for, and the other observations materially improved"

Mr Brown, the present Lightkeeper is a very trustworthy, faithful servant on whom the community places great reliance.

I have &c

(sd) E D'Arcy

Governor

The Rt Hon'ble
The Earl of Carnarvon
&c - &c.

No 10. —

G.H. S. F.I.
February 15th 1875

My Lord,

I have the honour to report the arrival of H.M.S. Detached Squadron on the 29th January and departure from Stanley on the 14th February; a fierce gale from the South West on the 13th prevented the Admiral from weighing anchor on that day.

2. Admiral Randolph expressed himself very pleased for the attention the Inhabitants were able to shew the Officers under his command, who, in their several expeditions, killed 1800 head of game.

3. The Admiral further informed me that he had reported to my Lords of the Admiralty on the expediency of establishing a Naval Depot at this Port. —

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No 10.
24 May 1875.

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

The Right Honble
The Earl of Carnarvon
&c &c &c

No 11.

G.H. S. N.J.
February 15th 1875.

My Lord,

Agreeable to your Lordships Despatch marked "General" of the 14th November 1874. I have the honour to forward the printed Circular of the 5th October 1874 on the subject of Capital sentences transmitted to me inadvertently.

The Right Honble
The Earl of Carnarvon
&c &c &c

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

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No 12.

H.M.S. "P"
15th February 1875.

My Lord,

On a bronzing riveted into a rock on the beach at the old ~~Settlement~~ of Port Louis, Berkeley Sound, there is an inscription placed there by the Officers commanding H.M. ships "Crebus" and "Terror" in 1832 to the effect that the plate is five feet eight inches above the mean level of the Ocean.

2. There is a prevalent idea that these Islands have risen of late years, might not this interesting hypothesis be ascertained by again taking the mean level of the Ocean? If I am correct in my surmise I venture to suggest that my Lords of the Admiralty may be moved to allow the next Cruizer en route to the Pacific to undertake the observation.

I have &c
(Sd) G. D. Lucy
Lieut

To
The Right Honble
The Earl of Carnarvon
&c. &c. &c.

No 13.

~~G.H.~~ S.J.C.
February 15th 1875.

My Lord,

Within the last three months the following Vessels have arrived in Stanley with their cargoes of coal on fire

"Staffordshire"
Alpha
~~Glentilt~~
Levant
Eugenie

moreover the crews of the
"Moss Trooper"
"Admiral Fitzroy"
made the port in the boats having abandoned their burning vessels in the Ocean!

2. I am also informed that twelve vessels took refuge in Montevideo in the same state!

3. The cause of these disasters is attributed to the recent strike, continuous labour having ceased for

for a season, coal is now shipped direct from the bowels of the earth instead of from the pit's mouth, where by exposure to the atmosphere the inflammatory gases have time to escape.

4.- In the event of this theory being correct an order in Council would prevent the continuance of such fearful catastrophies by prohibiting the exportation for a period until a sufficient quantity of coal is stacked at the pit's mouth.

5. I hope your Lordship will not think I have overstepped my duty in venturing to make a suggestion so beneficial to the Nation which commands the carrying trade of the world.-

The Right Honble
The Earl of Carnarvon
&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 schooner "Black Hawk" via Montevideo on 2nd April 1875.

No of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	No of Enclosures
14	14 March 1875	Acknowledging receipt of Confidential Despatch respecting the granting of a passage to England to the Rev'd Colin Chisholm	none
15	14 March	Re action of Colonial Chaplain's second reference concerning the glebe land	two
16	14 March	Report on the Blue Book for 1874	two Blue Book & Statistical Tables
17	14 March	Requesting that the sum of £50 may be paid to the Commissariat by the Admiralty for 400 tons Water supplied to the ships of the Detached Squadron under Rear Admiral Sir [illegible]	two. Bill

No. of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	Nos. of Inclosures
10	15th March 1875	Reply to Circulars of 6th August 1873 & 28th Oct. 1874 respecting Transports being exempted from Port Dues.	none
—	30th March	Acknowledgment of Despatches	none
—	8th March	Acknowledgment of Circular Despatches	one
19	30th March	Re recognition of Mr. Gerard as Consul of the United States	none
20	1st April	Reporting arrival of Govt. Schoolmaster	none.
21	2nd April	Covering Despatch to Mr. Lorry's second appeal for full salary as Chaplain £400 a year.	one
22	2nd April	Receipt of Consular Reports	none
23	2nd April	Thanks conveyed for the leave of a Government Lottery bestowed on Cathedral Fund.	none

No 14.

G.St. S.F.S.
March 14th 1875.

My Lord

I have to acknowledge your Lordship's Despatch marked "Confidential" of the 3rd December 1874, in which you allow me to provide a passage for the Revd J.C. Sorge, late Acting Colonial Chaplain, provided I did so time admits I find myself entirely without the means of returning to England.

2. It will give me great pleasure faithfully to carry out your Lordship's orders.

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

The Right Honble
The Earl of Carnarvon
&c &c &c

No 15.

G. H. S. J.
March 14th 1875.

My Lord,

Mr Lovy to Colonel D'Arcy 1 January 1875

Colonel D'Arcy to Mr Lovy 1 January 1875

Agreeable to the Regulations I have the honour to forward to the Right Honble Mr Lovy's request a correspondence which has passed between myself and this Battalion

2. I did not consider it any part of my duty to show him your Lordship's Despatches, but I am quite prepared to carry out the commands contained therein.

3. There has been an unavoidable delay in preparing the Ordinances in consequence of Mr Smith's illness.

No 60. 6 Dec 1875
No 61. 16 Dec 1875

4. The question of the Cemetery legacy was fully detailed in my Despatches at the time but in this briefing point there is no mention in your Lordship's answering Despatches whether the decision would have been conveyed to Mr Lovy.

No 14. 6 March 1874
No 22. 4 Augt 1874.

Colonel D'Arcy to Mr Lovy Sept. 15th 1874

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

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No 16.

G.H. S. I.
March 14th 1875.

My Lord,

I have the honour to forward the Blue Book of the preceding year.

2. The Imports show a decrease of £ 8.384, but this is to be accounted for by the fact that instead of four regular traders there arrived within the current year. The amount of the imports of 1875 will however be augmented by the arrival of the regular traders in January. The Exports show an increase of £ 1.334 over last year, and in the one item of Wool, the staple commodity of these Islands, there is an increase in the Exportation of 424,375 lbs.

	Imports		Exports
1873	36.540	1873.	40.386.
1874.	28.156.	1874.	41.720.

Decrease £ 8.384. Increase £ 1.334.

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3. The following coal ships sought refuge in this port with their cargoes on fire

'Staffordshire'
'Alpha'
'Glentilt'
'Levant'
'Eugenie'

and the crews of the

'Moss Trooper' and
Admiral Fitzroy

made the port in open boats having abandoned their burning vessels in the ocean!

In a report written by Major Monro, H.B.M. Consul at Montevideo I read

'that a submerged wire crosses the River Plate through which before the expiration of another year daily news from and to Europe will be transmitted'

already has it acted most favourably for the benefit of Owners and Underwriters, their Agents on three occasions having been enabled to arrive at the port seven weeks after leaving England to

administer

administer to the damaged property or the vessel, this is a manifest advantage and a great improvement to the old state of things, when the Master had to wait four months for instructions, how much more again would the trade and civilization of these islands benefit by the auxiliary aid of steam in the postal communication between these Islands and the River Plate.

4. Quarantine

does not find many advocates in Europe but in this Port a strict service is necessary, otherwise much distress would follow. The sparse population of these Islands, together with the residents of Ascension & Tristan d'Acunha situated far away from populous Countries, have an exemption from all infantile diseases, but the sickness of a contagious nature is conveyed to the port by Vessels, it spreads like wildfire and is not confined to Children, but adults and men are attacked, and frequently succomb to that which in Europe would have been met early in life and ending in a simple infantile indisposition

indisposition; it therefore behoves the Government to be very careful not to give pratique to Vessels with measles, scarlet fever, or small pox on board.

On a recent occasion, but for the watchful care and firmness of Dr. Watt, the Colonial Surgeon small pox imported from Rio Janeiro would have been brought to Stanley, and many families might have lost their bread winners; I know of several men advanced in life in this town who have never gone through any of the diseases which usually attack Children in the United Kingdom.

Thus did a terrible malady from on the Settlement, but by the mercy of Providence it passed by!

5 Pastoral Prospects

continue to be of a cheering character, the Falkland Islands Company possess 100,000 Sheep, and the flocks of the other Proprietors have increased in equal proportion.

Machinery for boiling or rather

rather steaming down sheep has been recently erected by the Falkland Islands Company at Darwin Harbour and is now in full operation, the preliminary trials showed satisfactory results.

The "Digesta" will hold from 60 to 90 carcases of sheep; the result of the trial was to prove that each worker of average size yields from twenty five to thirty pounds of excellent tallow; for eight hours the carcases are steamed, the tallow is then run off into a steam pan or purifier containing forty gallons of water, in this it is boiled, and the impurities on the surface are skimmed off; after resting for two hours the water is let off and the tallow run into large broad cooling pans, from which it is finally packed into barrels for exportation.

From the surplus of old sheep and wethers fit for boiling down, numbering from 5000 to 10000 annually, there will in future be a much larger export of tallow, the net value of a carcase allowing for all expenses connected with the boiling down is estimated at 12/- to 15/- inclusive of the skin.

It is computed that in 1880 the West Island

West Island will be fully stocked with clean sheep bearing wool of a fine kind considerably increasing the value of exports

6 General Observations.

At page 193 the variety of fish of these waters is described, they have not the flavour or the nourishment contained in the fish of European seas they require condiments to make them fit for the table, memorable information has been received of a shoal of cod fish having been seen on the surface of the deep ocean off the South of Cleveland Island, if this be correct it will prove a silver mine to our seafaring community.

I cannot help calling your Lordship's attention to Page 111 showing but two deaths within the year from natural causes in a population of about a thousand. This speaks very favourably for the climate and may induce the Government to think favourably of that

these Islands in the event of the necessity presenting itself for a convict or a naval Depot.

In the published account of these Islands appears this sentence

> "A peculiar feature in the geology of these Islands is presented in streams of stones or fragments of quartz, which appear to flow down the sides of the hills. These streams are 20 to 30 feet wide, and the stones vary in size from one to four cubic feet and are spread out in the valleys to great extent."

I have been often asked by travellers what vertical depth they show. I find after investigation these streams of stones are only four and five feet deep. I have tested this accurately in several streams of stones proving the boulders are but superficially cast upon the surface of the earth by some convulsion of nature from the summits of the adjacent mountains; during the time

time the working parties were engaged in this laborious occupation. I observed that the mountains lie East and West whilst the shore runs roll from North to South; without pretension to any geological research I have ventured on a theory;- at the termination of the glacial age might not these singular streams of stones be caused by the immense pressure of contents of ice driving before a North wind on to the summits of the mountains the pack lastly resting a home further South in the frozen regions of the Antarctic Ocean. The same streams abound in Patagonia, but I have not been able to find out in which direction they are drawn.

The utility of Stanley as a harbour of refuge would be materially advanced by building a dry dock at Navy Point.

If a newspaper statement is correct that the Imperial Government is embarrassed by the number of Criminals, it may be opportune to place on record that Stanley presents peculiar advantages for a Convict station; the Convicts might

might be employed on such a public work with great advantage, the subject has been ably discussed in a correspondence which appeared in the Times newspaper some years ago, and is to be found intact in the appendix of a work written by Captain Snow who commanded the Missionary schooner "Allen Gardiner" in these waters, it is therefore unnecessary for me to dilate on an exhausted subject, but I cannot help thinking it is worthy of consideration. Stone of a good quality abounds in the vicinity, and the site of Navy Point is moreover favourable for a Convict Establishment, on the completion of this work the Convicts might be employed in other Government works much wanted adjacent to the town.

Grant to Stanley Rec

At page 217 of the Blue Book appears the word "nil", under the head of Hospitals, so requisite in a Christian Colony, there is room for the formation of a Cottage hospital for those seamen of the Merchant Service of the World who from accidents on board or from acute disease contracted by hardship and exposure attendant on being cast away on these inclement shores; after giving the subject

subject the deepest consideration for the last five years I cannot help being impressed with the necessity for the measure, the lodging houses in the town are all very well as a temporary accommodation for wrecked sailors in health, but they are not fit abodes for those who are bedridden.

I cite one of many instances which have come under my observation; a sailor was landed from a vessel with a compound fracture of the leg, a lodging was found and the case was proceeding favourably under the Surgeon's care, when the lodging house keeper found it convenient to change his quarters, in conveying the poor sailor from one house to the other the leg was broken again!

The local government has all the means at hand for the establishment of such an institution, a Surgeon, a house, bedsteads and bedding in the store, all that is required to mitigate the sufferings of a deserving class who convey our commerce to the uttermost parts of the Earth is the item £100 in

£100.

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the Estimates for the services of a qualified nurse or sick attendant this and other additional expenses might be met by a charge on the shipping of all nations entering the port of Town.

The port has seriously felt the movement made by Mr Plimsoll in aid of the British mariner, many vessels were yearly condemned in this Port as unseaworthy, and their hulks still never leave the harbour, but during 1873 & 1874 the sale of hulks has quite collapsed and the trade is confined to the repair of sound vessels which have suffered from the violence of the Ocean in attempting to round the Horn.

Stanley is one of the most costly places of residence in the Colonial Empire, combined with the least appreciable advantage for money expended; as I may have before remarked in my Despatches the class in the Islands who are the most independent and who can live at little cost are those whose occupations involve manual labour

of

of some kind, whilst those to whom
hired labour is indispensable ordinary
comfortable existence in this severe climate
is costly. To one large warm peat fire
a hot boiler burns night and day
thoroughly warming his cottage, requiring
little if no attendance, but in a house
with several rooms where the fires have
to be daily laid and the grates polished
the expense of labour and material becomes
serious.

In my last Report I commented
on the rather unsatisfactory field the
Island presented for Immigrants, the
expense of the necessaries of life being
50% higher than those obtainable in
the United Kingdom, renders the higher
wages paid for labour in Stanley of
no advantage to the Immigrant, who
monetarily is rather worse off than
he was at home, and much subdued
by the absence of friends, whose
association renders life so enjoyable.

I find much discontent amongst
the recent arrivals which will have
its effect on the labour market at
home, almost to cut off the supply of
shepherds who are yearly in such
demand

demand owing to the rapid increase of the flocks; within a few days' sail the natives of Tierra del Fuego are dying every Winter from want of food, might not they be legally imported under an Apprentice Ordinance, and the deficiency of labour at once be met with. For years they have formed the only labour employed at the Mission Farm Station of Keppel Island, West Falkland, proving the natives can easily be trained to habits of useful industry; naturally they are ingenious, they prepare slings, spears, snares and other instruments employed in the capture of seals, fish and birds, and these appliances though far from showing the perfection exhibited in the tackle of the European, manifest a greater share of the inventive faculties than we could easily have believed to belong to so rude and unpainly a people. We much require unskilled labour to watch sheep and they want food, surely the exchange is but a gradual progression in accordance with the usual analogy of Divine operations.

J. Return

7. Return showing the number of Children vaccinated during the year 1874.

Children over 3 years old		Children under 3 years old		Total	
Male.	Female.	Male.	Female	Male	Female
7	3	28.	23.	35 sixty one.	26

H.R.H. Stanley
Board of Guardians
for — — for —

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

No 17.

H. M. S. ——
March 14th 1875.

My Lord.

At page 4, 12, 183 of the Blue Book your Lordship will perceive that a small Revenue is derived by the sale of spring water, rather a scarce article in the harbour, the small sum collected is in some remuneration for the original expence incurred in building the brick reservoir and for the yearly repairs of the hose, pipes, fence, and pitch; 2/6 a ton is cheerfully paid by the Merchant Marine, the convenience of the apparatus and the saving of labour thereby being universally admitted.

2/6

H.M.'s Detached Squadron received 400 tons during their stay, unfortunately the old Harbour Master whose interest it is to collect the dues was very ill at the time, but he deputed the collection to a Government Pilot, who was told that the Governor had arranged with the Flag Captain that the Squadron should be exempt from the rate.

This was quite an error no such

such conversation took place. H.M. Ships having always paid after all the circumstances under which the charge is made were explained to Commanders, and in this instance I am sure the Admiral would have ordered the payment as he expressed to me how simple and convenient the contrivance was for watering the fleet, may I therefore request your Lordship will move their Lordships to Admiralty to grant the amount of the inclosed Bill £50 to be paid to the Crown Agents

I only became acquainted yesterday in conversation with the Harbour Master that the amount was not settled when the Squadron was in harbour.

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

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

Falkland Islands 14 March 1875

Enclosure.

H.M.'s Detached Squadron
under Rear Admiral Ramsay C.B.
To the Colonial Government

To 400 tons water supplied from the Government Reservoir at the rate of 2/6 per ton. £50.—

No 10

Gt. S. P.
15th March 1875.

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Circular of the 6th August 1873 together with that of the 28th Octr 1874 and to express my regret that the former Circular was not answered at the time. Post does not being carried at this port I did not consider the Circulars affected this Government.

2. In the event of such a contingency the Admiralty regulations will be kept in view by a clause of exemption being added to the ordinance in favour of Transports.

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

The Rt Hon'ble
The Earl of Carnarvon
&c &c &c.

No	Date.
50.	12th December 1874
51.	16 " "
52	19 " "
53	19 " "
54	26 " "
55	31 " "
1	9th January 1875
2	12th " "
3	12th " "
Acknowledging Parliamentary Grant	18th " "
	20th " "

C.S.S.
March 30th 1875

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt on the 24th instant of your Lordship's Despatches, as per margin.

I have &c
(sd) G. B. Hicks
Governor

The Rt Hon'ble
The Earl of Carnarvon
&c &c &c

Circular	24th November 1874
"	20th " "
"	3rd December "
"	11th " "
"	23rd " "
"	11th January 1875
"	10th " "
"	20th " "
Parliamentary	9th " "
"	10th " "
"	30th " "
"	30th " "

G.St. S. & I.
March 30th 1875.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt on the 24th instant of your Lordship's Circular Despatches, as noted in the margin, per Black Hawk via Montevideo; also to forward a schedule of unanswered Despatches.

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

The Right Honble
The Earl of Carnarvon
&c &c &c

No 19.

G.H.S. F.J.
March 30th 1875

My Lord,

No 53
19 Dec 1874.

In answer to your Lordship's Despatch, as per margin, instructing me to recognize Mr. George Gerard as United States Consul of these Islands, I have the honour to report that this Gentleman has been resident in the Colony during the past year, and is in every respect a fit and proper person to act in the high capacity of Consul, and I have recognized him accordingly pending your Lordship's Sequester

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

The Right Honble
The Earl of Carnarvon
&c — &c — &c

№ 20.

G. St. & N.S.
1st April 1875.

My Lord,

№ 34
26/12/74.

In answer to your Lordship's Despatch as per margin, announcing Mr. Ellis' appointment as Schoolmaster, I have the honour to report that this gentleman took charge of the Government School from this date according to your Lordship's orders.

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

The Right Honble
The Earl of Carnarvon
&c — &c — &c.

No 21.

G.H.S. P.O.
April 2nd 1875.

My Lord,

30 March 1875

I have the honour to enclose a letter from the Revd H. C. Lowry, the Acting Colonial Chaplain, requesting your Lordship to reconsider your decision in reference to his claim to be allowed the full stipend of Colonial Chaplain from the date of the late Chaplain's retirement on a pension.

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

The Right Honble
Richard Assheton Cross
&c &c &c

No 22.

Foreign Office
2nd April 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.

I have &c
(Sd) E. B. Hamilton
for
The Right Honble
The Earl Granville &c &c &c

2 Copies of Commercial Reports No 22. 1874. Part 4.
2 " (Spain) No 1 - 1874.
2 " (China) No 6 - 1874.
2 " (Japan) No 1 - 1874.

No 23.

Sir Gor D'arcy's disp
No 63 of 15th Nov: 1874
W. Gr.

Govt. S. T.I.
2nd April 1875.

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch No 3 of 12 January 1875 in which you have been pleased to grant permission to Mrs Goss to occupy a government cottage during her life.

I am requested to convey to your Lordship Mrs Goss's heartfelt acknowledgments for your kind consideration so much in mitigation of her unfortunate position.

I have &c
(Sd) G D'Arcy
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Sir R.H. Stanbe
Colonial Secretary
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Schedule of Despatches transmitted from the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies per mail steamer "Black Hawk" via Montevideo on 15th May 1875.

No. of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	No. of Enclosures
—	1875 May 4th	Acknowledgment of Despatches and Circulars	one
24	May 13th	Advising Bills drawn on H.M. Paymaster General. Parliamentary Grant 1875-76	one
25	May 15th	The Bills of H.M.S. 10. supposed to have been withdrawn in the early part 1874-75	one
26	May 15th	Acknowledging the receipt of Despatch approving of the Estimates, and granting a vote of £3.500 for the current financial year	none
27	May 15th	Reporting arrival of the Government Schoolmaster; and the increased rate of tuition from 3 to 6/- per week	none

No. of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	No. of Enclosure
28	1875 May 15th	Acknowledging receipt of certain Parliamentary Papers	none
29	May 15th	Reporting that the last instalment of £75. 6. 4. has been paid to the Children of Mr. Maury, & convey,	none
30	May 15th	Covering Despatch & the Wool grading Ordinance. No 1 - 1875	Encl 1
31	May 15th	Covering Despatch with Memorandum Registrar's appeal to the Secretary of State	Encl 1

No	Date 1875.
4.	17th February
5.	23rd "
6.	25th "
7	27th "
8	1st March
9	3rd March
10	12th March
Parliamentary Seal	19th February
Acknowledgment	15th February
Circular	10th "
do	15th "
do	23rd "
do	3rd March
do	12th "
Accounts (2)	10th February
Parliamentary	17th "
do	10th March
do	10th March

Govt. H. J.
4 May 1875.

My Lord,

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

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

The Rt. Hon.
The Earl of Carnarvon
&c &c &c

No 24

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
May 13th 1875.

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 financial year 1875-76.

£250- No 1 dated 13th May 1875 for the sum of £250 sterling at par in favour of Christopher & Thomas Murry.

£144.0.11. No 2 dated 13th May 1875 for the sum of £144-8-11 sterling at par in favour of Ellen Murry-

2.- The proceeds of these Bills are required to pay the Amount standing to the credit of the Judicial deposit account of the children of Christopher Murry, and have been carried to the credit of the Colonial Revenue as per enclosed Certificate.

The Right Honble
The Earl of Carnarvon
&c &c &c

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

Colony of Falkland Islands

Bill No 1 dated 15th May 1875 £250 .. 0 .. 0
" 2 " " £144 " 8 " 11

Drawn by Colonel D'Arcy on H.M.'s Paymaster General, on the credit of the Parliamentary Grant for the general services of the Colony in aid of Colonial Revenue for 1875-76.

I hereby certify that the amount realized by the above two bills was duly carried to the credit of the Colonial Revenue on 15th May 1875.

(Sd) G Travis
Treasurer &c

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

No 25

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
15th May 1875.

My Lord,

In reply to your Lordships Despatch "Parliamentary Grant" of 19th February 1875 respecting the item of £8-3-10 alleged to be overdrawn on the Parliamentary Grant for 1874-75, I have the honour to inform your Lordship that this amount was not lost sight of in drawing the balance of the grant.

£8. 3. 10

2. On reference to the enclosed duplicate statement (the original of which was transmitted in my Despatch No 64 of 29th December last) it will be observed that the sum of £20 includes the two charges incurred in Shipping the Specie, and the Despatches of 15th April and also of 18th September 1874 are quoted.

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

The Rt Hon.ble
The Earl of Carnarvon
&c &c &c

No 26

G.A.S.I.
May 15th 1875.

C.S.O.
No 1
27th February 1875.

My Lord,

The Despatch as per margin, I have read with attention, and your Lordship's Orders will be strictly attended to.

The arrears of rent of the Crown Lands which were due on the 30th June 1874 amounting to three hundred and ten pounds four shillings and three pence, £310-4-3 were duly paid before the end of the year.

The Right Honble
The Earl of Carnarvon
&c &c &c

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

No 27

G.H.S.I.S.
May 15th 1875.

My Lord,

Referring to your Lordships Despatch, as per margin, I have to report the arrival of Mr J.W. Collins the Government Schoolmaster.

He took over charge of the school on the 1st April; I find he is an Undergraduate of the University of Edinburgh and that his attainments are of a high order, his assiduity is marked, and his mode of teaching kind and instructive; the people of Stanley are fortunate in obtaining the services of this young gentleman whose supervision at once raises the school from that of a parish to a grammar school.

From the 1st of April I use the weekly school fence from three to six, thus relieving myself and Bishop Stirling from the weight of the monitorial system, the increase has been cheerfully paid by the parents, whose position more resembles the small tradesman of England than the day labourer.

3d to 6d a week

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

The Rt Hon.ble
The Earl of Carnarvon
&c &c &c

3 Salaries Salaries
No 5-14
2 Dec 1874

No 28

G. A. S. F. I.
May 15th 1875.

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
G D'Arcy
Governor

The Rt Hon^ble
The Earl of Carnarvon
&c &c &c

3 Copies Consular Reports No 1 of 1875 Part 1 &
4 " Colonial Possessions Part 1 & 2
2 " Commercial Reports (China)
No 1 of 1875.

No 24

G. H. S. I. I.
May 15th 1875.

My Lord,

In Despatches, as per margin, I detailed to your Lordship all the particulars I was aware of in connection with the Estate of one Murry a resident of this Town who murdered his wife in 1858.

By my Despatch No 24 of May 15th 1875, transmitted by this mail your Lordships will perceive that the last instalment of four hundred and seventy nine pounds six shillings and one penny has been paid over to Mr Detleff the guardian of the children for their benefit whose receipt is held in this Office, the children are now of age and residents near Buenos Ayres; under the late governor Admiral Moore's deed, they take over the property from this date.

I am sure your Lordship in your consideration will take a note of the circumstances detailed in the 4 Para of my Despatch No 11 of the 22nd March 1873. The fact that the children should have come of age during my time has been very embarrassing to my financial administration.

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

The Rt Hon.ble
The Earl of Carnarvon
&c &c &c

(Des No 11 of 22 March 1873
" 46 of October 1st 1873)

£479.6.1

By Bill £250..1..11
" " 144..8..11
Cash 84..17..2
£479..6..1

No 30

G. A. S. O. I.
16th May 1875.

My Lord,

In answer to Despatch No 42 of the 24th November 1874 enclosing a copy of a letter addressed to your Lordship together with a copy of the Act. No 17 of 1853 of the Colony of South Australia. I have the honour to report that I duly forwarded the correspondence to Mr Williams then resident at his farm in the West Island; during last February I had occasion to visit this Island, collecting from the resident farmers a unanimous expression of opinion that the extension of the provisions of the Act, would be beneficial to their interests; moreover they requested me to hasten the necessary legislation.

The Legislative Council passed the accompanying Ordinance which I have now the honour to forward; it is very much the same as the Ordinance your Lordship was good enough to enclose for our guidance, a slight difference is made to meet the provisions of the Bankruptcy Act of 1870.

I explained to the Board the advantages which were likely to accrue to the Farmers from the measure;

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after the passing of the Ordinance they will be able to mortgage their growing wool separate from the sheep, which they cannot do except by an Ordinance; moreover borrowers will be enabled to obtains loans at a lower rate of interest than they do at present giving them pecuniary aid to a much larger extent than they could obtain without the extra security given under the provisions of the Ordinance, enabling settlers to make purchases of shipping materials, timber for buildings and fencing (so much required at the commencement of a farming establishment) at lower rates than they do now; their London Agents making the advances being men with large connections buying for them in the best markets on the best terms and only charging a commission of 2½ per cent.

The Ordinance will enable Farmers to obtain advances against the Wool Clip of November 1875 which in the ordinary course of conveyance would not reach England till August 1876, and it must have the effect of throwing into the Country the Capital so much required in all young Colonies.

Yours

Your Lordship will perceive by the 8th clause that the Ordinance is only made for 18 months in order to test its utility; if it is found to work beneficially it can be renewed by a short Ordinance.

The Seven Australian Colonies having for so many years adopted the measure, this small wool growing Colony cannot be wrong in following such a precedent, and I trust your Lordship will be pleased to recommend the Ordinance to the Sovereign.

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

The Rt Hon.ble
The Earl of Carnarvon
&c &c &c

No 31

G. H. S. L. I.
May 15th 1875.

My Lord,

I regret extremely having to trouble your Lordship with this reference.

Mr Smith has placed me on my trial; in defence, I am obliged to recount the circumstances which compelled me to write the letter of the 26th of April.

In the smaller Colonies, when a Colonist imagines he suffers from injustice he appeals to the Governor for redress, especially is this the habit with Foreigners.

Mr Degenhardt is a native of Holland, a naturalized British subject, and householder of the town, a position he has arrived at by the hard industry of years; on Tuesday the 20th of April, he was summoned to appear before the Stipendiary Magistrate, for having failed to take out a Dog Licence, on explaining to the Magistrate that the dog was no longer his property and that he had sent it on board a Schooner, then about to sail for Salvador, the Magistrate dismissed

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Stipendiary Magistrate's letter of 12th May 1875

Dft to Governor 21 April 1875.

5/- per annum

the case, but being doubtful of the truth of the statement, Mr Smith went on board the Schooner the same afternoon, and not finding the dog on board issued a summons for Mr Degenhardt's attendance at the Police Office the following morning, Wednesday, in the meanwhile Mr Degenhardt having become indisposed, delivered a Medical Certificate to the Constable who returned with a message from the Magistrate, to the effect, that if Mr Degenhardt did not attend, a warrant would be issued for his apprehension, accordingly he attended and endeavoured to explain, that the boy who had been told to take the dog off to the Schooner could not get a shore boat, therefore he tied up the animal in a friends house, when Mr Degenhardt is informed of this contretemps he took the dog off himself at 8 O'clock A.M. on the Wednesday; unfortunately Mr Smith would not listen to what Mr Degenhardt had to say and inflicted on the defendant a fine of £2.-15/- for keeping a dog without a licence and for having deceived the Court.

£2.-15/-

Under these extenuating circumstances I might have commented on the severity of the sentence, and on the Magistrates

Habit

habit so often complained of in not allowing the defendant to say one word in his defence, I simply however requested that he would receive Medical Certificates, at least until a reference could be made to your Lordship. Mr Smith meets my request with contumacy not till then was my letter of the 26th April written; all my temperate courteous letters are withheld only the one hasty letter forwarded.

The late Mr Griffiths invariably accepted a Medical Certificate, and Mr Smith to my certain knowledge has done likewise, moreover your Lordship must be aware that cases coming before the Stipendiary Magistrates of the Metropolitan Police Courts are adjourned in consequence of the illness of a prosecutor or Witness or a Defendant; in the case of the latter I imagine the Magistrate would require to be satisfied that he was in a respectable position not likely to escape from justice, such was Mr Degenhardts case and the Public Service could not have suffered by an adjournment of a few days.

I wish respectfully to call

Your

Your Lordships attention to the affidavit sworn to by the Chief Constable where he states he was not furnished with a warrant by the Magistrate to compel Mr Degenhardts attendance at Court, when it appears from Dr Watts's letter, and the opposing affidavit, that Mr Degenhardt was threatened with a warrant, otherwise he would not have left the house on Wednesday in question; the threat here is surely tantamount to the delivery, the effect being the same.

It is now for your Lordship, in your supremacy, to decide whether I have exceeded my authority in eventually ordering after a long correspondence that medical Certificates should be received in Court.

I. D. G D'Arcy

P.S.

Reading over the Constables affidavit again I observe he affirms that Mr Degenhardt was not dragged out of bed, Mr Smith obtains this assertion to qualify the latter part of my letter of the 16th which I used only as a figure of speech, meaning that I would not allow people to be taken to Court for trivial offences when under the treatment of the Colonial Surgeon.

I have &c

I. D. G D'Arcy

Governor

The Rt Hon^ble

The Earl of Carnarvon

&c &c &c

Copy of Mr Degenhardt's affidavit.

I, Gerald Degenhardt, a native of Holland but a naturalized British subject and owner of two freehold houses make Oath and say-

1. That on or about the 21st of April I was told by Mr Parry the Chief Constable that if I did not follow him to Court, notwithstanding the Medical Certificate I received from the Colonial Surgeon, a warrant would be issued against me; this threat compelled my attendance in the Court although suffering from an inflamed Eye at the time, which I received at a Ball given to the whole Community of Stanley by Montague Dean Esqre on the occasion of his being made a Partner in the firm of Messrs Dean & Sons.

Mr Parry states in his affidavit that no one appeared in my behalf at the Court on Wednesday morning the 21st whereas I sent my Wife Mrs Degenhardt with the Medical Certificate who gave it to the Clerk of the Court in the presence of the Constable.

As the affidavit made by Mr Parry is so detrimental

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to my character I appeal to Cardinal Manning for a Voucher of respectability

(sd) G Degenhardt

Sworn before me this fifteenth day of May One thousand eight hundred and seventy five.

(sd) H. A Watts J.P.