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G.R. S. F.F.  
2<sup>nd</sup> April 1877.

My Lord.

I have the honour to report that I have drawn the following Bill on the credit of the Parliamentary Grant for 1877-78 vizt:-

No 1 dated 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1877 for the sum of £900.  
etc - & per.

2. - The proceeds of the 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.

I have the  
so. T. F. Callaghan

Re P. H. Hull  
The Earl of Harrington

Colony of Falkland Islands

Act No 1 dated 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1877 for £900-

Drawn by General Callaghan on His Majesty's  
General on the credit of the Parliamentary Grant for 1877-78  
in aid of Colonial Revenue.

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

J. F. Dras.  
Colonial Revenue.

so. T. F. Callaghan



Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, per R.M. Schooner "Black Hawk" via Monte Video, on the 15<sup>th</sup> May 1877.

No of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	No of Enclosures
14	10 <sup>th</sup> May 1877	Forwarding a Statement of the Assets and Liabilities of the Falkland Islands on the 31 <sup>st</sup> March 1877.	1
15	10 <sup>th</sup> "	Referring to the office of Colonial Surgeon, nil and his retirement	
16	10 <sup>th</sup> "	Replying to Circular of 1 <sup>st</sup> March, last respecting the Paris Universal Exhibition	nil
17	10 <sup>th</sup> "	Reporting the arrival of the Colonial and Chaplain	nil
18	10 <sup>th</sup> "	Reporting the Governor's trip round the Islands in H.M.S. "Volage"	nil
19	11 <sup>th</sup> "	Reply to circular of 5 <sup>th</sup> March, stating that none of the Acts or Enactments referred to are in force in the Colony	nil
20	11 <sup>th</sup> "	Reporting that Bishop Stirling discharged the duties of Colonial Chaplain and requesting permission to pay him therefor.	nil
=	8 <sup>th</sup> "	Acknowledgement of Despatches	1

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

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No 28 of 23rd June 1876  
No 39 of 9<sup>th</sup> August 1876.

My Lord,

In continuation of my Despatches, noted in the margin, I have the honour again to draw your Lordships' attention to the financial position of the Colony, and to enclose a statement of the Assets and Liabilities of this Government up to 31<sup>st</sup> March last, shewing liabilities in excess of assets amounting to £4290. 15.<sup>4</sup>.

2. This amount includes an item of £301. 11s. 5d.  
the proceeds of 17 Intestate Estates, deposited since 1848,  
and expended in the Public Service.

Up to this the only demand made on this Government on foot of these estates amounts to £18. 14/- and it is probable that the greater portion if not all of the balance remaining viz £313. 0. 5 may never be called for.

3. I observe in the account current of the  
Crown Agents for the Colonies furnished up to 28<sup>th</sup>  
February last that the Government is charged with  
the following items viz.

the following items viz.  
 To the Falkland Islands £60. Passage Money of Emigrants per 'Elbe' £126  
 do do p Guadiana 117 £243

As these payments are unusual I presume they have been made on the understanding that the government is to be recouped for them. If this surmise be correct the amount of the liabilities will be proportionately reduced.

4 I have already in former Despatches gone very fully into the whole question of these liabilities, and

and as it is now nearly a year since I first drew attention to the subject I trust I may be excused for again impressing upon your lordship the urgent necessity of having some arrangement made for their speedy adjustment. The long delay which has occurred has already placed me in a position of considerable difficulty and embarrassm<sup>m</sup>

The Right Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
Earl of Carnarvon  
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(Sgd) T. F. Callaghan

P.S. I have not yet heard whether the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure up to the 31<sup>st</sup> December 1877, forwarded in my Despatch No 53 of 13<sup>th</sup> November have been sanctioned, and should be much obliged at receiving as early an intimation on the subject as may be convenient.

Yrs, T. F. C.



Statement of the Assets and Liabilities  
on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1877.

Assets	Amount
To Balance due by the Board of Trade for advances on behalf of Distinguished British Seamen	69. 1. 2.
do by the Board of Trade for advances in respect of Captain Embrolle Light Stones	12. 11. .
do by Railways Office for pensions paid to Resident Military Pensioners	2. 11. 11.
Amount due by the Board of Trade, and paid to the Port M Bridges on behalf of the Indians who succeeded the crew of the "San Rafael"	20. . .
Cash in the Colonial Treasury	6. 13. 7
Arrears of Import duty on Spirits, Wine, Beer due by Messrs. Dean Sons	296. 9. 6.
Arrears of Import duty on Spirits, Wine & Beer due by the Falkland Islands Company	205. 14. 6.
Arrears of Rents of Crown Lands.	699. 7. 6.
	1312. 19. 2.
Amount of Liabilities in excess of Assets	4290. 15. 4.

£ 5,603. 14. 6.

I hereby certify that the above statement is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief

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G. Travis  
Colonial Treasurer.

of the Government of the Falkland Islands

Liabilities

Amount

By Balance of account current due to Mr Brown Agents for the Colonies on 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb 1877 -	£ 1210. 16. 0.	
Estimated Amount off from Agents for March.	150. 0. 0.	1,365. 16. 0.
Balance of account current due the General Post Office	44. 7. 3.	
Arrears of Salaries due to Colonial Officers	515. 7. 10.	
Amount due for Plate, crockery & purchased for Government House.	44. 7. -	
Falkland Islands £ - for purchase of Stores, and Materials, and Rations to Garrison	242. 9. 2.	
Falkland Islands £ - for conveyance of Mails	400. " "	
Master Bear £ - for purchase of Stores and Materials, Rations to Garrison, and to Prisoners in Gaol	141. 10. "	
Captain Packe - for purchase of rations to Garrison, and to Prisoners in Gaol	74. 0. 5.	
Laundry Loans to late Governor - expended in the service of the Colonial Office	1470. 11. 6.	
Interest due on the above loans	146. 5. "	
Loan to late Governor of New Dean Williams - expended in the service of the Colony	550. " "	
Amount due to the Colonial Surgeon for the Gaol	75. " "	
Proceeds of 17 Intermediate Barters deposited since 1848 and expended in the Public Service.	331. 14. 5.	
Passage money of Mr Smith and family to England	201. 9. 11.	
		£ 5603. 11. 6.

\* On this sum of £ 550. Interest will probably have to  
be paid which up to 31<sup>st</sup> March would amount to  
£ 25. 10. 0. -

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10th May 1877.

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My Lord,

With reference to Your Lordship's Despatch No 32 of 1<sup>st</sup> November granting leave of absence to the Colonial Surgeon in the event of his being able to arrange with any other Medical Practitioner to take his duties during his absence, I have the honour to state that Dr. Watts has informed me that he is unable to make such an arrangement and has again brought before me the question of his retirement from the service on a pension.

2. I have already given my views on the subject in my Despatch No 48 of 21<sup>st</sup> September last to which I beg again to draw Your Lordship's attention.

3. It is highly desirable that some decision should be come to in the matter without delay.

I have &c &c

(Sgd) T. F. Gallagher

The Right Honble.  
The Earl of Carnarvon

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

No 16.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's circular of the 1<sup>st</sup> March last relating to the Paris Universal Exhibition of 1878.

I very much regret that as this Colony is not in a position to take part in the exhibition, it will therefore be unable to avail itself of the advantages so graciously placed at its disposal by H. R. H. the Prince of Wales.

The Right Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
The Earl of Carnarvon  
M.C. M.C. M.C.

I have the honor to acknowledge  
Sgd/ T. F. Callaghan

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10th May 1877.

My Lord,

I have the honour to report the arrival of the Revd. Mr Brandon, the Colonial Chaplain, on the 19<sup>th</sup> March last.

I have recently had the parsonage - which was in a very bad state - repaired and I am happy to say, that it was ready for Mr Brandon's reception, on his arrival.

The Right Honble  
The Earl of Carnarvon  
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(Sgd.) J. F. Gallagher

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G. H. S. A. I.  
10th May 1877.

Note on the cruise of HMS "Vulage" about  
the Falkland Islands with his Excellency Sir Governor

Left Stanley harbour at noon 14<sup>th</sup> April; blowing hard from the S. W. and although the weather was generally very thick, there were occasional hauls which enabled the land to be seen, and so no difficulty was experienced in making the out the entrance of the sound. The Help the Islands to Northward of Pleasant Roads; and Direction Id. from good marks when approaching the sound from the Northward.

An anchorage for the night was obtained under the lee of Sea Lion Island in 11½ fms with the extremities of the Island bearing SW by N. and S. E. ½ S. and in the following morning the ship was taken into Darwin Harbour and anchored midway between the Second Isd. and the Step Patch to North of them.

As there is very little tide, there is no long difficulty in a long vessel passing through the Narrows

My Lord,

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Narrow, but winds of over 20 feet draught should anchor outside, as a cast of 22 feet was obtained when going through; the ship being as nearly as possible in mid channel.

~~The Right. The Earl, &c~~ Left Darwin Harbour at 6 am the 6<sup>th</sup> April and proceeded to the southward through Chouest and Sicky sounds, all dangerous in both of which are well marked by reef.

On clearing Sicky sound, as it was blowing hard from N.E. with wind back to the southward, the ship was taken into Hatt Bay on North side of Blaken Isld where good shelter was obtained in 8 fms, with Hatt Isld bearing N by E distant  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile -

Left Blaken Isld on morning of 7 April and proceeded for Port Stephens, running off Cape Mendicth at 2 am 8th April where the ship was hove too until daylight

The land about Port Stephens cannot be mistaken, the three Cowns and Castle Rock being very remarkable

Approaching from off Cape Mendicth

Stephens Bluff

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through  
Stephens Bluff (which is also easily known) should be  
steered for until the West end of Cross Island bears Nopth<sup>th</sup> the  
when the entrance will be open, and should be kept<sup>I was</sup> West  
on that bearing as it leads midway between the  
reef from Stephens Bluff, and that from the  
Pastore shape. The small Isds to Nopth<sup>th</sup> of Cross<sup>nd I</sup>  
Isld are well above water, and should be passed  
moderately close to, to avoid the reef extruding  
from the Pt immediately to Nopth<sup>th</sup> of Sia Pt.  
the

The ship was anchored off the settlement  
in 14 fms with the Nopth<sup>th</sup> extremes of Roul<sup>th</sup>  
Isld and the Susac Isld to West in transit,  
bearing E<sup>15°</sup> S and Stephens Pt bearing S<sup>15°</sup> W.

Left Port Stephens on the morning of 10 April  
and having passed to the southward of 15 feet patch  
off the Arch Islds. As the wind was blowing  
strong from the Nopth<sup>th</sup>. The ship was kept close to the  
land where the water was quite smooth.

Arrived at Fox Bay at 2P.M and  
anchored close to the Nopth shape in 8 fms with  
Reep Pt bearing S by S and the West Id S<sup>15°</sup> W.

This anchorage would of course have to be left.  
should

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should it come to blow between S. & E.: and we were told that timely warning was always given by the heavy swell which precedes winds from this quarter.

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The Earl  
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Left Fox Bay on morning of 11 April and proceeded through Falkland Sound, using the Main Passage on passing the Swan Isld. The Rept shown on Chart in this Passage was not seen. As it was blowing hard from the Northd an anchorage for the night was obtained in Port San Carlos (w preference to White Rock Bay) in the small Bay formed by the south extreme of Fanning Id and the long Tusac Islaud to the Southward in 11 fms with the West extreme of the Id bearing S. W.  $\frac{1}{2}$  E. distant 3/4 Mile.

Left Port San Carlos on morning of 12 April and proceeded along the Northerly shore of Pebble Isld and to the North of Point Agmont Cay anchored at 3.30 P.M. at Steppel Islaud in the Bay formed by Fall and Bold Pt in 7 fms with Fall Point bearing S by N  $\frac{1}{2}$  W, and Bold Pt N.N.W.  $\frac{1}{2}$  W.

Approaching this anchorage from the Northd, Rappel Islet Rept on A.W. bearing clears the N.E. reef and Ruff Pt bearing North leads through inside the Bold Rocks. Left Steppel Isld at 3 P.M. 13th April and arrived at Stanley 10 A.M. 14 April.

(sd) Charles Brent. Havd Lieutenant

Approved (sd) H. Fairfax. Captain

G. H. S. A. I.  
10th May 1877.

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My Lord,

I have the honour to report that through the kindness of Captain Fairfax, the Senior Naval Officer on the South East Coast of America, I was enabled to proceed in H.M.S. "Volage" to visit the most important stations on the East and West Falkland Islands and also the Missionary Station at Keppel Island.

The trip occupied ten days, and I was on the whole much pleased with the satisfactory condition of affairs at the different stations visited.

Highly Honble  
Earl of Barnarow  
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I have the pleasure  
(Signed). T. H. Gallagher

No 9.

G. H. S. F. I.

11<sup>th</sup> May 1877.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your lordship's circular of the 5<sup>th</sup> March last on the subject of certain Acts and enactments which affect Banks or Banking business and to state that none of the Acts or enactments referred to are in force in this Colony

The Right Honble  
The Earl of Barnarvon  
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I have the  
Sgd/ T. H. Gallagher

No 20.

G. H. S. &amp; I

14<sup>th</sup> May 1877.

My Lord,

I have the honour to inform your Lordship that since the arrival of Bishop Starling on the 15<sup>th</sup> December last he very kindly discharged the duties of Colonial Chaplain up to the 19<sup>th</sup> March, and I am aware that his taking up his residence at the Parsonage has led to his incurring additional expense.

2. I informed his Lordship at the time of his arrival that I should recommend his being allowed to draw the full pay of the Colonial Chaplain as long as it was available in consideration of his discharging the duties of the office.

3. The Bishop arrived here on the 15<sup>th</sup> Decr,  
and I submit for your lordships approval that he should be allowed to receive full pay from that period up to the 9<sup>th</sup> February - the date of Mr Brandon's embarkation from England - and also that he should be allowed to draw half pay from the latter date up to the 19<sup>th</sup> March 1877, the day when Mr Brandon arrived in this Colony.

The Right Honble.  
The Earl of Barnarow  
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(Sgd) J. F. Gallagher

Memo:-

Full pay - 16 days in Decr =	£ 13.. 0.. 10
do - 39 days to 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb. =	32.. 10.. 0
Half pay - 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb to 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar. =	16.. 5.. 0
	<u>£ 61.. 15.. 10</u>

Nº	Date
1	12 <sup>th</sup> Feby 1877
2	19 <sup>th</sup> February 1877
3	7 <sup>th</sup> March 1877
Accounts Circular	9 <sup>th</sup> February 1877
do.	9 <sup>th</sup> January "
do.	1 <sup>st</sup> February "
do.	2 <sup>nd</sup> February "
do.	3 <sup>rd</sup> February "
do.	6 <sup>th</sup> February "
do.	16 <sup>th</sup> February "
do.	1 <sup>st</sup> March "
do.	5 <sup>th</sup> March "
Acknowledgement Parliamentary	19 <sup>th</sup> February "
	22 <sup>nd</sup> March "

G.H.S.F.I.  
8<sup>th</sup> May 1877.

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt on the 7<sup>th</sup> instant of Your Lordship's Despatches and Circulars as noted on the margin and to forward Schedule of unanswered Despatches.

I have etc

Sgd J. F. Gallagher

The Right Honble.  
Earl of Carnarvon  
etc etc

Unanswered

No 28 of 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1876

No 48 of 21<sup>st</sup> Sept 1876



Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies per R.R. Schooner "Sparrow Hawk" via Montevideo on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1877

No of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	No of Enclosures
=	26 <sup>th</sup> June <sup>1877</sup>	Acknowledgement of Despatches and Circulars	1
21	27 <sup>th</sup> June	The Retirement of the Colonial Surgeon from the Service of this Government	1
22	28 <sup>th</sup> June	Regarding the measuring of the deck cargo space of vessels in accordance with Section 23 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1876	8
23	28 <sup>th</sup> June	That copies of the Imperial Acts referred to in Despatch No 7 of 5 <sup>th</sup> May, 1877 are ready for public inspection, and that a notice to that effect has been published in the Government Gazette.	-
24	28 <sup>th</sup> June	Reporting the drowning of four men by the upsetting of a dingy: and the bravery displayed by Mr G. Smith in trying to save life on the melancholy occasion	-
25	2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Advising Drafts drawn on the Parliamentary Grant for the period ending 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 1877	1

No	Date
4	April 7 <sup>th</sup>
5	" 17 <sup>th</sup>
general	" 20 <sup>th</sup>
6	" 25 <sup>th</sup>
7	May 5 <sup>th</sup>
circular	March 9 <sup>th</sup>
do	May 3 <sup>rd</sup>
do	" 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Acknowledgement	April 5 <sup>th</sup>

G.H.S. F.I.  
26<sup>th</sup> June 1877

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt, on the 21<sup>st</sup> inst., of your Lordship's Despatches and Circulars as noted on the margin, also to forward a schedule of unanswered Despatches.

I have to

(Sgd) J. H. Gallagher

The Right Honble.  
Earl of Carnarvon  
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Unanswered  
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27<sup>th</sup> June 1877

My Lord,

I have the honour to forward a letter which I have received from Dr. Walls, the Colonial Surgeon, on the subject of his retirement from the service of this Government.

2. Mr. Cobb, the Manager of the Falkland Islands Company has shown me lately a copy of a letter dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> February last, addressed to Your Lordship by Mr. Coleman and bearing on the same subject. Mr. Cobb also informs me that he has received a promise of subscriptions, amounting to over £100 a year, from persons in the service of the Company, towards the support of a Surgeon to be stationed at Darwin.

The amount subscribed would probably reach over £150 a year which supplemented by the large proprietors and other residents of the West Falklands numbering altogether about 135, and who, as Mr. Coleman states in his letter, are without any medical advice whatever. He also points out that the Surgeon if stationed at Darwin could easily cross the Sound to the West Islands, and proposes that, in the event of Dr. Walls' retirement, his pay should be devoted to the establishment of a surgeon at Darwin.

I cannot help thinking (having regard to the position of the Company and the other large proprietors referred to, and of those in their employment and in view of the very embarrassed state of the finances of the colony which renders all possible retrenchment absolutely necessary) that this proposal regarding the allocation of the Colonial Surgeon's pay is by no means a reasonable one.

3. In a former Despatch I stated my views on the subject of Dr. Walls' retirement, but now that it is considered necessary by the Company to have a Surgeon permanently stationed at Darwin, (an arrangement of which I fully approve),

No 48 of 21<sup>st</sup> Sept. 1876.

approve) the proposition then submitted for your Lordships consideration would not now be applicable.

I hope Dr. Watts may get an appointment in another colony, and as Colonel D'Arcy states that he would also be qualified and willing to fill the office of Stipendiary Magistrate, the chances of being able to provide for him elsewhere are increased. If however this cannot be done I am disposed to recommend that Dr. Watts should be retired on a pension, but I consider that £125 a year, which he asks for, is too much having regard to the fact that he is still in good health, as well as to his age and short service. This however is a matter which rests with Your Lordship to decide.

4. When he is disposed of, one way or the other, an opportunity would offer of making an important reduction in the expenditure of the colony, and at the same time of establishing at the same time a resident Doctor at Darwin.

5. I should think that a competent Surgeon and general practitioner could be procured for Darwin for £300 a year and under the circumstances I think the Government could not fairly be asked to contribute more than a £100 salary towards this in consideration for his occasionally visiting Stanley, where his services would only be required in cases of rare emergencies. The remainder in my opinion ought to be guaranteed by the Company, which would be recouped for a considerable portion of its share (£200) by the local subscriptions at Darwin and the West Falklands. The Company might also without much expense provide the Doctor, with horses and a house rent free.

6. Mr. Cobb thinks that at Darwin, where the people are nearly all Scotch, it would be desirable that the Doctor stationed there should be a Scotchman. He also recommends, and I concur with him, that he should be a married man.

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15th Nov 1876

7. Any other details in connection with the arrangement could be settled hereafter in case it is sanctioned by the Government and adopted by the Company.

8. In order to carry out the foregoing plan it would be necessary to abolish the office of Colonial Surgeon, and I think the Staff Surgeon attached to the party of Marines consisting of an Officer and 15 men might fairly be asked to attend the few Colonial Officers without any addition to the £100, and allowances amounting to £50 more, which he now receives annually, over and above his imperial pay. He would then be saved from the hardest part of his present duty, which is having to go to Darwin if called there when the Colonial Surgeon is prevented by illness from performing that service.

9. The annual saving effected if this arrangement be adopted would be £250, assuming for the moment that Dr. Watts is to be retired on a pension of, say a £100 a year.

This arrangement if carried out would leave the sole medical charge of Stanley in the hands of the Surgeon attached to the Marines. But Dr. Blavany as well as his predecessors has hitherto had by far the largest share of private practice here, owing in some measure to the fact that the public are a good deal influenced by the high standing in the service of these Officers; and to the circumstance that they come out fresh from England every three years, and are supposed to be well acquainted with the latest improvements in medical and surgical science. Unfortunately the Colonial Surgeon, after a long residence in a remote colony is apt to be considered rather rusty in such matters.

The fact of the present Staff Surgeon being, like all his predecessors a married man, is also in his favour as regards practice, as the public decidedly prefer employing him on that account to calling in Dr. Watts who is a bachelor.

Under the circumstances the proposed arrangement would

be satisfactory to the community at Stanley, especially if the occasion were availed of, to have a more moderate scale of fees for services rendered to private parties fixed under Government Regulation as recommended in Your Lordship's Despatch No 32 of the 8th November last. I have spoken to Dr. Mulvany on the subject and he is willing to do the required duty on the terms stated and to adhere to a fixed scale of private fees.

10 With regard to the appointment at Darwin I should hope that there would be no difficulty in procuring a well qualified Surgeon and general practitioner in Scotland to fill an appointment in a good climate at a salary of £300 a year, with a house and other allowances. I trust that in selecting a candidate for the place the question of his sobriety and respectability will be carefully considered.

I am not aware that there is anything due in connection with the subject to which it will be necessary for me to draw Your Lordship's attention, and I hope that some decision regarding it will be come to with as little delay as possible.

I have to

The Right Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
The Earl of Barnarvon  
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(Sgd) T. F. Gallagher

Ms. 22.

G. H. S. P.

28<sup>th</sup> June 1877

My Lord.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Circular of the 9<sup>th</sup> of January last transmitting a copy of a letter from the Board of Trade regarding the measuring of the deck cargo space of vessels, in accordance with section 23 of the Merchant Shipping Act of 1876.

2. - I have given the Officer of Customs instructions to make the report referred to in the third section of the Circular whenever a case requiring it shall occur in this Colony.

He will also be instructed to use the approved form - and to cause the necessary entries to be made in the official log - as suggested by the Board of Trade.

A. R. Steele  
The Earl of Carnarvon

I have the  
R. T. F. Gallagher

No 23

G. H. S. T. S.  
28<sup>th</sup> June 1877.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch No 7 of the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May last and to state that Government Copies of the Acts of Parliament referred to in it - will be ready for inspection at the Public Offices, and that a Notice to that effect has been published in the Government Gazette.

The D. S. G.  
The Earl of Mayo  
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Geo. F. Callahan

No 24

G. H. S. F. I.  
28<sup>th</sup> June 1877

My Lord.

I regret to have to inform your Lordship that four poor men belonging to Hartley were drowned at a place called Johnson's Harbor - about 30 miles from this - on the 14<sup>th</sup> instant, by the upsetting of a small boat in which they were proceeding late at night, in board their vessel, lying at some distance from the shore.

The four bodies were recovered, and at the inquest held upon them a verdict of accidental drowning was found, with the following addition:

"The Jury wish it to be put on record that they consider George Smith's conduct in trying to assist the unfortunate man is deserving of great praise."

2. I append an extract from Mr Smith's evidence at the Inquest, which will give an account of what he did on the melancholy occasion.

"I live at Johnson's Harbor. I remember a sailing boat arriving at my place about 6 o'clock p.m. on the 14<sup>th</sup> instant, four persons landed from her. Mr. Hammond 'Fenby', Peter, and Thomas Carey. They went to my house and had their tea. They all left between 10 and 2 past 10 p.m. I went a few yards outside the house with them. I could see the Cutter from where I stood, but it was too dark

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to see anything small on the water. After we got outside the house I asked Grimmond to stop on shore - he said he would not stop then, but the next night, that he would come up the first thing in the morning.

The next thing I heard was, when sitting at the fire, a shout, my wife also heard it, and went to the door, she said the men in the dingy were making a queer noise, she took my opera glasses, but could not see anything. The noise still continued. I jumped up and went to the door and could hear the men blowing and calling out "here! here!" I knew by that they must be in the water. I ran down to the beach abreast of where I could hear the noise. I could not see anyone. I got a piece of scantling, and waded into the water up to my waist and pushed it out into the kelp. I then got a second piece and tied that. I could not get either pieces through the kelp. I never heard more than two voices.

I then threw in a small box in the direction of one of the voices. The next thing I thought of was the gate of the ship pen to make a raft. I went off on the raft to where I heard the sound of the person in the water.

I came across the dingy on the edge of the kelp. I tried to haul it alongside the raft to tie it on shore; in hauling the dingy toward

me I found the raft going under the boat, and was obliged to let go. I found I could not do anything with the dingy so paddled off to the cutter, when I got on board I found my legs too benumbed to stand. I put on dry clothing and then went on deck and lifted the anchor and dropped the cutter alongside the dingy, when I got close enough to lay hold of the dingy I let go the anchor. As I hauled the dingy alongside I saw something black in the bow, I took it for help and put my hand down to bear it to enable me to get the water out of her, instead of help I found I had got hold of a crab.

Witness then proceeds to describe how he found one poor man clinging to the dingy, but unfortunately life was extinct.

3- Mr. Smith cannot swim, and there can be no doubt that he risked his life most bravely in his endeavour to rescue the unfortunate men, and also showed great kindness of resource in such a sudden emergency in constructing a raft out of the galleys.

Although his efforts were unfortunately not rewarded with success it has occurred to me that perhaps if the case were brought under

under the notice of the Royal Humane Society  
it might elicit some recognition or mode of approval  
of this act of bravery.

4. I have already thanked Mr Smith  
warmly on behalf of the Government, but I think  
it would have a very good effect in this  
remote Colony if his conduct were to receive  
some such recognition from home as I have  
mentioned.

Mr. Smith - who is a Scotchman - is a  
small farmer, and has been in the Colony for over  
25 years. He is a remarkably good  
specimen of his class.

I have a

The Rt Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
The Earl of Cammerton  
P P T

(D) T. F. Callaghan

No 25.

G.H. S.F.J.  
2<sup>nd</sup> July 1877.

My Lord.

I have the honour to report that I have drawn the following Drafts on the credit of the Parliamentary Bank for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 1877. viz:-

No 2 dated 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1877 for the sum of £140 stg. at par., drawn in favour of The Oriental Bank Corporation, Threadneedle Street London.

No 3 dated 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1877 for the sum of £100 stg. at par. drawn in favour of Her Majesty's Postmaster General

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

The R.R. Hardy  
The Lord of Garrison  
n - n - t

I have the

(Sd) T. F. Callaghan

Colony of Falkland Islands.

Draft No 2 dated 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1877 for £140.  
 3 " " £100

Braze by Governor Collophan on Her Majesty's  
 Paymaster General, on the credit of the Parliamentary  
 Grant, for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 1877,  
 in aid of Colonial Reserve.

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

(Signed) T. F. Collophan  
 Governor

13, Grosvenor  
 Gardens.

Schedule of Despatches from the Governor of the Falkland Islands  
to the Secretary of State for the Colonies transmitted for A.M.  
Schooner "Gull" or the 15<sup>th</sup> August 1877.

No. of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	No. of Enclosures
—	1877 11 <sup>th</sup> August	Acknowledgment of Despatch and Circulars	one
"Separate"	14 <sup>th</sup> August	Conveying acknowledgement for the appointment to the Order of St Michael and St George	nil
26.	14 <sup>th</sup> August	Advising Drafts drawn on the Falkly Bank for the month July 1877	one
Parliamentary Grant	15 <sup>th</sup> August	Explanation regarding the supposed amount of the Parliamentary Grant for 1876-77 being £3350.	nil
27.	15 <sup>th</sup> August	Letter offering Parliamentary Papers	nil

No.	Date.
8.	22 <sup>nd</sup> May 1877
Wly. Grant	26 <sup>th</sup> May .
Secret	31 <sup>st</sup> May .
9.	6 <sup>th</sup> June .
10.	11 <sup>th</sup> June .
Circular	11 <sup>th</sup> April .
"	26 <sup>th</sup> May .
"	30 <sup>th</sup> May .
"	7 <sup>th</sup> June .
Parliamentary	23 <sup>rd</sup> May .
Acknowledgment	18 <sup>th</sup> May .
"	20 <sup>th</sup> June .

Government House,  
Stanley Falkland Islands,  
11<sup>th</sup> August 1877.

My Lord.

I have the honor to acknowledge  
the receipt, on the 10<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 honor to remain  
Yrs. T. F. Collyer

The Postmaster  
The Earl of Carnarvon  
" " "

Unanswered to 20<sup>th</sup> of June 1876

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G. H. S. P. I.  
14<sup>th</sup> August 1877.

My Lord

The Queen having been graciously pleased, on your Lordship's recommendation, to appoint me to be a Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, I beg to convey my most dutiful acknowledgments for the dignity conferred upon me.

Allow me at the same time to acknowledge most gratefully the deep obligation I am under to Your Lordship, for having recommended me to Her Majesty for that honour. I venture to hope, that throughout my official career, I may continue to deserve the high mark of confidence thus accorded to me.

I have the  
Respectful & Obedient Servt  
T. F. Callaghan

Thos. F. Webb  
The Earl of Carnarvon

A. 26.

G. S. J.

14<sup>th</sup> August 1877.

My Lord,

I have the honor to report that I have drawn the following Drafts on the credit of the Parliamentary Bank for the nine months ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 1877 vizt:-

No 4 dated 1<sup>st</sup> August 1877 for the sum of £150  
stg, at par, drawn in favor of Messrs H. & J. King Co-

No 5 dated 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1877 for the sum of £80 4s  
at par, drawn in favour of the Oriental Bank Corporation,  
Threadneedle Street, London.

No 6, dated 13<sup>th</sup> August 1877 for the sum of £50 4s  
at par, drawn in favour of Messrs H. & J. King Co

No 7 dated 18<sup>th</sup> August 1877 for the sum of £100  
stg, at par, drawn in favor of the Revd Anthony Pearson

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

I have the  
D. T. F. Gallagher

The R. H. Hanb.  
The Earl of Larmerston  
A. K.

Colony of Falkland Islands.

Draft No 4 dated 1 <sup>st</sup> August 1877 for £ 150-	
5 " 2 <sup>nd</sup> August "	£ 80-
6 " 13 <sup>th</sup> August "	£ 50-
7 " 13 <sup>th</sup> August "	£ 100-

Prawn by Governor Callaghan on Her Majesty's  
Payments General, on the credit of the Parliamentary  
Grant for the nine months ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 1877 - 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.

As of Pro  
ficial Purse

sd. T. F. Callaghan  
Governor

Parliamentary  
Grant

G. R. S. T.S.  
15<sup>th</sup> August 1877.

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Dispatch of the 26<sup>th</sup> May last regarding the Parliamentary Grant for 1876-77, and to submit the following explanation on the subject.

2.- According to Colonel Dibsey's Estimates a sum of £6723 - was required to carry on the service of the Colony for the period in question.

Of this amount it was estimated that the local Revenue would yield £3575 - leaving a balance of £3350/- to be voted by Parliament.

3.- In my Dispatch No 28 of the 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1876- on the financial position of the Colony, it will be observed that in paragraph 1. I calculated the Parliamentary Grant at this sum of £3350 - in accordance with Colonel Dibsey's Estimates, but in order to ascertain whether I was correct in doing so, I made the following remark, in the hope of eliciting a reply on the subject

"I may observe in passing that  
"no statement of the Parliamentary Grant  
"sanctioned for the present financial  
"year has yet been received"

4.- Until the receipt of the Dispatch now under acknowledgment - when it was unfortunately too late - I was not aware that

the sum voted by Parliament was £3,500.

In fact my attention had been drawn by the Colonial Treasurer to your Lordships Dispatch No 7 of the 27<sup>th</sup> February 1875, from which it appears that the Local Commissioners of the Treasury somewhat reluctantly and only on a certain "clear understanding &c" allowed the sum of £3500 to be placed on the Estimates for 1875-76.

Under these circumstances I did not feel at all justified in assuming that a similar vote would be granted for 1876-77, and in the absence of all instructions on the subject, I thought it safer not to allow the amount drawn on foot of the Parliamentary Grant to exceed <sup>the</sup> £3500 already referred to - as being in accordance with Colonel S'Moy's Estimates.

5. I need scarcely say that I regret the temporary loss occasioned to the Local Revenue, but I trust that I have satisfactorily explained that I am not in any way responsible for it.

6. In connexion with the foregoing I may observe that I have not yet received any intimation of the approval of the Estimates for the 9 months ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 1877 forwarded in my Dispatch No 53 of the 15<sup>th</sup> November last (in which I ask for a Parliamentary Grant of £2811). I should hope that - if it has not been already forwarded before the receipt of this, I shall receive a communication on the subject by the mail leaving London on the 8<sup>th</sup> of November, which is due here before the end of the year.

Sdlt Hylk  
The Earl of Mayo

I have the  
ss, T. F. Callaghan

No 27.

G. J. F.J.  
15<sup>th</sup> August 1877.

My Lord.

A copy of the following  
Circular Instructions  
for a Stock

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of certain Parliamentary Papers, as noted in the margin - which arrived on the 10<sup>th</sup> instant.

I have a

by T. F. Callaghan

The Old Hall  
The Earl of Tyrone

Schedule of Despatches from the Governor of the Falkland Islands  
to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, transmitted by R.R. L.C.  
'Spanner Hawk' on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1877, via Montevideo.

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
—	1877. 20 September	Acknowledgment of Despatch and Enclosures	1.
28.	24 <sup>th</sup> September	Requesting sanction for having paid Mr. F. G. as half salary during his absence in England	nil
29.	26 <sup>th</sup> September	Transmitting the estimates of the probable Revenue and Expen- diture of the Colony for the year ending 31 <sup>st</sup> December 1878.	4.
30.	26 <sup>th</sup> September	Proposing certain reductions showing a saving of £235 would be effected	nil
31.	27 <sup>th</sup> September	Drawing attention to certain transactions which have occurred in connexion with the Amalgamation Ordinance No. 1870	9.
32.	28 <sup>th</sup> September	Suggesting the removal of the party of marines - as a means of reduction.	nil.

No. of Dispatch.	Date of Dispatch	Subject of Dispatch	No. of Telegrams
33.	1 <sup>st</sup> October 1877.	Forwarding copy of a letter from Mr Bridges, respecting the distribution amongst the Provinces of goods as a reward for their exertions in connexion with the San Rafael disaster.	1.
34.	2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Regarding the Colonial Surgeon's retirement on a pension.	3.
35.	27 <sup>th</sup> September	Acknowledgment of Parliamentary Papers	nil.
36.	28 <sup>th</sup> October	Requesting that for the present no decision may be come to respecting the Fallsford Island Company's contract for running the mails until an opportunity of reporting upon it offers - say next mail.	nil.
37.	2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Advising Draft drawn on the Parliamentary Grant for the year ending 31 <sup>st</sup> December 1877.	1.

No.	Date.
Report.	1877
11.	29 <sup>th</sup> June.
12.	3 <sup>rd</sup> July.
13.	4 <sup>th</sup> July.
Confidential.	28 <sup>th</sup> July
Circular.	13 <sup>th</sup> June
	18 <sup>th</sup> June
	21 <sup>st</sup> June
	4 <sup>th</sup> July
Parliamentary.	9 <sup>th</sup> July
	25 <sup>th</sup> July.
Accounts.	27 <sup>th</sup> July.

Got. S. F.  
20th September 1877

My Lord.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt, on the 10<sup>th</sup> instant, of your Lordship's Despatches and Circulars, as noted in the margin, and to forward a schedule of unanswered Despatches, &c.

A. H. Smyth  
The Earl of Harrington

I have a  
to  
120, T. P. Gallagher

On 20 of 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1877.

N 20.

Government House  
Stanley, Falkland Islands  
24<sup>th</sup> September 1877.

My Lord.

I have the honor to report that, subject to your Lordship's sanction, I have consented to allow half salary to be issued to the Revd Mr Yeoman, Presbyterian Minister at Darwin during the period of his absence from the colony viz:- from the 16<sup>th</sup> May 1876 to 19 March 1877.

The circumstances connected with the matter are I believe as follows:- Mr Yeoman came into Stanley shortly before the departure of the mail of the 15<sup>th</sup> May 1876, saw Colonel D'Arcy and obtained leave verbally from him to proceed to England.

The period of leave does not appear to have been specified and Mr Yeoman, who is not at all familiar with the Colonial Regulations, thought that having had the Governor's consent to his leaving, there was no more to be done in the matter. He left next day in the 'Black Hawk' along with Colonel D'Arcy, who, doubtless owing to the hurry connected with his departure omitted to send the usual despatch reporting the matter.

I was not sworn in until after Colonel D'Arcy left the colony and knew nothing of the transaction.

Mr Yeoman got married during his visit home, and returned here with his wife on the 19<sup>th</sup> March last.

It appears that the only provision

possible under the circumstances was made  
for the discharge of the Minister's duties  
at Derry during his absence, and I trust  
that your Lordship will sanction my having  
accorded to Mr. Yeomans application that  
he should be allowed half salary for the  
period in question.

R. P. W.  
The Lord of Carrickmore  
4. x. 72

I have a  
per T. F. Gallagher

N. 24.

G. S. T. S.  
26<sup>th</sup> September 1877

My Lord.

I have the honor to transmit the Estimates of the probable Revenue and Expenditure of the Colony for the year beginning on the 1<sup>st</sup> January and ending on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 1878.

2. In my Despatch No 53 of the 13<sup>th</sup> November last, I reported that it had been considered desirable by the Audit Office that the Estimates should be framed for this period instead of for the financial year as had previously been the practice in the Colony.

3. The present Estimates have been framed with great care and the greater number of the items do not call for any special remark. I shall however notice in detail those requiring explanation.

### Revenue.

4. The Revenue has been calculated on the basis of that collected in 1876, and I regret to say that it exhibits no tendency to increase. Trade for some time past has been very dull and the population continues almost stationary. All the land of the islands has been already leased, and it is in the hands of a very small number of proprietors. This circumstance together with the want of steam communication must tend to prevent the influx of new settlers.

Expenditure -

5. The Expenditure has been regulated with a view to every possible economy.

Owing to the embarrassed condition of the colony I have not felt justified in providing for the construction of any new Public Works. I hope however with the limited means provided to be able to make some progress towards completing the new jail, and rendering it fit for occupation.

6.- It will be observed that I have made no provision for the Interest on the Colonial Debt which goes on accumulating, but I should hope that, before this, the Government have obtained the necessary sum from Parliament to meet the outstanding liabilities of the colony.

A statement of the Assets and liabilities up to the 30<sup>th</sup> September is herewith forwarded.

I need scarcely say that the long delay that has elapsed in the settlement of the outstanding liabilities has placed us in a position of considerable embarrassment.

Establishments

7. As the arrangements are not yet completed I have not taken into account any saving in the Fixed Establishments which may arise in connexion with the proposed retirement of the Colonial Surgeon, or that of Mr. Frasier referred to in another Despatch.

## Harbour Master

8. - In this Department a change will be noted namely that no provision is made for the wages of the Pilots as hitherto.

In December 1871 this service was undertaken by the Government to which the pilotage dues were paid and I regret to say that it has been attended with a considerable loss, as will appear from the enclosed statement.

I feel certain that the duty can be quite as efficiently performed by reverting to the former arrangement under which this service was performed by Pilots licensed by the Government, who were paid by the pilotage dues which they received from the shipping.

By this means an important annual saving will be effected, but in order to carry out the arrangement some alteration will have to be made in the Pilot Ordinance No 5 of 1871 which can be done before the end of this year.

## Works and Buildings:- exclusive of Establishments.

9. In former years a sum of £250 was annually provided and expended under this head in the employment of the Marines on the public works.

I regret to say that there is very little to show for the large sums of money expended in this way. It had unfortunately come to be regarded as almost necessary to find work for these men, whether it was required or not; which I need scarcely say must have had rather a demoralizing effect upon them.

Besides this led to an increase in the purchase and consumption of materials and stores, which has been one of the chief causes of the present financial embarrassment.

10. The sum now provided £100. for the wages of the Marines will I believe be sufficient to meet the requirements of the colony during the ensuing year.

A saving of nearly £30 a year will be effected by abolishing the post of Overseer Husherto held by the Sergeant of the Battalion, by whom the duties were not at all performed to my satisfaction.

I have provided that they shall be discharged for the future by Mr. Tolway the former carpenter and formerly Foreman of Works, without any increase to his present salary.

### Miscellaneous Services.

11. Under this head a sum of £55 appears in the Estimate for the first time, in order to meet the charge of Commission &c payable to the Crown Agents on account of the Colony.

These charges although annually incurred have not been provided for in former Estimates.

12. According to the enclosed Estimate the Revenue for the year 1798 amounts to £3296. and the Expenditure to £6270. so that the Parliamentary Grant required to carry on the service of the Colony

will not amount to more than £2974 which is a decided decrease on that voted in former years.

I am not aware that there is anything else calling for remark and I beg to submit these Estimates for your Lordships approval.

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H. Earl of Harrington  
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The Colonial Office.

I have the  
16/1 J. F. Callaghan

A. Return of the Revenue receipts since the passing of  
the Tithe Ordinance - on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 1871.

Estimated Revenue.	Actual Receipts.
1872. £ 350.-	1872. £ 200. 3. 3
1873. 350.-	1873. 190. 4. 0
1874. 250.-	1874. 129. 3. 0
1875. 250.-	1875. 100. 13. 6
1876. 200-	1876. 72. 6. 0
<u>£ 1400.</u>	<u>£ 700. 9. 9.</u>

Deficit £ 620.-

No. 30

G.H. S. F.I.  
26<sup>th</sup> September 1877.

My Lord.

I have the honor to draw your Lordship's attention to the following measure of abatement which I think can be effected without prejudice to the public service.

2. Mr Traxis, who holds the Office of Treasurer, Acting Colonial Secretary and other appointments for which he receives a combined salary of £435 a year, is desirous of going home early next year, and in view of the proposed abatement is willing to resign his present appointments in consideration of your Lordship favourably entertaining his claims for reemployment in some suitable position in another Colony.

Mr Traxis is not anxious for immediate reemployment and would for certain family reasons be glad to have an opportunity of spending 18 months at home after his residence of ten years in Stanley - six of which have been spent in the service of His Government.

I have great pleasure in certifying that Mr Traxis's claims for reemployment are deserving of your Lordship's most favourable consideration.

3. I am of opinion that the various duties now discharged by him can after a little training be efficiently performed by Mr. Follows the present Schoolmaster here who is a young man of very good education, and capacity; and

ambitions of advancement in the Colonial service.  
As far as I am capable of judging he is  
decidedly trustworthy and I know that Colonel Bailey  
held a very high opinion of him. He has formed re-  
lationships with his, and I believe he would be thoroughly  
loyal to the Government. Having some private  
means the question of salary is not so much an  
object with Mr Collins provided he can be transferred  
to a position in which he would have a chance  
of advancement.

If some such opportunity does not offer he  
intends resigning his present post and going home  
after next March when he will have completed three  
years service.

In addition to his other qualifications he  
is, I believe, a good accountant, and would be willing  
to undertake the duties now performed by Mr Travers  
for £200 a year, as a probationer, in the hope of  
being confirmed in the appointment, after some trial,  
and of receiving an increase of salary hereafter.

Mr Collins, has, by my desire, been for  
some time past attending at the Government Office during  
vacation and after school hours in order to become  
acquainted with routine duties.

4.- A saving of £235 a year would be  
effected in the event of the arrangement being carried  
out and I should recommend that Mr Arthur Bailey  
the Police Magistrate - an Officer of long standing and  
experience - should on the departure of Mr Travers, who  
holds a Commission as Administrator, be empowered  
to administer the Government during the absence of  
the Governor.

5.- The appointment of a new Schoolmaster will also be necessary; he would have to be sent out from England as no suitable person can be procured here.

I am informed that there would be no chance of getting a certificated Schoolmaster, but that through the Board of Education a competent assistant schoolmaster, or ex-pupil teacher, might be obtained to fill the appointment. It would be desirable that he should be a member of the Church of England. The salary of the Schoolmaster here is £100 a year; he is allowed house rent free and the school pence average from £25 to £35 a year; he also receives £12 a year from the Admiralty as instructor to the Children of Marines.

I should be glad if the proposed arrangement receives your Lordships sanction.

I have the

Very Obedient  
The Last of January  
P. F. Gallagher

(S) T. F. Gallagher

A. 31.

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

My Lord.

I regret extremely to be obliged to draw your Lordship's attention to certain transactions which have occurred in connexion with Ordinance No 6 of 1870 entitled "An Amalgamation Ordinance of the leases of Crown Lands in the Falkland Islands" which I fear may give rise to serious future complication as well as operate injuriously on the financial prospects of the colony.

2. I enclose a printed copy of the "Amalgamation Ordinance" which was disallowed and of the two subsequent Land Ordinances now in operation. A copy of the Rent Roll of the colony is also forwarded.

Gov. D'Alroy to Secy. of State 16<sup>th</sup> Sept 1870.  
Secretary of State to Gov. D'Alroy. No 16 of 7<sup>th</sup> January 1871.  
Gov. D'Alroy to Secy. of State 14 March 1871.  
Secretary of State to Gov. D'Alroy. No 36 of 1<sup>st</sup> July 1871.  
Gov. D'Alroy to Secy. of State No 51 of 14<sup>th</sup> Sept 1871.  
Secretary of State to Gov. D'Alroy No 47 of 9<sup>th</sup> January 1872  
Gov. D'Alroy to Secretary of State No 11 of 24 May 1872.

3. All the necessary particulars connected with these Ordinances will be found in the correspondence noted in the margin.

4. It will be observed that in the last paragraph of Gov. D'Alroy's Despatch "Separate" of the 14<sup>th</sup> March 1871 it is stated that "since the publication of the Amalgamation Ordinance nearly one thousand additional acres have been leased".

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In all the subsequent correspondence on the subject it seems to have been assumed that the entire quantity of land leased under this Ordinance between its passing and the proclamation of its disallowance was only thirty six thousand acres.

It must be presumed that Colonel D'Arcy who uses the words "additional acres," could not at all have intended to convey this meaning which is certainly not the correct one as will be seen from the enclosed statement shewing that the quantity of land leased under the Amalgamation Ordinance during the period in question was eight hundred and thirty eight thousand and seventy acres. A copy of the Proclamation publishing the disallowance of the Amalgamation Ordinance is enclosed.

14<sup>th</sup> March 1871

(Mount Moody)

5. I find as will appear from the enclosed Return No 2 that subsequent to this Proclamation which was published on the 14<sup>th</sup> March 1871 three hundred and one thousand, two hundred and twenty acres were granted by leases purporting to be under the disallowed Amalgamation Ordinance. A copy of one of these leases (the validity of which will have to be considered even in the interests of the Lessees themselves) is enclosed: they are all drawn up in the same form.

Some of these leases were granted before the passing of the Land Ordinance No 4 of 1871, and some in the intervening period between the passing of that Ordinance and of that of No 1 of 1872, and some after the passing of the latter ordinance.

b. From the tenor of Lord Kimberley's Despatch No 49 of the 9<sup>th</sup> January 1872 - although his Lordship

Lordship evidently had no notion of the very large quantity of land really involved in the matter - I should infer that it was regarded as settled that the lessees under the Amalgamation Ordinance who received their leases previously to its disallowance would be entitled to buy  $\frac{2}{3}$  an acre the blocks they are compelled to purchase.

If this be so - it of course involves a distinct recognition of the first part of section 3 of the disallowed Ordinance which relates to the compulsory purchase.

That part of Section 2 of the same Ordinance which relates to the reduction of the rent from £10 to £6 has from the first been recognized by the Local Government even before the passing of Ordinance No 11 of 1871.

However Section 3 of Ordinance No 1 of 1872, in that portion of it relating to the purchase of "any further quantity of the land," distinctly ignores the disallowed Ordinance. This I fear may lead to further trouble hereafter unless some provision is made to guard against it, in case any of the lessees who received their leases under the Amalgamation Ordinance previously to its disallowance should raise the question.

With regard to those lessees who received their leases under the Amalgamation Ordinance after its disallowance I may mention as illustrating the complicated character of this subject that the effect of Section 3 of Ordinance No 1 of 1872 (unless I am wrong in my interpretation of it) if strictly applied to those lessees would be that some of them would have to pay  $\frac{8}{3}$  and others  $\frac{4}{3}$  an acre for the blocks they are compelled to purchase.

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8. In the case of all the lessees to whom this Despatch refers, the compulsory purchases will have to be made in 1880 and 1881 and of course no definite estimate of what they will realize can be made until your Lordship has settled the question of the price to be paid for the land.

Assuming for the moment that this is to be  $\frac{1}{2}$  an acre these sales would only yield £2928, and after the expenses of the surveys (which I fear will be very heavy) are deducted there would not be by any means a large balance left.

The increase arising from the rent on each section being raised from £6 to £10 will in 1880 be £243.17.4 and in 1881 be £326.2.3, making from the latter period an Annual addition to the Colonial Revenue of £369.19.7.

£2192  
736  
£2928

£243.17.4  
326.2.3  
£369.19.7

9. I enclose a return shewing the quantity of Country lands sold since November 1870 up to the present date. The only leaseholder under the Amalgamation Ordinance who has purchased any land is a person named Llamosa - who has brought two blocks of 160 acres each at  $\frac{1}{2}$  an acre. He need not have purchased till 1880. I do not believe however unless there is a great change in the prospects of the Colony that many others are likely to purchase until they are compelled to do so.

10. It will be observed that three lots amounting in all to  $782\frac{acres}{2}$  were sold to the Falkland Islands Company @  $\frac{1}{2}$  an acre. They were paid for by land orders. All these lots, two of which were compulsory purchases are leased

leased under former Proclamations and according to the terms of the respective leases the price I believe ought to have been 8/- an acre. There are other lands in the return which are held under similar leases and it will be seen that they were sold for 8/- an acre.

I have drawn attention to this matter fearing it may be taken as a precedent in future land transactions with the Company, who I understand hold a very large number of Land Orders in reserve.

11. I have endeavoured I fear very imperfectly to place before your Lordship the main points connected with this rather perplexing question, and I shall be anxious to have a decision come to not only as to the points to which I have referred but also regarding any others that - to those more conversant with such affairs than I am - may appear to be of importance in connexion with the subject.

12. I should hope that some equitable solution may be arrived at which will involve as little loss to the land revenue as may be possible under the circumstances, and at the same time make due allowance for the very strong local feeling sure to be excited after what has occurred, by any action on the part of the Government, to strictly enforce its rights.

I have no doubt that Colonel D'Arcy who I believe is in England, will be able to afford valuable information in the matter.

I have to  
(Sgd) T. F. Gallagher

The Right Honble.  
The Earl of Barnarvon  
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No 32

Government House,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands,  
28<sup>th</sup> September 1877

My Lord,

The subject of the financial prospects of the colony has for some time been under my consideration and I regret to say that owing to circumstances reported in another Despatch the sum likely to be realized from the Sale of Land in 1880 and 1881 will fall far short of what had been anticipated while the addition to the Revenue occurring at the same periods from the increase in the land rents will not amount to more than £570 a year.

2. I do not believe that under present circumstances I should be justified in proposing a measure of taxation and the only means of effecting any improvement in the finances of the colony is by retrenchment.

3. It has occurred to me that a very considerable saving would be accomplished by removing the party of Marines stationed here consisting of 1 Lieutenant, 1 Naval Surgeon, 1 Sergeant and 14 Privates who cost the colony £1000 a year exclusive of their Imperial pay, which amounts to about the same sum.

I need scarcely say that in a question of this sort it will have to be most carefully considered whether such a step can be taken with safety to the colony. I may observe that (without at present entering into details) it is generally thought that such a small Detachment cannot be considered to be of much or any use as a defensive force and that a few police who could be maintained at a comparatively small cost would be sufficient for the requirements of the Colony in other respects.

H.W.

No 31 of 27<sup>th</sup> Sept 1877

The arrangement if carried out would render the appointment of a Colonial Surgeon necessary in case the proposed retirement of Dr. Walls is sanctioned.

I purpose taking an early opportunity of bringing the subject before my Executive Council and will again draw your Lordship's attention to it next mail.

I have<sup>(r.)</sup>  
(Sgd) J. H. Gallagher

The Right Honble.

The Earl of Barnarow  
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No 33.

Government House  
Stanley, Falkland Islands  
1<sup>st</sup> October 1877.

My Lord,

I have the honour to forward a copy of a very interesting letter which I have just received from the Revd W Bridges, containing an account of the distribution amongst the Southern Natives of Sierra del Fuego of the goods purchased with the £20, given by the Board of Trade on your Lordship's recommendation as a reward for their humane exertions in connexion with the San Rafael disaster.

I feel assured that this considerate act will have a very good effect on these Natives, and I am glad to observe that the prospects of the Mission at Oshooia, under Mr Bridges charge are so cheering.

I have &c

The Right Honble.  
The Earl of Carnarvon  
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(Sgd) T J Gallagher

No 34

Government House  
Stanley, Falkland Islands  
2<sup>nd</sup> October 1877

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's Despatch No 13 of the 14<sup>th</sup> July last relative to the proposed retirement of Dr. Watts.

I enclose the paper of particulars as requested. I should presume that under the circumstances the letter from Dr. Watts annexed to it, a copy of which was forwarded to Your Lordship in my Despatch No 48 of 21<sup>st</sup> September 1876 will be sufficient without a formal medical certificate.

*25<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1877*  
I also enclose a copy of a letter which I have received from Dr. Watts in which he states that he would be willing to accept a pension of £100 a year, and requests that I should recommend his being granted a pension of that amount.

Under the circumstances stated and in view of an opportunity offering itself hereafter for his reemployment in another Colony I beg to submit his application for your Lordship's favourable consideration.

Of course it is understood that Dr. Watts is not to be permitted to retire until the arrival here of the new doctor about to be stationed at Darwin in order to secure that the Colony shall not be left to the sole charge of one doctor.

I have the  
(Sgd) J. H. Gallagher

The Right Honble.

The Earl of Carnarvon

J. H. Gallagher

Government House  
Stanley, Falkland Islands  
27<sup>th</sup> September 1877

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2 copies of Circular Letters Part 1 of 1877.	
2	do Part 2 of 1877.
2	do do Part 3 of 1877.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt on the 18<sup>th</sup> inst of the Parliamentary Papers the titles and number of copies of which are certified on the margin.

I have &c

(Sgd) T. F. Gallagher

The Right Honble.  
The Earl of Carnarvon

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No36

Government House  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.  
2<sup>nd</sup> October 1877.

My Lord,

I have the honour to inform your Lordship that since the departure of last mail I have received a letter from Mr. Robb, the local manager of the Falkland Islands Company relative <sup>to</sup> certain very important alterations which the Directors, are desirous of having made in the contract for the conveyance of our mails to and <sup>from</sup> Montevideo.

The subject (which involves an inquiry into a good many details) is still under my consideration.

It is one of very considerable importance to the community here, and I will report fully concerning it next mail.

In case the Directors may bring the matter before your Lordship sooner, I have written these few lines in the hope that no decision may be come to until I have an opportunity of reporting upon it.

I have &amp;c

The Right Honble.  
The Earl of Barnarvon  
F.C. F.C. F.C.

(Sgd) T. H. Gallagher

No 37

Government House  
Stanley, Falkland Islands,  
2<sup>nd</sup> October 1877.

My Lord,

I have the honour to report that I have drawn the following Drafts on the credit of the Parliamentary Grant, for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> Decr 1877, vizt:

No 8 dated 1<sup>st</sup> Septb 1877 for the sum of £62. 10/- drawn in favor of Horace N. Watts Esq.

No 9 dated 4<sup>th</sup> Septb 1877, for the sum of £90, drawn in favor of Mess<sup>r</sup> H. S. King & Co.

No 10 dated 26<sup>th</sup> Septb 1877, for the sum of £250 drawn in favour of Mess<sup>r</sup> G. C. Howard & Co.

No 11 dated, 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1877, for the sum of £75, drawn in favour of Her Majesty's Postmaster General.

No 12 dated, 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1877, for the sum of £150, drawn in favour of The Oriental Bank Corporation, Threadneedle St, London.

2. 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 the enclosed certificate.

The Right Honble  
The Earl of Carnarvon

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I have the

Sgd. J. F. Gallagher

Colony of Falkland Islands.

Draft No 8, dated 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 1877 for £62. 10. 0

No 9	do. 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept 1877	"	90. 0. 0
No 10	do. 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept 1877	"	250. 0. 0
No 11	do 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct 1877	"	75. 0. 0
No 12	do 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct 1877	"	150. 0. 0

£633.10.0

Drawn by Governor Ballaghan on Her Majesty's Paymaster General, on the credit of the Parliamentary Grant for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 1877, in aid of Colonial Revenue.

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

(Sgd) G. Travis  
Treasurer

(Sgd) J H Ballaghan  
Governor

# Statement of Assets and Liabilities of the Colonial

To Balance due by Board of Trade for advances on behalf of Distressed British Seamen	68 5 1
do. by Board of Trade for advances in respect of Cape Pembroke Lighthouse	214 7 11
do. by the War Office for pensions paid to resident Military Pensioners	63 2 9
Amount due by the Board of Trade and paid to Revd Mr Bridges on behalf of the Indians who succoured the crew of the San Pedro	20 "
Cash in Colonial Treasury	218 2 4
Arrears of Import duty on Wines, Spirits and Beer due by Messrs Rank & Sons	562 11 6
Arrears of Import duty on Wines, Spirits and Beer due by Falkland Islands	264 7 6
Arrears of Rentals of Crown Land	1130 1 "
Total Colonial Revenue for 3 months ending 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 1877 as per Estimate	757 "
Undrawn Portion of Parliamentary Grant	888 10 "
" Amount of Liabilities in excess of Assets	4186 8 1 3989 1 6
	<del>£ 8175 9 7</del>

Government on the 30th September 1877.

By Balance of Account current due to the Crown Agents as per their statement rendered up to 30 <sup>th</sup> June £1259. 18. 5 Estimated amount of acc on 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	<u>200. 0. 0</u>	1159	18	5
of Account current due to General Post Office		8	10	11
Arrears of Salary due to the Colonial Surgeon & Dispensary keeper	225	7	6	
do Presbyterian Minister at Darwin	25	.	.	
Amount due for Plate, Groceries &c purchased for Government House	111	7	.	
Amount due to Falkland Islands Co. for Stores and for Rations to Garrison	296	13	1	
Amount due to Falkland Islands Company for conveyance of Mails	800	.	.	
Amount due to Mess <sup>r</sup> Draw & Sons for Stores for Public Service and Rations to Garrison	373	1	1	
Amount due to Captain Packe for Rations to Garrison and Prisoners in Gaol	124	18	.	
Amount of Sundry Loans to the Late Governor and expended in the Public Service	1470	11	6	
Interest due on above Loans	179	12	8	
Amount of Loans to Late Governor of Mess <sup>r</sup> Draw & Williams and expended in the Service of the Colony	550	"	"	
Amount due to the Colonial Surgeon for Glebe	75	.	.	
Proceeds of 17 Intestate Estates deposited since 1848 and expended in the Public Service	331	14	5	
Passage money of Mr Smith and family to England	201	9	11	
Salaries due on 30 <sup>th</sup> September	318	4	.	
Total Local Expenditure for 3 months ending 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 1877	1694	1	1	

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Return shewing the quantity of land leased under the disallowed Amalgam.

Date of Lease	Name of Lessee	Description of Land	Duration of lease and date of expiration
1870			
27 <sup>th</sup> September	Dean & Sons	Station No 49 Port Stephens West Falklands	21 yrs - 1891
1 <sup>st</sup> October	R. G. Packe	Section No 4 Kidney Island X	21 yrs - 1891
5 <sup>th</sup> October	James Fenton	Section No 49	21 yrs - 1891
13 <sup>th</sup> October	J. Llanosa	Sections No 36 & 42	21 yrs - 1891
13 <sup>th</sup> October	J. Bonner	Section No 39	21 yrs - 1891
19 <sup>th</sup> October	R. G. Packe	Section No 2	21 yrs - 1891
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	A. Pitaluga	Section No 53	21 yrs - 1891
28 <sup>th</sup> October	J. Fenton X	Section South of No 49	21 yrs - 1891
16 <sup>th</sup> November	J. L. Waldron	Station No 2 "Port Parries" West Falklands	21 yrs - 1891
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	E. Packe	Station No 1 West Falklands	21 yrs - 1891
22 <sup>nd</sup> December	R. G. Packe	Section No 1 Port Harriet X	21 yrs - 1891
24 <sup>th</sup> December	Packe Bros	Station No 6 West Falklands	21 yrs - 1891
24 <sup>th</sup> December	E. Scott	Station No 7 West Falklands	21 yrs - 1891
31 <sup>st</sup> December	Sharp & Smith	Sections Nos 50, 51 & 52	21 yrs - 1891
1871			
16 <sup>th</sup> January	A. Pitaluga	Section No 40	21 yrs - 1892
16 <sup>th</sup> January	J. Pitaluga	Section No 41	21 yrs - 1892
5 <sup>th</sup> February	J. McElmont	Station No 5 West Falklands	21 yrs - 1892
5 <sup>th</sup> February	Holmstrand & Blatke	Station No 3 Adelaoide Station West Falklands	21 yrs - 1892
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Wm. W. Bertrand	Station No 3 Roy bore, West Falklands	21 yrs - 1892
8 <sup>th</sup> February	Baillon Bros.	Station No 8 West Fox Bay West Falklands	21 yrs - 1892
8 <sup>th</sup> February	Stickney Bros.	Station No 8 Spring Point West Falklands	21 yrs - 1892
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	J. Fenton	Station No 54 West Falklands	21 yrs - 1892
26 <sup>th</sup> February	A. Pitaluga.	Section "McBrides Head"	21 yrs - 1892

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ation Ordinance previous to the receipt of the disallowance of the Ordinance.

Annual Rental      Number of Acres.

	£	s	d	
12	7	3	.	127. 160
10	"	.	.	6, 000
6	"	.	.	6, 000
12	"	.	.	12. 000
6	"	.	.	6. 000
16	13	4	.	10, 000
6	"	.	.	6. 000
6	"	.	.	6. 000
8	7	"	.	87. 000
13	2	4	.	12, 120
10	"	.	.	6. 000
58	4	"	.	58. 200
40	16	"	.	40. 800
18	"	.	.	18, 000
6	"	.	.	6, 000
6	"	.	.	6. 000
100	"	.	.	100. 000
111	"	.	.	111. 000
65	"	.	.	65. 000
76	5	11	.	76. 297
60	9	10	.	60, 493
6	"	.	.	6, 000
6	"	.	.	6. 000
£85 3	14	5	.	538, 040

\* With regard to Sections 4 and 1 marked with a red cross, the old leases of these sections had expired and new ones were granted under the Amalgamation Ordinance. The lessors had during the term of their first leases bought their stocks under the compulsory clause.

Return shewing the number of leases granted after the Amalgamation Ordinance

Date of Lease	Name of Lessee	Description of Lease	Duration of lease and date of expiration
1871			
31 <sup>st</sup> March	R. C. Packe	Section No 3 Long Island	X 21 yrs - 1892
13 <sup>th</sup> April	R. Greenfields	Hawgate Station	21 yrs - 1892
29 <sup>th</sup> May	Sharp & Smith	Section No 42	21 yrs - 1892
6 <sup>th</sup> June	A. Pitaluga	Section No 45	21 yrs - 1892
13 <sup>th</sup> June	A. Pitaluga	Section Fanning's Head	21 yrs - 1892
30 <sup>th</sup> July	R. C. Packe	Section No 46	21 yrs - 1892
7 <sup>th</sup> November	A. Pitaluga	Section No 19	X 21 yrs - 1892
1872			
27 <sup>th</sup> April	J. Bonner	Section "Third Corral"	21 yrs - 1893
19 <sup>th</sup> July	R. C. Packe	Section No 5 Port Louis	X 21 yrs - 1893
28 <sup>th</sup> July	W. D. Benney	Saunders Island	21 yrs - 1893
1873			
27 <sup>th</sup> March	J. L. Waldron	Station "Mount Bloody"	
		West Falklands	21 yrs - 1894
27 <sup>th</sup> March	J. L. Waldron	Station White Rock "West Falklands"	21 yrs - 1894
26 <sup>th</sup> July	Falkland Islands Coy.	West Cove Reserve	21 yrs - 1894
24 <sup>th</sup> December	R. C. Packe	Section No 57	21 yrs - 1894
24 <sup>th</sup> December	R. C. Packe	Section No 58	21 yrs - 1894
1874			
13 <sup>th</sup> February	C. H. Williams	Station No 9 "Port Albermarle," West Falklands	21 yrs - 1895
15 <sup>th</sup> February	C. H. Williams	Weddell Island West Falklands	21 yrs - 1895

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No 1870 was disallowed purporting to be under that Ordinance

Annual Rental	Number of Acres
10	6.000
42	42.000
6	6.000
6	6.000
6	6.000
6	6.000
10	6.000
6	6.000
13 1 4	7.840
21	21.000
28 18 5	28.920
26 . .	26.000
4 9 2	4.460
6	6.000
6	6.000
63	63.000
54	54.000
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Annual Rental	Number of Acres
10	6.000
42	42.000
6	6.000
6	6.000
6	6.000
6	6.000
10	6.000
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13 1 4	7.840
21	21.000
28 18 5	28.920
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4 9 2	4.460
6	6.000
6	6.000
63	63.000
54	54.000
<u>31 4 8 11</u>	<u>301.220</u>

~~X~~ With regard to Sections 3, 19, and 5 marked with a red cross  
the old leases of these Sections had expired and new ones were  
granted under the Amalgamation Ordinance. The lessors had  
during the term of their first leases brought their blocks under  
the Compulsory Clause.

Enclosure in Despatch No 31 of 27<sup>th</sup> September 1877.

Return shewing the quantity of Country Lands sold since November 1870.

To whom sold	Date of purchase	Quantity of Land	Rate per acre	Amount realized
A. Pitaluga	1870		l	
Dean & Son	30 <sup>th</sup> November	160 acres	8/-	64
I. Bonner	30 <sup>th</sup> November	160 acres	8/-	64
I. Bonner	31 <sup>st</sup> December	160 acres	8/-	64
I. Bonner	31 <sup>st</sup> December	160 acres	8/-	64
Halklands Islands Co	10 <sup>th</sup> June	160 acres	2/-	16
do.	10 <sup>th</sup> June	160 acres	2/-	16
do.	26 <sup>th</sup> August	462. 3. 0	2/-	146. 5. 6
A. Pitaluga	27 <sup>th</sup> October	160 acres	8/-	64.
I. Llamosa	15 <sup>th</sup> April	320 acres	2/-	32
		1902. 3. 0		430. 5. 6

Enclosure in Despatch No 34 of 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1877

Name of Applicant -	Horace N. Watts
Official Station	Colonial Surgeon
Recommended for	Superannuation
Age	Forty Four
Service in years and Months	Twelve years and Two months up to the 30 <sup>th</sup> September 1877.
Actual Salary &c	£450 from the commencement of his salary.
Cause of retirement &c	Inability to continue to do the duty to Darwin (see letter annexed)
Date of commencement &c	Colonial Surgeon, July 31 <sup>st</sup> 1865
Whether holding any other appointment &c	Nil
Absence during each of the last 10 years.	Nil

I certify that the foregoing is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief  
 (Sgd) G. Travis

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Schedule of Despatches from the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies transmitted per Royal Mail Schooner "Sparrow Hawk" via Montevideo on the 15<sup>th</sup> November 1877.

Number of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	Number of Enclosures
	1877 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Acknowledgment of Despatches and Circulars	1.
38	10 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Regarding the retirement of Dr. Watts	1.
Financial	12 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Regarding the financial conditions of the colony	2.
39	12 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Regarding the removal of the present Detachment of Royal Marines	2.
40	13 <sup>rd</sup> Nov.	Regarding the Mail Contract	12.
Parliamentary Grant	15 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Forwarding Certificate for the sum of £1200 received by the Brown Agents on account of this Government	1.
Separate	15 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Forwarding Six copies of the Falkland Islands Mail Time Table for 1878.	6.
41	15 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Regarding the detention of the British Ship "Star of India"	114.
Confidential	15 <sup>th</sup> Nov.		
For Despatches Nos 39, 40 and 41 see Governor's Despatch Book No 19.			

No of Despatch	Date	G.H. S. J.J. 5th Nov 1877
114	17 <sup>th</sup> Sept 1877	
Accounts	17 <sup>th</sup> August 1877	My Lord, I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt on the 14 <sup>th</sup> inst of Your Lordship's Despatches and Circulars as noted in the margin and to forward a Schedule of unanswered Despatches &c.
Parliamentary Grant	15 <sup>th</sup> August 1877	
do	23 <sup>rd</sup> August 1877	
Parliamentary	19 <sup>th</sup> September 1877	
Circular	24 <sup>th</sup> July 1877	I have to Sgd) J. H. Gallagher
do	9 <sup>th</sup> August 1877	
do	22 <sup>nd</sup> August 1877	The Right Honble.
do	24 <sup>th</sup> August 1877	The Earl of Barnarvon
do	29 <sup>th</sup> August 1877	+    +
do	6 <sup>th</sup> September 1877	The Colonial Office
do Party Grant	31 <sup>st</sup> August 1877	

No 28 of 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1876

No 38

Government House  
Stanley, Falkland Islands  
10<sup>th</sup> Nov 1877.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Lordship's Despatch No 14 of the 17<sup>th</sup> Sept. last relative to the retirement of Dr. Watts.

I have informed him of the decision come to on the subject and of the offer to take note of his name for the next vacancy in the Medical Service of British Guiana.

Dr. Watts has sent me a letter addressed to your Lordship relating to this offer which I have the honour to forward.

Colonel D'Arcy has already reported that Dr. Watts would be qualified to fill the appointment of <sup>Juno, 1877.</sup> Stipendiary Magistrate, an opinion in which I am disposed to concur. He held the appointment of Acting Chief Magistrate in this Colony, for a short time, not long ago.

As the appointment of the new Surgeon at Darwin will I presume depend on the retirement of Dr. Watts, and in view of the statement in his letter that he fears he will not be able to do the duty of visiting Darwin for another winter (which begins here in May), I am disposed to recommend that he should be allowed to retire on a pension as suggested in my Despatch No 34 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> October last, until an opportunity arises of providing for him in the way he proposes.

I am very glad to learn that your Lordship has made an arrangement for granting £200 a year from Colonial Funds, for a Doctor to reside at Port Darwin instead of £100 as proposed by me on the score of retrenchment. As the Doctor will thus draw the

the greater portion of his salary from these funds, it will naturally give the Government a greater influence over him, which I think is desirable under the circumstances.

I will take an early opportunity of communicating with your Lordship my views regarding the moderate scale of fees to be fixed by Government regulation for the Medical Officer at Darwin. It will be also necessary in my opinion to fix some such scale for the Medical Officer at Stanley, particularly as regards his attendance on the poorer class of patients. This will be more especially required when only one Doctor remains in Stanley who will have the entire field to himself.

The Right Honourable  
The Earl of Carnarvon  
The Colonial Office

I have the  
(Signed) J. F. Gallagher

Financial

Government House,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.  
12<sup>th</sup> November 1877.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch (Parliamentary Grant) of the 15<sup>th</sup> August last, informing me that the Paymaster General had been authorized to pay to the Crown Agents for the colonies, the sum of £1200 on account of the sum of £3500 which has been voted by Parliament as a grant for 1877-8 in aid of the revenue of this colony.

I beg to state that the reason why the account of this Government with the Crown Agents was so heavily overdrawn is that on my assumption of the Government I was not left the usual means of carrying on the service of the Colony or meeting its liabilities as reported in my Despatch No 28 of the 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1876, to which I have never received any reply.

A statement of these liabilities was forwarded in the same Despatch. In this statement the amount due to the Crown Agents <sup>was put down</sup> as only £200, whereas from subsequent advices it was found to be £500 at the time. To this there had to be added £201 on account of the passage money of Mr Smith and family to England which was paid by the Crown Agents on the understanding that Mr Smith was to pay the amount back by instalments. I have no means of knowing whether any of these instalments have been paid.

The amount really due to the Crown Agents should have been returned at £784 (although £1000 had shortly before been paid to them by this Government) and for this sum of £784 no provision had been made in Colonel D'Arcy's Estimates. Although only two years months of the financial year had elapsed £1500 had

had already been spent on account of the Parliamentary Grant for £1876-7, £500 of which was drawn on Bills and the remaining £1000 had been expended in part payment of the account due by this Government to the Crown Agents for the previous year, and possibly for that preceding it, leaving me only a balance of this Grant of £1850 to assist me in carrying on the Service of the Colony for the remaining ten months of the Financial Year.

I may observe that although a Grant of £3,500 was voted by Parliament for the year in question, the sum of £3,350 was only actually expended, which was the amount calculated in Colonel D'Arcy's Estimates.

I have been every mail expecting to be informed that some provision has been made to meet the liabilities of the Colony already referred to, which amount is over £14,000 and I have been placed in a position of great embarrassment from not getting any assistance whatever in the matter, and not even receiving a reply to my Despatch written nearly 18 months ago, although I have drawn attention to the subject on several subsequent Despatches.

I enclose copies of letters which I have received from Mess<sup>r</sup> Dean and Mr. Charles Williams on the subject of the money due to them by this Government amounting to £530, which has been left so long unpaid. I am quite ashamed of having held out hopes that the payment of these debts, which were incurred under peculiar circumstances would not be long delayed.

I trust I shall be excused from saying that it will be out of my power to carry on the service of the Colony unless I receive that aid from the Government which under the circumstances I feel I have a right to expect.

In consequence of the unexpected allocation of the £1700 in payment of the Crown

Agents accounts, there only remains a balance of £146.10/- out of the grant of £3500, to be drawn for in aid of the Local Revenue up to the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1878.

Owing to the unusual, heavy correspondence forwarded this Mail, I have not time to enter into further details but must respectfully ask your Lordships to direct the necessary steps to be taken to relieve me from the painful embarrassment in which I am placed by no fault of my own. Since my assumption of the Government every possible effort has been made towards retrenchment and the expenditure has been kept well under the £15,000 and shows a considerable reduction in comparison with former years.

I fear this Government will have to suspend payment unless some arrangement is made upon the receipt of this Despatch, to place <sup>say</sup> £1200 more at my disposal as an instalment towards meeting the more pressing liabilities and to enable me to carry on the service of the Colony. Out of this amount I hope I shall be able to pay the £550 before referred to.

I shall be anxiously expecting to have an advice on the subject by the Mail which leaves on the 9<sup>th</sup> February.

It would be a great convenience owing to the scarcity of silver in the Colony, if this sum of £1200 or a portion of it could be sent out (in florins) by that Mail.

I have to  
(Signed) J. F. Gallagher

The Right Honble.

His Earl of Carnarvon

to the to

The Colonial Office

Parliamentary Grant.

G.H. S.T.S.  
3<sup>rd</sup> November 1877.

My Lord.

In compliance with your Lordship's Dispatch marked "Parliamentary Grant" dated 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1877, I have the honor to forward a certificate signed, and countersigned, for the sum of £1200 forming a portion of the Parliamentary Grant for the financial year 1877-78, in aid of the Colonial Revenue I paid to The Queen's Agents for the Colonies on the 15<sup>th</sup> August 1877.

The R.P.M.  
The Earl of Cameron  
+ + +

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

### Colony of Falkland Islands.

A sum was sent to the Queen's Agents for the Colony of the sum of £1200 by me at the credit of the Parliamentary Grant for the general service of the Colony for the year 1877-78.

I hereby certify that the above amount of £1200 has been received by this Government, being a payment on account of the Parliamentary Grant of 1877-78, in aid of Colonial Revenue, and has been duly carried to the credit of the Colonial Revenue on the 15<sup>th</sup> November 1877.

Asst. of Tres. to  
Colonial Revenue

1<sup>st</sup> T.F. Calleghan  
for me

Separate."

G.H. S.R.J.  
15<sup>th</sup> November 1877.

My Lord,

I have the honor 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 1878.

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

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

I have the  
R<sup>d</sup> T. F. Gallagher

Schedule of Despatches sent by the Governor of the Falklands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies per R.M. Schooner "Sparrow Hawk" via Montevideo on the 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1878

No	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	No of Enclosures
	1877		
42	21 <sup>st</sup> Dec <sup>r</sup>	Acknowledgment of Despatches and Circulars	1
42	24 <sup>th</sup> Dec <sup>r</sup>	Receipt of Parliamentary Papers	-
43	do	Receipt of Parliamentary Papers	-
44	27 <sup>th</sup> Dec <sup>r</sup>	Reporting alteration in the Pilot Service	1
45	28 <sup>th</sup> Dec <sup>r</sup>	Regarding the relief of the Colonial Schooner "Holis" by the American Ship "Triumphant"	1
46	29 <sup>th</sup> Dec <sup>r</sup>	Relating to appointment of the medical officer to be stationed at Darwin	3
47*	31 <sup>st</sup> Dec <sup>r</sup>	Regarding the detention of the ship "Star of India."	2
	1878		
Parl. Grant	1 <sup>st</sup> Jan <sup>y</sup>	Advising draft on the Parliamentary Grant 1877-78	1
1*	1 <sup>st</sup> Jan <sup>y</sup>	Further correspondence regarding the Mail Contract with the Falkland Islands Govt	3
2	1 <sup>st</sup> Jan <sup>y</sup>	Forwarding Statement of the Assets and Liabilities up to 31 <sup>st</sup> December 1877 and stating that the Financial Returns called for will be sent next mail.	1
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan <sup>y</sup>	"Confidential"	
x		Vide Private Despatch Book	

No of Despatch	Date
15	1 <sup>st</sup> October 1877
16	9 <sup>th</sup> October 1877
17	10 <sup>th</sup> October 1877
18	1 <sup>st</sup> Nov <sup>r</sup> 1877
19	7 <sup>th</sup> Nov 1877
General	11 <sup>th</sup> Octob 1877
do.	8 <sup>th</sup> Nov 1877
Partly Grant	17 <sup>th</sup> October 1877
Acknowledgment	26 <sup>th</sup> Sept 1877
do.	27 <sup>th</sup> Sept 1877
circular	27 <sup>th</sup> Sept 1877
do	29 <sup>th</sup> Sept 1877
do	16 <sup>th</sup> October 1877

G. H. S. F. J.  
21<sup>st</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1877

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge  
the receipt on the 20<sup>th</sup> inst of your  
Lordship's Despatches and Circulars as  
noted in the margin and to forward a  
Schedule of unanswered Despatches.

I have the  
(Sgd) T. H. Gallagher

The Right Honble  
The Earl of Carnarvon  
The Colonial Office

No 142

Government House  
Stanley, Falkland Islands  
24<sup>th</sup> Decr 1877.

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge  
the receipt of certain Parliamentary Papers, the  
title and number of copies of which is specified  
in the margin

I have the honour &amp;c

(Sgd) J. F. Gallagher

The Right Honble.  
The Earl of Carnarvon  
T. T. T.

The Colonial Office

Consular Reports.  
Part IV of 1877 - 2 copies

Government House  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.  
24th Decr 1877

No 43.  
Colonial Sessions 1875-76, 1877  
11 copies

My Lord,

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

I have the honour &c.

(Sgd) J. H. Gallagher

The Right Honourable

The Earl of Barnarow

for me  
The Colonial Office

No 44

Government House  
Stanley. Falkland Islands  
27<sup>th</sup> December 1877

My Lord

With reference to paragraph 8 in my Despatch N° 29 of 26<sup>th</sup> September last forwarding the Colonial Estimates, I have the honour to inform Your Lordship that I have considered it advisable not to carry out the arrangement regarding the Pilot Service then reported.

As the Local Government has to supply stores to keep Pembroke Lighthouse the Pilot Boat will be required to enable that service to be performed and I write by this mail to the Board of Trade to ask that they should contribute £25 a year for that purpose.

In the year 1872 a sum of £22. 10/- was charged in the account furnished by this colony to the Board of Trade for this service and allowed by them. However no such charge has been made in subsequent accounts until this year. The charge for the year 1872 was at the rate of 30/- for each trip to the lighthouse, but I have thought that it would be more convenient to have a fixed charge of £25 a year, which I consider moderate under the circumstances and it will help to keep the schooner in repair.

I have the honour to enclose copy of a letter which I have received from the present Pilot Mr. McFaughlen, who is a very respectable man, in which he offers to continue the Pilot Service on certain terms stated by him. These terms I consider reasonable and I have accepted the proposal

29<sup>th</sup> Decr 1877

It will be seen that the Government cannot lose by this arrangement and possibly may gain some addition to the Revenue more especially if the Amendment of the Pilotage Dues Ordinance referred to in paragraph 6 of Your Lordship's Despatch No 16 of the 9th October last be carried into effect, which I will take an early opportunity of doing.

The performance of the Pilot Service by the Government Schooner as hitherto will I think be more acceptable to the Mercantile community than the arrangement proposed in my former Despatch.

If that arrangement were carried out I fear that the Pilots would often go out to meet ships in open boats which in this stormy place would be very dangerous.

Under the circumstances I trust that Your Lordship will approve of the arrangement which I have made.

I have the honour Y<sup>c</sup>

The Right Honourable

The Earl of Carnarvon

of  
The Colonial Office

(Sgd) J. F. Gallagher

No 145

Government House,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands,  
28<sup>th</sup> December 1877.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's Despatch No 17 of the 10<sup>th</sup> October last with its accompanying enclosures relating to the relief of the "Felicis" of Port Stanley by the Master of the ship "Triumphant".

I am happy to say that the "Felicis" arrived here on the 26<sup>th</sup> June last and put an end to the great suspense and anxiety felt here regarding her and her passengers.

The master reported the death of the unfortunate woman who jumped overboard and I directed an Inquiry to be held by the Police Magistrate on the subject.

I enclose a copy of the depositions of the Witnesses examined at the Inquiry.

It will be seen from the evidence of the Master of the "Felicis", Edward Walker, that the statement in the report of the ship "Triumphant" "that the vessel was without a chart, or means of fixing her position" is unfortunately too true.

I was quite shocked when I heard of this and had some intention of taking proceedings against the owner and master, but on consideration thought that it would be sufficient to reprimand them and to take precautions against the recurrence of such a discreditable state of things for the future.

Walker, like many of the Masters of the local schooners, is not a certificated master, and although he has for some years past been in

command of the "Felicis" small coasting vessels. I do not think that he is a fit person to hold such a position and I have given directions to the Shipping Master to prevent his being employed in that capacity for the future.

I am sorry to say that for many years past there has been a great deal of laxity regarding the local schooners and the unfortunate occurrence which has taken place in the case of the "Felicis" has had the effect of drawing my attention to this state of things and I hope that these vessels will for the future be kept more under the supervision of Government. I am however informed that the coasting trade of the Falklands has been on the whole carried on by these vessels without much loss of life, and with very few casualties.

I understand that when the "Felicis" left this Port for Smylly's Creek which is situated on the East Falkland Island and about 80 miles distant from Stanley she had no passengers. I may observe that there is no Government Official at any of the Ports of the Falklands except at Stanley, so that it is impossible to prevent vessels from starting from remote ports overcrowded. This however owing to the limited number of passengers must very rarely happen.

I am informed that these schooners are generally well supplied with provisions, it being easy to obtain beef and mutton at the Ports on the coast which are rather numerous and not far from each other.

With regard to the statement in Captain Lebbeus' letter that "there is a prevailing idea that small vessels frequently sail from the Falklands for the Fishery Banks off Straits Le Claire trusting almost

almost wholly to passing ships for supplies". I should be inclined to think that this idea is erroneous. Since the collapse of the sealing trade in these Islands, the local vessels are chiefly engaged in coasting and I am informed that there is only one (and she usually leaves this well supplied) which visits the place in question for the purpose of sealing. The Missionary "Yawl Allan Gardiner" also occasionally passes the Straits of St. Malo on her way to Oshoooria in Tierra del Fuego. This vessel is always well provided with supplies.

With regard to the "Felic" I may mention that since the sad occurrence, I gave directions that she should not be allowed to proceed on another trip until she was thoroughly repaired and before she left I received a Report of a Board of Survey held upon her to the effect that the vessel is in every way seaworthy.

I also refused to allow a person named Hanse to take command of her, whom the owner wished to appoint and she is at present commanded by a certificated Master.

It will be seen that Walker makes a mistake as to the name of the vessel which relieved him. If I had known to whom I should communicate I would at the time have conveyed the thanks of this Government for the kindly assistance rendered to the "Felic" on the occasion in question, and I now take this opportunity of expressing my acknowledgment to Captain Libby, for his very humane conduct.

I also hope that the intelligence of the safe arrival in Stanley will be communicated to this gentleman as soon as possible.

The Right Honble  
The Earl of Carnarvon  
etc etc etc  
The Colonial Office

I have to  
beg) J. F. Gallagher

No 46

Government House  
Stanley, Falkland Islands  
29<sup>th</sup> December 1877.

My Lord,

In continuation of my Despatch No 35 of the 10<sup>th</sup> Nov last, I have the honour to inform your lordship that I directed the Colonial Surgeon to prepare a moderate Scale of Fees to be fixed by Government Regulation for the Medical Officer at Darwin.

I now enclose a copy of the Scale of Fees which I have received from Dr. Watts and of his accompanying letter.

I consider that the scale is reasonable in which opinion the Manager of the Falkland Islands Company concurs as will be seen by the enclosed copy of a letter which I have received from him.

From this letter I am glad to perceive that the Company are prepared to allow the new Doctor certain allowances which are equivalent to from £60 to £80 a year, in addition to the £100 salary guaranteed by them.

The Manager also informs me that he thinks that the Fees paid by the Company's employees would amount to at least £120 a year. In this way the salary of £300 a year would be supplemented by say £180 a year. Besides this he would receive Fees for medical attendance on other persons in the East and West Falklands. On the whole I think the new Doctor at Darwin would be not at all badly off, and I hope that the inducement offered will be sufficient to tempt a respectable and competent gentleman to accept the post.

With regard to fixing a moderate Scale of Fees for the Medical Officer at Stanley, as referred to in my former Despatch I think it would be better to defer the introduction of this Scale until Dr. Watts' retirement takes place.

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

The Right Honble.  
The Earl of Carnarvon  
The Colonial Office

I have  
(Sgd) J. H. Gallagher

Parliamentary Grant,

Government House  
Stanley, Falkland Islands  
1<sup>st</sup> January 1878

My Lord,

I have the honour to report that I have drawn the following Draft on the credit of the Parliamentary Grant for the current financial year 1877-78 viz:-

No 13 dated 31<sup>st</sup> December 1877 for the sum of £146. 10/- in favour of the Oriental Bank Corporation, Grosvenor St London

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

This Draft exhausts the amount £3500, of the Parliamentary Grant for 1877-78.

The Right Honble.

The Earl of Carrarow

The Colonial Office

I have  
(Sgd) T. H. Callaghan

Colony of Falkland Islands.

Draft No 13 dated 31<sup>st</sup> December 1877 for £146. 10/-

Drawn by Governor Callaghan on H.M.S Paymaster General on the credit of the Parliamentary Grant for the general service of the Colony in aid of the Colonial Revenue for 1877-78.

I hereby certify that the amount realized by the above Draft was duly carried to the credit of the Colonial Revenue on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 1877.

(Sgd) G. Travis  
Colonial Treasurer

(Sgd) T. H. Callaghan  
Governor

No2

Government House  
Stanley Falkland Islands  
1<sup>st</sup> January 1878

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your lordship's Despatch No 16 of the 9<sup>th</sup> October last and to state that the suggestions contained therein shall receive my best consideration. I hope by the next mail to be able to forward the Abstracts and other Returns requested by Your Lordship, of which there was not time to prepare for this mail, with such observations and explanations as I may be able to offer regarding them. The Returns requested in the Circular of 31<sup>st</sup> August will also be forwarded by that mail.

With regard to paragraph 9 of this Despatch I may observe that I should not have drawn the Bill No 3 for £146. 10/- on account of the Parliamentary Grant advised in my Despatch Parliamentary of this day's date, only that I found it was absolutely ~~necessary~~<sup>impossible</sup> to make the necessary payments on the 31<sup>st</sup> December without doing so. By drawing this Bill I was able to close the accounts for the nine months ending 31<sup>st</sup> December in accordance with the Estimates prepared for that period. This course will be found far more convenient with regard to the account of the present year.

I trust your lordship will approve of my having adopted it under the circumstances.

I enclose a Statement of the Assets and Liabilities up to the 31<sup>st</sup> December 1877 showing the amount of liability in excess of Assets on that date to be £40 59. 19. 3

I have to  
(Sgd) J. H. Callaghan

The Right Hon<sup>ble.</sup>  
The Earl of Carnarvon  
The Colonial Office

Statement of the Assets and Liabilities of the Falkland

36 Balance due by the Board of Trade for Advances on behalf of Distressed British Seamen.		8	1
Balance due by the Board of Trade in respect of Cape Pembroke Lighthouse <sup>forgoing advances</sup>	61	7	1
Balance due by the War Office for pensions paid to Resident Military Pensioners	6	..	11
Cash in the Colonial Treasury on 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 1877	30	15	5
Balance of Account Current owing by Messrs. McLean & Sons	150	..	
Balance of Account Current owing by Captain R.C. Packe	53	..	
Total Local Revenue for 3 months ending 31 <sup>st</sup> March 1878, as per Estimate	824	..	
Excess of Liabilities over Assets	1155	11	6
	4037	19	3

£ 51 93 10 9

Islands Government on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 1877.

By Balance of A/c due to the Crown Agents as per their statement rendered up to 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept 1877. £197. 1. 6	
- Estimated amount up to 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 210	407 1 6
Balance of account current due the Q.P.O.	23 12 6
Arrears of Salary due the Colonial Surgeon, Dispensary Keeper &c	225 7 6
do the Presbyterian Minister	50 . .
Amount due for Plate, Crockery & furniture for Government House	41 7 .
Balance of Account Current due by the Falkland Islands Coy.	20 . .
Secretary loans to the late Governor and expended in the Public Service	114 7 6
Interest due by to 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 1877 on above loans	18 3 10 10
Loans of Messrs Dean & Williams, expended in the service of the Colony	530 . .
Interest on above loans up to 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 1877	46 5 7
Amount due to the Colonial Surgeon for plate	75 . .
Proceeds of 17 Intestate Estates deposited during 1877 and expended in the Public Service	331 14 5
Passage money of W. E. J. Smith and family to England	201 9 11
Total local expenditure for 3 months ending 31 <sup>st</sup> March 1878	1567 10 .
	<u>£ 5193 10 9</u>

Schedule of Despatches sent by the Governor of the Falkland Islands, to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, per R. M. Schooner "H.M.S." Volage, <sup>on the 7<sup>th</sup> February 1878</sup>

No.	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	No. of Enclosures
3	1878 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Forwarding Comparative Statements of the Revenue and Expenditure during the Financial Years 1870-71 — 1875-76.	16
x	"	For above Despatch Vids Governor's Private Despatch Book	

Schedule of Despatches sent by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, per R.M.Schooner 'Sparrow Hawk' via Montevideo on the 15<sup>th</sup> February 1878

No	Date of Dispatch	Subject of Dispatch	No of Enclosure
4	1878 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Forwarding returns of the Colonial Revenue, Expenditure and Debt for the year 1876-7-8	3
5	do	Forwarding Extracts of the Colonial Treasurer's Transactions from 1 <sup>st</sup> January to the 30 <sup>th</sup> September 1877	11
6	11 <sup>th</sup> February	Forwarding six printed copies of Ordinance No 1 of 1878 entitled "An Ordinance to make further provision regarding the Harbour Regulations of the Port of Stanley".	6
7	12 <sup>th</sup> February	Desiring information regarding the Merchant Shipping Act of 1870 and asking permission to purchase certain Law Books —	—
8	13 <sup>th</sup> February	Further correspondence relating to the Mail Contract	1.
-	14 <sup>th</sup> February	Acknowledging receipt of circulars and Despatches	1
9	do	Forwarding three Transcripts of Ordinance No 2 of 1878 entitled "Tobacco Duties Ordinance".	4
10	do	Forwarding three Transcripts of Ordinance No 3 of 1878, entitled "Spirit Duties Amendment Ordinance"	3
11	do	Regarding the value of Postage Stamps required for the use of the Colony	—
12	do	Regarding the proposed erection of a colonial Museum in London	—
* 13	15 <sup>th</sup> February	Regarding the various measures of Taxation proposed to be adopted in the Falkland Islands	—
14	do	Acknowledging receipt of two copies Statute Vict. 4 & 5 41	—
15	do	Acknowledging receipt of Parliamentary Paper	—
* For these Despatches Vide Government Dispatch Book			—

No 14

Government House  
Stanley, Falkland Islands  
8<sup>th</sup> February 1878

My Lord,  
 I have the honour to transmit Statements  
 of the Revenue, expenditure and outstanding loans &c  
 at the close of the year, of the Falkland Islands  
 Government for the years 1876 and 1877, also an  
 Estimate of a similar character for the year 1878  
 as requested in Your lordship's Circular "Parliamentary  
 Grant" of 31<sup>st</sup> August last

I have the honor to  
 (Sgd) H. J. Gallagher

The Right Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
 The Earl of Carnarvon  
 &c &c &c  
 The Colonial Office

Government House  
S. F. I. 8<sup>th</sup> February 1878

N<sup>o</sup> 5-

My Lord.

I have the honour to transmit Quarterly Returns, of all expenditure of an unusual or special description sanctioned by me, of all appointments to Public Offices and of all alterations made in the Salaries of Public Officers during the past year; also General Abstracts of the Treasury's Transactions for the periods ending 31<sup>st</sup> March, 30<sup>th</sup> June and 30<sup>th</sup> Sept last as requested in Your Lordship's Despatch N<sup>o</sup> 16 of 9<sup>th</sup> October last.

The Abstract for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> December will be forwarded next mail, so that there may be included in it, all payments made by the Crown Agents up to the close of the year.

I have &c

The Right Honble.  
The Earl of Carnarvon  
The Colonial Office

(Sgd) T. F. Gallagher

No.

Government House  
S. F. 11<sup>th</sup> February 1878

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit Six printed copies of Ordinance No 1 of 1878, entitled "An Ordinance to make further provision regarding the Harbour Regulations of the Port of Stanley," which passed the Legislative Council on the 31<sup>st</sup> ult.

This Ordinance was introduced in accordance with an intimation to that effect contained in paragraph 6 of Your Lordship's Despatch No 16 of the 9<sup>th</sup> October last.

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

I have &c

(Sgd) T. H. Callaghan

The Right Honble.  
The Earl of Carnarvon  
or or or  
The Colonial Office

No. 1.

Government House  
S. F. I. 12<sup>th</sup> February 1878

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your lordship's Circular Despatch of 24<sup>th</sup> October last on the subject of the Merchant Shipping Act of 1876 and referring to a circular Despatch of the 8<sup>th</sup> September last. This latter Despatch has not been received in this colony.

In connexion with this subject I should like to receive some information regarding the practical workings of Sections 4 and 5 of the Act referred to. Any decisions defining the import of the words "reasonable means" to insure a vessel being sent to sea in a seaworthy state, which occur in these Sections, would be of importance.

I presume these decisions would be referred to in Fisher's Digest or in Arpinall's Maritime Law cases. The latest volume of the former in the colony is that published in 1875 giving the Reports of 1874, and of the latter the latest number I have is that published in October 1875. It would not be expensive to complete the series of both these Reports from the above dates down to the present time, and I shall be glad to have them sent out to the colony.

I should also like to have any short Manual that may have been published relating to the Merchant Shipping Act of 1876.

The Police Magistrate informs me that he is much in want of Oke's Magisterial Formulist.

A requisition for the foregoing books is forwarded by this Mail to the Crown Agents and I trust it may receive Your lordship's sanction.

The Right Honorable  
The Earl of Carnarvon  
etc etc  
The Colonial Office

I have the

(Signed) T. F. Gallagher

No of Despatch	Date	
20	22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov 1877.	G. H. S. F. I
21	30 <sup>th</sup> Nov 1877.	14 <sup>th</sup> Feb 1878
22	6 <sup>th</sup> Dec 1877.	My Lord,
23	6 <sup>th</sup> Dec 1877.	I have the honour to acknowledge
Accounts	16 <sup>th</sup> Nov 1877	the receipt on the 6 <sup>th</sup> inst of Your
Acknowledgment	19 <sup>th</sup> Nov 1877	Sorrows Despatches and Circulars
Parliamentary	30 <sup>th</sup> Nov 1877	as noted in the margin and to
Circular	20 <sup>th</sup> October 1877	forward a Schedule of unanswered
do	20 <sup>th</sup> do 1877	Despatches
do	14 <sup>th</sup> Nov 1877	I have to
do	15 <sup>th</sup> do 1877	(Sgd) J. F. Gallagher
do	15 <sup>th</sup> do 1877	
do	17 <sup>th</sup> do 1877	
do	27 <sup>th</sup> do 1877	

The Right Honble  
The Earl of Carnarvon  
Sir  
The Colonial Office

Schedule of Despatches transmitted to the Secretary of State  
which are remaining unanswered over Four months

Nel

Schedule of Despatches <sup>received</sup> from the Secretary of State,  
which are remaining unanswered over One month

No 18 of 17<sup>th</sup> Nov 1877

G. H. S. F. I.  
14<sup>th</sup> Feb 1878

(Sgd) J. F. Gallagher  
Governor

No 9

Government House  
S. F. I 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 1878

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit three Transcripts of Ordinance No 2 of 1878 entitled "Tobacco Duties Ordinance" which passed the Legislative Council on the 12<sup>th</sup> inst. Printed copies will be forwarded by next mail.

I enclose a copy of the Minutes of the Council relating to this and the "Spirit Duties Amendment Ordinance" passed the same day. From these all the particulars regarding the present Ordinance can be ascertained and after the correspondence which has passed on the subject, it will not be necessary for me to offer any detailed explanations.

I may observe however that as there is no Staff of Custom House Officers in the colony, I considered it advisable to adopt in this Ordinance the simple machinery already used with regard to the Spirit Duties. It will be seen that the council were of opinion that the Duties imposed by this Ordinance will yield after a little time at least £600 a year. I shall be glad if this anticipation is realized. No deduction will have to be made for the expense of collecting these Duties as no addition to the present Staff is contemplated.

According to the promise made to Mr Dean, I beg to draw attention to his remarks in which he protested against the present financial difficulties of the colony being used as an argument for additional taxation.

Having regard to all the circumstances it is most gratifying that the introduction of this and the other measure of taxation passed the same day, should have been so well received by

by the public, and that Mr Dean who represents  
their interests at the council has given it such  
a cordial although qualified support.

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

I have &c

The Right Honble.  
The Earl of Carnarvon  
The Colonial Office

(Sgd) T. F. Callaghan

N<sup>o</sup> 10

G. H. S. Y. I.  
14<sup>th</sup> February 1878

My Lord,  
I have the honour to ~~acknowledge the~~<sup>transmit</sup> transcripts of Ordinance No 3 of 1878, entitled "Spirit Duties Amendment Ordinance," which passed the Legislative Council on the 12<sup>th</sup> inst. Printed copies will be forwarded by next Mail.

The Minutes of Council forwarded in my other Despatch will give all the necessary explanations regarding this Ordinance, the Duties imposed by which the Council were of opinion will after a little time yield from £400 to £500 a year.

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

I have &c

The Right Honourable  
The Earl of Barnarvon  
The Colonial Office

(Sgd) T. F. Gallagher

G. H. S. F. I.  
14<sup>th</sup> February 1878

No 11.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's Despatch No 22 of the 6<sup>th</sup> December last regarding the desirability of providing this colony with a distinctive Postage Stamp. I am glad that the proposal has received Your Lordship's approval.

The Postmaster informs me that the Stamps which would be required here would be 1<sup>d</sup>, 6<sup>c</sup>, 1<sup>f</sup> and 5<sup>f</sup>.

Packets are sent occasionally by the Falkland Islands Company and Mr Dean weighing about 30 oz. for which a small supply of 5<sup>f</sup> would be convenient.

The 6<sup>c</sup> Stamp would be that most in use and next to that the 1<sup>f</sup> Stamp. The 1<sup>d</sup> Stamp would not be used much except on Foreign letters, of which very few are forwarded from the colony.

Letters are not forwarded by the Government to the various parts of the Islands and there is no local postage charged.

I have &c

The Right Honble.

The Earl of Carnarvon

1<sup>st</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1<sup>st</sup>

The Colonial Office

Sgd) T. F. Callaghan

G. H. S. F. I.  
11<sup>th</sup> Feb'y 1878

N<sup>o</sup> 12

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your lordship's Despatch (General) of the 11<sup>th</sup> October last regarding the proposed erection of a colonial Museum in London.

Some time ago I received a letter from the Honorary Secretary of the Royal Colonial Institute on the subject to which I returned a general reply stating, as far as I remember, that I should be glad to have it in my power to promote the project in question.

Nothing further has occurred in connexion with the matter and I shall not fail to comply with your lordship's instructions regarding it.

I have &c

(Sgd) S. F. Callaghan

The Right Honourable  
The Earl of Carnarvon  
The Colonial Office

G. H. S. I.  
15<sup>th</sup> February 1878

No 14

*110 + 111 Vict*

My Lord, I have the honour to acknowledge  
the receipt of two copies of the Statutes passed  
in last session of Parliament

I have &c

(Sgd) T. F. Gallagher

The Right Honble  
The Earl of Barnarvon  
The Colonial Office

G. H. S. T. I  
15<sup>th</sup> February 1878

N<sup>o</sup> 15

A Digest of Statutes  
relating to Merchant  
Shipping

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Parliamentary Paper, the Title of which is specified in the margin

I have &c

(Sgd) J. F. Gallagher

The Right Honble.  
The Earl of Carnarvon  
of the  
Colonial Office

Schedule of Despatches transmitted from the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1878, via Montevideo, per Mail Schooner "Black Hawk"

No of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	No of Enclosures
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17	do	Transmitting six Printed Copies of Ordinance No <sup>o</sup> 3 of 1878, entitled "Spirit Duties Amendment Ordinance"	6
18	do	Transmitting General Abstract of the Colonial Treasurers Cash Transactions and Receipts for the year 1878	1.
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25	2 <sup>nd</sup> April *	Further correspondence relating to the ship "Star of India"	7
—	do	Acknowledgment of Despatches and Circulars	1
26	do	Acknowledging the receipt of a Despatch respecting the financial condition of the Colony, and that the information required will be sent next mail	—
27	do	Acknowledging the arrival of £500 in specie, and reporting that a formal acknowledgment will be sent next mail	—
Confidential	do		
*		For Despatches Nos 23 and 25 see Governor's Private Despatch Book	

G. H. S. T. S.  
14<sup>th</sup> March 1878

No. 6

My Lord,

With reference to my Despatch No 9 of the  
14<sup>th</sup> ultmo, I have the honour to forward you  
printed copies of Ordinance No 2 of 1878 entitled  
"Tobacco Duties Ordinance"

I have the honour to be

(Sgd) G. F. Gallagher

The Right Honble.  
The Earl of Carnarvon  
or  
The Colonial Office

G. H. S. F. I.  
4<sup>th</sup>. March 1878

No 17

X  
My Lord,

With reference to my Despatch No 10 of the  
14<sup>d</sup>. ultimo I have the honour to transmit six  
Printed copies of Ordinance No 3 of 1878, entitled  
"Spirit Duties Amendment Ordinance"

I have the honour to

(Sgd) G. F. Gallagher

The Right Honble  
The Earl of Carnarvon  
etc etc etc  
The Colonial Office

No 18

G. H. S. F. I  
4<sup>th</sup> March 1878

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit a  
General Abstract of the Colonial Treasurer's Bank  
Transactions and Transfers for the year 1877.

I have the honour &c

(Sgd) J. F. Callaghan

The Right Honble.

The Earl of Carnarvon

The Colonial Office

G. H. S. G. I  
4<sup>th</sup> March 1878

No 19

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit six printed copies of an Ordinance No 4 of 1878 entitled "an Ordinance to make further provision for carrying out the Customs Duties Ordinances," which passed the Legislative Council on the 23<sup>rd</sup> ultimo.

In consequence of the imposition of a Customs' Duty on Tobacco and the recent increase in the Duties on Spirits and Wine, the necessity has arisen for introducing more stringent measures than those already in force for the prevention of smuggling.

The provisions of the present Ordinance are of the usual character in such cases and it was passed by the Council unanimously.

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

I have the honour to

His Right Honourable  
The Earl of Carnarvon  
on to &c  
The Colonial Office

(Sgd) J. F. Gallagher

No 20

G. H. S. I.

5<sup>th</sup> March 1878

My Lord,

I have the honour to forward Six Printed copies of Ordinance No 5 of 1878 entitled "Tobacco Licence Ordinance," which passed the Legislative Council on the 23<sup>rd</sup> ultimo.

The necessity for making further provision for regulating the sale of Tobacco has been occasioned by the passing of the "Tobacco Duties Ordinance" No 3 of 1878.

As those persons who have taken out a Spirit Licence have been hitherto almost the only persons who have sold Tobacco in Stanley, the effect of the present Ordinance will be practically to keep the sale of Tobacco in the settlement in their hands.

This arrangement will enable the Government to exercise more supervision in the matter, as those holding Spirit Licences are directly under its control. The clause allowing the Governor to grant permission to sell Tobacco to persons outside the 15 miles limit from Stanley is rendered necessary from the fact that each sheep farmer keeps ~~a~~ a sort of store in which he sells various articles to his employes. This permission in question will not be granted to any person who does not make a declaration that the Tobacco has paid the Import Duty and is required for the use of the employes on the farm.

This it is hoped will give the Government sufficient supervision in the matter, to prevent smuggling to any great extent, without rendering it necessary to compel such persons to take out a licence which under the circumstances would I think be considered rather a hardship.

According to Section 2 of the "Spirit Licences Amendment Ordinance" No 2 of 1868, no person is

allowed to sell Liquor anywhere within the limit of the East Falkland Island, without taking out a licence; but no restriction has hitherto existed with regard to its sale on the West Falklands.

Clause 8 of the present Ordinance subjects any person selling Spirits &c in the West Falklands to a Penalty, unless he has received permission from the Governor to do so, has been introduced with a similar view to that already stated with regard to the sale of Tobacco outside the 15 miles limit from Stanley.

This permission will also not be granted except upon the conditions already referred to.

The Ordinance was unanimously passed by the Council

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

I have the honour to

The Right Honorable.

The Earl of Barnarvon

to  
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The Colonial Office

(Sgd) G. F. Gallagher

G. H. S. T. J.

21<sup>st</sup> March 1878N<sup>o</sup> 21

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch N<sup>o</sup> 21 of the 30<sup>th</sup> November last transmitting to me a Testimonial on vellum which the Committee of the Royal Humane Society have awarded to Mr. George Smith of this Colony in acknowledgment of his attempt to save the lives of four persons from drowning at Johnson's Harbour, Falkland Islands, on the night of the 14<sup>th</sup> of June last.

I had very great pleasure in publicly presenting this Testimonial to Mr. Smith yesterday and I have obtained from him as requested an acknowledgment of its receipt which is forwarded herewith.

I feel much indebted to the Royal Humane Society for having so favourably entertained my representation of Mr. Smith's case, as well as to your Lordship for having so kindly brought it to their notice.

I have &amp;c

(Sgd) Y. F. Gallagher

The Right Honble.  
The Earl of Carnarvon

to  
The Colonial Office

No 22

G. H. S. F. G  
21<sup>st</sup> March 1878

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit the Annual Blue Book of the Falkland Islands for the year 1877.

Revenue

2. The Revenue for 1877 exclusive of the Parliamentary Grant was £3286 being a slight increase over that of the preceding year. Two Ordinances were passed last month, one imposing a customs' Duty on Tobacco, and the other doubling the duties on Spirits and Wine imported into the Colony; and it is hoped that before long the addition to the Revenue produced by these Ordinances will amount to about £1000 a year.

Expenditure

3. The total expenditure required to carry on the service of the Colony for the year only amounted to £6266, while that incurred for the same purpose in 1876 amounted to £6653.

I may observe that the actual payments made in 1876 were as stated in the Blue Book Report for that year £8119, the excess arising from the payment in the early part of 1876, of certain arrears due on account of the preceding year. The annual amount required to carry on the service of the Colony while the establishments continue on their present footing, may be calculated at a little over £6200, which is a considerable decrease on the amounts annually expended previously to 1876. There are also certain retrenchments under consideration, by which if carried out, the expenditure will be further reduced by several hundreds a year.

Imports

## Imports.

In the Imports amounted to £33, 283, against £27,056 in the preceding year. From the following statement, it will be seen that they were chiefly from the United Kingdom

### Abstract of the value of Imports for 1877

Country from whence imported	Value of Goods Imported
United Kingdom	£ 24,733
Monte Video	6. 285
Nova Scotia	2.265
Total Value	£ 33. 283

## Exports.

5. The precise amount realized by the exports, cannot be given at present, as all the returns regarding the price fetched by the wool exported have not yet been received in the colony. The amount set down in the Blue Book £59,878 may however be regarded as a tolerably correct estimate of the value of the exports. This is a gratifying increase, as their value in 1876, only amounted to £57,121. The quantity of wool exported in 1876 and in 1877 amounted to 814,687 lbs., and 1,193,759 lbs. respectively. The value of hides exported in 1877 was £8,100, against £11,861, in the previous year. There is a falling off in the quantity of tallow exported, arising from there having been only 10,000 sheep "boiled down" by the Falkland Islands Company in 1877, whilst in the preceding year the number amounted to 13,000.

I am glad to observe that there is a decided increase in the value of Penguin Oil exported, which amounted to

£1200, against only £160 in 1876. The manufacture of this oil was at one time an important industry in the Falklands, but it dwindled to almost nothing of late years. I am glad to observe even this slight sign of the revival of this industry. There is also an increase in the value of sealskins exported, that for 1877 amounting to £308, against only £65 in 1876. There is however no prospect of any increase of importance taking place in the sealing trade of these Islands, which for several years past has been in a very languishing condition.

### Shipping.

6. The number of merchant ships that called here during the year was 31, representing a tonnage of 11,115. They were as follows:—

Ships entered during 1877.

Nationality	Vessels	Tonnage	Crew
Great Britain	22	9718	276
Banda Oriental	3	266	19
Germany	1	451	13
Holland	1	164	10
Norway	1	210	8
United States	3	597	88
Total	31	11,115	4118

(Of these six called in for repairs. The number of ships that arrived here in 1876 was 35 representing a tonnage of 18,354. For some years past there has been a steady decrease in the number of ships calling at this Port, owing I believe in a great measure to causes

causes which are referred to in my Blue Book Report for last year.

### Legislation

7. There were no local Ordinances passed in 1877.

### Civil Establishments

8. The duties of Colonial Chaplain were very kindly performed by Bishop Stirling from the beginning of the year, and for some time preceding it, until the 19<sup>th</sup> March, when the new Colonial Chaplain, the Rev'd L. E. Brandon arrived in the colony.

### Sheep Farming.

9. The returns for 1876 and 1877 of the number of sheep are 271,400 and 283,385 respectively.

I regret to say that the ravages of Scab were as usual very severe during the year, more especially I have been informed, on the Western Island. There was some improvement I believe in this respect on the East Falkland Island.

I am informed that dipping the sheep according to some process or another, has become more general of late years. I fear however judging from the results, it must be very imperfectly done. It seems to me to be very desirable to make it compulsory by law on all sheep farmers in the colony, to dip their flocks, according to some approved process every year, and I believe that this measure would receive general approval.

The dip most in use in the Islands and what is

considered most efficacious is the "Tobacco Dip". It is generally believed here that if this dip is prepared of the right strength and properly used, that it is almost a certain cure for scab. It is however very expensive.

An attempt has also been recently made to introduce the "Glycerine Dip", which has been used with great success for some years past by the sheep farmers at Buenos Ayres. Mr. Cameron has kindly given me the receipt of a dip prepared from Lime and Sulphur, which he has used very successfully at the San Carlos Station on the East Falkland Island, where the sheep are reported to be exceptionally clean. His receipt and Mr. Cameron's remarks regarding it are as follows:

### Method of Preparing Lime and Sulphur Sheep Dip.

"The requisite proportions are 2 ozs<sup>s</sup> of quick lime and 10 ozs<sup>s</sup> of sulphur to each gallon of water, or 12½ lbs. of quick lime and 25 lbs. of sulphur to 100 gallons of water. Mix the lime with water in a thick paste and when thoroughly slackened put it in to the pot or boiler containing the requisite quantity of boiling water."

"The sulphur may be put into the water in a dry state at any time, but the lime must not be added until the water is boiling, and whilst boiling the mixture ought to be (occasionally) well stirred up; it must be kept at a slow boil for not less than an hour, and when ready for use it is thoroughly dissolved into a dark coffee coloured liquid and may then be used for bathing at a heat of 100 to 110 degrees."

"When the sheep leave the bath their wool is of a dark saffron colour; they ought to remain in the bath one minute. I have found it very convenient to use a try pot (such as the sailors here use) holding about 100 gallons, and boiling the mixture in this pot at four

four times its strength, as the sediment might get in to the corners of the ordinary square 400 gallon tanks in general use here, and would no doubt corrode the iron."

"I have this season dipped over three thousand sheep twice with lime and sulphur liquid at a cost of £16.- 10/-, whereas the requisite quantity of Tobacco woold have cost me about £70 stg. This lime and sulphur dip is a certain cure for Scab, and does not perceptibly injure the wool."

I have received a very strong letter from an extensive and most energetic sheep farmer on the West Falklands, who has expended a large capital on his farm, urging me to introduce a "Scab Ordinance" and to appoint a Government Inspector to carry out its provisions. As this matter is at present under any consideration, it would not be desirable for me to go into further in this Report, than to briefly indicate some of the difficulties connected with this very vexed question.

A large majority of the Sheep farmers throughout the Islands (and those who have by far the largest quantity of sheep and land) are strongly opposed to the introduction of a "Scab Ordinance", chiefly on the ground of the heavy expenses which such a measure would entail, to defray which they would have to be taxed severely at a time when they are for the most part in a struggling condition.

They say that when proper dipping becomes general, Scab will to a great extent disappear. They also say that a Scab Act would be by no means so successful in stamping out the disease <sup>as its supporters anticipate</sup> for the following reasons.

The farms in these Islands are generally of great extent and the boundaries between them often extend for

several miles and are necessarily all unfenced, the cost of fencing being so great, as to render it practically out of the question for a long time to come. Under those circumstances it would be impossible they say, even by the most vigorous inspection to prevent outlying sheep from straying into neighbouring farms and thus spreading the contagion. The sheep are generally scattered about the farms in very small flocks, some of which frequently elude the shepherds, as they would most probably the Seab Inspector, by hiding amongst the numerous rocks with which the Islands abound.

Moreover it is said that the wetness of the climate here, conduced to the spread of Seab, and throws another obstacle in the way of effectually suppressing it.

Those who are opposed to a law of the subject are aware that it has been found necessary in Australia but say, that that is no argument in favour of its introduction where the circumstances are so widely different as they are in this Colony, which they consider not sufficiently advanced for such legislation.

I have never received any application in favour of a "Seab Ordinance" from the sheep farmers on the East Island. In fact with scarcely an exception they are opposed to it. However in the Western Island the farmers are I am informed nearly equally divided on the subject, about half of them - amongst whom the gentleman to whom I have already alluded is the most urgent - being in favour of a Seab Ordinance.

As illustrating the views of the supporters of the measure I append an extract from his letter on the subject. After describing the present condition of the flocks in the Falklands, of which he reports unfavourably, he goes on to say that on having "an efficient Seab Act or none depends whether Sheep Farming is to be a success in this colony or not. Without it, it is certain sheep cannot be kept clean, and if sheep are not clean

clean, there is no limit to the loss of wool, loss of lambs, as well as less money value for the wool in the English market; in fact it is destruction in every way to flocks having that disease among them."

I think it must be admitted on all sides that Seal is a formidable enemy to the prosperity of Sheep farming in these Islands. I am unwilling to offer any decided opinion on a matter now pending, and which is the subject of such bitter controversy, but I may be permitted to say this much, that the difficulty of effectively carrying out any such measure - which from its nature must be of a most stringent character, amongst a community so imperfectly organized as that of these Islands, and one to so great an extent hostile to its introduction - must at once be apparent.

I may also observe that to carry out such a measure, other Government Officers besides the Seal Inspector, would be required. It would be altogether impossible with the present very small staff, which is barely sufficient for the requirements of Stanley to carry out the Ordinance in the remote parts of Eastern Island, or anywhere in the West Falklands, to get from here by the quickest route would take from three to four days, and in bad weather perhaps ten. It would of course be out of the question for the contending parties to have to come into Stanley, every time to settle their probably frequent contentions.

## Land

10. All the land of the Colony has been leased for some years past, and when I went round the Islands last

year, which I was enabled to do through the kindness of Captain Fairfax of H. M. S. "Volage", I was a good deal struck by the small number of people employed on most of the farms in proportion to their great extent. The number is a great deal less than one would expect to see even in a pastoral country. I greatly fear the number of shepherds is on many farms not at all sufficient to keep pace with the increase in the flocks.

If this supply of labour were not so very limited, there seems to me to be no reason why there should not be a certain amount of tillage on every farm. This unfortunately is not the case except in Heppel Island, where I saw nearly six acres of potatoes ready for digging. Even small kitchen gardens are by no means as numerous or as well cared for as they ought to be, and I was surprised to learn that they have only recently been introduced in several parts of the camp. To people who consume such a large quantity of animal food, vegetables may be considered from a sanitary point of view as almost indispensable.

Cattle which suffer most severely every year in the winter from scarcity of food, could be fed and turned to much more profitable account, if turnips, which answer very well in this climate, were grown on the various farms. It is quite surprising in a country where there is such a large number of cattle, that milk and butter should be so scarce as they are in Stanley and in many parts of this camp. By far the largest quantity of butter used in the colony is imported from England, and considerably more preserved milk than fresh is used. A large quantity of cheese is also imported. The amount paid last year for imported butter, cheese and preserved milk consumed by the small population of these islands, exceeded £2200. There does not seem to be any reason why these articles should not have been produced in the colony.

As far as I am able to judge I consider it is greatly to be regretted that on leasing the land some clause was not inserted in the lease rendering compulsory a small quantity of tillage for the cultivation of potatoes, turnips and other vegetables that the climate suits, on every section of land (of 6000 acres) throughout the Islands. I am informed that there is a good deal of idle time in the camp at certain periods of the year, which could be profitably employed in this way. The Falklands would thus have been rendered capable of supporting a much larger population than they do now, a larger supply of working men would most likely have been attracted to the colony, and it would not have remained so long as it has in an almost stagnant condition. By this means the scarcity and dearness of labour which are already serious impediments to the prosperity of the farmers and which every year as flocks increase will be more severely felt, would have been removed.

### Cattle-killing.

II. I am happy to be able to report that the circular which I addressed last year to the farmers regarding the mode of killing cattle which prevailed to a great extent throughout the islands has in every instance been favourably responded to. The cruel practice of leaving the animals to linger for a day or more after they had been "cut down" has in consequence been universally discontinued throughout the Colony, and they are now killed immediately after being "cut down."

It may be of interest to describe the way in which wild cattle are killed in the Falklands and I append an extract from a letter which I have received from the Manager of the Falkland Islands Company

on this subject. This letter was written last year, before the practice of killing the animals immediately after being cut down "had come into operation on the Company's property.

"Cattle killing by the Company's gauchos is carried on principally in the summer months, when the gauchos, six or more in number, go into Laforia with tents, and move round the coast from district to district, salting the hides on the adjacent beaches, whenever they are removed by schooners. The system of killing is as follows: - the gauchos leave their tents on horseback in the early morning, and keep together until they sight a herd of cattle, then getting as near as they can without being observed, they dash into them, each man selecting his animal which he lassoes, one end of the lasso being made fast to the cincha or girth of the saddle, the other in a noose round the neck of the animal. As soon as the gaucho manages to throw his adversary by entangling his legs in the lasso, he jumps off his horse, which keeps all the time a tight strain on the lasso, and approaching from behind cuts a sinew or tendon behind the fore shoulder, which at once makes the animal helpless. The gaucho then mounts and goes after another with which he deals in the same manner, and so on, until the cattle are out of reach of his salt on the beach."

"As a rule animals cut down in the morning are killed and skinned in the afternoon; but there is no doubt that in former years when cattle were more plentiful, gauchos would cut down for a whole day and skin the next."

"Cutting down even when the throat is cut the next minute is necessary for the man's safety, for when the animal is disabled he can be killed without danger, which would not be the case had he the use of his limbs."

Keppel

## Keppel Island Mission Station

12. On this subject I have received the following very interesting account from the Bishop of the Falklands.

Keppel Island  
31<sup>st</sup> December 1877.

"In accordance with Your Excellency's wish I have much pleasure in forwarding to you the following statistics respecting Keppel Island."

"In 1855, the South American Missionary Society purchased 160 acres from the colonial Government and rented the remainder of the island about 9000 acres for £10 a year. The object of the Society was to form a basis for Missionary Work among the Indian tribes in Tierra del Fuego and Patagonia. A training station and farm were thought desirable; and a vessel to ply between the Falkland Islands and Tierra del Fuego, for the purpose of conveying the missionaries and their protégés, to and fro, was provided. The island has been of much service to the Mission although very heavy expenses were incurred during the early years of the enterprise. At present there are eight buildings used either as residences or for school or store purposes. A barton and other suitable farm arrangements of course exist."

"The general affairs of the station are under the charge of a Beulah, Mr. Wm Bartlett, who is married and has a family residing on the island. Two other Europeans, single men, are at present engaged in teaching and superintending the Indians who happen to be now there. These latter number sixteen all young men. From the commencement of the Mission about one hundred and fifty natives of

Tierra del Fuego have been introduced to Keppel Island. I need scarcely assure Your Excellency that they have been all volunteers. The periods of their stay have varied very much, some having remained but a few months, and others two, three and even six years."

"These Indians have been instructed in the rudiments of the Christian religion and civilization. They have acquired more or less habits of industry, and have learned to appreciate highly the advantages of civilized life. Their language has been reduced to grammatical form by the Missionaries, and they have become acquainted to some extent with English."

"The farm on Keppel Island is largely indebted to the labours of these Indians, who in return are well fed, and clothed and rewarded with presents; but latterly within the last eight months, the wage-system has been in some cases introduced. On returning to this country these natives have a good outfit given to them; and if they are thought likely to take care of them, goats and cows are added. The consequence is that the work on Keppel Island has led to a promising centre of civilization in Tierra del Fuego itself."

"No punishment is resorted to for the natives in Keppel Island. As I write these words I am struck by their force; but they are nevertheless strictly correct. Moral influence alone has proved sufficient. If a native of Tierra del Fuego is discontented in this island, or if he is thought unlikely to profit by the teaching and course of life here, he simply returns to his country by the first opportunity."

"The health of the Indians is fairly good. Violent headaches are common however; and generally a strong skin eruption shows itself after a few months' residence on Keppel Island, the result no doubt of the change of diet and

and mode of life. Since the occupation of the Island by the Mission but three deaths of Indians have occurred there. The first was a Patagonian woman who died of apoplexy; the second a native of Tierra del Fuego who died of consumption after a short sojourn on the island, and the third, a Furgian likewise, died recently of the effects of an accident in his country, aggravated here by a fall from a horse."

"I now give Your Excellency a copy of Mr. Wm. Bartlett's return of produce, stock, &c. Garden ground over five acres, average yield, Potatoes, 30 tons: Turnips (Swedish) 6 tons.

Average price of Potatoes sold £11 per ton.  
Cattle about 500.

Sheep about 2800.

Horses 20

Value of dairy produce sold, about £100. a year.

Value of Bacon sold, about £20. a year.

The weight of each fleece on an average is a little under lbs. The last consignment of wool weighed about 12,000 lbs., and fetched in England, 10<sup>d</sup> a lb."

"This return gives an idea of the present condition of things more or less correctly; but I regret to say that owing to the island being deserted it has become necessary to reduce at once the number of the stock. But I hope to find in Tierra del Fuego an immediate opening for a portion of the cattle."

"I mentioned in an early part of this communication that the S. A. Missionary Society paid a rental of £10 yearly to the Colonial Government. This was so until 1868, when by the advice of the then Governor, the amount was reduced to a pehper-corn for a period of sixty years. The Society has appreciated very highly this gracious act on the part of H.M. Government; for it is moral

and not only material support."

"To Your Excellency every member of the Mission feels indebted for the generous regard you have paid to its work and interests; and I desire on this occasion to record in their name, the thanks that are due for your courtesy and consideration."

The following extracts from a letter received from the Revd Mr. Bridges, Missionary Superintendent at Woshoria, give an interesting account of the distribution amongst the Indians of the presents given by the Board of Trade at Your Lordship's suggestion, for their humane and kindly behaviour in connexion with the San Rafael disaster, to which I drew attention in my Blue Book Despatch of last year.

"On Monday April 16<sup>th</sup> this distribution took place in front of our house, Messrs Lawrence and Whaits assisting. The Southerners arrived in a large body the day before. They were soon distributed as guests among the householders here. The case was brought forth into the road in the midst of the people. Those who were entitled to receive being orderly seated by themselves."

Before the opening of the case I gave the people an address commending them for the kindness they had shown to the suffering and the dead, and exhorting them to humane and discreet treatment of any strangers who might be wrecked on their shores. I told them that as the people of England now tangibly showed them their approval of their past humanity, so also could they, and would they show their displeasure, if they heard of any barbarous treatment by them of poor mariners who came into their power.

"I bade them bring hither with all despatch any

perious

persons they could come across, and that they should be well rewarded according to their kindness.

"Mr Whaits then opened the case and distribution was made, and great pleasure was shown by the people. To further increase the satisfaction, I had two barrels of bread opened and distributed among the people, who numbered over 250 persons. The rest of the day was given up to amusements; a number of hikes were flour and wrestling matches were got up by the natives. In the evening Mr Whaits showed a company of natives the magic lantern, which gave great pleasure. The weather also was most favourable being calm and mild. In a day or two they all decamped and since we have not seen or heard anything of them."

x      x      x      x      x      x

"We have still on hand a few articles for some of the southerners who did not come, and will forward them to them by the first opportunity. We had hoped to have seen them long before this, but among these natives there is much reluctance to go far from home."

In the same letter Mr Bridges thus describes the condition and prospects of the settlement at Woshovia:—

"Since then all has gone on peaceably, and we have no anxiety of any kind as regards the natives around us. The health of all is good, and the natives are more ready to profit by the advantages now offered than they ever were before."

"There are here 17 natives who have allotments of enclosed land, varying from two-third to half acre pieces. These they dig and sow for themselves, and on them build their dwellings. The number of landed proprietors will now rapidly increase. Fourteen persons

have possessions of goats, and the more deserving as soon as they are ready shall have cattle. We shall as ever have a busy time in our very varied occupations."

The very humane behaviour of the Indians on the occasion of the San Rafael disaster may fairly be attributed to the civilizing influence of the Mission and it contrasts very favourably with the state of things which prevailed on that part of the coast before its establishment.

The perilous duty of establishing the mission at Losshooia in Tierra del Fuego was performed by the Bishop, then the Rev'd Mr. Stirling, who took up his residence there in a hut in January 1869, and was for a considerable time left to face the dangers of his position alone.

The following instances of the exceptional dangers of shipwrecks on the Fuegian coast before that time, arising from the barbarous inhumanity of the natives, are given on the authority of Admiral Sullivan in one of the reports published by the South American Missionary Society.

"The boat of the 'Bragg', which on a surveying expedition, saved the crew of a shipwrecked vessel some distance to the West of the Bragge Channel. So great was their dread of the natives that the sailors had stocked themselves, and had prepared powder, so that they might in the last resource blow themselves up rather than fall into their hands."

"An English vessel bound for California ran aground on the Fuegian shore off the Straits of Magellan in 1853. The tide left her a mile from the shore. The natives came down in large numbers. They plundered the cargo and set fire to the ship. The crew fought for their lives and their ship and succeeded in bringing her to the Falklands."

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"Let it be remembered that at that time the Californian and homeward bound trade passed Cape Horn, and that these disasters were not uncommon. Other and more recent cases are well known."

"In 1869 H.M.S. 'Nassau' was surveying in the Straits of Magellan. One of the ship's boats was attacked by armed Turquians, who shot a volley of arrows into the boat's crew, and in return received a volley from the sailors' rifles who were well armed."

The beneficial effects of the Bishop's residence at Ushuaia soon began to manifest themselves. About seven months after his arrival there the natives treated the crew of the American ship "Dreadnought," which was wrecked off Cape Horn to the northeast of Tierra del Fuego, in July 1869, kindly not offering them the slightest violence. The crew consisting of 22 men, besides a boy and the stewardess of the ship, were according to the report "thus cast away on a shore where, through the well known cruelty of the natives, to be cast away was death. Yet to their surprise and joy" they met with a very different reception. At the end of seventeen days they were rescued by a Norwegian Barque.

Bishop Stirling left this early in January last for Ushuaia, accompanied by his daughter Miss Stirling, in the "Allan Gardner" a small vessel of about 39 tons, belonging to the Mission. He intends I understand travelling about in the neighbourhood, with the view to the establishment of an additional missionary station.

For several months every year the Bishop spends his time cruising about in the "Allan Gardner" visiting the Southern stations of the Mission,

and everyone acquainted with these stormy latitudes knows, that such voyages are attended with no little danger to say nothing of the great discomfort and privations they necessarily involve.

As one who has had a somewhat varied experience in observing Christian Missionary labours in China, Burma, and on the West coast of Africa, it is extremely gratifying to me to have an opportunity of testifying to the untiring zeal and devotion, amounting to heroism displayed by Bishop Stirling for the advancement of the Fuegian Mission, and from all I can learn, he has a most zealous and devoted assistant in Mr. Bridges, the present Missionary Superintendent at Ushuaia.

### Works and Buildings.

13. Considerable progress was made in the new gaol during the year and it is rapidly advancing towards completion. A wall round it is in course of erection which I hope will be finished before the winter sets in. The old gaol now in use is a most unsuitable building and it is most desirable that the new one should be got ready for occupation as soon as possible.

Besides the works at the gaol the Pilot Schooner, which was in an unsafe condition was thoroughly repaired, and the roads and drains were kept in order by the prisoners.

### Education

14. I have received the following Report from W. J. Wright Collins, the Government Schoolmaster at Stanley.  
"In 1876 the total number of children enrolled amounted to 127, and in 1877 to 139, the average attendance in 1876 being

bring £1. and in 1871. £1. The improvement in the attendance has arisen in the Infant Department. The Schoolmistress continues to conduct the Infant and Drawing Departments, and she is entitled to much credit for the zealous and painstaking manner in which she has fulfilled her duties during the past year."

"It is satisfactory to be able to state that the behaviour of the children during last year was very good and that there has been a great improvement in the conduct of those attending school during the last two years."

"It is to be regretted that the standard of education is still low."

"This may to some extent be accounted for from the fact that after the age of ten or twelve, some of the children attend school very irregularly, more especially in peat cutting time. When children are once temporarily withdrawn, they seldom attend school with their former regularity."

"Besides this, owing to the scarcity of labour, very young lads can readily find other work in Stanley as outdoor labourers at the current rate of wages."

"Girls also are at an early age removed from school, as their services are found extremely useful in the present dearth of domestic servants."

"Unfortunately the class of employments in the Colony for which educational attainments are required is extremely limited, and parents as a rule do not care to provide their children with more than the rudiments of education."

"Those of the boys who do not become labourers usually find employment in "the camp," which seems to have much fascination for the youth of the colony."

"With the exception of a few carpenters and masons, few of the population are artisans, and most of these have come out from England"

"It is unlikely that the level of education will be raised until some change takes place in the general circumstances of the colony."

### Climate.

15. From January to the close of our summer in February was unusually hot for the Falklands. The winter was an especially long and inclement one. There was a great deal more frost than has been for many years past, with frequent and heavy falls of snow. Mr. Cobb the manager of the Falkland Islands Company, has kindly given me the following Meteorological Summary for 1877.

Meteorological Summary for 1877

	Temperature Coldest - warmest degrees	Humidity Satur. Mean hours	Rain inches Mean height = 100 miles	Cloud Days (average = 10)
January	56. 0 37. 0	52. 6	71	1. 60 19
February	69. 0 33. 0	49. 2	00	1. 23 10
March	66. 4 34. 0	50. 2	02	1. 20 16
April	56. 5 30. 9	42. 7	03	2. 54 22
May	50. 1 28. 8	40. 4	92	1. 90 22
June	40. 2 25. 5	37. 9	94	1. 70 23
July	46. 0 18. 9	35. 3	91	1. 57 22
August	49. 2 25. 0	37. 2	00	0. 90 22
September	53. 0 22. 7	37. 5	04	1. 02 19
October	57. 9 20. 0	41. 0	03	1. 71 20
November	50. 0 32. 6	44. 9	76	1. 27 17
December	61. 5 31. 0	46. 7	70	1. 97 21
Total and mean	—	—	13	10. 77 24. 1
General means	—	—	12. 9	11. 0

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General.

"I have received the following gratifying report from the Rev'd Mr Brandon, the Colonial Chaplain, who since his arrival has done a great deal to promote the cause of Temperance in the Colony. He is himself a Total Abstainer, and his efforts have already effected a decided improvement in the habits of the people of Stanley.

"The Stanley Total Abstainers Society has now been re-established for nearly a year. At first a large number of names were enrolled, over seventy, but after a time many left the Society, chiefly sailors employed in the coasting schooners.

"The Society has been now for several months in what may be called its normal state, numbering an average of over forty members, who remain true to the society; in addition there is a floating number of some ten or fifteen, who join for a time and fall away, overcome by temptation but return again. It is considered a good step towards their reformation to keep them sober and steady even for a month at a time, for thus it is hoped to break them gradually off their drinking habits."

"The Hall, kindly granted by His Excellency <sup>for</sup> the use of the Society, is supplied with papers, books, a small billiard table, chess board, &c.; tea, coffee, &c. are sold to the members and everything done as far as limited means will allow to make the Hall attractive."

"Last winter an evening school kindly conducted by Mr. Collins, met in the Hall, twice a week; it will be reopened next month."

"On the whole taking into consideration the many difficulties met with, the Society may fairly be said to have done good work in encouraging Temperance, in keeping young men from the Public Houses, and in bringing old and young into a bond of union to help and stand by one

another in the hour of temptation."

"There is also a small Society among the females, who join for the sake of their weaker sisters."

"The Band of Hope or Temperance Society among the children embraces a large majority of the children resident in Stanley; it meets every second month when the children are instructed in the advantages of Temperance and the evils of drink. Some amusement is also provided for them by the exhibition of dissolving views and a little music."

"This Juvenile Society will be with God's blessing the mainstay of the Senior Society, and will doubtless promote Temperance and moderation among the inhabitants of these Islands in the future."

In my Report on the Blue Book for 1876, I referred to the prospect of a manufactory being shortly established in Stanley for converting peat, which abounds in these Islands, into patent fuel. I am sorry to say that no steps have since been taken to carry out the project in question.

I also referred to the probability of there being a steamer started to run between the Chilean colony of Sandy Point, distant from this about 450 miles, and Stanley. From communications from the Governor of that Colony, I have every reason to believe that this very desirable arrangement would have been carried out, early in January last, were it not for the confusion and temporary paralysis of all enterprise occasioned by the late mutiny at Sandy Point. Much sympathy is felt in this colony for the inhabitants of Sandy Point, and for the Governor Diego Dubois' who visited Stanley last year, in order to make arrangements for establishing commercial relations and steam communication between the two settlements.

Under the circumstances it may not be out of place

in this report to give some account of this most disastrous occurrence, and I append the following extracts from the various accounts published in the Buenos Ayres papers on the subject.

A mutiny of the entire garrison took place at midnight on the 11<sup>th</sup> November last. "The rioters began by putting to death the commander of the garrison, but before despatching him they submitted him to various tortures and mutilated his body" . . . "They then set fire to the Government House, the custom-house, barracks, Government warehouses, coal deposits, provision storehouse, and the principal merchants' houses."

"When Governor Dubli was aroused by the firing he sallied out of his house and found himself face to face with 100 gunners and two pieces of cannon pointed at his house. The mutineers at once opened fire, and in a few moments the Government House was in flames. The Governor had just time to get back, extricate his wife and children from a cellar where he had hid them and escape with them to the forest. In an hour he returned, in disguise, and mingling among the drunken, savage mutineers he inquired who was their commander. A corporal replied that he was, whereupon Dubli drew a revolver and shot him dead."

His account then proceeds to detail the subsequent escape of the Governor, after he had been seriously wounded, to Skyring Water where the Chilean Man-of-War "Magellanes" was engaged surveying.

"After burning, sacking, &c the mutineers resolved to seize the first European mail steamer that should pass, and escape in her to some foreign country. For this purpose they spared the Port Captain, although he had been eight times taken out to be shot. As the German steamer 'Memphis' approached, they put

The Port Captain, in his uniform, in a boat with five soldiers to surprise the 'Memphis'. The Captain had fortunately obtained news from the British Vice-Admiral, and at once seized the Port Captain and soldiers, disarming the latter and putting them in irons.

"The 'Memphis' advised the U. S. Corvettes 'Adams' which hastened to Sandy Point, but found the Magellanes (Captain Lynch) with Governor Duble on board, having arrived two hours before. Captain Rogers at once landed 150 men from the 'Adams', with two mitrailleuses, as Captain Lynch had not sufficient force to recover the place. \* \* \* When Governor Duble landed he counted 43 corpses and 13 wounded. The rebels had already set off towards Santa Cruz, fully armed, except 45 who were arrested and conveyed on board the 'Magellanes'."

In the course of their proceedings the mutineers set the convicts free, who joined them in their lawless proceedings. The amount of the damage effected together with the estimated value of the buildings destroyed is set down at \$319,000.

News has since been received that the mutineers who had fled to the bush were captured. They had been fighting amongst themselves and had suffered most severely from hunger and fatigue, having been reduced to killing their horses for food.

From a discussion which took place at Santiago on the subject, it would appear that the Chilean Government contemplates taking steps for the reorganization of the colony at Sandy Point, removing the criminal element, and converting it into an agricultural and industrial settlement. I trust sincerely that these efforts may be crowned with success and that the colony of Sandy Point may soon enter upon a career of increased prosperity, in the benefits of which the Falkland Islands would be sure to participate.

participate.

The situation of Sandy Point right in the gangway between the East and the West coasts of South America is highly favourable to its development. Unfortunately the Falkland Islands are almost completely out of the track of commerce, and no ships except the few belonging to the local merchants call here unless they are in distress or in want of provisions. Moreover not much progress can be looked for in this colony until it is connected by steam communication with the outer world. There is I regret to say no prospect of this most desirable result being accomplished by local enterprise, the tendency of the two trading mercantile houses of the place rather appearing to be, to preserve undisturbed the existing state of things, under which they have enjoyed a very profitable monopoly of the entire trade of the Islands for many years past.

Honble.

The Earl of Carnarvon

The Colonial Office

I have the

(Sgd.) J. F. Gallagher

Government House  
Stanley Falkland Islands  
1<sup>st</sup> April 1878.

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Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of  
Two copies of the Parliamentary Paper, C 1855 of 1877, <sup>re</sup>  
entitled Consular Reports, Part V of 1877

I have &c

(Sgd) G. F. Ballagh

The Right Honble.

Sir M. G. Hicks-Brach. Bart., M.P.,

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The Colonial Office

No of Despatch	Date
Confidential	
do.	10 <sup>th</sup> January 1878
1	17 <sup>th</sup> January 1878
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2	6 <sup>th</sup> February 1878
3	7 <sup>th</sup> February 1878
Acknowledgment	
do	8 <sup>th</sup> February 1878
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circular (secret)	
circular	
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do	18 <sup>th</sup> January 1878
	11 <sup>th</sup> February 1878

G. H. S. T.  
2<sup>nd</sup> April 1878

sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge  
the receipt on the 31<sup>st</sup> March of  
the Despatches and Circulars, as  
noted in the margin and to  
forward a Schedule of unanswered  
Despatches.

I have the  
honour to acknowledge

(Sgd) G. J. Gallagher

The Right Honble.

Sir M. E. Hicks-Brock, Bart, M.P.,

His Colonial

Schedule of unanswered Despatches

Nil

No. 26

Government House  
Stanley, Falkland Islands  
2<sup>nd</sup> April 1878.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch No 1 of the 6<sup>th</sup> February last relative to the financial condition of the colony.

This Despatch (owing to the mail schooner having been considerably behind her time) was only received early on Sunday morning (the 31<sup>st</sup> ultimo) too late to allow me to answer in detail by the mail leaving to-day, the various points respecting which information is requested.

I am greatly obliged for the remittance of £500 in specie and for the permission accorded to me to give bills on the Crown Agents to Messrs. Draw and Williams, in repayment of the advances made by them to my predecessor in 1876.

I perfectly understand the conditions under which this permission is given and also those under which the advance of £500 in specie has been made.

There is no source open to me in the colony from which I could borrow, and I am happy to say that I have been able to carry on the service of the Government until now, without asking anyone here for any loan whatsoever.

By the next mail I shall be able to give the definite information required regarding the other local liabilities of this Government and to state to what extent there is a demand for their repayment.

I am glad to observe that the proposition for the liquidation of these liabilities made in my Despatch, No 13 of the 15<sup>th</sup> February last<sup>is</sup> except as regards the interest to be charged by the Crown Agents, substantially the same as that now sanctioned by you.

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With regard to the necessity of raising additional Revenue to meet the interest on the Debt and to secure its repayment by instalments, you will already have perceived from my former Despatches that this matter has been attended to.

I have every hope now that there will be no serious difficulty in extricating the Colony from its present embarrassment. As soon as this Government is in a position to meet its engagements punctually every month, the objectionable practice adopted by it for many years past, of having accounts current with the local merchants, will I trust in a great measure come to an end.

There is one matter of ~~congratulation~~<sup>consideration</sup> in connection with the subject, which is a source of congratulation, namely that the embarrassment of the Colony has rendered it indispensable to give the closest attention to the Expenditure, in consequence of which it was reduced to £6653 in 1876, and to £6766 in 1877, as pointed out in Paragraph 3 of my Blue Book Report. I need scarcely say that this is a very considerable reduction on the Expenditure of former years.

Perhaps I may be permitted to mention in this Despatch, that owing to the pressure of work I have not time to write about the retirement of Mr. Watts. I have also not as yet been able to make any arrangements for the temporary discharge of the duties of Schoolmaster. The departure of Mr. Gravis is in consequence postponed for the present. It is quite possible that I may be able to procure a suitable person to fill the office of Schoolmaster temporarily, so as to enable Mr. Gravis to leave by the next mail.

The Right Honourable  
Sir A. G. Hicks-Brough, Bart., M.P.,  
The Colonial Office

I have to

(Sgd) G. F. Ballagh

Government House  
Stanley Falkland Islands  
2<sup>nd</sup> April 1878

No 2/

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the arrival of two boxes said to contain £500 in specie, in silver florins.

Owing to the pressure arising from the departure of the mail, there was not time to count the money which was only received yesterday. For the same reason the monthly payments have had to be postponed until to-morrow, when the money will be wanted and then counted.

A formal certificate on the subject will be sent next mail.

I have to

The Right Honble.  
Sir M. B. Hicks-Breath, Bart. M.P.,

+ + +  
The Colonial Office

(Sgd) J. F. Gallagher

Schedule of Despatches from the Governor of the Falkland Islands  
to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, transmitted on 15<sup>th</sup> May 1878  
by R. M. Schooner "Black Hawk" via Montevideo

No of Despatch	Date	Subject of Despatch	Recd by Secy
28	1878 April 9 <sup>d</sup>	Acknowledging the appointment of Sir M. E. Hicks-Bass Bart. M.P., as Secretary of State for the Colonies	✓
29	do.	Regarding the local law relating to the Public Flogging of Prisoners.	✓
30	do	Regarding Prisons and Prison Discipline in the Falkland Islands	✓
31	April 15 <sup>d</sup>	Reporting that there is no Colonial Force in existence in the Falkland Islands	✓
32	do	Regarding the Fees to which the Governor is entitled under the Laws of this Colony	✓
33	May 1 <sup>d</sup>	Further correspondence relative to the retirement of the Colonial Surgeon	✓
34	do	Acknowledging the receipt of £ 500 in specie forwarded as a loan by the Crown Agents	✓
Acknowledgment May 1 <sup>d</sup>		Acknowledgment of Circulars and Despatches	✓
35	do.	Reporting the arrival of 93 Cans Oil for use of the Public Lenvier at Cape Pembroke Lighthouse	✓
36	do	Acknowledging the receipt of a copy of Sir H. Irving's work on Practical Legislation	✓

No. of Despatch	Date of Despatch 1878	Subject of Despatch	No. of Enclosures
37	May 7	Further correspondence relative to the relief of the Falklands by the American ship "Triumphant"	—
Parliamentary	do	Acknowledging the receipt of Parliamentary Papers	—
Accounts	do	Transmitting a General Abstract of the Colonial Treasurer's Transactions during the March quarter of 1878	3
38	May 8	Regarding the recent alterations in the Pilot and Harbour Regulations of Port Stanley	—
39	May 9	Regarding the system of Land Orders in force in the Colony	1
40	- 10	Further correspondence relating to the Mail Contract with the Falkland Islands Company	2
41	- 10	Returning the Queries on the Lighthouse Accounts for the September Quarter of last year	1
42	- 11	Regarding the arrangements for filling the offices of Treasurer and Schoolmaster on the retirement of Mr. Travis	—
Financial	- 13	Reporting the steps taken for the arrangement of the financial difficulties of the Colony	1
Parliamentary Grant	- 15	Reporting the amount of Bills drawn on the credit of the Parliamentary Grant for 1878-79	1
Confidential	14 <sup>th</sup> May 15 <sup>th</sup> May		

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Government House  
Stanley, Falkland Islands  
9<sup>th</sup> April 1878

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Circular of the 1<sup>st</sup> February last informing me that Her Majesty had been pleased to <sup>intend to</sup> your care as one of the Principal Secretaries of State the Seals of the Colonial Department.

I have to

(Sgd) G. H. Gallagher

The Right Honble.  
Sir M. E. Hicks-Bassett, Bart. M.P.

The Colonial Office

No 29

Government House  
Stanley, Falkland Islands  
9<sup>th</sup> April 1878

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Earl of Carnarvon's Circular of the 7<sup>th</sup> January last, with regard to the Public Flogging of Prisoners and to inform you that as far as I am able to ascertain there is no law prescribing Public Flogging in this Colony.

I have the honour to

The Right Honourable.

Sir M. E. Hicks-Bass Bart, M.P.

(Sgd) T. F. Gallagher

To the  
His Colonial Office

No 30

Government House  
Stanley Falkland Island  
9<sup>th</sup> April 1878

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Earl of Carnarvon's circular of the 11<sup>th</sup> December last relative to the Congress which it is proposed to hold in Stockholm during the latter half of August 1878 and requesting to be furnished with information regarding Prisons and Prison discipline in this Colony.

Our prison here is a <sup>very</sup> small one and the number of prisoners confined exceptionally few. Under the circumstances I trust that the enclosed extract from the Blue Book of this Colony for last year relating to Stanley Gaol will suffice for W<sup>m</sup> W<sup>m</sup>'s purpose and I shall be much obliged by your causing it to be forwarded to him.

I have &amp;c

(Sgd) J. F. Gallagher

The Right Honble.  
Sir M. S. Hicks Beach Bart. M.P.  
The Colonial Office

No 31.

Government House  
Stanley, Falkland Islands  
15<sup>th</sup> April 1878

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Earl of Carnarvon's circular of the 5<sup>th</sup> December last and to inform you that there is no Colonial Force in existence in the Falkland Islands.

There is a small detachment of Royal Marines stationed here consisting of a Lieutenant, a Sergeant, 14 Privates and a Naval Surgeon

I have the

The Right Honble.  
Sir M. G. Hicks Brach Bart. M.P.

(Sgd) T. H. Gallagher

The Colonial Office

Government House.  
Stanley, Falkland Islands  
15<sup>th</sup> April 1878

No 37

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Earl of Carnarvon's Circular "Confidential" of the 16<sup>th</sup> November 1877 and to inform you that the only Fee, which I am entitled to receive as Governor under the laws of this Colony is a Fee of £3, upon granting a licence to solemnize a marriage without the publication of banns. The law under which I am entitled to receive these Fees is the "Marriage Ordinance" No 1 of 1858.

Under Ordinance No 2 of 1856 entitled "An Ordinance to make further provision for the Administration of Justice in the Falkland Islands" I also hold the office of Chief Justice concurrently with that of Governor, and by section 24 of this Ordinance the person for the time being discharging the functions of Chief Justice "shall have and may exercise within the Colony all the powers and authorities and shall be entitled to receive for his own use, such and the like Fees as a Notary Public appointed by the laws of England".

I am also a Judge of the Vice-Admiralty Court of the Falkland Islands and as such am entitled to receive certain Fees regulated by Her Majesty's Order in Council of the 28<sup>th</sup> November 1860.

The Right Honourable.

Sir M. G. Hicks Beach, Bart. M.P.

To Sir M. G. Hicks Beach, Bart. M.P.  
His Colonial Office

I have the

(Signed) T. J. Gallagher