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of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for  
the Colonies & Royal Mail steamer "Black Hawk"  
via Montevideo on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1876.

No. of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	No. of Inclosures
No. 26	17 <sup>th</sup> June <sup>1876</sup>	Reporting that £1000 in florins has been received forming a portion of the Participating Grant for 1867-77	one. (1)
27	19 <sup>th</sup> June	Forwarding a certificate stating that £1000 has been received and paid to the credit of Colonial Revenue on 19 June 1876	one. (1)
—	19 <sup>th</sup> June	Acknowledgment of Despatches and particulars	one (1)
28.	28 <sup>th</sup> June	Forwarding a statement of the Assets and liabilities computed from 1 <sup>st</sup> May 1876 to the financial year ending 31 <sup>st</sup> March 1877	three (3)
29.	26 <sup>th</sup> June	Forwarding a portion of the account of San Rafael "on Hoste Island, and letters written by the Captain, and interesting particulars from the Missionary Superintendent at Tierra del Fuego.	three (3)

No. of Dispatch	Date of Dispatch	Subject of Dispatch	No. of Enclosures
No. 30.	<sup>1876</sup> 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Reporting the appointment of Mr Bailey to the Office of Police Magistrate	nil.
" 31.	26 <sup>th</sup> June.	Transmitting copy of a letter from Mr. D. L. Vice Consul at Sandy Point relating to proposed steam communication between Port Stanley & Stanley	one.
" 32.	26 <sup>th</sup> June	Reporting the departure of Mr. Smith and having advanced £201.9-11 to defray his passage and that of his family to England	two
" 33.	28 <sup>th</sup> June	Reporting the wreck of the Italian barque "Fortunato" off Cervia in Berkeley Sound.	nil
" 34.	30 <sup>th</sup> June	Forwarding Ordnance No 2 1876.	six (6)
" 35.	30 <sup>th</sup> June	Forwarding Ordnance No 3 1876	six (6)
" 36.	1 <sup>st</sup> July	Requesting that four guns may be sent for the Isolating battery at Stanley	one (1)

No 26.

G.H. S. P. I  
17<sup>th</sup> June 1876

Mysford.

£1000. I have the honour to report to your lordship that the sum of £1000 in florins, forming a portion of the Parliamentary Grant in aid of Colonial Revenue for 1876-77, has been received through the Post Office for the Colonies and placed to the credit of Colonial Revenue, as per enclosed certificate.

The Rt Honble  
The Earl of Harrowby  
Colonial Offc.

I have to  
say, T. F. Callaghan  
Joint-Secretary

Colony of Falkland Islands

£1000.

I hereby certify that the sum of One thousand pounds sterlings, forwarded through the Post Office for the Colonies, on the credit of the Parliamentary Grant for the current financial year 1876-77, for the general service of the Colony, has been received and carried to the credit of Colonial Revenue on the 17<sup>th</sup> June 1876.

(Signed) T. F. Callaghan  
Joint-Secretary

1<sup>st</sup> G. Travis  
Colonial Receiver

M. 27.

W. J. F.  
19<sup>th</sup> June 1876

My Lord.

In compliance with your lordship's  
 Royal Warrant Parliamentry Grant, dated  
 12<sup>th</sup> April 1876, I have the honour to forward  
 a Certificate signed and countersigned by the  
 sum of £1000 forming a portion of the  
 Parliamentary Grant for the financial year  
 1876-77, in aid of Colonial Revenue, paid  
 to the Crown Agents for the Colonies on the 11<sup>th</sup>  
 April 1876.

W. R. Hall  
 The Earl of Clarendon  
 &c & &  
 Colonial Office.

I have &  
 (sd) T. F. Callaghan  
 Genl. Secy.

## Colony of Falkland Islands

Advance made to the Crown Agents for the  
 colonies of the sum of £1000 set up in the credit  
 of the Parliamentary Grant for the general service  
 of the colony, for the year 1876-77.

I hereby certify that the above amount of £1000  
 has been received by the Government being a payment on  
 account of the Parliamentary Grant of 1876-77  
 in aid of Colonial Revenue, and has been duly  
 carried to the credit of the Colonial Revenue  
 on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of June 1876.

(sd) G. Evans  
 Colonial Treasurer

(sd) T. F. Callaghan  
 Genl. Secy.

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9.	12 <sup>th</sup> April 1875
10.	13 <sup>th</sup> April .
11.	17 <sup>th</sup> April .
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14.	6 <sup>th</sup> May .
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"	10 <sup>th</sup> April .
"	22 <sup>nd</sup> " .
"	26 <sup>th</sup> " .
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Parliamentary	6 <sup>th</sup> April .
"	10 <sup>th</sup> .
"	13 <sup>th</sup> .
Acknowledg.	5 <sup>th</sup> April .
Parliamentary	10 <sup>th</sup> April .
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G. H. S. P. I.  
19 June 1875

My Lord.

I have the honour  
to acknowledge the receipt on the  
17<sup>th</sup> instant of your lordship's  
Despatches and Circulars, <sup>as per</sup>  
margin, and to forward a  
Schedule of unanswered  
Despatches.

I have the  
hon. T. F. Callaghan  
Lt Gov.

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

Schedule of Despatches sent to the Secretary of State of the Colonies  
remaining in my possession over one month unanswered.

No 43 of 15<sup>th</sup> August 1875.  
No 115<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1875 { financial  
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Schedule of Despatches received and in my possession over one  
month unanswered.

W.H. -

N<sup>o</sup> 20

G. H. S. F. I.  
23<sup>rd</sup> June 1878

My Lord,

*Inclomme No 1.*

I have the honour to transmit a Statement of the Assets and Liabilities of this Government computed from the 13<sup>th</sup> May last (the day on which the charge of the Colonial Treasury was handed over to me), to the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1877. From this Statement it will be seen that the estimated local Revenue for that period amounts to £3,320. 15. 10.; and computing the Parliamentary grant at £3,350 as per Estimate the balance of it available for the service of the Colony amounts to (including the £1,000 in specie just received) £1,050.

I may observe in passing that no statement of the amount of Parliamentary grant sanctioned for the present financial year has yet been received. By adding to the foregoing for £50 cash in the Treasury on the 13<sup>th</sup> May last, and other items set down in this Statement, it will appear that the total available resources from the Parliamentary grant (computing it at £3,350) and all other sources, amounts to £5,240. 9. 0. While the total estimated expenditure is £6,320. 5. 3. showing that under this head alone a further sum of £1,079. 15. 7 will be required to carry on the service of the Colony for the period in question.

2. On referring to the statement it will

The Right Hon.  
The Earl of Carnarvon  
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will be seen that there are other items on it on the debit side amounting to £3043.5.10. which will bring the total amount of liabilities in excess of Assets up to £4123.1.5.

3. Amongst these other items it will be observed that there are certain debts on account of money borrowed by the government from local individuals and already spent in the service of the colony which amount to £2020.11.6. Of this amount £550 set down as not bearing interest was borrowed recently by Colonel Tilney on the understanding as I am informed that it was to be repaid before the 15<sup>th</sup> May last. The parties have however at my request consented to wait for awhile but this sum of £550 must be considered as a liability which will have to be promptly met. I have had a statement made giving some particulars of these local loans in a separate account which is herewith enclosed.

*Enclosure No. 2*

4. I understand that the Lenders of the £1470 are in no immediate hurry for their money.

5. Amongst the liabilities set down in Enclosure No. 2 the sum of £31.11.5. appears as the proceeds of 17 Intestate Estates deposited in the Colonial Treasury and expended in the public service. All the particulars connected with these estates which I have been able to obtain are given on a separate sheet.

*Enclosure No 3.*

sheet which is also enclosed.

6. I am informed that no demand on foot of these Intercolonial debts is likely to be made upon this Government. Assuming that to be the case the total liabilities on account of assets may be reduced by £331. 11. 5 leaving a balance of £3791. 7. 0. to be provided for.

7. - As this involves a very heavy demand upon the Treasury, perhaps your lordship may consider it desirable to postpone for the present the payment of the £4470. 6. 6. which is bearing interest. In that case the sum of £2320. 15. 6. will be immediately required in addition to the estimated Parliamentary Grant of £3,350. to carry on the service of this Government and to meet its other pressing liabilities.

8. As bearing on the financial position of the colony I beg to refer your lordship to Colonel Biggs' Dispatch No. 43 of 16<sup>th</sup> August and No. 60 of 15<sup>th</sup> November 1875, and their accompanying enclosures. In the former of these Dispatches he suggests that £2,000 should be added to the Parliamentary Grant for 1876-77, and if this has been done the £2320. 15. 6. already referred to will be proportionately reduced.

9. I greatly regret being obliged to go into these details but in view of the very

very critical position in which I find the financial affairs of the Colony it is — absolutely necessary that I should do so.

10. Assuming that no addition has already been made to the Parliamentary Grant I find that it will be necessary for me to ask that your Lordship may be pleased to move the Treasury to sanction my drawing for the £2320 already referred to, or to make such arrangements as may be — considered necessary under the circumstances to enable me to carry on the service of the Colony up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 1877, and to meet the other pressing liabilities to which I have referred.

11. I shall be anxiously expecting a reply to this Dispatch, and I feel assured that I may count upon your Lordship's assistance to relieve me as soon as possible from the very disagreeable and embarrassing position in which I am placed.

I have the  
 (sd) T. F. Callaghan  
 Joint-Governor



Balance

Statement of the Assets and Liabilities of  
13<sup>th</sup> May 1876 (the date when the Treasury was

	Assets	Amount
1876 May 13.	Total local Revenue from 13 May 1876 to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 1877, as per Estimates, Specie en route to the Colony (Received 17 <sup>th</sup> June 1876)	3320. 15. 10. 1000 " "
	Undrawn balance of the Parliamentary Grant for 1876-77. Continuing same at £3350.	850 " "
	Cash in the Colonial Treasury	50 " "
	The Grant has been distributed as follows:-	
	Amount paid to the Com Agents. . . . .	1000. 0. 0.
	Specie forwarded to the Colony . . . . .	1000. 0. 0.
	Bills drawn since April 1 <sup>st</sup> 1876 the proceeds of which were expended } before that date. } . . . .	500. 0. 0.
	Balance of grant undrawn . . . . .	<u>850. 0. 0.</u> <u>£ 3350. 0. 0.</u>
	Carried forward £	5,220. 15. 10.

to Government of Falkland Islands computed from the  
billed up to Mr Callaghan) up to the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1877.

	Liabilities	Amount
10th May 13.	Total Expenditure from 13 <sup>th</sup> May 1876 to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 1877, as per Returns.	6320. 5. 3
" "	Lundy Loans bearing Interest	140. 11. 6
" "	The Interest now due on above loans	07 - -
" "	Loans of New Dean from Mr Williams £250/- £300 -	550 - -
" "	not bearing Interest and requiring prompt payment.	
" "	Balance of current account due the from Agents for the Colonies probably £200 -	200 - -
" "	Balance of current account due the General Post Office	30 - -
" "	Gratuity to the Presbyterian Minister Sanctioned in Despatch No <sup>o</sup> 29 of 16 <sup>th</sup> October 1875	50 - -
	Carried forward	£ 8715. 16. 9

Statement of the Assets and liabilities of the

	Assets	Amount
1896 May 13	Brought forward	5220. 15. 10
" "	Balance due the Colonial Government by the Board of Trade in respect of eight Anne Advances	23. 6. 2
" "	Balance due the Colonial Government by the War Office for advances to Resident Military Commissioners	4. 7. 0
		5248. 9. 0
	Total amount of liabilities in excess of estimated assets	1123. 1. 5.
		<u>L 9371. 11. 1</u>

I hereby certify that the foregoing account is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(s) J. H. Wood  
W. K. Keay

Balances of Falkland Islands from May 1<sup>st</sup> 1876 to March 31<sup>st</sup> 1877.

	Liabilities	Amount
	Brought forward	8715. 8. 9
1876 May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Balance of salary due the Presbyterian Minister for three months ending 31 <sup>st</sup> March 1876	25 . .
" "	Balance of salary due the Colonial Surgeon for three months ending 31 <sup>st</sup> March 1876	22 10 .
" "	Amount due the Colonial Surgeon for repurchase of the Bible sold by Public Auction, as reported in Governor D'Arcy's Despatch No 1 of 1 <sup>st</sup> January 1876	75 . .
" "	By proceeds of 17 Intestate Estates deposited in the Colonial Treasury since 1840 <sup>th</sup> , and expended in the Public Service	531 14 5
" "	Passage money of Mr. C. Smith and family to England, not provided for in the Estimates.	201 9 11
		<i>L 9,341 11 1</i>

Enclosure  
No 2.

Amount of Money now remaining due  
borrowed from local Individuals by  
the Falkland Islands Government, and spent  
in the service of the Colony, with the names  
of the Lenders.

When borrowed.	Name of Lender.	Amount borrowed.
1871 October 2 <sup>d</sup>	J. C. Pettifor bearing Interest c 5% p.a.	200 . .
November 8 <sup>d</sup>	J. Stocking + b c 5% p.a.	100 . .
1873 March 11 <sup>d</sup>	H. M. Watts b c 2½% p.a.	100 . .
1874 August 15 <sup>d</sup>	J. Stocking for c 5% p.a. from 10 <sup>d</sup> April 1875	320. 11. 6.
Sept 22 <sup>d</sup>	J. Carey bearing Interest c 5% p.a.	300 . .
" 22 <sup>d</sup>	C. Bender + b c 5% p.a.	100 " .
1875 Decem <sup>r</sup> 20 <sup>d</sup>	C. Bender + b c 5% p.a.	100 . .
1876 January 17 <sup>d</sup>	J. Harvey + b c 5% p.a.	100 . .
April 4 <sup>d</sup>	J. Patterson b c 2½% p.a.	100 . .
		L 1470. 11. 6.

The following are not bearing Interest

1876 April 17	Dear Jars +	L 250. —
May 1	C. Williams +	100. —
4	C. Williams X	<u>200.</u> —
		550 . .
	Total	L 2,020. 11. 6.

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No 3.

Particulars of 17 Intestate Estates  
deposited in the Provincial Treasury and expended  
in the Public Service.

Date of Receipt	Name of Deceased	Amount
1868.		
October 6 <sup>th</sup>	Sam Halloran	19 : 2 ½
" "	George Burns	13. 7 7 ¾
" "	Francois Grenade	6. 16. 11 ¾
" "	Allan Camp	2. 17. 2 ¾
" "	Jane Smith	2. 1. 6 ½
" "	Rivera	. 3. 9
" "	Joseph Lee	2. 6. 1
" "	Gabriel Stancer	6. 14. 9
" "	John Wilson	. 11. 4
" "	John Weston	1. 3
" "	Hugh McDowell	. 15. 6
1869		
October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	John Barnard	2 12 -
" "	Richd Howe	11 17 0
" "	William Stutherford	3. 7 3.
1869		
October 21 <sup>st</sup>	Patrick Ward	16. 6
" 1	L. Ennis	10. 14 .
" 31	Joe Simon	225 .

L 331. 14. 5

N<sup>o</sup> 29.G. H. S. T.  
26 June 1876

My Lord.

I have the honour to transmit a copy of a letter which I have received from Mr. Read M. Bridges, Missionary Superintendent of the South African Missionary Society at Coquioia Tierra del Fuego regarding what he terms "the probable loss of the Liverpool" vessel called 'San Rafael' belonging to Messrs Balfour Williams & C.

2. Shortly after the receipt of this letter the mail from England arrived here bringing news that the supposition as to the loss of this vessel was unfortunately too well founded.

3. I enclose a copy of a paragraph which appeared in the Liverpool Weekly Mercury of the 15th April last giving an account of the destruction of the 'San Rafael' by fire in Latitude 53° Longitude 46 W.

4. There can be little doubt although there is some discrepancy as to two of the names that the man referred to in the 'Mercury' as missing are those whose bodies were found by Mr. Read M. Bridges on Hosto Island in the vicinity of Tierra del Fuego, as detailed in his painfully interesting letter.

The Right Hon<sup>b</sup>ly  
The Earl of Selborne  
x — x — x  
Colonial Office

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5.- To your lordship may perhaps think it desirable to give the matter publicity I append the names as given by Mr. W. Bridges and by the Liverpool Mercury. The names given by Mr. Bridges are ascertained from the clothing worn by the deceased and Captain and Mrs. Mr. Adam, W. H. Swift, W. Daly, G. G. Stewart, T. Umbrandt, James Reid, and two others names unknown and mentioned. Those in the newspaper are James Mc Adam and his wife James Reid of Johnson, St. Remmings, C. Pugh, W. H. Swift, G. Stewart. - Daly.

6. Captain Willis, who was with Mr. Bridges at the time of the discovery of the bodies, has shown me a letter found amongst the bushes on Hoste Island written in lead pencil on four leaves torn out of a pocket book.  
"from Captain James Mc Adam of the ship San Rafael St John Fleming 84 Canterbury Street Liverpool"

7. I enclose a copy of these few lines written when poor Mr. Adam was, as he says, "very weak and about blind" and perhaps in the whole annals of disaster at sea or land it would be difficult to find anything more sad and touching.

8. Captain Willis has handed over to Mr. Bailey, the Receiver of Wrecks at this port, the following articles some of which were found hidden amongst the rocks on Hoste Island.

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viz:- 1 Chronometer - 1 pair Binoculars  
 1 Barometer (Mercurial) 1 Epitome.  
 1 Sovereign. part of a gold Albert chain.  
 1 Chart. 2 Bibles. 2 life belts.  
 Ships name board marked "San Rafael".

These articles will be forwarded to the Board of Trade by the first opportunity.

G.- It is satisfactory to think that the conduct of the rebels on this occasion was on the whole as humane and kindly as could have been expected from a more civilized community.

I have &c

(signed) T. F. Callaghan  
 Joint Governor

No 30.

G. H. S. T.  
26<sup>th</sup> June 1866

My Lord.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Dispatch No<sup>o</sup> 4 of 6<sup>th</sup> May last and to state that having given the various points referred to in it my best consideration I have decided upon carrying out Colonel Shakes suggestion with regard to Mr Bailey and have selected him for the temporary appointment to the Office of Police Magistrate under the new Ordinance, at a salary of £100 a year.

1. I have consulted Mr Smith and several other gentlemen of experience on the subject and they assure me that Mr Bailey is beyond doubt the Officer best fitted for the appointment in question. He has held the post of Acting Chief Magistrate on several occasions and from all I can learn his appointment will give general satisfaction.

3 With regard to Mr Travis I am happy to be able to report that he is quite satisfied with this arrangement. I have assured him of my intention to avail myself of the first occasion that offers of giving him an increase of salary, and it is probable that an opportunity of doing so may very soon occur.

Mr Melville, who holds the appointments of Harbour Master and Government Storekeeper

to  
H. P. H. H.  
The Earl of Maccuson  
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is I regret to say in a most precarious state of health with very little hope of recovery, and in the event of a vacancy occurring in these appointments a salary of £70 a year would become available for this purpose. I propose also to appoint Mr. Frouis to be Clerk of the Supreme Court by which an opportunity of acquiring some legal experience would be afforded to him) and to allow him £25 a year for this duty, being half the allowance for Clerk here provided in the Colonial Estimates for the judicial department. The remaining half will be required for the Police Magistrate Court.

4 - I trust that under the circumstances your Lordship may be pleased to approve of the arrangements which I have made -

I have the  
1<sup>st</sup>, T. F. Gallagher  
Lieut.-Gov.

No. 31.

G. H. S. J.  
26<sup>th</sup> June 1856

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit a copy of a letter which I have received from Mr. Hamilton & Mr. Vice Consul at Punta Arenas relating to the proposed establishment of steam communication between that place and Stanley.

2. Punta Arenas is situated about 100 miles inside the Straits of Magellan and is about 450 miles distant from this.

3. Although it would be most desirable to secure the advantages of steam communication for this colony I fear the project referred to by Mr. Hamilton is not of a very hopeful character. Direct steam communication between Montevideo and Stanley would be much more acceptable to the mercantile community here than the adoption of this somewhat circuitous and expensive route.

4. The Governor and Mr. Hamilton have not yet come to Stanley and I know nothing more of the project than may be gathered from the enclosed letter. Perhaps your Lordship may think it desirable to have some inquiries made as to the character and prospects of the Company referred to in it.

The Right Honorable  
The Earl of Carnarvon  
P. S. +

I have the  
resd, T. F. Calleyhan  
Capt. Govt.

No 32.

L.H. S.R.  
26<sup>th</sup> June 1896.

My Lord,

I have the honor to forward a letter which I have received from Mr. Smith relative to the payment of his passage to England and that of his family by the Government.

2. - Although I have no rule to guide me as to whether this liability will be assumed by the Government or not, I have thought it my duty under the circumstances to come to Mr. Smith's assistance in the matter.

3. - I have made arrangements with Mr. Coll the local Manager of the Falkland Islands Company who is also the Agent for the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company to provide passages for the required number of persons.

4. From the enclosed statement furnished by Mr. Coll it will appear that the cost of these passages amounts to £201 - 9 - 11.

5. No provision is made in the Estimates for this expenditure and in the embarrassed position of the colony I have been unwilling to draw a Bill upon the Treasury, or to reduce the very small balance left in the Colonial Chest in order

order to defray it

6. I trust that under the circumstances your lordship may be pleased to give the necessary directions to the Compt Agents for the following to pay this amount to Mr Coleman the Secretary of the Falkland Islands Company 39<sup>o</sup> Gracechurch St London, with as little delay as possible. This mode of repayment has been proposed to me by W. G.

7. Upon a reference to the Compt's account I find that the sum of £205 was paid to them on account of the passage of Mr Smith and his family to this Colony in September 1873.

8. It has occurred to me that possibly owing to the circumstances connected with Mr Smith's departure the charge for his passage home will not have to be borne by this colony, but may come out of Imperial funds.

9. I have informed Mr Smith the expense incurred for him in this matter is in the nature of an advance made to him on the understanding that he will have to refund the amount if your lordship does not approve of this arrangement in greater

I have the  
sd) T. F. Callaghan  
Lient. Govr

The Rt Honble  
The Earl of Granville

No 33

G. H. J. T.  
20<sup>th</sup> June 1876

My Lord,

I regret to have to report the wreck  
of the Italian barque "Fortunato" of Genoa,  
656 Tons register which occurred on the  
13<sup>th</sup> May last on the southern shore of  
Berkeley Sound East Falkland, about 20  
miles distant from this port.

2. The vessel was bound from  
Montevideo to Callao in ballast and it  
appears was seriously damaged in a  
storm off Cape Horn (in which the Captain  
was washed overboard) and made for this  
port in a leaky and disabled condition.

Being unable to reach it the Mate  
who had assumed command of the vessel  
decided to run her ashore in order to  
save life. In this he was successful,  
the crew and four passengers having been  
all saved.

3. The vessel has been condemned by  
a board of survey and the crew leave  
Stanley by this mail, their passage  
being provided by the Italian Consul.

The R. P. Hall  
The Earl of Harrowden  
P. C. & K.

I have to  
Yrs, T. F. Gallagher  
Lieut Govr.

No 34.

S. H. S. F. G.  
30<sup>th</sup> June 1876

My Lord.

I have the honour to present six printed copies of an Ordinance No 2 of 1876 entitled "An Ordinance to make further provision for the Administration of Justice in the Falkland Islands" which passed the legislative council of this Colony on the 20<sup>th</sup> instant.

1. It will be perceived that it is a verbatim copy of the draft forwarded in your Lordship's Dispatch of 13 of 6<sup>th</sup> May, the Council being of opinion that as the measure is preliminary and tentative it was desirable to postpone till a future occasion any modification that may be required in it.

3. Mr Dean drew the attention of the council to clause 19, and suggested that when Assessors are summoned by the Police Magistrate in accordance with its provisions they shall be entitled to vote and take part in the decision in the manner provided by section No 21 of the principal Ordinance. Mr Dean however supported the passing of the Ordinance in its present shape on my representation that I should not fail to draw your Lordship's attention to his suggestion, and as far as my short local

local experience enables me to judge it  
is one well deserving of consideration.

4. The Ordinance will come into  
operation on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July next, the  
date of Mr. Smith's departure. Under the  
circumstances I venture to hope that  
the Ordinance in question may receive  
Her most gracious Majesty's confirmation  
and approbation.

Jn R. Heath  
The Earl Harrowby  
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I have to  
(2) T. F. Callaghan  
Lieut.-Govt.

N<sup>o</sup> 35.

G. H. S. G.  
30<sup>th</sup> June 1876

My Lord.

I have the honour to transmit  
six printed copies of an Ordinance No 3-1876  
entitled

"An Ordinance for making certain  
verbal alterations in the Summary  
jurisdiction and other Ordinances  
which passed the legislative council  
on the 29<sup>th</sup> instant." The Ordinance  
in question merely provides for the making  
of certain verbal alterations in the local  
Ordinances which are rendered necessary  
by the passing of Ordinance No 2 of 1876  
referred to in my previous Despatch of  
this day's date

2. - I venture to hope that  
under the circumstances this Ordinance  
will receive Her most gracious Majesty's  
confirmation and approval.

I have the

R. D. Hall  
The Earl Marquess  
K. K. — K.

W. T. F. Callaghan  
Genl. Govr.

No. 36.

G.H. S.R.I.  
1<sup>st</sup> July 1076

My Lord.

I have the honor to forward a copy of a letter which I have received from the Officer commanding the Garrison regarding the unsafe state of the guns at the Saluting battery on the following

2. I trust that under the circumstances stated in this letter your lordship may be pleased to move the authorities at the War Office to send at least four guns to replace those now in use by the first favourable opportunity.

The Rt Hon  
Randal Harcourt  
P.C.

I have the  
sd/ T. F. Callaghan  
Genl Secy



Schedule of Despatches from the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies transmitted by the end of 15<sup>th</sup> August 1876 via Montevideo.

No of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	No of Enclosures
	1876 1 <sup>st</sup> August	Acknowledgment of Despatches and Circulars	one
37	2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Reply to Despatch No 12 of 19 <sup>th</sup> April 1876 detailing further information respecting suburban leases granted to Messrs Colen, Huliff & Smith	one
38	3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Reporting that James Hocking will shortly retire on the pension granted to him viz. £25 a year. Meanwhile he still holds the Office of Surveyor	none
General	9 <sup>th</sup> August	Acknowledging the receipt of Letter Patent issued under the Great Seal constituting the Office of Surveyor and Surveyor-in-Chief, also of the Governor's Surveyor	one
General	9 <sup>th</sup> August	Noting the receipt of a Commission issued under the Royal Sign Manual and Letters appointing Mr Foss to Administer, under certain regulations, the port of the Falkland Islands	none

No. of Dispatch	Date of Dispatch	Subject of Dispatch	No. of Enclosures
39	15 <sup>th</sup> August	Requesting a further sum of £402. 10s in addition to the liabilities referred to in my Dispatch No. 38 of 25 <sup>th</sup> June last	none.
40.	9 <sup>th</sup> August	The desire of the community to have a Colonial Chaplain.	none
41.	12 <sup>th</sup> August	Reporting that a portion of the new gaol has been converted into a temporary hospital to receive seven of the crew of the British ship St. Eno, who are suffering from bad poisoning.	two
42	14 <sup>th</sup> August	Advising drafts drawn on the Parliamentary Grant for 1866-77.	one
43.	15 <sup>th</sup> August	Covering Dispatch to the Colonial Surgeon's application to retire on a pension, or to obtain leave of absence	one.

No	Date
Parliamentary Grant	10 <sup>th</sup> May
General	19 <sup>th</sup> May
15.	22 <sup>nd</sup> May
General	31 <sup>st</sup> May
16.	14 <sup>th</sup> June
17.	17 <sup>th</sup> June
Circula:	31 <sup>st</sup> March
do	2 <sup>nd</sup> May
do	6 <sup>th</sup> June
do	14 <sup>th</sup> June
Acknowledgment	17 <sup>th</sup> May
do	10 <sup>th</sup> May
Accounts (2)	18 <sup>th</sup> May
Parliamentary	20 <sup>th</sup> May
do	19 <sup>th</sup> June

J. H. J. F.  
1<sup>st</sup> August 1876

My Lord.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt, on the 31<sup>st</sup> July, of your Lordship's Dispatches and Circulars, as noted in the margin, and to inclose the usual Schedule of unanswered Dispatches.

I have re  
cd, T. F. Gallagher

W. H. Monk  
the Earl of Carnarvon  
& - - -

Ms. 37.

G. H. S. P. G.  
8<sup>th</sup> August 1876

My Lord.

ans by N<sup>o</sup> 31 of 8 Nov. 76.

W. G. W.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your lordship's Despatch No 12 of the 19<sup>th</sup> April last on the subject of the leases granted by Colonel D'Arcy to Messrs Coulson, Peatoff, and Smith, and to enclose a copy of a letter received from Mr Bailey late Colonial Surveyor general, whom I requested to accompany me in my inspection of the farms in question, which gives full particulars regarding the expenses incurred by the lessors up to the present date.

2. It will be seen that Coulson has expended a large sum in the purchase of sheep, and as far as I am capable of judging he would not be able to recoup himself for his outlay by the end of the year 1877. Besides I am informed that having regard to the quality of his land £20 a year is generally considered not to be too low a rent for him to pay. It is right, however, to state that when he purchased the sheep he had been made aware by Colonel D'Arcy of the contents of your lordship's Despatch No 32 of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov. last, but he appears to have entertained confident hopes that, through the influence of the Governor, the extension of the lease up to the year 1881 sought for by him would have been substituted.

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3. With regard to Detteff's farm I am informed that the general impression is that £40 a year the rent he pays for it is rather high than otherwise.

It appears he purchased sheep immediately upon entering on his farm, and I regret to say that he has been rather unfortunate as a sheep farmer, his flocks having suffered severely from scab. Under the circumstances I do not think he will be able to recoup himself by the end of 1877.

4 - The expenses incurred by Smith do not amount to more than £124, and his rent £10 a year is, I am informed, generally regarded as being too low. He has however shown a great deal of energy in the management of his farm, and has greatly improved it by putting up a wire fence. He is supposed to have made some money by letting it out for grazing, and I believe there can be no doubt that he would be able to recoup himself for his expenditure by the end of 1877.

5 I trust that these particulars will be sufficient to enable your Lordship to come to a decision upon the subject.

If I might venture to offer an opinion I should be inclined to suggest that in the case of Coulson and Detteff, it would be desirable to extend the leases up to the 31<sup>st</sup> December 1879, which would give them five

years from the date of their entering upon  
the farms, by which time, unless they are  
exceptionally unfortunate, they would be able  
to recoup themselves for their outlay by the  
disposal of their stock and otherwise.

Smith  
Dutleff  
Coulson  
all to have 5 year  
leases.

approved by  
Lord Carnarvon  
N<sup>o</sup> 31 8 Nov:  
1876

W. P. W.

6. With regard to Smith's case, although  
the same grounds do not exist for granting him  
this extension, yet, as he is a very good specimen  
of the class to which Colonel D'Arcy was so anxious  
to afford facilities for acquiring land, it may be  
deserving of consideration whether it would be  
worth while, under the circumstances, to treat  
him differently from the two other Leases. It  
is worthy of note that, in the petition presented  
by Captain Packe and others, no protest is made  
against Smith's lease, which had been granted  
some months before. On the whole I am  
disposed to recommend his case to your Lordships'  
favourable consideration.

7. With regard to the questions raised  
touching the leases granted to Captain Packe  
within the six miles' circle round Stanley,  
I am inclined to think that Colonel D'Arcy  
is under some erroneous impression as to the  
construction of Clause 16 of the Land Ordinance  
B.R. of 1871. The Clause is  
"This Ordinance shall not apply  
to any land within six miles by land  
of Stanley, or of any township which  
may hereafter be proclaimed."

In clause 8 of the Amalgamation Ordinance  
B.R. of 1870, subsequently disallowed, the  
same

Same words viz:-

"within six miles by land of Stanley":  
are also used.

And to go farther back - I  
find in Governor Pennie's proclamation of  
31<sup>st</sup> July 1829 regulating the sale and  
licensing of rural lands in East Falkland  
Island, paragraph 4 is as follows:-

"The nearest stations shall not  
be less than six miles distant from "  
"Stanley by land".

Q. As far as I am able to ascertain  
no leases have been granted to Captain Pache  
within six miles' distance from Stanley  
"by land". The lands to which I presume  
Colonel D'Arcy alludes are those in Kidney  
Island and Sparrowoe, which, though both  
less than six miles from Stanley by water,  
are by land, I am told, respectively  
about 13 and 10 miles distant from it.

The same remarks will apply to the  
100 acres of freehold land purchased  
"in two spots" by Captain Pache to which  
Colonel D'Arcy refers.

Q. With reference to his suggestion  
as to the expediency of having his  
successor directed to make an exchange  
of lands with Captain Pache, whose  
numerous leases he says are constantly

falling in, I think there is some  
misapprehension on this point, as I find  
that upon enquiry the next lease of  
Captain Pack's to fall in will be that of  
Kidney Island which will not expire  
before 1st October 1891.

10. I am not aware that there  
are any other points in connection  
with the subject to which it will be  
necessary for me to refer -

The Right Hon.  
The Earl of Carnarvon  
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I have the  
(signed) T. F. Gallagher

No 30.

G. R. S. R.  
9<sup>th</sup> August 1876

My Lord.

I have the honor to acknowledge  
the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch  
to 15<sup>th</sup> May last relating to the  
pension granted to James Hocking, and to  
state that in consequence of his health  
having unexpectedly improved he was not  
obliged to relinquish the Office of Gaoler  
which he still holds.

2. I informed him that your  
Lordship had been pleased to sanction his  
receiving a pension of £25 per annum,  
for which he desired me to express his  
thanks.

3. He, at the same time, requested  
me to allow him to continue to discharge  
the duties of Gaoler for a few months  
longer if his health would so permit  
until he has time to provide himself  
with a suitable home.

4. As he really appears to be  
equal to the work at present I have  
thought it best to accede to this proposal  
as a temporary arrangement.

The Rt Hon

The Earl of Carnarvon

I have to  
Yrs, T. F. Gallagher

General

G.H.S.P.I.  
9<sup>th</sup> August 1876

My Lord.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch "General" of the 19<sup>th</sup> May last, transmitting Letters Patent, passed under the Great Seal, constituting the Office of Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Falkland Islands and their Dependencies, together with instructions under the Royal Sign Manual and Sigil to accompany the same.

2. I also have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a Commission under the Royal Sign Manual and Sigil appointing me to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Falkland Islands, for which I beg to offer my most dutiful acknowledgments.

3. I was duly sworn in and assumed the above office at the 1<sup>st</sup> instant.

4. The Commission appointing me to be Lieutenant Governor of the Falkland Islands is herewith enclosed in compliance with your Lordship's request.

Very truly yours  
The Earl of Carnarvon

I have the  
R.D. T. F. Gallagher

General

FSK S 77  
9 August 1876

My Lord.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch General of the 31<sup>st</sup> May last transmitting a Commission passed under the Royal Sign Manual and Seal appointing Mr George Trowis to administer the government of the Falkland Islands in the event of the death, incapacity, or absence, of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, for which Mr Trowis has requested me to make his most dutiful acknowledgments.

The R D Stark

The Earl of Malmesbury

I have a  
Yrs, T. F. Gallagher

N<sup>o</sup>. 39.G.R. S.P.I  
9<sup>th</sup> August 1876.

My Lord,

With reference to my Despatch No 20 of the 23<sup>rd</sup> June last regarding the financial position of the Falkland Islands I have the honour to inform your lordship that I perceive by the account current received last mail from the Crown Agents that the debt due to them by this colony which was estimated in the statement drawn up by the Colonial Treasurer at about £ 300 amounted to £ 583. 7. 0 up to the 31<sup>st</sup> May last leaving a balance of £ 383. 7. 0 due to them more than was anticipated.

2. I have also ascertained a sum handed over the accounts of the Magistrate Court by Mr Smith that a sum of £ 11. 14. 0 belonging to Ennis's estate which is set down in the List of Estates Estates forwarded in my Despatch as not likely to be claimed will have to be refunded by this Government.

By adding this sum to the amount £ 383. 7. 0 already referred to, it will be seen that it will be necessary to make provision for a further sum of £ 402. 1. 0 in addition to the other liabilities referred to in my former Despatch.

The Right Honorable  
The Earl of Carnarvon  
K.C.B.

I have the  
Respectful  
Assistance  
(R) T. F. Callaghan

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W.H.W.

G. H. S. R.  
9<sup>th</sup> August 1876

My Lord

I think it right to inform your Lordship that there is a very general desire on the part of the Community here to have the Office of Colonial Chaplain filled up with as little delay as possible and I trust that before long a suitable opportunity of doing so may present itself to your Lordship.

W. D. H. M.  
The Earl of Harrington

I have &  
(D) T. F. Callophan

No 41.

G. H. S. T. C.

12<sup>th</sup> August 1876.

My Lord.

I regret to have to inform your lordship that the British ship H.M.S. Elbow of St John New Brunswick arrived here on the 19<sup>th</sup> July last with several of her crew suffering seriously from the effects of lead poisoning and that it has been found necessary as consequence to convert the completed portion of the new Gaol here into a temporary hospital for the accommodation of the sick men. Seven of them are lodged there and two in boarding houses.

2. I enclose a copy of a report which I have received from the Colonial Surgeon and Dr Rodgers whom I requested to examine into the condition of the ship with the view to find out the cause of the prevailing sickness in order if possible to have it removed before her departure from this port.

3. I also enclose a report as to the present condition of the sick men which I have received from Dr Rodgers who is now in sole medical charge of them owing to the absence of the Colonial Surgeon who has just been called off to Darwin.

4. I am happy to think there is a prospect

prospect that all the men will ultimately recover though their illness is of a very serious character and in all probability is likely to continue for several months. Some of them are most pitiable objects to see and it is doubtful if they will ever be perfectly restored to health.

5. Shortly after the arrival of the "St Elmo" here one man died on board, the immediate cause of death being dysentery; he however, I am informed showed some slight symptoms of lead poisoning. Another died on the voyage to this port but his death is not supposed to have been the result of lead poisoning.

6. I have received a joint report from the Colonial Surgeon and Dr. Rodgers to the effect that they visited the ship and believed that the cause of the late sickness "has now been removed and that fresh hands may be taken on board and that the ship may proceed on her voyage with safety as regards the health of the crew".

7. Eleven fresh hands have been shipped on board the vessel and she leaves this in a few days bound to Falmouth.

8. The only provision that has been made to meet the liability cast upon this government in taking charge

of the nine men left behind is that their  
Dear Compt., the local agents for the ship,  
have at my request consented to pay any  
expenses that may be incurred to the  
extent of three months wages for each man  
from the date of his discharge from the ship.  
At the present stage of the case it is  
impossible to say how far this amount may  
suffice to cover the expenses involved.

On the interests of the unfortunate sick men I am anxious that your Lordship should represent the case to the Board of Trade in order that all rights and remedies (if any) which they may have against the Owners of the ship may be looked after upon her arrival at Falmouth. I trust also that care will be taken to have this government recouped for any expenses it may be called on to incur on the matter.

10. As bearing on the question of expense I may mention that the local agents protested on behalf of the Master of the St Elmo, about a fortnight ago, against having a second Doctor in attendance. The Colonial Surgeon, who was in charge of the case, also informed me about this time that he did not consider it necessary to have additional advice - that his patients were going on favourably - and he did not then at all seem to apprehend that it would become necessary to leave any of them behind for medical treatment. I accordingly consented that Dr. Rodgers should only pay one more visit

visit of inspection in order to make a joint report with the Colonial Surgeon on the condition of the ship before her departure. Not that the case has assumed such a very serious character I have thought it my duty to request Dr. Rodgers who is in by far the largest practice here and who enjoys a very high professional reputation to be in attendance along with the Colonial Surgeon. I have trouble you Lordship with these details in case any further objections may be raised regarding the medical expenses. With respect to the remuneration to be given to Dr. Rodgers it is understood that it is to be left to the Board of Trade to decide whatever they may consider reasonable under the circumstances. Every effort will be made to keep any other expenses connected with the case as moderate as possible.

11. I understand that in addition to the three months' wages referred to a sum amounting to £330. 92. 8 is due to these men. Full particulars on this subject are forwarded by the Shipping Master to the Board of Trade, by this mail.

12. I am desirous of being informed whether the expenses incurred will have to be defrayed by the men out of their own funds as far as they may reach, or whether any further liability in the matter attaches to the

Owners of the "St Elmo."

13 It is but too probable that some time hence further claims for assistance will be made upon this government in connection with this case, and I shall be glad to receive any instructions which your Lordship may think necessary for my guidance under the circumstances.

Dr Abbott  
The Earl of Carnarvon  
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I have the  
(signed) T. F. Callaghan

P.S.

Since writing the foregoing the Police Magistrate informs me that some of the sick men sent for him to the hospital stating that they had a charge to make against the Captain and Chief Officer on the ground of ill treatment. The matter has no connection whatever with the lead poisoning and appears in a great measure to have been already enquired into by the Consular Agent at Pachellor de Nio in Peru. On a hasty perusal of these charges, which have only just reached me, I do not think it my duty to take any action in the matter. However, the papers on the subject are forwarded for the information of the Board of Trade by the mail which leaves to-day.

10, T. F. C.

No 42.

G.H. S.F.I  
14<sup>th</sup> August 1876.

My Lord,

I have the honour to report I have this day drawn the following Bills on H<sup>r</sup> His Paymaster General, and on the credit of the Parliamentary Grant for the current financial year 1876-77 viz:-

£100.

Draft No 5 dated 14<sup>th</sup> August 1876 for the sum of £100 s<sup>o</sup> in favour of The Oriental Bank Corporation, Threadneedle Street London. at par

£50.

Draft No 6 dated 14<sup>th</sup> August 1876 for the sum of Fifty pounds s<sup>o</sup> in favour of George Marchion Bear Esquire, at par.

£72.

Draft No 7 dated 14<sup>th</sup> August 1876 for the sum of Seventy two pounds s<sup>o</sup> in favour of H<sup>r</sup> His Postmaster General at par.

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

S.R. Hobkirk  
The Earl of Harrington  
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I have the  
Rd, T.F. Gallagher

Colony of Falkland Islands.

Draft No 5 dated 14 <sup>th</sup> August 1876 for	100. 0. 0.
6	do do . 50. 0. 0
7	do do . 72. 0. 0
	<u>£222. 0. 0</u>

Drawn by Governor Callaghan on Her Majesty's  
Paymaster General, on the credit of the Parliamentary  
Grant for 1876-77, in aid of Colonial Revenue.

I hereby certify that the amount realized  
by the above draft was duly carried to the  
credit of the Colonial Revenue on 14<sup>th</sup> August 1876.

(Sd) by Travis  
Colonial Treasurer

Sd, T. F. Callaghan  
Governor

N. 43

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G. H. S. P. J.  
15<sup>th</sup> August 1876.

My Lord.

I have the honour to forward, at the request of the Colonial Surgeon, a letter addressed to your lordship relative to the retirement from the service on a pension. He also refers to a desire to obtain leave of absence to which I presume he would be entitled. I only received this letter late last evening and I repeat that as the mail is leaving to day I have not time to go into the question of the abolition of the Office of Colonial Surgeon proposed by Colonel D'Arcy in his Dispatch No. 62 of the 15<sup>th</sup> November last, so fully as I should wish.

2. With every desire in favour of retrenchment I am sorry that I cannot concur in Colonel D'Arcy's views on this question. The very case reported in my Despatch No. 41 of the 12<sup>th</sup> August in my opinion strongly shews the necessity of having two medical men in the Colony. While attending in this most serious case Dr. Watts was called off to attend a patient at Darwin, and the unfortunate men would have been in a bad way if there had not been a second doctor in the Colony.

Since my arrival here Dr. Walls was laid up with rheumatism and Dr. Rodgers was called off to Darwin where he remained for several days I need scarcely say to the great inconvenience and perhaps prejudice of his patients of which he has a good many considering the smallness of the place. Besides as this port is so much the resort of shipping it is of great importance to secure that at least one doctor should be always in Stanley in the event of a ship coming in with sicklers on board and requiring prompt medical assistance. Supposing there were only one doctor in the colony and he were to be taken seriously ill or to die it would be a most serious calamity in this remote settlement, which is so entirely cut off from any group of colonies from which a medical man might be procured to meet a sudden emergency. It would be necessary to send to England before any help could be obtained which would involve a delay of many months.

I see no prospect whatever that in the event of the abolition of the appointment of Dr. Walls a private practitioner would providentially arrive just at the right moment to supply his place. As far as I am capable of judging there is no prospect of a doctor being brought out by the Falkland Island Company and I know of no other interest in the place large enough to render it likely that it would be willing to saddle itself with such an expense! A reference however

Powerless can be made at home to the Chairman  
of the Falkland Islands Company to ascertain  
his views on the subject.

It just occurs to me that on the  
occasion of Dr. Watts being granted the leave  
of absence by your lordship, which he  
asks for, a favourable opportunity  
would offer itself of testing whether a  
private practitioner would be induced to  
come out on being guaranteed the half pay  
of £225 during the Colonial  
Surgeon's absence, and his passage &c being  
paid by the government. The Falkland Islands  
Company might also be asked if they are  
willing to make a contribution for the  
purpose. It seems to me that it  
would not be advisable to grant the leave  
in question except it is absolutely rendered  
necessary by ill health unless there is  
given to have another medical man sent  
out to do the temporary duty. Until a  
private practitioner actually arrives in  
the colony I consider that it would be  
extremely undesirable to take any steps  
for the abolition of the appointment of  
the Colonial Surgeon.

I trust your lordship will excuse  
these observations written in the greatest  
haste to catch the mail.

Dr. H. Hanke  
The Earl of Carnarvon

I have to  
Yrs, T. F. Callaghan



Schedule of Despatches from the Governor of the  
Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the  
Colonies transmitted for Mail of 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1876  
via Montevideo.

No of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	No of Enclosures
44.	1876 2 <sup>d</sup> September.	Reporting the miscreancy of passing an Ordinance regulating the mode of killing the wild cattle, also the measures taken to ensure a speedier and a more humane process of killing in future.	1.
45.	8 <sup>th</sup> September	Forwarding six printed Copies of Mail Series 1877	6
46.	10 <sup>th</sup> September	Reporting the appointment of Mr. Bailey to a seat in the Executive Council	nil
47.	18 <sup>th</sup> September	Acknowledgment of Despatch and Circulars	1.
48.	22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Forwarding copy of the Minutes of the Legislative Council for Half year ending 30 <sup>th</sup> June 1876	2

No. of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	No. of Indorsements
10.	18 <sup>th</sup> 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Further correspondence refe- ring to Office of Colonial Surgeon.	1.
49.	2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Advising Draft drawn on the credit of the Parliamentary Grant for 1876-77.	1.

N<sup>o</sup> 44.

G. H. S. P. I.  
8<sup>th</sup> September 186

My Lord,

With reference to Colonel D'Arcy's Dispatch No 2 of the 1<sup>st</sup> January last relating to the mode of killing wild cattle adopted in those settlements I have the honor to inform your lordship that while sympathising strongly with the object he had in view I do not consider it would be expedient to pass a prohibitory Ordinance as suggested by him inasmuch as there is great reason to apprehend that it would be almost impossible to enforce such a measure in a Colony so circumstanced as that of the Falkland Islands.

2. However, I have been in communication with the leading proprietors of wild cattle here on the subject, and I am happy to say that I have received from Mr Coll the local Manager of the Falkland Islands Company from Mr Dean, and from Mr Mervell the local agent for Captain Pack, an assurance that they will incur a fine upon animals being cut down and killed on the same day, by which means the cruel practice complained of will be considerably mitigated.

3. I have also caused a Circular to be addressed to all the proprietors of cattle in the Islands to solicit their co-operation in the matter which I am hoping will be attended with a similar result.

4. I enclose a copy of a statement which I have received from Mr Cobb giving a description of the manner in which cattle killing is carried on by the gauchos of the Falkland Islands Company, from which it appears that as a rule the animals eat down in the morning are killed in the afternoon. I am afraid however this has not hitherto been the case on other estates.

5. I am unable to form an opinion as to the question raised in this statement whether an animal cut down in the manner described suffers "prolonged agony until death", but I greatly regret to have to inform your Lordship that at least as I can learn the process of "cutting down" is generally considered to be necessary for the safety of the gaucho.

6. Bearing in mind that the practice complained of generally takes place in remote districts and Islands far distant from Stanley and that the entire police force of the colony consists of but one Constable with an occasional assistant it is quite clear that there is great force in the last paragraph of Mr Cobb's statement which says that

"a law on the subject would be  
ineffective, unless the gauchos  
when at work could be attended  
by a staff of constables which  
would be of course impossible."

I trust

I trust that your lordship will  
approve of the steps which I have taken  
from which I am in hopes that more  
practical good will result than it  
would be possible to attain by means  
of legislation on the subject.

The Right Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
The Earl of Cameron  
to the  
Rev. T. F. Callyhan

I have a  
Rev. T. F. Callyhan

Ms. 45

G.H. S.T.S.  
8<sup>th</sup> September 1876

My Lord,

I have the honour to forward  
for your lordship's information six copies of the  
time table of the Falkland Islands and River  
Plate Mail Service for the year 1877.

2. It will be seen that there are  
no changes in the arrangements from those  
of last year.-

I have the honour to be,

Yours, T. F. Callaghan

Redditch  
The Earl of Cammerton  
L. & P. &

N 46

G.H. S.T.  
3d September 1876

My Lord. I have the honor to report  
that I have appointed Mr Arthur Bailey  
the Police Magistrate, to be a Member of  
the Executive Council in place of Mr Smith,  
subject to His Majesty's approval and  
confirmation.

I have the  
R.W. T.F. Callaghan

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The Earl of Carnarvon  
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N <sup>o</sup>	Date
18	4 <sup>th</sup> July 1876
19	8 <sup>th</sup> " "
20	12 <sup>th</sup> " "
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G. H. S. J.  
10<sup>th</sup> September 1876

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 the

10/ T. F. Callaghan

L. D. A. H.  
The Earl of Carnarvon

N 47

G. H. S. P. I  
22<sup>nd</sup> September 1871

My Lord,

I have the honour to forward  
a certified copy of the Minutes of the  
Legislative Council held during the  
six months ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 1871

The Right Honorable  
The Earl of Carnarvon

I have the  
order, T. F. Callaghan

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W.G.W.

Gt. S. F. J.

21<sup>st</sup> September 1796.

My Lord.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your lordship's Dispatch No 21 of the 1<sup>st</sup> August last on the proposed abolition of the Office of Colonial Surgeon. I have not much to add to the views I have already expressed on the subject in my Dispatch No 43 of the 15<sup>th</sup> previous ultmo.

2. In discussing the question of the abolition of the Office I fear that the assumption of Colonel D'Grey that it would be followed as a necessary consequence by the arrival of a private practitioner in the Colony cannot be safely relied on. I don't think it at all likely that any Doctor would be tempted to come out on his own account to seek his fortune in those remote thinly populated Islands where he certainly could not support himself by private practice; and I am afraid there is little prospect of one being brought out subsidized by the Falkland Islands Company or any other interest in the Colony. This however is a matter of fact which can be easily tested.

3. I feel quite assured that if Colonel D'Grey has thought that his hopes with regard to the arrival of a private practitioner would not be realized he

would have shrunk from recommending the abolition of the Office of Colonial Surgeon. In one of his Despatches on the subject he speaks of the danger of leaving the Colony with only one medical man, and I am glad to observe in Despatch No 23 of the 8<sup>th</sup> September 1815 that unless satisfied on this point, your Lordship would not approve of allowing the community to be left with only the Surgeon attached to the Marines.

4. I have given the most careful attention to the suggestion thrown out for my consideration whether it might not be practicable to get the extra work done by giving some small colonial allowance to the Surgeon of Marines, and regret to have to observe that apart from the objections arising from the foregoing reasons to such an arrangement, I do not think it would be at all likely to work well in practice.

Small as the Detachment of Marines is, I fear the Officer in Command would be certain to object to the Surgeon in charge being taken away on a visit to Durban which generally occupies about a week, if any one of the Marines or their wives or families were suffering from illness or likely to require medical attendance. I am now supposing the Surgeon of Marines being the only medical man in the colony.

5 I am

5.- I am well aware of the seriously embarrassed state of our Colonial finances but I fear they will have to be dealt with in a more comprehensive way than by the proposed retrenchment which would go but a very short way in relieving the Colony from its difficulties.

6.- I have the honor to enclose another letter which I have received from the Colonial Surgeon on the subject of his retirement. There is no doubt that the journey to Darwin (to which he refers) especially in the seven winter months when the sick calls are most frequent is a very trying one, and as Dr. Wells who has done the duty for eleven years without shrinking does not, owing to the state of his health, now consider himself equal to it, it would be very difficult in the case of an Officer who is himself regarded to be ex officio the best judge of such matters for the government to order him to proceed to Darwin if he reported himself to be unfit for that service. Dr. Wells informs me that he has been called to Darwin and its neighbourhood seven times since February.

7. It is true that the Surgeon of Marines has gone there on a few occasions when the Colonial Surgeon was confined to his bed by severe illness but he could hardly be expected to do so on every occasion.

8. Under the circumstances I find myself

compelled to support the application of Dr. Watts for retirement unless he can be appointed elsewhere.

Q. Shall your lordship sanction his retiring on the pension proposed by him of £125 a year it need not lead to any increase in the expenditure.

I think there would be no difficulty in securing the services of an active young medical man (he should be accustomed to ride) for a salary of £300 a year, and I believe he would be able to make at least another £100 a year by private practice.

By these means a saving of £25 a year would be effected which could further be increased if the Falkland Islands Company were induced to avail of the occasion to contribute say £100 a year towards the salary of the new Colonial Surgeon in consideration for his residing a certain portion of the year at Darwin.

W. I hope that your lordship will not consider that I am at all unmindful how absolutely necessary it is that every possible economy should be put in practice because I find myself unable to report in favour of the proposed retrenchment. I should have been glad to have had it in my power even to that extent to help to reduce the financial embarrassment of the Colony, which places me in a very painful and disagreeable position at the very outset of my term of office.

I have the  
R. T. Callaghan

Right Hon.  
The Earl of Carnarvon

N. 49

G. H. S. T.S.  
2<sup>nd</sup> October 1876

My Lord.

I have the honor to report I have this day drawn the following Bill on the Majority Paymaster General, and on the credit of the Party Grant for the current financial year as follows

No. 1 dated 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1876 for the sum of £150 etc in favor of The Oriental Bank Corporation - Threadneedle Street London

2. The proceeds of this Bill 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 G. H. S. T.S.  
The Earl of Carnarvon

I have the  
D. T. F. Callaghan

Colony of Falkland Islands.

Draft No. 1 dated 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1876 for £150.  
Drawn by Governor Callaghan on the Majority Paymaster General, on the credit of the Admiralty Grant for 1876-77, in aid of Colonial Revenue -  
I hereby certify that the amount realized by the above draft was duly carried to the credit of Colonial Revenue on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1876

Asst. Comptroller  
Colonial Treasurer

D. T. F. Callaghan  
Governor

Schedule of Dispatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies  
by A.M. Schooner "Black Hawk" 15<sup>th</sup> November 1876

No of Dispatch	Date of Dispatch	Subject of Dispatch	No of Indorse.
	1876 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Acknowledgment of Dispatches and Circular	1
50	10 <sup>th</sup> - do	That the Revd Mr Bridges will be thanked for the care taken of the bodies of the crew of "Van Rijn" by the earliest opportunity.	nil
51.	10 <sup>th</sup> - do	Reporting that Dr Rodgers Revd left for England last mail - Medical attendance on a Discharged Native Seaman, J Davis -	nil
"General"	10 <sup>th</sup> - do	That in future all official correspondence transmitted from the Colony will be placed in a separate Bag	nil
52.	10 <sup>th</sup> - do	Reporting the death of Mr C Melville, and change of Officers in consequence	nil
53.	13 <sup>th</sup> - do	Transmitting the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the last 9 months of 1877.	2
54..	13 <sup>th</sup> - do	Advising Drafts drawn on the account W. Govt 1876-77.	1.

N <sup>o</sup>	Date
13	11 <sup>th</sup> August 1876
14	29 <sup>th</sup> "
General	30 <sup>th</sup> "
15	5 <sup>th</sup> Sept.
16	8 <sup>th</sup> "
27	12 <sup>th</sup> "
128	13 <sup>th</sup> "
Circular	2 <sup>nd</sup> August
Accounts	15 <sup>th</sup> "
Addt.	21 <sup>st</sup> "
Parliamentary	9 <sup>th</sup> Sept.

G.H. S.P.I.  
10<sup>th</sup> November 1876

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt, on the 8<sup>th</sup> instant, of your Lordship's Despatches and Circulars, as noted in the margin, and to forward a Schedule of unanswered Despatches.

I have the  
10<sup>th</sup> T. F. Gallagher

J. D. Hall  
the Lieut. Governor

to the 20<sup>th</sup> of 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1876.

No 50.

G. H. S. J.  
10<sup>th</sup> November 1876

My Lord. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your lordship's Despatch No 28 of the 30<sup>th</sup> September last, with its accompanying enclosures, and will have great pleasure in writing to the Revd Mr Bridges, by the earliest opportunity, and warmly thanking him, in the name of Her Majesty's Government, for the care with which he and those with him conducted their enquiries, and did all that could be done, under the circumstances, in the case of the unfortunate men of the San Rafael.

2. I had already written a reply to Mr Bridges' letter to convey to him my warm acknowledgments on the subject, and was glad to have had an opportunity of thanking Captain Willis of the Herb Gardner, for his most humane exertions on the melancholy occasion.

3. I have to thank your Lordship for the steps you have taken to make this sad story known to those interested in it, and to obtain some reward for the Indians who behaved so well in the matter.

Yours truly  
The Earl of Farnham

I have re  
cc'd, T. F. Callaghan

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Gen. S. J. J.  
10<sup>th</sup> November 1818

Myford.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch No 23 of the 11<sup>th</sup> of August last, relative to the sum expended by Colonel D'Arcy for the support of a Disbanded British Seaman George Davis, and to state that D<sup>r</sup> Rodgers left for England on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October last his term of duty at the Colony having expired.

2. I would thank your Lordship to cause this fact to be communicated to the authorities at the Board of Trade by whom steps for the recovery of the Thirty five pounds referred to can be more conveniently taken at home.

The Rt Hon  
The Earl of Carnarvon

I have the  
Rd<sup>r</sup> T. F. Gallagher

General

G. H. S. T.  
10<sup>th</sup> November 1876

My Lord. I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordships Dispatch "General" of the 30<sup>th</sup> August last, and to state that the second course suggested in the letter enclosed from the General Post Office viz: sending such description of Correspondence in separate bags will for the future be adopted in the transmission of correspondence from this Colony.

Dr. A. H. Hall,  
In the afternoon  
the 1<sup>st</sup> November 1876

I have the  
res, T. F. Callaghan

No 52.

G. A. S. F. S.  
10<sup>th</sup> November 1876

My Lord.

I regret to have to report to your lordship the death of Mr Charles Melville Harbour Master and Storekeeper, which took place on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of October last after a long and painful illness.

2. I have appointed Mr Franks to the Harbour Mastership at a salary of £60 a year - I had originally intended appointing him to the Office of Storekeeper as well, but he has informed me he wold not be able to spare time from his various other posts to discharge its duties.

3. I have appointed Mr George Kelway to be Storekeeper, and to superintend the supply of water to Merchant Shipping from the Government Receiver, without salary. The emoluments received by Mr Melville for doing these offices amounted to about £30 a year, and as the duties of Superintendent of Works are very light, I have thought it my duty to save this amount by making the arrangement referred to which I trust will receive your lordships approval -

I have &amp;

(S) T. F. Callaghan

W. H. Stirling  
Harbour Master  
and  
Chair of Garrison

No 53

Gt S.Y.C.  
13<sup>th</sup> November 1876

My Lord,

I have the honor to transmit  
the Estimates of the probable Revenue  
and expenditure of this colony for the  
last nine months of the year 1877.

2. They have been framed for this  
period in consequence of an intimation  
which I received from the Audit Office  
before leaving England, that this arrange-  
ment was desirable in order that after  
1877 the Falkland Islands' Estimates may  
be framed for each year from the 1<sup>st</sup>  
January to the 31<sup>st</sup> December instead of for  
the Financial year as hitherto.

3. - It will be observed that the present  
Estimates are in other respects different in  
arrangement from those hitherto furnished,  
with a view to making them more in  
accordance with the Treasury Regulations,  
and convenient for reference.

4. - With regard to the Revenue it is  
necessary to remark that owing to a  
large amount of the Land Rent falling  
due in February the Revenue for the  
last nine months of the year does not  
represent three fourths of the total annual  
Revenue.

There are also certain items of  
Revenue

to which I shall refer in detail, which shew a deficiency as compared with the year 1875.

### 5. Sale of Town Lands

Several Town lots were sold in 1875 but as there is a great deal of depression just now amongst the artisan class here, who are generally the purchasers of these lots, but few sales are expected next year.

Moreover no sales of Country lots under the compulsory clause of the Land Ordinance can be looked for in 1877.

### 6. - Fees, Forfeitures, and Fees.

The amount yielded under this head in 1875 was exceptionally high, so that there is no prospect of its continuing at the same rate next year.

### 7. Sale of Government Property

Some Cottages were sold last year, but no more belonging to government remain than those required for the Marines. There is at present no other government property to be disposed of, so nothing can be expected under this head.

8. There is no other item in connexion with the Revenue calling for any special remark.

## of Expenditure:-

Every effort has been made to keep the expenditure as low as possible. I regret that owing to the embarrassed state of the colony, I have not been able to make some provision for placing the new Gaol in a fit state for the accommodation of prisoners.

To effect this will I fear require an outlay of several hundred pounds.

The wretched wooden building used at present for a gaol is in every possible way most unfit for the purpose.

I have also been unable to make any provision for the Interest which of course goes on accumulating) on the Colonial debt, not knowing what course the Government propose to take on the matter.

## 10 Establishments.

Some small savings will be effected in the above. I propose to abolish the Office of Foreman of Works, now held by Mr Kelway who will be called on to discharge other duties without addition to his present wages. By this means nearly £60 a year will be saved.

Almost the only workmen employed by the Government are the Marines, and the Sergeant acts as Superintendent over them, so that the office of Foreman of Works is quite unnecessary.

There will be a saving of £42 a year by abolishing the office of second pilot but provision is made for the employment of another when required.

A saving of £20 a year will also be effected by the abolition of the Office of Assistant Consulat, who now receives £30 a year for holding himself in readiness to assist the Chief Consulat when called on.

His services I understand are so seldom required that an allowance of £10 a year will be sufficient for the purpose.

11. Under the head of Civil Store Department a larger sum is asked for than that estimated for the same period last year. This arises from my having found it necessary to provide £100 for the purchase of certain articles absolutely required for Government House.

I have also found it necessary to estimate for a salary of £15 a year for the office of lamp lighter, a service hitherto provided for in an irregular and unsatisfactory manner.

I am not aware that there is anything else in connexion with the Expenditure calling for special remark.

12. According to these Estimates the Revenue for the nine months in question amounts to £2271- and the Expenditure to £5.082 - 3 - 2. so that the Parliamentary Grant required to carry on the service of the Colony for this period will be £2811 - 3 - 2.

In

In submitting this estimate for  
your lordship's approval I venture to  
hope that Her Majesty's Government will  
not refuse to meet the other liabilities  
of the colony for which I am in no  
way responsible. Otherwise I do not  
see how the service of the colony can  
possibly be carried on without funds  
or credit.

Vide Despatch  
Mr 20 & 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1876

H. H. Hall  
The Earl of Carnarvon  
P.C. P.C. P.C.

I have the  
1<sup>st</sup> T. F. Callaghan

No 54.

J. H. S. F.S.  
15<sup>th</sup> November 1876

Ufford.

I have the honor to report I have this day drawn the following Bills on H.M. Paymaster General, and on the credit of the Parliamentary Fund for the current financial year 1876-77. vizt.

Dft h 9 dated 15<sup>th</sup> November 1876 for the sum of eighty pounds 8s in favour of The Oriental Bank Corporation Threadneedle St. City - at par.

Dft h 10 dated 15<sup>th</sup> November 1876 for the sum of fifty pounds 8s in favour of H.M. Paymaster General - at par.

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.

S. P. Bell  
Lieut. Col. of Engineers

I have to  
you T. F. Callaghan

Colony of Falkland Islands  
Dft h 9 dated 15 Nov 1876 £ 00  
10 — — 50.

I draw by present Callaghan on H.M. Paymaster General, on the credit of the Parliamentary fund for 1876-77. in his Colonial Revenue.

I hereby certify that the amount realized by the above draft was duly carried to the credit of the Colonial Revenue on 15 Nov 1876.

W. T. F. Callaghan  
for

Col. G. G. G.  
Colonial Treasurer

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor  
of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the  
Colonies by Royal Mail Schooner Black Hawk via Montevideo.  
2<sup>nd</sup> January 1877.

No. of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	No. of Enclosures
55.	16 <sup>th</sup> December	Forwarding Order No 4 of 1876	6
56.	16 <sup>th</sup> - d	do do 5 of 1876	6
57.	16 <sup>th</sup> - d	do do 6 of 1876	6
58.	16 <sup>th</sup> - d	Referring to a contemplated change in Order No 2-1876 whereby the Indians would have had an equal vote in matters of law and of fact with the Aborigines Kapibates	nil
-	26 <sup>th</sup> - d	Acknowledgment of Despatches and Circulars	1
59.	30 <sup>th</sup> - d	Proposing that £20 should be placed in the hands of the Revd J Bridges for distribution amongst the Indians who served the crew of the Sandefjord	1
60.	30 <sup>th</sup> - d	Advising Draft drawn on the Parliamentary Bank 1876/77.	1
1	1 <sup>st</sup> January 1877	Mr Niels application for 500 acres of free land to establish a patent fuel manufactory	1

No. 55

G. H. J. F. I.  
16<sup>th</sup> December 1876

My Lord.

I have the honour to forward six printed copies of Ordinance No. 4 of 1876 entitled "Penal Servitude Ordinance" which passed the Legislative Council on the 14<sup>th</sup> instant.

2. There is no Convict in the Colony at present undergoing sentence, but upon referring to the records of the Magistrate's Court I find that several sentences of transportation have been passed by it, in accordance with the Administration of Justice Ordinance No. 10 of 1853, while altho' no provision has been made in any local Ordinance to authorize it, a sentence of ten years' penal servitude was passed by the same Court in 1872 upon a sailor.

This man was released by the late Governor not long after, and has left the Colony. There is at present no Convict in the Colony under sentence of penal servitude.

3. I think it very necessary that the alterations in the law proposed by the present Ordinance should be made without delay.

4. The Clause regulating the period of penal servitude is based on the Penal Servitude Ordinance which was passed by the Parlia in 1872 during my administration of that government.

5. Under the circumstances I venture  
to hope that this Ordinance will receive  
Her Majesty's gracious confirmation and  
allowance.

The Right Hon<sup>b</sup>l<sup>e</sup>  
The Earl of Mayo  
Colonial Office.

I have the  
120, T. F. Gallagher

Ms. 56.

G.H. S.R.  
16<sup>th</sup> December 1876

My Lord.

I have the honour to transmit six printed copies of Ordinance No 5 of 1876 entitled "An Ordinance to extend to these Settlements certain Acts of Parliament in force in England relating to the Criminal Law".

2. Several of the acts in question altho' not formally extended to the Colony, have been occasionally enforced here in practice, and, in my opinion, it is very necessary that they should all be extended at once to the Falkland Islands as far as local circumstances will permit.

3. Under the circumstances I venture to hope that this Ordinance will receive His Majesty's gracious confirmation and allowance.

W.H. Sturdee  
The Earl of Carnarvon

I have to  
M. T. F. Gallagher

No 57.

J. H. S. T. J.  
16<sup>th</sup> December 1876

My Lord

I have the honor to transmit  
six printed copies of Ordinance No 6 of 1876  
entitled

"An Ordinance to provide for the  
continuance of Ordinance No 1 of 1875"  
Entitled "An Ordinance to give a prefer-  
able lien on Wool from Season to Season"  
and to make mortgages of Sheep Cattle  
and Horses valid without delivery to  
the Mortgagee."

2. I find that it is the general  
wish here that the Ordinance in  
question should be continued in operation,  
it having been found to work well in  
practice.

3. Under the circumstances I venture  
to hope that this Ordinance will receive  
Her Majesty's gracious Confirmation and  
allowance.

The Right Hon.  
The Earl of Granada  
P P P

I have to  
(S) T. F. Callaghan

No 58.

Lt. S. F.  
10<sup>th</sup> December 1876

My Lord.

I laid your Lordship's Despatch No 27  
of the 12<sup>th</sup> September last concerning Ordinance  
No 2 of 1876 before the Legislative Council,  
and have the honor to state that, in  
accordance with your Lordship's views on the  
subject the Council were of opinion that it was  
not desirable to make the contemplated alteration  
in the Ordinance in question.

The Right Honorable  
The Earl of Carnarvon  
& others

I have the  
D/ T. F. Callaghan

Pr	Date
20.	23 <sup>rd</sup> October 1876
30.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Novr.
31.	8 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
32.	8 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
Circular	8 <sup>th</sup> Sept.
Actt	3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct.
Accounts	6 <sup>th</sup> Nov.

G. H. S. F. J.  
26<sup>th</sup> December 1876

My Lord

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt on the 23<sup>rd</sup> instant of your Lordship's Despatches and Circulars, as listed on the Margin, and to inclose the usual Schedule of unanswered Despatches

The P. P. & A. H.  
The Earl of Carnarvon  
K. C. B. M. A. K.

I have the  
hon. T. F. Gallagher  
for

Answered to 20<sup>th</sup> Decr 1876

N 59.

G H S F  
30th December 1876

My Lord.

With reference to your Lordship's Dispatch  
to 30 of the 3<sup>rd</sup> November last respecting the  
"San Rafael" disaster, I have the honor to  
transmit a copy of a letter which I have  
received from Bishop Harting on the subject  
of the distribution of the proposed reward  
to the Indians concerned.

I am disposed to think that the  
course proposed by his Lordship is, under the  
circumstances, the only practical mode of  
giving effect to the intentions of the Board  
of Trade, and I will take the first opportunity  
of forwarding a sum of £20 to Mr. Wm. Bridges  
for the purpose, and trust that  
this arrangement will receive your Lordship's  
approval.

I have the  
per T. F. Calleghan

The Rt Hon

The Earl of Carnarvon

P P T

No 60.

G. H. J. P. S.  
30<sup>th</sup> December 1876

My Lord, I have the honor to report I have this day drawn the following Draft on H. M. Paymaster General, and on the credit of the Parliamentary Grant for the current financial year 1876-77. vizt -

No 11 dated 30<sup>th</sup> December 1876 for the sum of £150. etc in favor of the Oriental Bank Corporation Threadneedle St. City - at per.

No 12 dated 30<sup>th</sup> December 1876 for the sum of £60 etc in favor of H. M. Postmaster General at per.

The proceeds of these Drafts are required for the general service of the Colony, and will be carried to the credit of the Colonial Revenue, as per enclosed certificate.

I have the  
ss, T. F. Callaghan

Colony of Falkland Islands

No 11 -	30 December 1876	£150.
12	-	to ..

Dr. Morris  
Act. Recd.

iss, T. F. Callaghan  
Govt

No. 1.

Gt. S. T.S.  
1<sup>st</sup> January 1877.

Myford.

*(Signed 1 January 1877)*

I have the honour to transmit a copy of an application - for a grant of 500 acres of pest bearing land - which I have received from Mr. Noel, an American gentleman who lately arrived here bringing with him a letter of introduction to me from Mr. West H.M. Minister at Buenos Ayres -

2. There are various points in connection with this application which will have to be considered that I am unable at present to go into, before the departure of the mail which leaves to-morrow.

3. I have written to Mr. West to ask him to be good enough to give me any information he may be able to ascertain regarding Mr. Noel's character and means, and I hope to have an answer before the departure of the mail of the 15<sup>th</sup> January, when I propose to go more fully into the matter.

4. I may as well observe that an application of a somewhat similar nature was made to my predecessor by the Falkland Islands Company in 1874 which is referred to in your Lordships Despatch h. 27 of that year. No further steps however have been taken in the matter -

5. Mr. Noel informs me that he

purposes shortly going to England  
with the intention of broaching the subject  
at the Colonial Office. I should be glad  
however that no decision was come to  
till I have an opportunity of communicating  
my views regarding it.

I have &

(D) T. F. Callaghan

F. D. Ward  
The Earl of Marrow  
& & &



Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies  
by A. M. Schom Blackstock via Montevideo on the 15<sup>th</sup> February 1877.

No. of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	No. of Enclosures
—	5 <sup>th</sup> <sup>1877</sup> February	Acknowledgment of Despatches and Circulars	1
2	9 <sup>th</sup> — do	Reporting the visit of the Governor and Lady North to the Colony	nil
3.	9 <sup>th</sup> — do	Further correspondence respecting Mr. Noil's application for 500 acres of vacant land for manufacturing purposes	1
4.	9 <sup>th</sup> — do	Reporting that either a remittance or an order on the Cuban Agents is always sent to the General Post Office in payment of Money Orders drawn in the Colony. Also reply to Circular of 11/11/75.	nil
5.	10 <sup>th</sup> — do	Reporting the deaths and sickness on board the "Crowninia"	8.
6.	15 <sup>th</sup> — do	Reporting Drafts drawn on the Customs duty fund for 1876/77.	1

N.	Date
33.	15 <sup>th</sup> November 1876
34.	20 <sup>th</sup> November "
35.	4 <sup>th</sup> December "
36.	11 <sup>th</sup> December "
Circular	27 <sup>th</sup> October
"	8 <sup>th</sup> November "
^ 2	17 <sup>th</sup> November "
"	18 <sup>th</sup> November "
"	1 <sup>st</sup> December (Postponed)
"	2 <sup>nd</sup> "
"	8 <sup>th</sup> "

Post S. 75  
5<sup>th</sup> February 1877

My Lord.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt on the 4<sup>th</sup> instant of your favor of 1<sup>st</sup> Decr. Despatches and Circulars, as noted in the margin, and to forward a Schedule of unanswered Despatches.

Th. A. Stark  
The Earl of Granada  
4<sup>th</sup> Feb 1877

I have the  
100/ T. F. Callaghan  
Post

Unanswered Despatch  
Mr 28 of 28<sup>th</sup> June 1876

No 2.

G H S B  
9 February 1877.

My Lord.

In connection with my Despatch No 31 of the 26<sup>th</sup> June 1876 I have the honour to inform your Lordship that the Governor of Saffy Point Senor Diego Delli Almeida recently paid a visit to this colony in the Italian man of war "Chievelino".

He informed me that this visit was undertaken by the desire of the Chilean Government who are anxious to promote commercial intercourse between this colony and Sandy Point.

2. He seems to think that Mr Hemitt's project for establishing steam communication between those two places has fallen to the ground.

3. He however however says that he believes a Gentleman from Valparaiso will shortly send a steamer from Sandy Point to Stanley for a certain period in order to ascertain whether there will be sufficient trade to support the undertaking. During this period the steamer would be ready to convey to Sandy Point, without any charge, an extra sail in connection with the Pacific line.

4. As I have already stated in my former Despatch direct steam communication with Montevideo especially as regards conveyance of passengers and mails would be the most desirable for this colony. There is however no present prospect of obtaining this, and even if there were it would be for our

advantage to have steam communication with Sandy Point which is likely before long to become a very important and thriving settlement, and may prove a good market for our sheep, cattle, and other products for which it can give us in exchange flour, coal, and wood, articles much needed here.

5. I informed the Governor concerning our mail contract with the Falkland Islands Company and explained that although every facility would be gladly given to the proposed undertaking this Government was not in a position to contribute any subsidy towards it. He said no contribution was expected at present, if at all, and that until steam communication was permanently established between the two places such a question would not be likely to arise.

6. For ought I know to the contrary this project like that of Mr Hamilton may also come to nothing, but as it would proceed with hardly a most important bearing on the prospects of his colony I have thought it desirable to inform your Lordship regarding it.

M. H. Hamilton  
Colonial Secretary  
S. J. T. Gallagher

I have the  
hon. T. F. Gallagher

Ms 3

Lyft S T S.  
9 February 1877.

My Lord.

With reference to my Despatch No 1  
of the 1<sup>st</sup> January I have the honor to  
inform your Lordship that I have had a  
Letter from Mr West, H. B. M. Minister at  
Buenos Ayres regarding Mr Noel, the American  
gentleman whose application for a grant of  
Sect land I forwarded last mail.

In this letter Mr West states that he  
had made enquiries regarding Mr Noel and  
that the information he had received was  
satisfactory; he however suggests that before  
granting concessions of any kind it would  
be necessary to call upon Mr Noel himself  
to furnish references in order to afford some  
knowledge of his character and means.

Mr Noel says he proposes going  
to England to bring the matter before the  
Colonial Office, and if so an opportunity  
will be afforded of making the necessary  
enquiries regarding him.

I think it right to say that  
he impressed me as being a man who  
came down here for the purpose of getting  
the concession in question with a view  
to "financing" it, and as he has not  
succeeded in getting it at once I  
should not be surprised if nothing  
further came of the matter.

2. J

2. I have also the honour to forward a copy of a letter which I have received from Mr Bailey - the late Surveyor General - regarding the extent of peat bearing land in the neighbourhood of Stanley and throughout the Colony generally.

This estimate must be regarded in some measure as conjectural, but it is the most reliable information I am able to obtain on the subject.

It will be observed that by far the greater portion of the peat bearing land is already leased for pastoral purposes, and I presume the ~~Lessee~~ have no right to dispose of or carry away the peat. They are in the habit of using as much as they require for their own consumption.

3 As regards the freehold proprietors - such as the Falkland Islands Company - I do not find any reservation of the peat to the Crown in the printed form of grant adopted here.

If this ~~enterprize~~ should succeed the value of their land would of course be considerably increased and would also have a most important bearing on the future price of land in the Colony.

4. It will be observed that Mr Noel in his application asks for a grant of 500 acres of peat bearing land, but I presume that any concession made to him should take the form of a licence as proposed in the case of the Falkland Islands Company in your Lordship's Despatch No 27 of the 1<sup>st</sup> September 1874.

5 Your Lordship may also think it desirable in dealing with a complete stranger as

as Mr. Noel is - without any property or estate in the Colony - to require more stringent terms as regards security for the prosecution of the enterprise and the payment of Royalty than would be required in the former instance.

I suppose as in the case of the Falkland Islands Company the Royalty will be charged on a ton of peat in the manufactured and not in the raw state. I do not know how many tons of raw peat would be required to produce a ton of the manufactured article, and Mr. Noel, who appears to have no practical knowledge whatever on the subject, has been unable to give me any definite information on that point.

6.- It is desired that the site of the proposed concession of land should be fixed in the neighbourhood of Stanley, or of some other equally accessible part, and as far as I am informed this seems to be feasible. I think however it would be well to leave the determination of the site to the local government.

7.- Mr. Noel proposes to introduce some 150 to 100 Spanish Basques as labourers and I think it will be necessary lest the enterprise should prove unsuccessful to provide in accordance with the local Ordinance No 2 of 1870 that he should lodge such a sum of money in the Government Chest as the Officer administering the Government should call for as a guarantee that such foreign subjects should not become chargeable to the Colony.

S. - I

8 - I should be much obliged if your  
Lordship would cause a draft form of the  
proposed licence to be prepared in the Office, and  
sent out for my guidance.

9 - Mr. Noel left this last month for  
Buenos Ayres. I should be delighted to see  
such an undertaking as that contemplated by  
him successfully carried out, as I know of  
nothing better calculated to promote the prosperity  
of this colony. If I am not aware that there is  
anything else in connection with the subject  
to which it will be necessary to call your  
Lordship's attention.

I have the

Respectfully yours, T. F. Collaghans

The Right Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
The Earl of Carnarvon

x x x

Ms. A. 4.

G. H. S. T. G.  
9<sup>th</sup> February 1877.

My Lord.

With reference to your Lordship's Circular  
of the 11<sup>th</sup> November last Intimating that no  
order had been given by this Government to  
Circular of the 11<sup>th</sup> December 1875 respecting the  
mode of payment to the General Post Office for  
Money Orders drawn in the Colony, and suggesting,  
in case of non-remittance by the same mail  
that the Crown Agents for the Colonies should have  
authority to furnish the General Post Office with  
the necessary funds. I am informed by Mr  
Trotter, the Postmaster, that such a course  
has invariably been adopted here since August  
1875, and that Government fully in Despatch No. 42  
of the 13<sup>th</sup> August 1875 states:-

"Great care will be taken in future to  
comply with the Postmaster General's instructions  
that by the same mail that conveys the  
List of Money Orders there shall be  
forwarded to the General Post Office London  
either a Bill of Exchange payable at sight  
or an order on the Crown Agents for the  
amount shown in the List."

I presume that under these circumstances  
General Sir May may not have thought a  
formal reply to the Circular to be necessary.

P. P. H. M.  
The Earl of Arundel  
Fe - & - t.

I have the  
resd, T. F. Gallagher

No 5

Ex. S.D.

10<sup>th</sup> February 1877.

My Lord,

I regret to have to inform your Lordship of the arrival here on the 5<sup>th</sup> December of the British ship "Down Prince" of St John New Brunswick, 987 tons register, laden with a cargo of guano from Huancalla (Peru) bound to Falmouth, with nearly all her crew suffering from a most alarming illness.

It is most fortunate that she experienced a favourable wind which just enabled her to reach this port as, if she had been delayed a day longer, there would not have been sufficient hands to work the ship.

2. On the evening of her arrival here, one of the crew William Williams died on board; two more also died on board - Gustavus Anderson and Thomas Balmforth - on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> December respectively. All according to the medical report from the same cause.

3. I enclose a copy of the evidence of Dr. Watts, the Colonial Surgeon, given at the inquest held on the body of William Williams, from which it will appear that the unfortunate man died from blood poisoning caused by eating bad pork.

Dr. Mulvany, the Naval Surgeon in charge of the Detachment was also examined and his evidence was of a similar character to that of Dr. Watts.

The verdict of the Jury was that the deceased died from "paralysis of the heart brought on by blood poisoning".

4. Three more of the crew named William Sullivan, Henry Brookholt, and Edward Starr died on shore after suffering most frightful symptoms on the 11<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> December and the 10<sup>th</sup> of January respectively.

I enclose a copy of the evidence of D' Malbray given at his inquest held upon one of them William Sullivan - and the verdict of the jury was in accordance with his testimony. D' Watts was absent at Darmouth at the time.

5. Nine more of the unfortunate crew remain ill on shore, all of whom have been suffering from the same distressing symptoms. The Doctors entertain hopes of their recovery but in the case of some of them it will I fear be very slow.

6. It is worthy of note that none of the Officers were attacked with this illness and it appears that the bad meat was not used in the cabin.

7. A survey was held on the ship's provisions by my order, on the 11<sup>th</sup> December, and 3 Casks of Beef and 2 Casks of Pork were condemned and destroyed.

Another survey was also held on the 6<sup>th</sup> February and 1 Cask of Pork and the contents - Beef and Pork - of the ship's hamper-cask were condemned and destroyed.

Both D' Watts and D' Malbray were members of this survey, and made certain suggestions

suggestions for the improvement of the sanitary condition of the ship which the Captain has been ordered to carry out. Copies of the Surveyors' reports are herewith forwarded.

8. As bearing on the question as to the quarter from which the bad meat was supplied to the ship, I enclose copies of the evidence given by the Master and Mate of the "Crown Prince" at the inquiry. It will seen that a portion of the meat was purchased in London, and at Calais, and other places abroad. Unfortunately however not much light is thrown upon the subject by this evidence, or by the statements made here before the Police Magistrate by the crew.

9. Whenever the "Crown Prince" arrives in England, perhaps the Board of Trade may be induced, through your Lordship's interposition, to direct a more searching enquiry into this question than can possibly be made here.

In view of the melancholy fact that six unfortunate men have lost their lives, and that the lives of nine more have been seriously endangered, by the supply of poisonous meat to the ship, it will be left if no due can be found to fix the responsibility upon the guilty parties.

As so much laxity and carelessness prevail amongst Owners, and Masters and those engaged in purchasing ships, with regard to the quality of the provisions supplied, it strikes me that it might have a very good effect upon persons of this class of the Board of Trade ~~and~~ to

to make public the fatal results which have followed from such conduct in the case of the unfortunate crew of the "Crown Prince".

The R. P. Ark  
The Earl of Carnarvon  
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100) T. F. Callaghan

P.S.

Since writing the foregoing a fresh crew of 9 men were brought down from the "Crown Prince" from Montevideo, and after being a short time on board her were taken ill. The provisions used by them were fresh and in good condition.

It was first rumoured that, notwithstanding this, the symptoms shown by these men were somewhat similar to those which the original crew suffered from. However the matter has been investigated by the Colonial Surgeon and Dr. Malvany, by my order, and I enclose a copy of their Report from which it will appear that the illness was not of a serious character.

A copy also of the medical report as to the present sanitary state of the ship is herewith forwarded.

100, T. F. C.

No 6

Est S.D.

15<sup>th</sup> February 1877

My Lord

I have the honor to report that I have this day drawn the following Drafts on H. M. Paymaster General, and on the credit of the Parliamentary Fund for the current financial year vizt.

No 13 dated 15<sup>th</sup> February 1877 for the sum of Sixty pounds sixpence in favor of the Oriental Bank Corporation Three miles West London.

No 14 dated 15<sup>th</sup> February 1877 for the sum of Seventy pounds sixpence in favor of the Postmaster General.

The proceeds of these drafts 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 the

(2) T. F. Gallagher

W. R. Frank  
The Earl of Carnarvon

## Colony of Falkland Islands

No 13 dated 15<sup>th</sup> February 1877

£ 60. -

£ 70.

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Drawn by Governor Gallagher on H. M. Paymaster General on the credit of the Parliamentary Fund for 1876-77, in aid of Colonial Revenue.

I hereby certify that the amount realized by the above Drafts was duly carried to the credit of the Colonial Revenue on the above date.

(2) T. F. Gallagher  
Governor(2) G. T. Ross  
Colonial Treasurer

Schedule of Dispatches transmitted by the Governor of  
the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the  
Colonies p. Dr. Schom "Blue Book" and Master index  
on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1877.

No. of Dispatch	Date of Dispatch	Subject of Dispatch	No. of Enclosures
7.	19 March.	Report on Blue Book for 1876.	1
= 8	20 <sup>th</sup> 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Ackn't. of Dispatch Circular Advising Draft drawn on the Parliamentary Grant 1876-77	1 2
9.	26 <sup>th</sup>	Reply to Circular of 15 <sup>th</sup> Decr 1876 on the subject of Imperial Bills, Amendments etc.	nil
10	26 <sup>th</sup>	Reply to Circular of 6 <sup>th</sup> Decr 1876 respecting a Bill for Capital Offenders	nil
11.	27 <sup>th</sup>	Reporting that the proprietors of the wild flocks now kill the animals immediately they are "cut down".	5.
12.	31 <sup>st</sup>	Forwarding a copy of Mr. Bridges' letter acknowledging the receipt of £20 on behalf of the Indians who rendered assistance in the "San Rafael" disaster.	1
13.	2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Advising Draft drawn on the Parl. Grant 1877-78.	1.

No 7.

G. H. S. F.P.  
19 March 1877.

My Lord.

I have the honour to transmit the annual Blue Book of the Falkland Islands for 1876.

2. As I did not assume the government until the middle of May, I do not at present feel qualified to enter upon any detailed report on the state and prospects of the colony, but will confine myself to some general remarks on those points which strike me as deserving of observation.

### Revenue.

3. The local revenue for 1876 was £3,194 while that of the preceding year amounted to £4,133 showing a decrease of £939.

From all I can learn this decrease was owing to exceptional circumstances and there is reason to hope that it does not indicate a permanent falling off in the annual revenue of the colony.

### Expenditure.

4. I am glad to be able to report there was a decrease of £2,044 in the expenditure of 1876, it being only £0,119 while in 1875 it reached £10,163.-

Imports.

## Imports

5.- The imports only amounted to £27,056. as compared with £42,460. of the preceding year.

I find, however, on referring to former returns that the imports for some time past have shown a deficiency every alternate year, a circumstance which I am informed is dependent on the number of ships that the two regular trading vessels, belonging to the local Merchants and employed in bringing out their supplies from England, happen to make within the year.

## Exports

6.- Although the exports show a slight decrease on those of the previous year amounting to £37,121. against £38,987. of 1875, I am glad to observe as regards wool - the most important item - that the quantity exported in 1876 was 814,684 lbs, being a decided increase on the export of this article in 1875 which only reached 735,902 lbs.

However owing to the fall in the price of wool the value of the quantity exported in 1876 was only £25,453 while it amounted in the previous year to £28,472 etc.

It is worthy of notice that there is a marked increase in the export of talbot, the value exported of this article in 1875 & 1876 amounting respectively to £3006 & £5,276:- I find that in 1874 it was only £140. -

It would therefore seem that the process of "boiling down" the carcasses of sheep to make tallow adopted a few years ago by the Falkland Islands Co. is likely to prove a successful experiment. In page 194 of the present Blue Book there is the following note on the subject.

"The Company's boiling down machinery is in full operation & at least 13000 sheep were killed for their tallow last season. The season commences in March and lasts about three months."

A very interesting description of the process of "boiling down" is given in Colonel Gibby's blue book report for 1874.

The local sealing trade would seem to have dwindled down to a very low state, the value of hair and fur seal skins exported in 1875 & 1876 being only £2 and £65 respectively, although in 1874 it amounted to £2212. The decrease is accounted for by the sealers having killed off the old seals and leaving the young ones to die from starvation. It is greatly to be regretted that a close season was not rendered compulsory, and that the seals were allowed to be killed at all times of the year.

There is in consequence a great scarcity of seal in the Falkland Islands. Most of the seal skins exported from here now, come from the vicinity of Tierra del Fuego and Cape Horn, and the trade is almost entirely in the hands of the Americans.

There is also a great falling off in the export of oil (Seal and Penguin oil) which in 1874 amounted to £3860 and for the year following up

of £ 100 inclusive averaged about £ 3,500.  
In 1897 it only amounted to £ 100.

## Legislation

7. The following Ordinances were passed in 1896, and, as they have been fully explained in former despatches, I am not aware that they call for any special remark in this report.

No 1. "Naturalization Ordinance".

No 2. "An Ordinance to make further provision for the administration of justice in the Falkland Islands.

No 3. "An Ordinance for making certain verbal alterations in the Summary Jurisdiction and other Ordinances".

No 4. - "Penal Servitude Ordinance"

No 5. - "An Ordinance to extend to these Settlements certain Acts of Parliament in force in England relating to the Criminal Law".

No 6. - "An Ordinance to provide for the continuation of Ordinance No 1 of 1895 entitled 'An Ordinance to give a preferable lien on Wool from season to season and to make mortgages of Sheep, Cattle and Horses valid without delivery to the Mortgagee'.

## Sheep Farming

8. The returns for 1855 and 1856 of the number of sheep are respectively 185,400 and 271,400.

I regret to learn that the ravages of scab have been very severe during the last year, and for some time past, and some sheep-farmers have endeavoured to impress upon me the necessity of having a more stringent Ordinance passed on the subject, and of appointing a Government Inspector to carry out its provisions. Apart from the expense such an appointment would entail, which in the present circumstances of the Colony it would be most undesirable to incur, the question is one of considerable difficulty as far as my short experience enabled me to judge, I fear legislation would not solve it. Such a measure would also encounter serious opposition from the larger proprietors in the West and East Falklands.

I understand that the Sheep Ordinance No 3 of 1867, which contains provisions on the subject of scab has practically remained a dead letter.

Without going into the matter more fully I may point out that the infection would probably be spread by untying sheep straying away to adjoining farms, a circumstance which the most vigilant and rigorous inspection will be powerless to prevent owing to the vast extent of land all unenclosed over which the flocks are scattered, and the comparatively few shepherds employed. With regard to the latter circumstance I cannot help thinking that in the case of the more struggling classes of sheep-farmers there is reason to apprehend that

that before long their prospects may be seriously damaged by their not being able to afford the heavy expense of bringing out additional shepherds from home in proportion to their flocks increase.

### Shipping.

9.- The following tabular statement of the number and tonnage of merchant vessels which entered Stanley Harbour during the last six years may be of interest as showing the importance even of this remote settlement to the mercantile world.

Year	Number of Vessels.	Tonnage.
1871.	54.	20. 002.
1872.	60.	26. 065.
1873.	50.	23. 127.
1874.	47.	15. 978.
1875.	65.	22. 403.
1876.	35.	18. 354.
<u>6.</u>	<u>301</u>	<u>124. 529.</u>

Of the total number vizt 301 - 214 were British ships, 46 United States, 16 German, 5 Swedish, 5 Italian, and the remaining 15 of various nationalities.

Of the above 72 vessels arrived in distress and were repaired in Stanley.

It is believed that many more ships which sustain damage on their homeward voyage round Cape Horn would call here for repairs, only that there is no dock at Stanley, a fact which is generally known to the mercantile marine. Under these circumstances the Captains prefer struggling on to Maldive where all the necessary facilities for repair can be obtained. There can be no doubt that the want of a dock, and also of a steam tug, is a great loss to the port but I fear that there is no immediate prospect of these advantages being supplied by local enterprise.

Two very sad cases connected with ships which arrived here during the year illustrate the dangers, besides the perils of the sea, to which unfortunate sailors are exposed.

The first was that of the British ship "St Elmo" which arrived here on the 19<sup>th</sup> July last with nine of her crew suffering from the effects of lead poisoning.

The following short statement from Dr. Watts the Colonial Surgeon on the subject may be of interest

"The poisoning of the "St Elmo" crew resulted from the pipe leading from the water tank to the deck being repaired several different times with red and white lead which ultimately found its way through the repaired leak into the tank thereby poisoning the water used for culinary purposes on board consequently it is advisable in such cases to fit the tanks with gutta percha instead of lead pipe.

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"The symptoms of the illness were  
of ordinary cases of lead poisoning  
in an intense form, some of the men  
being paralyzed in the hands and feet  
for upwards of eight months, which  
was in the earlier stages accompanied  
with paroxysms of extreme pain."

Six of these poor men have sufficiently  
recovered to be able to proceed to England,  
one more goes home this mail, and three still  
remain here in a very weakly condition.

The want of a public hospital in Stanley  
was most seriously felt on this occasion, as  
no other accommodation being procurable for  
them seven of the sick men were lodged in  
the completed portion of the new gabl, which  
had to be converted into a temporary hospital  
for the purpose.

The other case to which I referred was  
also one of poisoning but from a different  
cause, and was attended with far more  
disastrous consequences than the first.

It was that of the British sloop "Princ  
ess" of St John N.B. which arrived here  
on the 5<sup>th</sup> December last, with nearly all her  
crew suffering from a most alarming illness,  
on which the Colonial Surgeon has reported  
as follows:

"The crew of the 'Princess'  
suffered from the usual symptoms of  
poisoning from putrid food (salt pork).  
They complained of nausea, vomiting,

vomiting, colic, diarrhoea, and prostration  
 which were followed by delirium & death  
 in six cases. Most of the nine men  
 now recovering are suffering from  
 numbness and paralysis of the hands  
 and feet. On survey - the salt  
 provisions were found to have a strong  
 putrid odour, and were in consequence  
 destroyed. With the exception of a  
 little softness of the film of the meat  
 there was nothing in the appearance  
 to indicate the putrid state it was in,  
 but its powerful smell left no doubt of  
 its being unfit for human food, and  
 the cause of the fearful malady on  
 board. Although the men had eaten  
 but one meal from a recently  
 opened barrel of pork, as the  
 sickness came on simultaneously  
 with every man who had eaten of it -  
 the Captain stopped the supply at once  
 from that barrel. This pork was  
 supposed to have been bought at  
 Callao but the provisions having been  
 mixed in stowage the Captain states  
 he was not certain where he had  
 obtained it. Although the vessel was  
 laden with guano, which might  
 in some cases be prejudicial to  
 health, still I do not consider  
 such serious and fatal consequences  
 could result from a cargo of that  
 description.

The verdict of the Coroner's Jury at the  
 Inquest

Inquest held on the unfortunate men was in accordance with the medical testimony, vizt that death was occasioned by paralysis of the heart brought on by blood poisoning.

Of the men undergoing treatment seven have been discharged from the ship. It is thought that three of them will be sufficiently recovered to proceed to England next mail, and the Doctor entertain hopes of the recovery of all the others although in the case of some it will it is feared be very tedious.

As, owing to carelessness, or to a spirit of false economy, so little attention is paid by many owners and Master of vessels to the quality of the provisions supplied to the crew in consequence of which the master is too much left at the mercy of the provision dealers - I have thought it may possibly have a good effect to draw public attention to the details connected with this most distressing case.

If saving were the motive in this particular instance of the "Crown Prince" it certainly has proved to have been a very false economy for the Owners, as apart from the very heavy expenses connected with the illness of the crew, the ship has been detained here at a great loss since the 6<sup>th</sup> December, and up to this the Master has not succeeded in obtaining a crew, sailors being unwilling to join such an unfortunate vessel.

Another very sad case of death was communicated to me early in June by Revd T Bridges - Missionary Superintendent of the

South American Mission at Oshoocha Tierra del Fuego. Mr. Bridges in his most interesting letter states that "on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April last a large party of Indians reached Oshoocha from New Years Sound and neighbourhood and brought news of the death of nine men by starvation and exposure on an exposed part of the coast."

He then details how he and Captain Willis of the Allen Gardner, a vessel belonging to the Mission, accompanied by the Indians who gave the information set out on a voyage in search of the spot which proves to be Hoste Island which they reached after a long and stormy passage. Mr. Bridges then narrates how Captain Willis and himself with four of the Indians succeeded in landing and proceeds:-

"We scrambled up the steep rocky coast, and some 50 yards above the sea, near the middle of the islet, or rather peninsula, found nine dead bodies much decomposed but all abundantly clothed. One of these was a poor woman, evidently the Captain's wife, who was lying beside her. Seven bodies were lying in a long hollow between rocks about four feet wide and five feet deep, and about forty feet long. Two bodies were away from the rest, but close to each other. At the upper end of this hollow the poor fellows had lived. Across the rocks they had spread canvas, perhaps their boat's sail, which had attracted the Indians' sharp sight from the other side of the sound.

"Here they had made their fires and cooked their food, this of meat and such

such mounds as they could gather on the steep and wave-washed coast of their circumscribed prison, a peninsula about 150 feet high, 100 yards wide from west to east and 300 yards long from north to south. It appeared from the sea to be joined to the main, but on ascending we were horrified to find an abrupt chasm completely cutting off retreat from this dreadful prison.

We remained circling over the dead and in search of information as long as we could, but threatening weather prevented our staying so long as we could have wished.

From clothing and other things we ascertained the names of eight of the dead.

Captain Willis fortunately came across a letter written in pencil on four leaves torn out of a pocket book which afforded a clue to the matter - Captain Willis on his arrival in Stanley gave me this letter, and it has been forwarded to its destination.

As perhaps in the whole annals of disasters by sea or land it would be difficult to find anything more sad and touching than these few lines pencilled when the writer was as he says "very weak and about blind". I insert an exact copy of it which is as follows:-

"In lat  $34^{\circ} 30' S.$ , long  $71^{\circ} W$ . Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> A.D.

Dear John, - When you receive this your Mother and me will be no more we have been 41 days in this desolate Island on very low diet your Mother and me is very weak I am about blind I can scarcely see the paper I am writing My watch and your Mother chain my instruments I give to Willie my Albert to yourself and you must wear your Mothers ring the ear rings for Jersey My instrument cloths & gold watch & three pounds twelve shilling to assist in maintaining Willie, and I hope you will be a a father to him kind and giving him good advice, the furniture to yourself their is two chronometers one Telescope one night the chronometer marked Webster's Telescope - you must late to the office and you can see if their is any money due for me if their is it will have to go for the maintenance of William And his Mother joins with me in hoping he will be a good Boy and not forget his God and we hope that you & Jersey may live long together in happiness & peace in fear of the Lord, and now we send you our last kind loving blessing and may God Bless you all is the sincerest wish of your Parents  
 James Mc Adam To John Fleming  
 84 Canterbury Street Carlton  
 Liverpool.

Subsequently to the receipt of Mr Bridgeman's letter my attention was drawn to the following paragraph which appeared in the Liverpool Weekly Mercury of the 18<sup>th</sup> April last:-

"The 'San Rafael' bound from Liverpool for Valparaiso with coal was burned on the 4<sup>th</sup> of January in latitude 53° S and longitude 76° W. Eleven of the crew were picked up on the 31<sup>st</sup> January by the 'Yorkshire' from Melbourne, and arrived at Fremantle on Wednesday. The Captain and the remainder of the crew are missing.

The following further particulars have been received:- On the night of leaving the vessel the boats parted company, the captain, his wife, and eight others being in the long boat. The crew of the other boat were in a sad state, and suffered greatly from hunger, sores, and frostbite.

Some days were passed in shelter on the numerous small islands to the south-west of Terra del Fuego, but from their barren nature only limpets and mussels were obtained. On the 21<sup>st</sup> January the cook, Henry Still, died from exposure, and when the remainder were rescued by the ship 'Yorkshire' on the 31<sup>st</sup> George Hend, one of the apprentices, had two toes amputated.

The "Mercury" then proceeds to give a list of the crew saved and also of the missing, amongst whom I find the names of James Mc Adam and his wife.

Mr Bridges in referring to Mr Adam & his unfortunate companions says:-

"Had they gone farther up the sound or across to the other side, they would have been comparatively in quiet waters, in a good land, where they would have secured their boat and readily travelled from place to place till they might meet with the natives, some of whom know a little English, and are much humanized by the knowledge they have attained of God and his word. I feel sure they would have been kindly treated and forwarded and brought on their way to Oshooia."

I have had great pleasure in conveying, as requested by your Lordship, the thanks of H.M. Government to the Revd Mr Bridges for his most humane exertions on the melancholy occasion in which he was zealously assisted by Captain Willis; and I was glad at receiving instructions, on the part of the Board of Trade, to forward £30 to the Revd Mr Bridges to distribute amongst them as a reward for their very creditable behaviour under the distressing circumstances.

It is most gratifying to think that the conduct of the Indians in this affair was, on the whole, as good and kindly as could have been expected from a more civilized community.

## Education

10.— I find from the report of Mr Collins, the Government Schoolmaster, that there was a slight falling off in the attendance of children in 1876.

According to the report:-

In 1875 the total number enrolled amounted to 141 and in 1876 to 127; the average attendance in 1875 being 80 and in 1876, 71.

Certain circumstances may account for this decrease as well as for the small average attendance, only 55 per cent of the children enrolled

On account of the uncertainty and severity of the climate, many children when they reach the age of 10 or 12, are at certain seasons of the year temporarily withdrawn from school to assist their parents in outdoor labour, peat-cutting, gardening. There is great difficulty in dealing with such cases.

Mr Collins concedes by reporting favourably on the conduct of the children during the past year.

## Climate

11. - For the following interesting meteorological summary for 1896 and the remarks regarding it I am indebted to Mr. Coll the Manager of the Falkland Islands Company.

Average			Comparison with 1905		
Month	Mean Rain. inches per month	Rain days	Mean Rain. inches per month	Rain days	Mean Rain. inches per month
January	6.3	23.2	47.0	25.	7.0
February	6.8	23.2	46.9	66.	6.4
March	5.0	24.0	45.0	60.	5.6
April	30.0	35.0	44.9	66.	4.2
May	49.0	20.5	39.1	49.	6.9
June	44.5	25.7	30.9	90	7.2
July	34.9	29.7	37.5	97	6.5
August	46.2	26.7	57.0	87	2.0
September	32.4	30.0	30.6	84	6.0
October	31.0	27.0	39.0	60	11.2
November	60.0	30.0	40.5	16	0.3
December	67.0	33.0	47.4	24	6.6
Totals 8 months	42.2	0.00	30.00	240	7.2

The past year has compared in nearly every respect unfavourably with its predecessor. Although the actual rain fall was less, the wet days were 33 more and the humidity was greater throughout. Heavy rains occurred in January and February, and the winter was marked by the severity of its snowstorms, falling heavily upon sheep and cattle. The spring was unusually severe, and has, it must be feared, injuriously affected the lambing seasons throughout the Colony. In compensation for this disastrous season, it may be mentioned (although belonging more properly to the report on the present year) that we have had a singularly fine summer. The average maximum of the thermometer in the shade for January exceeded that of the same month last year by 4.0 deg Fahrenheit, and on the 27<sup>th</sup> the extraordinary temperature of 76.0 was registered.

Up to the present time the weather has continued with few exceptions to be singularly fair.

General.

12. — H.M.S. "Challenger" arrived here on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January, and I find that in last month's number of "Good Words" Professor Sir C. Wyville Thomson has contributed a most valuable and interesting account of the Falkland Islands from which I may be permitted to make the following extract:

"On the day of our arrival Captain Thomson and I paid our respects to the Governor, General D'Grey, and we found him pretty interested in our arrival, owing to a report which had reached Stanley that some seams of graphite and workable beds of coal had been found at Port Lacer, on the other side of the island. Although from the little I had seen and read of the geology of the islands, and still more from the appearance of the specimens shown <sup>me</sup> by General D'Grey, I felt pretty well assured that the report would be fruitless; to satisfy the governor and the agent of the Falkland Islands Company, I asked Mr. Moseley, who was glad of this opportunity of seeing some of the country, to ride across and ascertain the true state of affairs. His observations justified our previous opinion. The whole of the East Island, and probably the greater part of the West Island

Island also, consists of sedimentary rocks of palaeozoic age; in the low grounds clay-slates and soft sandstones, and on the ridges hardened sandstones passing into the conspicuous white quartzites.

The beds of so called coal were simply very luminous layers among the clay-slates, sometimes becoming a sort of calx which might possibly answer to mix with coal and burn in a smoky fire like the luminous slates in the Bala series of Tyrone and Tyneire, but which could never be worked with advantage.

The "graphite" was only the blackest samples of the same material.

Mr. Moseley brought back a fine lot of fossils from the sandstones, the beds and their contents having very much the appearance of the ferruginous sandstones of May Hill or Girvan.

The species of *Orikis*, *Atrypa*, and *Spirifer* are different, and as there are no graptolites in the schists, it is probable that the whole series belongs to a somewhat later period, possibly the bottom of the Devonians.

But if Mr. Moseley did not find coal, he brought home slung at his saddle-bow what

"was of much greater interest to us,  
the skull and a great part of the  
skeleton of a poor little whale  
belonging to the genus *Lophius*.

The Falkland Islands consist of  
the older palaeozoic rocks, lower  
Devonian, or upper Silurian, slightly  
metamorphosed, and a good deal  
crumpled and distorted. It is  
entirely contrary to our experience  
that coal of any value should be  
found in such beds; galena may  
occur in the quartzites, but probably  
in no great quantity, and there is  
no positive reason why gold may  
not be found, although the beds  
have scarcely the character of  
auriferous quartz.

The peat of the Falkland Islands  
is very different in character from  
that of the north of Europe.

Cellular plants enter scarcely at  
all into its composition, and it is  
formed almost entirely of the roots  
and matted foliage and stems of  
*Empetrum rubrum*, a variety of  
the common crowberry of the Scottish  
hills with red berries, called by  
the Falklanders the "Diddle-dee"  
berry; of *Myrtus nummularia*,  
a little creeping myrtle which also  
produces red berries with a  
pleasant

" pleasant flavour, and leaves which  
have been used as a substitute for  
tea; of *Caltha appendiculata*, a  
dwarf species of of the marsh-  
marigold; and of some sedges and  
sedge like plants, such as  
*Astelia pumila*, *Gaimardia australis*,  
and *Poethoria grandiflora*. The  
roots and stems of these, preserved  
almost unaltered, may be traced  
several feet down into the peat,  
but finally the structure becomes  
obliterated, and the whole is  
reduced to an amorphous  
carbonaceous mass. The general  
flora of the "camp" is much like  
that of the low grounds of Tierra  
and Patagonia, but one misses the  
pretty flowering shrubs, especially  
the *Hamelia*, and the lovely  
*Philesia buxifolia*. The  
*Smilacina* are, however, still well  
represented by the delicately  
perfumed almond-flavoured  
*Callosene marginata*.

With regard to peat which is found on  
such abundance in these Islands I am glad  
to be able to report that there is a prospect  
of a manufactory being shortly established  
in Stanley for converting peat into patent  
fuel. An American gentleman is in treaty  
with the government for a grant of a certain  
extent

extent of peat bearing land with a view to establishing this manufactory.

Towards the close of the year the Governor of the Chilean Colony of Sandy Point Senor Diego Palle Almeida arrived here in a man-of-war, he informed me that this visit was undertaken by desire of the Chilean government who are anxious to promote commercial intercourse between the Falklands and Sandy Point.

I think it very probable from what the Governor said that a steamer will be shortly started by a Chilean merchant to run from Sandy Point to Stanley.

As Sandy Point is likely before long to become a thriving settlement it would be greatly to our advantage to have steam communication between it and this port, it would open up a good market for our sheep, cattle, and other products for which we can get in exchange flour, coal, and wood - articles much needed here.

I may observe in conclusion that if the foregoing enterprises prove successful the progress of this colony may be regarded as assured. —

Mr W H Hall  
The Earl of Clarendon

I had the  
hon T. F. Callaghan.

No.	Date
37.	26 <sup>th</sup> December 1877.
Circular.	6 <sup>th</sup> December 1877.
	15 <sup>th</sup> " "
Party	11 <sup>th</sup> January 1877.
Act <sup>t</sup> .	4 <sup>th</sup> " "
	7 <sup>th</sup> February "
	2 <sup>nd</sup> January "

L.P.B. S.T.I.  
20<sup>th</sup> March 1877

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt, on the 19<sup>th</sup> instant, 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 Carnarvon

I have the  
per T. F. Callahan

Unanswered

to 20 of 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1877  
to 40 of 21<sup>st</sup> Sept.

N.S.

G.H. S.H.  
22<sup>nd</sup> March 1877.

My Lord,

I have the honor to report that I have drawn the following Bill on the credit of the Parliamentary Grant for 1876-77 viz.

In 15 dated 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1877 for the sum of  
Eight pounds sterling in favor of George Evans  
at par.

2. The proceeds of this Bill are required for  
the general service of the Colony, and the amount  
has been carried to the credit of the Colonial Revenue  
as per enclosed certificate.

3. This Bill exhausts the amount (calculated  
at £3350) of the Parliamentary Grant for the  
current financial year, as shown in the enclosed  
Statement.

I have the  
res, T. F. Gallagher.

### Colony of Falkland Islands.

Bill in 15 dated 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1877 for £8.

Drawn by former Gallagher on His Paymaster General  
on the credit of the Parliamentary Grant for 1876-77, in sufficient amount.

I hereby certify that the amount realized by  
the above bill was duly carried to the credit of the Colonial Revenue  
on the above date.

res, T. F. Gallagher

res, G. Evans  
Colonial Revenue

Enclosure to Despatch No. -

Colony of Falkland Islands

Statement showing the disposal of the Parliamentary Grant  
in aid of Colonies Reserve for the financial year 1876-77.

Specie shipped to the Colony	1000.	0.	0.
Amount paid in Cash to Agent	1000.	0.	0.
Draft No 1 dated 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 1876.	100.	0.	0.
2 . . . . .	100.	0.	0.
3 . . . . .	200.	0.	0.
4 . . . 9 <sup>th</sup> May	100.	0.	0.
5 . . . 14 <sup>th</sup> August	100.	0.	0.
6 . . . . .	50.	0.	0.
7 . . . . .	72.	0.	0.
8 . . . 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	150.	0.	0.
9 . . . 15 <sup>th</sup> November	00.	0.	0.
10 . . . . .	50.	0.	0.
11 . . . 30 <sup>th</sup> December	150.	0.	0.
12 . . . . .	60.	0.	0.
13 . . . 15 <sup>th</sup> February	60.	0.	0.
14 . . . . .	70.	0.	0.
15 . . . 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	0.	0.	0.

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No. 9.

G. H. S. T. I.  
26<sup>th</sup> March 1877.

My Lord.

With reference to your Lordship's Circular  
of the 15<sup>th</sup> December last on the subject of the  
Imperial Bills Amendment Acts (1 Vic Cap 26 &  
15 Vic Cap 24), I have the honor to state that  
although no special ordinance was passed in order to  
extend 1<sup>st</sup> Vic Cap 26 to this colony, it has been  
extended <sup>in effect</sup> by Clause 47  
of the Administration of Justice Ordinance No. 10 - 1863  
which enacts as follows:-

"That all laws and statutes which were  
in force within the realm of England on the first  
day of January, 1850, shall be applied in the  
administration of justice in the Falkland Islands  
so far as the same can be applied."

2. There has been no further legislation on this subject here.
3. The 15<sup>th</sup> Vic Cap 24 has never been extended  
to this colony.

H. B. M. B.  
The Earl of Cameron  
K. C. B. K.

I have a  
copy  
T. F. Callaghan

G. H. S. J.  
26<sup>th</sup> March 1877.

No 10.

My Lord.

I have the honor to acknowledge  
the receipt of your Lordship's Circular of the  
6<sup>th</sup> December last enclosing copies of the  
Draft of a Bill respecting fugitive offenders  
and of a correspondence relating thereto.

2.- I have submitted the proposed  
Bill to my advisers who concur with me  
in approving of it.

F. P. Hanly

The Earl of Limerick

I have the  
honour to  
answer T. F. Colleghan

No. 11

G. H. J. P. I.  
27<sup>th</sup> March 1877.

My Lord,

On 27<sup>th</sup> of Decr. last and the correspondence enclosed in it relative to the cruel mode of killing wild cattle in this Colony, I have great pleasure in forwarding a copy of a letter which I have received from Mr. Cobb, the Manager of the Falkland Islands Company on the subject. In this letter he says:-

"I beg leave to say that I shall instruct the Captain of the Company's gauchos to have the animals slaughtered as they are cut down, and will do all in my power to prevent any unnecessary suffering."

I also have the pleasure to forward copies of letters which I have received from Messrs. Dean, Waldron, and McClymont, all extensive proprietors in the West Falkland Island, and from Mr. Manuel the Agent of Captain Barker's estate in the East Falkland Island.

I have very little doubt that the good example of these influential gentlemen will be followed throughout the entire colony, and that the very cruel practice complained of will soon be at an end.

I rejoice at this and having gone into the matter more fully than I was able to do when I forwarded my first Despatch regarding it

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2 Sept. 1877.

it, I am enabled to concur in the opinion expressed in your Lordship's Dispatch No 35 of 4<sup>th</sup> December last that there is no satisfactory reason why the animals' throats should not be cut immediately that they are cut down.

I am about to proceed in H.M.S. "Vulgar" on a trip to the West Falkland Island and to other parts of the settlements, and will avail of the opportunity to express my views on the subject to all the proprietors I may happen to meet.

R D Hall  
Lord of Farnesford

I have &  
J. T. F. Callaghan

No 12.

P. H. S. T.  
31<sup>st</sup> March 1877

My Lord,

With reference to my Despatch No 59  
of the 30<sup>th</sup> December last, I have the honor to  
enclose copy of a letter which I have received  
from Mr. Red Mr. Bridges in reply to my  
communication forwarding him the sum of £20  
for distribution amongst the Indians who rendered  
assistance in the San Rafael disaster.

The McHorn  
The Earl of Carnarvon

I have the  
/d/ T. F. Callaghan

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1877 -