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TO THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
BY THE GOVERNOR
OF MYSORE
8 January 1887

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TO SECRETARY
OF STATE FROM
GOVERNOR

8 January 1884
to 2 January
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S. F. I
8th January 1884

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith
the annual Return of Arms and stores in the
possession of the Police Force of this Colony, on the
31st of December 1883

I have &c

The Rt Hon.
Earl Derby
&c. &c. &c.

signed J. Flerr

Governor

No 2

S. F. I

8th January 1884

My Lord

I have the honour to forward herewith,
for transmission to the War Office the military
personnel account, with supporting vouchers, for
the March Quarter 1884

I have &c

The Rt Hon.
Earl Derby
&c. &c. &c.

signed J. Flerr

Governor

No 3

S. F. I

8th January 1884

My Lord

I have the honour to forward herewith
for transmission to the Audit Department the
cash account of this Colony for the month of
December 1883, with supporting vouchers and a copy
of the Treasurer's Cash Book for the same month.

The Rt Hon.
Earl Derby
&c. &c. &c.

I have &c

signed J. Flerr
Governor

No 4

S. F. I

9th January 1884

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith, to be forwarded to the Audit Office, the Report of the Survey of the Colonial chest taken on the 31st of December 1883, and a certificate of the Quarterly Survey containing a statement of the Receipts and Disbursement of the colony for the Quarter ended on that date.

I have etc

The Rt Hon
Earl Derby
etc. &c. &c.

Signed J. Kerr

Governor

No 5

S. F. I

9th January 1884

My Lord

I have the honour to report that I have remitted to the Crown Agents for the Colonies by the four Bills of Exchange noted in the margin the sum of twelve hundred and seventy five pounds, six shillings and eleven pence halfpenny to be placed to the credit of this Government.

I have etc

The Rt Hon
Earl Derby
etc. &c. &c.

Signed J. Kerr

Governor

£103. 10. 6.	31 st December 1883	<u>on Board of Trade</u>
£62. 5. 11½.	8 th January 1884	<u>on Paymaster General</u>
£400. 0. 0.	8 th January 1884	<u>on Directors of the Bank</u>
£709. 10. 6.	9 th January 1884	<u>on J. H. Adam</u>
		£1275. 6. 11½

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No 6

S. F. I
10th January 1884

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith the accounts of the Cape Pembroke Lighthouse for the quarter ended 31st of December 1883, to be forwarded to the Board of Trade.

I have &c

The Rt Hon.
Earl Derby
&c. &c. &c.

signed S. Ferr.
Governor

No 7

S. F. I
10th January 1884

My Lord

I have the honour to forward for transmission to the Board of Trade the Lighthouse Returns and the Meteorological Register sent in by the Light Keeper at Cape Pembroke, as detailed in the margin.

I have &c

The Rt Hon.
Earl Derby
&c. &c. &c.

signed S. Ferr.

Governor

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No 8

S. F. I
12th January 1884

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the despatches noted in

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No 9

S. F. I.

14th January 1884

My Lord

Doctor Anderson, the assistant colonial
Surveyor for the West Falklands has asked me to
apply to your Lordship for a short extension of the
period within which his wife and family would
be entitled to a free passage to the colony.

As it was necessary to build a house for
Doctor Anderson's residence he is not responsible
for the delay in providing a place to receive his
family, and as the extension of time for which
he applies is less than a month, I hope that
your Lordship will be pleased to sanction his
request, the particulars of which he informs me
he has communicated to the various Agents for
the Colonies by this mail.

I have &c.

The Rt Hon
Earl Derby
&c. &c. &c.

Signed S. Flere

Governor

S. F. I.
14th January 1884

No 10

To 10

S. F. I
12th January 1881

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No 58. of the 4th of December last, having reference to the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for 1884. transmitted in my despatch No 84 of the 24th of September last.

2. There is not time for the preparation of amended Estimates to be forwarded by this mail, which leaves immediately - but I desire without loss of time to assure your Lordship - that the decrease in Revenue which will result from the exemption of the holders of renewed leases from the compulsory purchase of blocks of Land, will not materially diminish the amount of the estimated receipts from the sale of Crown Lands in 1884, as the whole amount which would have been paid on renewed leases is only eighty five pounds

3. The estimated amount derivable from compulsory purchases in 1884 will therefore be Seven hundred and eighty pounds, instead of eight hundred and sixty five pounds, as at first estimated.

4. By an error in the computation of the increased rental which takes place in 1884. the estimated amount of Land Revenue was set down at Four thousand one hundred and seventy nine pounds, instead of Four thousand two hundred and eighty one pounds. There is therefore an increase of One hundred and two pounds under that head of revenue, as will be seen by the amended estimates when forwarded.

5. As there is no probability of any deficiency in the estimated revenue, I will be glad if your Lordship would reconsider your decision with reference to the allowance of Three hundred pounds for the Mail service to the West Falkland. The settlers in that part of the colony have been

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wrgent in their applications, for this concession
and its disallowance will cause much discontent

I have to

The Rt Hon
Earl Derby
etc. etc. etc.

signed S. Kerr

Governor

FALKLAND ISLANDS,

Per S.S. "Menes"

SCHEDULE of despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary
of State for the Colonies on the
of January 1884

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
1	8 th January 1884	Annual Return of Arms & Stores in possession of Police Force Forwards	1
2	- - -	War Office Pensioners' Accounts Forwards	4
3	9 th -	Cash account for month of December 1883 Forwards separate	
4	- - -	Survey on Colonial Chest Forward	2
5	- - -	Bills of Exchange Forwarded to Crown Agents Reports	-
6	10 -	Account of Cape Pembroke Lighthouse Forwards	7
7	10 -	Lighthouse Returns Forwards	8
8	12 -	Acknowledgement of Despatches Reports	-
9	14 -	Passage of family of Dr A. T. Anderson	-
10	14 -	Estimates 1884 Reference to	-

S. Kerr
Governor

No 11

S. F. I
15th February 1884

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Falkland Islands Company
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General of the Navy.
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My Lord

I have the honour to inform you that I have remitted to the Crown Agents for the Colonies by the three Bills of Exchange noted in the margin, the sum of eleven hundred and forty one pounds eighteen shillings and three pence sterling to be placed to the credit of this Government

I have &c

The Rt Hon

Earl Derby
sc. sc. sc.

signed S. F. I.

Governor.

No 12

S. F. I
15th February 1884

No 59 19th December 1883
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My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the despatches noted in the margin
I have &c

The Rt Hon.
Earl Derby
sc. sc. sc.

signed S. F. I.

Governor.

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No 13

S. F. J.

16th February 1884

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt
of your despatch No 1. of the 8th of January ultimo
transmitting a copy of a correspondence with the
Lords Commissioners of the Treasury on the subject of
the Estimates of this colony for 1884, and conveying
your sanction of the Estimates subject to the
modifications mentioned in the letter to the Treasury
from your Lordships Department.

I have &c

The Rt Hon.
Earl Derby
ac. ac. ac.

signed S. Ferr.
Governor

No 14

S. F. J.

16th February 1884

My Lord

I have the honour to inform you that
H. M. S. "Algerine" arrived here today from
Montevideo to relieve H. M. S. Riffleman in the
protection of the Seal Fishery during the close time.
2. The Riffleman is to sail in a few days and
a supplementary mail will be sent by her to be
forwarded from Montevideo.

I have &c

The Rt Hon.
Earl Derby.
ac. ac. ac.

signed S. Ferr.
Governor

No 15

S. F. J.

16th February 1884

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith to

2 separate
to be forwarded to the Audit Office the cash account of this Government for January 1884 with supporting vouchers.

Also a copy of the Treasurers cash book for the same month

I have &c

The Rt Hon
Earl Derby
&c. &c. &c.

signed T. Kerr

Governor

No 16

I. F. I.
16th February 1884

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit for your consideration a copy of a letter which I have this day received from Captain Brent, the senior Naval Officer on this station, having reference to the construction of a Magazine in this settlement to contain a year's supply of munitions of war for Her Majesty's ships on this station.

2 I am of opinion that this proposal could be carried into effect without difficulty, and that the establishment of a Naval Station at Stanley would be of great benefit to the Colony.

I have &c

The Rt Hon
Earl Derby
&c. &c. &c.

signed T. Kerr

Governor

No 17

I. F. I.
16th February 1884

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No 59 of the 19th of December last, informing me that you had appointed Mr. T Parkerham Brooks to the combined offices of

Colonial Secretary and Treasurer and Police Magistrate, of this colony with a salary of four hundred and fifty pounds a year.

2 Mr. Brooks arrived here yesterday by the ~~fast~~ mail steamer and has entered on the duties of his offices.

3 Mr. Brooks informs me that he did not enter into a personal Bond for the faithful performance of his duties before leaving England, but that he had made arrangements for security being given to the Crown Agents for the colonies by the Guarantee Society 19 Bishop Lane London &c in his behalf in the sum of one thousand four hundred pounds.

Mr. Brooks will execute a personal Bond here in a like amount

I have seen

The Rt Hon
Earl Derby.
&c. &c. &c.

signed T. Flere

Gouvernor

No 18

S. S. I.
16th February 1884

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No 2. of the 10th of January last transmitting a copy of a letter from the Board of Trade referring to a former letter from that Department which was transmitted to me in your Lordship's despatch No 14 of the 27th of January 1883 - requiring me to give the enquiries of the Board my immediate attention, and directing me to furnish you with an explanation of the delay which had occurred in replying to your despatch.

2 The letter transmitted in your despatch of the 27th of January 1883 had reference to certain unrounded charges in the Lighthouse accounts in the three quarters ending 30th of September 1881 amounting to thirty two pounds eleven shillings and three pence, and to certain

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certain charges in the December account of the same year amounting to Fourteen pounds three shillings and nine pence.

3 In consequence of an accidental detention of the mails at Planta Arenas, your Lordship's despatch in question did not reach me until the 12th of April, when it was acknowledged by Schedule; the substance of it having already been dealt with, and transmitted to your Lordship for the Board of Trade in my despatch No 30 of the 9th of March 1883 in replies to Queries Nos 7. and 8. of 25th of May 1882. which related to the same charges and amounts as were embodied in the letter forwarded to me in your Lordship's despatch, and which had been carefully investigated by Mr. Blissett, the Commissioner for Accounts, before I replied to the Queries on them.

4 I have the honour to request that your Lordship will refer the Board of Trade to the explanations given in the Queries referred to, which were as follows.

"Answer to Query 7.

"Vouchers for these transactions cannot be traced, and it is impossible to get information as to the persons employed or their signatures so as to prepare fresh vouchers for transmission. I can only request that this account may be allowed to pass without these documents under all circumstances

" 7th March 1883

signed J. Kerr
Governor

"Answer to Query 8

"It is impossible to furnish any explanation of transactions in 1881. for which year the accounts of the late acting Treasurer are most complicated and confused. Mr. Blissett, who proceeds to England by this mail, will on arrival give such explanations as he can on this subject, but I beg that the amount may be allowed to pass

" 7th March 1883

signed J. Kerr
Governor

FALKLAND ISLANDS,

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Per SS "Denderah"

SCHEDULE of despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 17th of February 1884

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
11	15 th Feby 1884	Bills of Exchange forwarded to Crown agents for the Colonies Reporting	the many copies of and personal documents in the
12	"	Acknowledgement of receipt of Despatches Reporting	receipt his resident to acceptability of the
13	"	Receipt of Despatches about the sanction of the Estimates Acknowledges	receipt his residence to acceptability of the
14	"	Arrival of H M S "Algerine" Departure " " Rifleman" Report	receipt Mr's at Henare
15	"	Transmission of Accounts for January and copy of Cash Book Report	1900 The role he has the in Mansel situation
16	"	Letter received from Captain Brent on erection of a Magazine Transmitted	1900 The role he has the in Mansel situation
17	"	Arrival of E Pukentam Brooks Reporting.	1900

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No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
18	16 th Feby 1884 Letter	Letter from Board of Trade referring to Lighthouse Accounts 1881 Explains	
19	"	Resignation of Mr Waldron member of the Legislative Council and Appointment of his successor	

Mess
Governor

7 - March 1883

Governor

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I have &c
signed I. Kerr
Governor
S. F. J.
16th February 1884

The Rt. Hon
Earl Derby
&c. &c. &c.

No 19

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No 5. of the 11th of January ultime. Transmitting for my guidance a copy of an Appropriation Ordinance of Sierra Leone, and desiring me to submit the name of some person, who should be a resident in the West Falkland, for appointment to the Legislative Council in the event of Mr. Waldron's resignation.

2 Mr. Waldron has written to ask me to accept his resignation, and there is no suitable person resident in the West Falkland who would be willing to accept the nomination, on account of the difficulty of attending the meetings of council in Stanley.

3 There is no one resident in Stanley except Mr. Bearz who has any personal interest in West Falkland; but Mr. Herbert Mansel, a gentleman of ability and good social position, manages the property Farms of Captain Pache who is now absent from the colony, and Captain Pache has extensive stations, and large interests at stake in the West Falkland, and I think Mr. Mansel is the most suitable person for the nomination.

I have &c
signed I. Kerr
Governor

The Rt. Hon
Earl Derby
&c. &c. &c.

No 20

S. F. S.

15th February 1881

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith, in duplicate, the annual "Blue Book" of this colony for the year 1881.

2 I regret the long delay which has occurred in the transmission of this important return, - the preparation of which was retarded until the accounts of the year had been examined and corrected by the Commissioner for Accounts, and the confusion into which the records of the Government Office had been thrown by the negligence and fraud of the former Treasurer and acting Colonial Secretary had been rectified, afterwards the late Colonial Secretary was engaged in the preparation of these and other returns until the work was interrupted by his illness and death.

Since then on examining what had been done I discovered errors, which made it necessary to prepare part of it afresh.

I have the honour to report on the returns for the year 1881. as follows

Taxes and Duties

3. No alteration was made during the year. The taxes as heretofore being confined to licences for the sale of Liquors, for selling goods by Auction and for keeping dogs in Stanley; and the Customs duties which were levied only on imported Liquors and Tobacco.

Revenue and Expenditure

4. The Revenue for 1881. amounted to £8391. 3. 6. exclusive of a Balance of £464. 4. 1. from 1880. There was an increase of £3644. 7. 10. over the previous year, the Revenue of which was £4746. 15. 8. This increase arose from augmented Customs duties, which amounted to £2333. 0. 8. against £964. 15. 9. in 1880. Sales of Brown

lands, which amounted to £1622. 14. 4. against £1059. in 1880. Land Revenue, which amounted to £2555. 15. 1. against £1812. 15. 8. in 1880. £110. 6. 9. Fees and Fines against £27. 19. 0. in 1880. £50. 14. 0. Pilotage against £27. 7. 6 in 1880. £81. 11. 0. Rates, (sale of water to shipping) against £7. 19. 3. in 1880. and £734. 15. 10. Miscellaneous receipts, (part of the defalcations of the former Treasurer having been charged under that head,) against £122. 16. 1. in 1880.

5. The Expenditure of 1881 amounted to £8078. 18. 9. being £3004. 3. 5. more than that of the previous year, which was £5074. 15. 4.

The cost of conveying Mails was £1801. 15. 9. against £1434. 16. 2. in 1880. The expenditure under the head of Civil Store which was chiefly in materials for the Public Works was £817. 17. 1. against £107. 1. 11. in 1880. Works and Buildings £252. 7. 2. against £140. 7. 14. in 1880.— £143. 13. 10 arrears of pay from 1880 to the Ass't. Colonial Surgeon, an addition to the Pension List of £113. 6. 8. for a former Colonial Secretary, an increase of £66. 18. 9. in Prison expenditure, and of £393. 16. 10. in Miscellaneous Services.

There is no Public Debt.

Public Works.

6. There were no new Public Works undertaken during the year, — the expenditure being confined to the repairs of roads and drains, the construction of culverts for taking off the flood water at the principal crossings in Stanley, and some repairs to the public buildings.

Legislation.

7. Four Ordinances were passed in 1881
 No 1. For taking the Census of the Falkland Islands.
 No 2. To extend to these Settlements the Capital Punishment Amendment Act 1868.

No 3.

No 3. To remove doubts as to the validity of certain Marriages and to amend the marriage Ordinances.

No 4. To provide for the establishment of a close time in the Seal Fishery of the Falkland Islands and their dependencies and of the seas adjacent thereto.

Civil Establishment

5. There were no changes in the Civil Establishment during the year.

The Colonial Chaplain was absent in England on leave, from the 1st of January to the 12th of July, and during his absence his duties were performed by Bishop Stirling. The duties of Schoolmaster which had been temporarily discharged by the Colonial Chaplain until the appointment of a suitable Master from England, were carried on throughout the year by Mr James Lewis.

Pensions

6. Mr H. L. Bony, formerly Colonial Secretary of the Falkland Islands, was granted a pension at the rate of £113. 6. 8. per annum, to commence from the 8th of October, 1880.

There was no other change in the pension list during the year.

Population.

10. The total population of the colony as ascertained by the census taken on the 3rd of April 1881 was 1553 - the number of Males being 976, and of females 577. - of these, 325 males and 292 females were under fifteen years of age. One third of the population reside at Stanley, the remainder are chiefly employed in sheep farming and are settled as single families or as individuals at long distances from each other all over the colony. Half of the population of Stanley consists of children under fifteen years of age. The adult population is composed chiefly of artisans and labourers employed by the local merchants in occupations arising out of the trade of the port, and in the

repair of disabled ships, and the families of the
seamen employed in the coasting vessels.
The following is an accurate analysis of the census

Education

11 There are three schools in the colony, two of which are in Stanley and are supported by the government, and one at Darwin which is supported by the Falkland Island Company for the children of their employees.

The government primary school at Stanley is well attended and a fair elementary education is given. There was a vacancy in the situation of Master during the whole of 1881, but the school was carried on satisfactorily throughout the year by Mr. James Lewis, as a temporary arrangement until the arrival of a Master to be appointed in England.

Imports and Exports

12 The value of the Imports in 1881 was £40,443. In 1880 it was £35,505, and in 1879, it was £38,940. The quantity of Imports fluctuates very much, and does not indicate the actual consumption, the increase of which although certain, is gradual, and bears no proportion to the difference shown by the actual importations, the great bulk of which arrive in large quantities and at long and uncertain intervals.

13. The value of the exports in 1881 was £87,919. In 1880 it was £88,564, and in 1879, it was £71,340.

In the case of Exports also the value shown in the returns does not indicate the quantity of the article exported. The principal export is wool, the quantity of which increases every year and will continue to do so until the sheep farms are fully stocked, but the price of wool fluctuates very much, and the value given in the returns does not denote the quantity exported.

Shipping

14 Twenty nine sailing vessels arrived in the colony in 1881, the aggregate tonnage being 18,942.

In 1880 the arrivals numbered 38, and the tonnage was 20,475.

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Of the arrivals in 1881, seven were engaged in the trade of the Colony, and the others were in want of assistance or repairs, having met with disaster at sea. Two of them, - the Sussex and the Duke of Argyll, had been dismasted, and had to remain in harbour until new masts and rigging could be sent from England. They were both large iron ships with iron masts. The Sussex was towed into port by the Rosmos Company's steamships Mernes, she was quite helpless and in danger, and had drifted out of sight of land after being in sight for a whole day.

Fourteen steamships of the Rosmos Company of Hamburg arrived during the year 1881, and the monthly mail service was regularly performed in the terms of their contract with the government.

Criminal Statistics

15 Felonious crimes are of rare occurrence in this colony, but in 1881 a murder was committed on board one of the vessels in the harbour. The murderer was tried in the Supreme Court, found guilty, and sentenced to death, but the sentence was commuted to Penal servitude for life, - the circumstances under which the crime was committed raising a doubt as to the deliberate intention.

The other offences during the year were chiefly of drunkenness, brawling, and refractory conduct on the part of some of the merchant seamen, and were punished summarily by fines or short terms of imprisonment.

The conduct of the resident population is generally good, and orderly.

General

16 The year 1881 was a prosperous one for the Colony. There was a large increase of stock on the sheep stations, and an improvement in the condition of the sheep has been reported, more pains having been generally taken for the eradication and prevention of scab, by the regular use of suitable sheep dip.

17. Much profit was derived from the repairs of so many disabled ships in Stanley Harbour on which the artisans of Stanley found full employment at high wages throughout the year.
18. As the climate of this region, in as far as it relates to the storms which cause so much damage to ships passing Cape Horn, is a subject of much interest and importance, I am glad to be able to include in this report, the following Meteorological Table, which has been kindly furnished by Mr. F. L. Bobb Manager for the Falkland Islands Company.

I have
signed. J. Kerr.

The Rt Hon.
Lord Derby
etc. etc. etc.

Governor.

S. F. J
19th February 1884

My Lord

I have the honour to forward herewith the annual Blue Book of this colony for the year 1882. My report upon which must necessarily be confined to a brief notice and comparison of the several heads specified - in their relation to the past and present state of the colony.

Taxes and Duties

2. The Taxes and Duties remained unchanged until the end of July when by the operation of the Customs Consolidation Ordinance passed on the 29th of that month the customs duties were slightly modified and extended to all liquors containing alcohol, as well as to some other imported beverages.

The duties on Tobacco also underwent some change the duties on cut tobacco being increased from 2/- to 3/- per pound.

Provision was also made for bonding imported customable goods, and for the payment of warehouse rent. These although slightly increasing, did not materially affect the Revenue.

Revenue and Expenditure

3. The Revenue of 1882 amounted to £7681.10.5½ exclusive of a balance of £926.5.7. remaining from the previous year, showing a decrease of £709.13.0½ as compared with the Revenue of 1881 which amounted to £8391.3.6.

This decrease arose from the small quantity of Crown land sold in 1882 as compared with the sales of the previous year which were abnormally high in consequence of a number of leases having run to the period when the lessors were compelled to purchase 99 blocks of freehold on each section held under the lease. The Revenue from this source in 1882 was only £191. against £1662.14.4. in 1881 - showing a decrease under that head of £1471.14.4. In other respects, the Revenue increased. customs duties in 1882

1882 amounted to £2679.12.1. against £2333.0.8. in 1881, and Land Revenue in 1882 was £2922.10.8. against £2555.15.1. in 1881.

The Expenditure of 1882 was £7565.3.3. being £513.15.6. less than that of the previous year, which was £8078.18.9. The reduction was chiefly under the head of Civil Store Department there having been fewer stores and material purchased for public works than in the previous year.

There is no Public Debt.

Public Works

The most important Public Work executed in 1882 was the extension of the Dockyard jetty. This work was required for the public convenience under any circumstances, but it was more urgently wanted for the purpose of landing dutiable goods at the Government warehouse under the provisions of the Customs Amendment Ordinance which was passed in the beginning of the year.

The old jetty was dry at low water and of little use at any time, as the former arrangements for hoisting goods on it had been destroyed.

An extension of the jetty 150 feet from the head of the old one, by sinking a bulk and making a roadway of spars and planks resting on piles extemporised from iron pipes which were in store, was accomplished successfully at a very small cost, and there is now a depth of two fathoms at low water at the end of the jetty, at which small vessels can lie easily in all weather, and which is constantly used by the Flamingo Company's local steamer when she is in harbour.

The repairs of roads, drains, and public buildings, and the renewal of the fence round the Government prodock, were the other public works in 1882.

Legislation.

b. Fourteen Ordinances passed the Legislative Council to
in 1882

- No 1. To extend to this colony the Colonial Prisoners Removal Act 1869.
 12th January. (This Ordinance was disallowed by Her Majesty, as nugatory and ultra vires.)
- No 2. To provide for the payment of compensation in respect of the loss of registered letters in certain cases.
- No 3. To extend to this colony certain Acts of Parliament in force in England relating to Merchant Shipping.
- No 4. To extend to this colony the Employers and Workmen's Act 1875.
- No 5. To extend to this colony the Employers Liability Act 1880.
- No 6. To provide for carrying out Capital Punishment in Prisons.
- No 7. To amend the Ordinance to remove doubts concerning the validity of certain marriages, and to amend the Marriage Ordinances.
- No 8. Naturalization Ordinance.
- No 9. To amend the Land Ordinance 1871, and to confirm certain Leases of Crown Lands in the Falkland Islands.
- No 10. To consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Customs Duties and Trade.
- No 11. To consolidate and amend the Spirit License Ordinances and to provide for licensing Billiard and Bagatelle Tables and for other purposes.
- No 12. Naturalization Ordinance.
- No 13. To amend the Pilot Ordinances.
- No 14. To raise a sum of Money in aid of Revenue by a Tax on Lands and Tenements for a limited period.

All these Ordinances except No 1 have received the gracious confirmation and allowance of Her Majesty Civil Establishment

Mr J. H. Collins, the Treasurer and Acting Colonial Secretary, and who also held the Offices of Postmaster Collector.

Collector of Customs, Harbour and Shipping Master and Registrar of the Supreme Court, was interdicted on the 31st of December 1881 in order that charges preferred against him might be investigated. He was afterwards removed from his office, and on the 13th of January 1882, he was tried and convicted before the Supreme Court for embezelling and secreting Post Letters, and sentenced to seven years Penal Servitude. Mr Alan Perr was then appointed temporarily to the Offices of Colonial Secretary and Postmaster, and the Governor performed the duties of Treasurer. On the 26th of July Mr H. F. Blissett & M. G. arrived in the colony, having been appointed Commissioner for Accounts, to investigate the accounts of the late Treasurer, and to give assistance in adjusting the Finances of the Colony. — Mr Blissett's duties were not completed in 1882.

On the 27th of November 1882 Mr S. De Freville Green arrived in the colony to fill the combined Offices of Colonial Secretary and Treasurer Postmaster, Collector of Customs, Harbour and Shipping Master and Registrar of the Supreme Court.

Mr F. Durose was appointed Master of the Government School, and Mrs Durose Mistress of the Infant School. They arrived in the colony on the 26th of July 1882.

There were no other appointments or changes in the civil establishment in 1882.

Pensions

8. There was no change in the Pension List in 1882.

Population

9. There were 52 Births in the Colony in 1882. 28 Males and 24 Females.

The number of deaths was 22, of which number 13 died from natural causes, 8 from accidental drowning and 1 from suicide.

There were 14 marriages.

The total population of the Colony at the end of 1882 was 1590.

Education

10. The attendance at the Primary and Infant Schools in Stanley has been regular and has increased since the arrival of the new Master and Mistress, the increase in the number of pupils has been most remarkable in the case of the Infant school for which a large room in the Barracks has been fitted up as School room.

Imports and Exports.

11. The value of the Imports in 1882 was £35,429. In 1881 it was £40,443. and in 1880 it was £35,505. Goods are usually imported at long and irregular intervals, and the table of Imports does not represent the consumption, which is slowly but steadily increasing.

The value of the Exports in 1882 was £76,856. In 1881 it was £87,919 and in 1880 it was £88,564. From these figures it might be inferred that the industries of the Colony were retrograding, instead of as is actually the case - steadily advancing. The quantity of wool which is the principal staple production of the Islands, has largely increased every year, but the fluctuations in the home market have been very great. In 1880 the exports of wool realised £68,327. in 1881 £70,917 and in 1882 £57,655. The falling off in 1882 was owing to the depressed state of the wool market, notwithstanding which, the profits of the sheep farmers were considerable. The secondary productions of the sheep farms have increased in value. Sheepskins in 1880 realised £1872. in 1881 £3266. and in 1882 £3827. Tallow in 1880 was returned as £6760. in 1881 at £1,519, and in 1882 at £10,120.

The export of hides decreased from £7875 in 1880. and £8216 in 1881 to £4819 in 1882. This article of export must continue to decrease, the cattle being got rid of to make room for sheep.

Shipping

12. Thirty sailing vessels arrived in the Colony in 1882, the aggregate tonnage being 20,171^t. In 1881 the number of vessels was 29. and the tonnage 18,912.
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of the arrivals in 1882 seven were engaged in the trade of the colony. The other were in want of repairs or supplies. One of them, the Capricorn of Liverpool, was so much damaged that she was condemned by survey, and has been converted into a receiving hulk by one of the mercantile houses of Stanley.

The monthly mail service was regularly performed by the steamers of the Rosina company in the terms of their contract with the Government, and a local steamer, the Malvinas of 219 tons was sent by the Rosina company for the carrying trade between the outlying islands and Stanley. The Malvinas arrived at Stanley from Hamburg on the 12th of September.

A steamer called the Rose of 159 tons was brought out by Messrs J. M. Dean and Sons for communication with the West Falkland, she arrived at Stanley on the 22nd of March.

Her Majesty's ships, Garnet, Firefly and Riflemen of the S.E. coast of America Squadron, visited the colony in the early part of the year, for the protection of the Seal Fishery during the close season, and H.M.S. Riflemen arrived for the same purpose on the 26th of October, and was relieved by H.M.S. Firefly on the 27th of November.

Her Majesty's ships Emerald and Cormorant put into Stanley on their homeward voyages from Australia, the former on the 15th of June, the latter on the 21st of July.

Criminal Statistics

13. The only conviction in the Supreme Court in 1882 was for embiggling and concealing post letters, for which the offender, who was the Postmaster, was sentenced to seven years penal servitude.

The summary convictions were chiefly for drunkenness or trifling assaults, and on complaints under the merchant shipping acts against merchant seamen refusing to work on board their ships while in harbour.

General.

14. Notwithstanding the low price of wool which is now the staple production, the Colony may be considered to have been fairly prosperous during 1882. There was a large increase in the number of sheep, and in the quantity of wool exported. There has been a very great increase in the export of lallows, and this article is likely to be much more largely manufactured as the sheep increase in the districts which are being fully stocked, unless it should be found practicable to export the carcasses as frozen meat.

The frauds committed by the Colonial Treasurer and Postmaster, which were discovered in the beginning of 1882, caused such derangement in the accounts of the Colony that it was necessary to send out a Commissioner for accounts to investigate and report on them. This officer arrived in the Colony on the 26th of July, but the investigation was not concluded at the end of the year.

In order to relieve the Imperial Government from any charge for the financial aid of the Colony in future, ordinances were passed for increasing the rents of the Crown lands, on the termination of the existing leases, and for raising by taxation an annual sum in part anticipation of the revenue to be expected from the increased rents. These measures render the Colony entirely self-supporting, and at the same time provide the means for the appointment of an efficient staff of public officers.

By the direction of Her Majesty's Government an arrangement was concluded between the Governments of Malta and the Falkland Islands for the transfer of a limited number of convicts from the Falkland Islands to the Prison at Malta, in consequence of the imperfect arrangements existing in the Falkland Islands for the custody and discipline of prisoners undergoing sentences of penal servitude.

Some disquietude was felt in the small community

of Stanley by the arrival of a passenger in one of the mail steamers who was suffering from small-pox. The sufferer was at once isolated and kept on board a vessel at a safe distance from the town until he was cured. The other passengers were also rigidly quarantined, and no other case occurring the alarm quickly subsided.

The Brooklyn bearing the flag of Rear Admiral Spotts of the U.S. Navy, arrived on the 5th of March 1882, and while she was in harbour Admiral Spotts died suddenly, and was interred in the cemetery with military honours.

By the courtesy of Mr. Bobb the manager for the Falkland Islands Company, I am enabled to add the following Meteorological Record for 1882

The R. T. Govr.
Earl Derby
de. de. &c.

I have de-
signed T. Kerr
governor

No 22.

S. F. I.
13th March 1884

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Audit Department, the Cash account of this Colony for the month of February ultimo with supporting vouchers, and a copy of the Treasurer's Cash Book for the same month.

I have &c.

The Rt. Hon.
Earl Derby
&c. &c. &c.

Signed S. Flere

Governor.

No 23

S. F. I.

13th March 1884

My Lord

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I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Board of Trade two casualty Reports relating to the British Barques, "Martha Jackson"; and "River Thame", both of Liverpool, which have arrived at this port in a disabled condition.

I have &c.

The Rt. Hon.
Earl Derby
&c. &c. &c.

Signed S. Flere

Governor.

No 24

S. F. I.

13th March 1884

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith two copies of the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for 1884, and six printed copies of the Appropriation Ordinance, passed in the Legislative Council in accordance with the instructions contained in

in your despatches No 5, of the 11th of January last,
and No 58 of the 14th of December last.

I have &c.

The Rt Hon
Earl Derby
&c. &c. &c.

signed T. Pier
Governor.

No 25

S. F. I.
13th March 1884

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith
six printed copies of Ordinance No 2 of 1884, entitled
"An Ordinance to regulate the amount of Rent to
be paid by Lessees of Crown Lands in certain cases".
2. This Ordinance has been passed in accordance
with the instructions conveyed to me in your
despatch No 54, of the 15th of November last; and
I trust that it will have your Lordship's approval
and receive Her Majesty's gracious confirmation
and allowance.

I have &c.

The Rt Hon
Earl Derby
&c. &c. &c.

signed T. Pier.

Governor.

No 26

S. F. I.
13th March 1884

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith
six printed copies of Ordinance No 3 of 1884
entitled "An Ordinance to regulate the compulsory
Purchase of blocks of land under the provisions
of the Land Ordinance 1872".

2. This Ordinance has been passed in pursuance
of the instructions conveyed to me in your
despatch No 52 of the 12th of November last, and

I trust it will have your Lordship's approval and receive Her Majesty's gracious confirmation and allowance.

The Rt. Hon.
Earl Derby
et. al. &c.

I have &c.

signed J. Pier
Governor.

No 27.

J. F. I

13th March 1884.

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith, the Annual Account of this colony for 1883, a statement of Assets and Liabilities, and a statement showing the causes of excess of actual over estimated expenditure under various heads - to be forwarded to the Audit Department.

2. Duplicate of these documents will be forwarded by the next mail.

I have &c.

The Rt. Hon.
Earl Derby
et. al. &c.

signed J. Pier.

Governor.

No 28.

J. F. I
15th March 1884

My Lord

I have the honour to forward to you for transmission to the War Office, the life certificates and authorities to pay pensions of the government pensioners noted in the margin, for the quarter ending the 31st March 1884.

I have &c.

The Rt. Hon.
Earl Derby
et. al. &c.

signed J. Pier
Governor

Joseph Butler
Edward Holt

No 29

S. F. I
15th March 1884.

My Lord,

I have the honour to forward to you for transmission to the War Office, the accompanying Queries, and answers thereto, on the Vict. Pensions Accounts, for the Quarter ending the 31st December 1883.

I have &c

The Rt-Hon
Earl Derby
&c. &c. &c

signed J. Fleer.

Governor

No 30

S. F. I
15th March 1884

My Lord

I have the honour to inform you that an application has been made to the Treasurer by a man named Carl Johnson, a native of Norway, who has been resident in this colony since 1877, for payment of the sum of Three pounds ten shillings which he states that he paid to Mr G. Travis (who was then the Treasurer and acting Colonial Secretary) as a deposit under the provisions of the third section of the Alice Ordinance No 2 of 1870. Carl Johnson has produced a receipt from Mr G. Travis dated 5th April 1877, for the amount in question, but there is no entry of that sum in Mr Travis's cash account as Treasurer, nor is there any record of it in the deposit accounts, or of its having been paid over to Mr Travis's successor in office.

- 3. I enclose a copy of Mr Travis's receipt and I will thank your Lordship to call upon him to account for the sum in question.
- 4. Mr Travis's address is Tetney, near Grimsby.

I have &c

The Rt. Hon.
Earl Derby
&c. &c. &c.

signed J. Herr.
Governor.

x Mr. Travis's receipt.

Received of Captain J. Howland the sum of three
pounds ten shillings sterling, being an amount
deposited in the Government Chest, in accordance
with the terms of the Alien Ordinance No 2 of 1870,
as a guarantee in behalf of Carl Johnson, a native
of Norway.

Stanley
5th April 1877

signed J. Travis
Acting Colonial Secretary

No 31

S. F. I
17th March 1881

My Lord

I have the honour to submit for your
consideration an application from Mr. Cobb the
Manager for the Falkland Islands Company, for
permission to construct a jetty or pier in Stanley
Harbour.

2. The right of the Government to the whole of the
water frontage of Stanley has never been alienated,
but both the Falkland Islands Company, and
Mess^{rs} J. M. Dean and Sons, were permitted to sink
hulks near the beach opposite their respective
places of business and connect them with the
shore by stages of planks, on which they have since
laid tramways, thus making very convenient
landing jetties.

3. I am informed, and the parties admit, that
no permanent rights were accorded to them by
this indulgence, which was coupled with the
conditions, that the jetties so formed, should be
free to the public at large, and that they should
be removed whenever the Government directed
their removal.

4. The hulks which terminate and chiefly
compose

compose the jetties of the Falkland Islands company, and Mess^{rs} Bean and Sons, are used by them for storing boards, planks, and other bulky materials for which their scanty warehouse accommodation on shore is insufficient; and as the limited trade of the port is still almost entirely monopolized by them, they are rarely used except for their own purposes.

5. Wool, and other exports are always stored for shipment in floating hulls moored in the Harbour, so that the jetties are only used for landing the goods imported for consumption, and for loading the small craft carrying stores to the out-ports and islands.

6. The government jetty, which has recently been enlarged and carried into deeper water than either of those to which I have referred, is more than sufficient for all the wants of the general public, and at a moderate cost could, by means of screw piles be carried into a sufficient depth of water, for steamers to coal at it.

7. As it is not unlikely that Stanley Harbour may at some time be required as a Naval depot and station for Her Majesty's ships, I think, it would be unwise to grant either to the Falkland Islands company, or to any private persons, the right to erect a permanent pier in the harbour, it being at present quite uncertain what site might be selected by the Government Engineers for naval purposes.

8. Should your Lordship think it expedient to comply with Mr. Bobb's request; I think it would be well to stipulate that the structure should be of a description which could be easily and rapidly removed; that such removal should be compulsory on six months notice from the Governor, and that either a ground rent should be paid for the landing place, or that the use of the jetty should be absolutely free at all times to the Government and the public.

generally.

I transmit herewith a copy of Mr. Cobb's application.

The Rt. Hon.

Earl Derby

&c. &c. &c.

I have to

signed J. P. G.

Governor.

No 32.

S. S. I.

17th March 1884

My Lord

I have the honour to inform you that Her Majesty's Ship Amethyst under the command of Captⁿ. H. W. Brent R.N. senior Captain on the S.E. American Station, arrived in this port on the 2nd of this month, from the River Plate, and sailed on her return yesterday.

2 Captain Brent obtained all the information which could be procured respecting the erection of a Magazine for Naval munitions of war, and for the means of receiving stores for the ships on the station, and he was of opinion that the present government Powder Magazine might be used with advantage, pending the erection of a more spacious one.

3. As the Magazine is but little required for local purposes, there can be no objection to the use of it by Her Majesty's Naval Service, should your Lordship approve of it.

I have to

The Rt. Hon.

Earl Derby

&c. &c. &c.

signed J. P. G.

Governor

S. S. I.

17th March 1884

No 33

My Lord

I have

I have the honour to transmit herewith copies of the proceedings of the Legislative and Executive Councils at their meetings held during the half year ending 31st December 1883.

I have &c

The Rt. Hon.
Earl Derby,
&c. &c. &c.

signed J. Herr.
Governor

No 34

S. F. I
17th March 1884

My Lord. I have the honour to transmit herewith the accompanying Queries, and Answers thereto; for transmission to the Audit Department:

I have &c

The Rt. Hon.
Earl Derby.
&c. &c. &c.

signed J. Herr.
Governor

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March 1884

FALKLAND ISLANDS,

SCHEDULE of despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 17th of March 1884.

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No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.	J. F. G.
21	19 th Feb 3	Blue Book for 1882.	2.	
22	13 th March	Cash Account & Vouchers for 1884	2.	Interior
23	- do	Carnally - Report for Board of Trade	2.	
24	- do	Estimates of Revenue & Expenditure 1884	8.	April 1884
25	- do	Ordinance No 2 of 1884	6.	
26	- do	Ordinance No 3 of 1884	6.	
27	- do	Financial Returns for 1883	3.	
28 th	15 th March	Life Certificates of Prisoner	4.	smth. documents
29	- do	Invoices for Trans. from Bank of	1.	inals of
30	- do	Deposit from the Bank of France	1.	Lordship
31	17 th do	Falklands 14/10 Permanent Selecta	1.	
32	- do	Annual of H. M. S. Amethyst	None &c.	
33	- do	Copies of Meetings of Council	2.	
34	- do	Invoices from Credit Dist.	1.	J. F. G.

E. Pakenham Brooks
Colonial Secretary

17th March 1884.

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Accounts
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H.

signed J. F. G.
Governor.

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I have the honor to transmit herewith copies of
Falkland Islands. S.S. "Ranee"

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
No. 35.	24 th March 1884.	Duplicate Copies of Financial Returns for 1883 enclosed.	2.
No. 36.	.. .. ..	Stranding report of vessel for transmission to the Board of Trade.	1.

No 35

S. F. J

24th March 1884

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith, to be forwarded to the Board of Trade, a usually report relating to the steamer "Baron" of this Port.

I have &c.

The Rt. Hon.
Earl Derby
&c. &c. &c.

signed. S. Ferr.

Governor

S. F. J

21st April 1884

No 36

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith, duplicate copies of the documents noted in the margin, the originals of which were forwarded to your Lordship by last Mail.

I have &c.

- 1 Annual Accounts for 1883
- 2 Statement of Assets and Liabilities
- Statement of Excess over Estimated expenditure.

The Rt. Hon.
Earl Derby
&c. &c. &c.

signed. S. Ferr.

Governor

S. F. J

11th April 1884

No 37

My Lord

I have the honour to forward herewith, for transmission to the Audit Department, the accounts of the colony for the month of March ultimo, as well as a copy of the Treasurer's cash book.

I have &c.

The Rt. Hon.
Earl Derby
&c. &c. &c.

signed. S. Ferr.

Governor

No 38

S. F. I
14th April 1884

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith, to be forwarded to the Audit Department, the Report of the Survey of the Colonial Chest for the Quarter ended 31st of March 1884, and a certificate of Quarterly Survey containing a statement of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Colony during the same period.

I have &c.

The Rt Hon
Earl Derby
&c. &c. &c.

Signed S. Herr.

Governor.

No 39

S. F. I
14th April 1884

My Lord

No 210
31st March 1884
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On Board of Trade
in favour of
Brown Agents for the Colonies

I have the honour to forward herewith, for transmission, to the Board of Trade, an account current, with supporting vouchers, for disbursements on account of Cape Pembroke Lighthouse, for the quarter ended 31st March 1884.

I have drawn the Bill of Exchange quoted in the margin in repayment of these advances.

The Rt Hon
Earl Derby
&c. &c. &c.

I have &c.

Signed S. Herr.

Governor

No 40

S. F. I
14th April 1884

My Lord

I have the honour to forward herewith
for transmission to the War Office, an
account current with supporting vouchers,
for advances to Military Pensioners for
Quarter 1884.

I have drawn the Bill of Exchange quoted in the
margin, in repayment of the amount so
advanced.

I have &c.

The Rt. Hon.
Earl Derby
&c. &c. &c.

signed. J. Flott. L.

Governor

J. F. I

14th April 1884.

My Lord

I have the honour to forward to you for
transmission to the War Office, the accompanying
Life Certificates and Pay Abstracts — relative to
Joseph Butler a Military Pensioner.

I have &c.

The Rt. Hon.
Earl Derby
&c. &c. &c.

signed. J. Flott.

Governor

J. F. I

15th April 1884.

My Lord

I have the honour to inform you that
H.M.S. "Algerine" which arrived here on the 16th of
February last to cruise for the protection of the seal
fisheries, sailed on her return to the River Plate on
the 1st of April instant.

I have &c.
signed. J. Flott.
Governor

The Rt. Hon.
Earl Derby
&c. &c. &c.

No 43

S. F. G.
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My Lord

I have the honour
to acknowledge the receipt of
the Despatches noted in the
margin.

I have to

signed. S. F. G.

Governor

No. 112.

S. S. I
2d April 1884

FALKLAND ISLANDS,

SCHEDULE of despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 16th of April 1884.

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
35	26 th March	Casualty Report for transmission to Board of Trade.	1
36	14 th April	Duplicate Financial Returns for 1883.	3
37	- do .	Cash Account for March 1884	
38	- do .	Report of Survey on Colonial Chest Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for March quarter 1884.	2.
39	- do .	Account of disbursements for Cape Pembroke Lighthouse for Quarter ending 31 st March 1884.	1
40	- do .	Account of Advances for Military Pensions for transmission to War Office.	1
41	- do .	Life Certificates and Pay Abstract for transmission to War Office.	1
42	15 th - do .	Report of Survey department Falklands	
42	15 th April.	Acknowledgment of Confidential Despatch.	2nd
43	15 th .	Acknowledgment of Despatches	3rd

signed, J. Herr.
Governor

to. to. to.

No 44.

S. F. S
23rd April 1884

My Lord

In the fourth paragraph of your despatch No 52 of the 12th of November last, you suggested that, pending arrangements for the temporary appointment of a Government Surveyor, I should, if opportunity occurred, endeavour to obtain the services of a navigating officer of one of Her Majesty's Ships for the survey of any particular block of land purchased by the Lessees of Brown Lands in the terms of their Leases.

2. In order to ascertain whether or not this would be practicable, I applied to Captain H. W. Brent R.N. the officer in command of the Squadron on this Station, and I have the honour to transmit herewith for your Lordship's information, copies of my application and of his reply, from which it appears that the services of a naval officer can not be obtained.

3. The blocks of land purchased by the lessees are never enclosed, or separated, from the surrounding lease hold; therefore the necessity for defining the exact boundaries is not pressing; and as the situations selected and approved can at once be marked off on the official chart, no inconvenience can arise from a little delay in ultimate survey.

4. I have every reason to hope that at the end of the current year, the financial position of the Colony will be such as to authorise the employment of a competent land surveyor. It is important that the stations leased from the Brown, should be surveyed and the areas accurately computed, and while that is being done the boundaries of the included freehold blocks can also be laid off.

I have &c.

The Rt. Hon.
Earl Derby
etc. etc. &c.

signed. J. Herr.
Governor.

No 45

S. F. I
25th April 1884

My Lord

I have the honour to forward to you for transmission to the War Office the accompanying Queries and answers thereto on the Pensioners Accounts of this Colony.

I have &c.

The Rt. Hon.
Earl Derby,
&c &c &c

signed. J. Kerr.
Governor.

No 46

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S. F. I.

May 1884 4

FALKLAND ISLANDS,

SCHEDULE of despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 28th April 1884.

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
44	23 rd April	Surveys of blocks of worn land by a Naval Officer correspondence 2	to the traces of vessels call at.
45	25 th April	Inquiry on Paying Accounts for transmission to War Office. 2	I. Perr. Governor.

P. Parkerhouse Works.

Colonial Secretary

I. for.
2. 1st
3. 31st March

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I.
May 1884

My Lord

I. Perr.

No 46

S. F. I
16th May 1884

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No 7 of the 7th of March last, having reference to the "Loch Fyne," which sailed from New Zealand on the 14th of May last year. I regret to have to inform your Lordship that there is no probability of my being able to communicate with any vessels proceeding to the regions in which it is possible to find traces of the missing ship, as whalers and other vessels engaged in the Antarctic fisheries never call at Stanley.

I have &c

The Rt. Hon.
Earl Derby
&c. &c. &c.

signed J. Kerr.

Governor.

No 47

S. F. I
16th May 1884

My Lord

I have the honour to forward for transmission to the Board of Trade the Oil Store and Tool accounts of Cape Pembroke Lighthouse for the quarter ending the 31st March 1884.

I have &c

The Rt. Hon.
Earl Derby
&c. &c. &c.

signed J. Kerr.

Governor.

No 48

S. F. I
16th May 1884

My Lord

J. Kerr

I have the honour to inform you that the Fosnos Company's Steamer Memphis arrived here last night from Punta Arenas, to take on the homeward Mail to Dartmouth.

2. The Master of the Memphis reports that he left Punta Arenas on the 13th of May instant after having waited there twenty four hours for the Pacific Company's outward bound Steamer Cordilleras with the English Mail despatched from Liverpool on the 9th April.

The Cordilleras was due at Punta Arenas on the 11th of May instant, but she had not arrived there when the Memphis left.

We are consequently without any Mail except a small one despatched from Liverpool on the 26th of March which was brought here from Punta Arenas by the Memphis, but which contained no communication from your Lordship.

I have &c

The Rt Hon
Earl Derby
&c &c &c

signed I. Flerr.

Governor.

S. & J
June 1884 4

FALKLAND ISLANDS,

SCHEDULE of despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 17th of May 1884.

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
46	16 th May	Loss of Loch Lynne particulars respecting -	nil
47	- -	Oil Store and Tool Accounts of Cape Pembroke Lighthouse from non-arrival of last Mail from England particulars respecting -	3
48	- -		

L. Pakenham Webb
Colonial Secretary

17th May 1884

No 49

S. F. S
16th June 1884

My Lord

I have the honour to forward herewith for transmission to the Audit Department the Cash account of this colony, and the copy of the Treasurer's Cash Book for the Month of May 1884

I have &c

The Rt. Hon
Earl Derby
sc. sc. sc.

signed T. Herr

Governor

No 50

S. F. S.
16th June 1884

Number &c	Date
10	April 8 th
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13	" 24 th
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17	" 7 th
18	" "
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20	" 9 th
21	" 12 th
General	April 28 th
Parliamentary Grant	" 29 th
Circular	February 28 th
do	March 1 st
do	" 5 th
do	" 12 th
do	" 24 th
do	" 26 th
do	" 31 st
do	April 18 th
do	do 19 th
do	" 29 th
do	" 30 th
do	May 2 nd
do	" 3 rd
Ack. of Despatches	April 9 th
	May 10 th
Library	March 25 th

My Lord

I have the honour to
acknowledge the receipt of
the Despatches quoted overleaf

I have &c

The Rt. Hon.
Earl Derby

&c. &c. &c.

signed T. Pier

Governor

No 51

S. F. I.
16th June 1884

My Lord

I have the honour to forward to you herewith the accompanying Queries with Explanations on the Accounts for December 1883 and to request that your Lordship may be pleased to cause the same to be transmitted to the Audit Department.

I have &c

The Rt. Hon.
Earl Derby
&c. &c. &c.

signed S. Flerr

Governor

No 52

S. F. I
16th June 1884

My Lord

I have the honour to forward to you for transmission to the Board of Trade the accompanying Casualty Report relative to the British Ship 'Citadel' which vessel put into this Port for Repairs

I have &c

The Rt. Hon.
Earl Derby
&c. &c. &c.

signed S. Flerr

Governor

No 53

S. F. I
16th June 1884

My Lord

I have the honour to forward to you for transmission to the Board of Trade the accompanying copy of the proceedings of an Enquiry instituted by me into the loss of life of the crew of the British Ship 'Citadel' on her voyage

voyage from Liverpool to Callao, which vessel
put into this Port for repairs. I have &c

The Rt. Hon.
Earl Derby
&c. &c. &c.

signed T. F. G.
Governor

No 54

S. F. G.
16th June 1884

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your circular Despatch of the 31st of March last conveying the melancholy intelligence of the death of His Royal Highness, Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, K.G.

I desire to express both for myself and in behalf of the inhabitants of this Colony our profound sorrow for the loss which Her Majesty, the Royal Family, and the Nation have sustained, and our respectful sympathy with our gracious Sovereign in her bereavement.

I have &c.

The Rt. Hon.
Earl Derby
&c. &c. &c.

signed T. F. G.

Governor

No 55

S. F. G.
16th June 1884

My Lord

Referring to my despatch No 48 of the 16th of May last, notifying the non arrival of the Mail due from Liverpool via Punta Arenas, I have now to inform your Lordships that the Pasmos Company's steamer Flamborough arrived here yesterday and brought the missing Mail, as well as the mail despatched from Dartmouth

on the 13th of May ultimo.

The mail sent out to Punta Arenas by the
Cordilleras not having arrived there in time for
the homeward German Steamer, was sent back to
Montevideo to wait for the Gambyses.

FALKLAND ISLANDS,

" "

S. Herr.

SCHEDULE of despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary
of State for the Colonies on the 16th of June 1884 - smot.

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
49	16 th June	Cash Account of the Colony and 2 copy of Cash Book for May 1884. (separate)	2.
50.	" "	Receipt of despatches, acknowledging. 1.	
51.	" "	Inveris Audit Dept' forwarded	2.
52	" "	Transmitting Casualty Report re: British Ship Citadel for Board of Trade 1.	
53	" "	Forwarding copy of Report Enquiring into loss of life on Board British Ship "Citadel" for Board of Trade. 1	
54	" "	Expressing regret on receiving intelligence of the death of Prince Leopold. 1.	
55	" "	Arriving Mail reporting arrival of.	1.

E. Pattenham Wm H.
Colonial Secretary

on the 13th of May ultimo.

The mail sent out to Punta Arenas by the
Cordilleras not having arrived there in time for
the homeward German Steamer, was sent back to
Monterideo to wait for the Gambyses.

I have &c

signed S. Perr.

Governor.

The Lt. Hov.
Earl Derby,
&c. &c. &c.

No 56

S. F. I
12th July 1884

My Lord

I have the honour to forward to you for transmission to the Board of Trade the Meteorological Register kept at Cape Pembroke Lighthouse, for the half year ending 30th June 1884.

I have &c

The Rt. Hon.
Earl Derby
&c. &c. &c.

signed J. Kerr

Governor

No 57

S. F. I.
12th July 1884

My Lord

No 211
£65.14.9
on account of
Board of Trade
in favour of
agents for the Colonies
Dated 3^d July
1884.

I have the honour to forward herewith for transmission to the Board of Trade an account correct with supporting vouchers for disbursements on account of Cape Pembroke Light House, for the Quarter ended 30th June 1884.

I have drawn the Bill of Exchange noted in the margin in repayment of these advances

I have &c

The Rt. Hon.
Earl Derby
&c. &c. &c.

signed Kerr
Governor

No 58

S. F. I.
12th July 1884.

My Lord

I have the honour to forward herewith for transmission to the War Office, an account current, together with supporting vouchers, for advances to Military Pensioners for September Quarter 1884. I have drawn the Bill of Exchange stated in the margin in repayment of the amount advanced.

I have &c
The Rt. Hon.
Earl Derby
&c. &c. &c.

signed S. Flers.

Governor.

No 59

S. F. I.
12th July 1884

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Audit Department the Report of the Survey of the Colonial chest for the Quarter ending 30th June 1884, and a certificate of Quarterly Survey containing a statement of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Colony during the same period.

I have &c

The Rt. Hon.
Earl Derby
&c. &c. &c.

signed S. Flers.

Governor.

No 60

S. F. I.
12th July 1884

My Lord

I have the honour to forward herewith for transmission to the Audit Department, the Accounts of this Colony for the month of June

June last as well as a copy of the Treasurer's
Bank Book.

I have &c

The Rt. Hon.
Earl Derby
&c. &c. &c.

signed T. Fferr.

Governor

No 61

S. F. I
12th July 1884

My Lord

I have the honour to forward to you
for transmission to the Board of Trade the
accompanying Casualty Report relative to the
British Barge "W. H. Harkers" of Swansea.

I have &c

The Rt. Hon.
Earl Derby
&c. &c. &c.

signed T. Fferr.

Governor

No 62

S. F. I
12th July 1884

My Lord

I have the honour to forward to you
herewith for transmission to the Board of Trade
a copy of the Report of the proceedings of an
enquiry instituted by me into the circumstances
attending the abandonment on the high seas of
the British Barge "W. H. Harkers", through
the ignition of her cargo, whilst on a voyage
from Liverpool to Valparaiso.

I have &c

The Rt. Hon.
Earl Derby
&c. &c. &c.

signed T. Fferr.

Governor

No 63

S. F. I

12th July 1884.

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch No 13 of the 21st April last forwarding a Query from the Board of Trade on the Light House Accounts of this Colony, and to return you the same together with my answer thereto.

I have &c

The Rt Hon
Earl Derby
&c. &c. &c.

signed J. F. Kerr

Governor

No 64

S. F. I

12th July 1884

My Lord.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch No 12 of the 10th of April last, transmitting copy of a Query from the Board of Trade relative to their being credited in the Light House Accounts of this colony with a sum of £ 7. 13. 8^s being the Insurance Premiums paid by the principal Light Keeper to Collins' Late Treasurer of these Islands.

2. I have to inform your Lordship that the amount in question has been duly placed to the credit of the Board of Trade in the accounts for the Quarter ending the 30th of June 1884.

I have &c

The Rt Hon
Earl Derby
&c. &c. &c.

signed J. F. Kerr

Governor

No 65

S. F. I.
12th July 1884

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith copies of the Minutes of the proceedings of the Executive and Legislative Councils for the half year ending 30th June 1884.

I have &c.

The Rt. Hon.
Earl Derby
&c &c &c

signed J. Kerr
Governor

No 66

S. F. I
12th July 1884

My Lord

I have the honour to forward to you for transmission to the Board of Trade the Accounts of distressed British seamen for the Quarter ending 30th June 1884, also a draft for £ 25. 15. 10. in payment of wages due to the deceased seamen of the British Ship "Bataclan" likewise for the Board of Trade.

2. The amount due to this colony in settlement with the Quarterly Account with the Board of Trade is £ 34. 10. 7. which sum I have requested the various Agents for the Colonies to pay, debiting the same to this Government in their current account

The Rt. Hon.
Earl Derby
&c &c &c

I have &c

signed J. Kerr
Governor

S. F. J
12th July 1884.

My Lord

I have the honour to forward to you for transmission to the Board of Trade the accompanying Query on the Light House Accounts of this Colony for the Quarter ending the 31st December 1883 together with my answer thereto.

I have &c

The Rt Hon
Earl Derby
&c. &c. &c.

signed P. Pest

Superior

12th July 1884

My Lord

I have the honour to bring to your notice and consideration the existing arrangement respecting the revenue arising from the sale of Postage Stamps.
2. In the accounts between the colony and the General Post Office, fifteen shillings in every pound is appropriated by the latter Department, and the remaining five shillings is allotted to the colony. This extends both to Colonial and Imperial stamps.

3. The cost of the conveyance of Mails, as well as the expense of the local Post Office, amounting to nearly one fourth of the Revenue of the colony, is now borne entirely by this Government which is therefore I think entitled to at least an equal proportion of the postal revenue.

4. Should this be conceded the accounts between the General Post Office and the colony might be simplified by arranging that they should each retain the value of their own stamps, and the sum receivable on unpaid or insufficiently paid letters.

I have &c

signed

Signed T. F. P.

The Rt. Hon.
Earl Derby
&c. &c. &c.

Governor

No 69

S. F. P.
12th July 1884

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt (on the 15th June ultmo) of your despatch "Parliamentary Grant" of the 29th of March last, having reference to your despatch No 10 of the 2nd of February 1883 which enclosed a correspondence shewing the terms on which it had been agreed between the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury that the sum of Five hundred pounds which was to be provided in the "Grant in Aid" vote 1883. 1. should be paid over to the Colony.

£ 500.

2. The annual account of the Colony for 1883 forwarded in my despatch No 27. of the 13th of March last, will, I hope, have supplied the information which your Lordship required to enable you to decide as to retaining or dispensing with that grant, and I herewith transmit a statement of the financial position of the Colony on the 30th of June ultmo. which, although incomplete, - owing to the absence of the Brown Agents accounts for May and June - is yet I think sufficient to justify the opinion which I have expressed to your Lordship in previous correspondence, that the Colony is able to do without this assistance, and I think that the sum in question may safely be refunded, unless you should be pleased to sanction any expenditure beyond that which is provided for in the Estimates for the year.

3. The expenditure in 1883 was unusually large, and very much in excess of the Estimates, but the causes of that excess, - which were explained in the statement accompanying the annual account - arose from circumstances which it was impossible

to foresee, and which are not likely to recur; and I think that with ordinary prudence in the administration of the finances of the colony, its resources will for the future be sufficient for its wants, and that no aid will be again required from Imperial Funds.

4. With reference to the remarks of the controller and auditor general, respecting the sum of Nine hundred pounds payable to the Rosme company for conveyance of mails, I would observe, that although this charge has been included in the liabilities of the colony at the end of the year, it does not become due until January in the following year, and it is not actually paid until March, when the necessary certificates reach the colonial office. The subsidy being for services from February to July, inclusive, and from August to January inclusive, the latter payment should I think, be considered a charge upon the year in which the service ends.

5. I have looked carefully through the account books of the colony for 1848, and for some years both before and after that date, but I have been unable to find any record of the sum of Three hundred and thirteen pounds, said to have been a liability of the colony on certain deposit accounts, since written off.

6. It is impossible in framing estimates for this colony, to make any reliable calculation respecting the revenue to be derived from customs duties. These fluctuate very much. Customable goods are still chiefly imported in sailing ships, arriving at uncertain periods, and sometimes after long intervals, consequently the imports of one year are sometimes very much in excess of those of the preceding one, and vice versa, although the average consumption of dutiable goods does not vary much. This accounts for the great discrepancy sometimes occurring between the estimated, and the actual, revenue.

7. The sums brought into account in the expenditure

£ 900

£ 313

£314.1.1.

Expenditure of 1883. for the salaries of the two officers alluded to in the Treasury letter of 24th January 1883. amounted to three hundred and fourteen pounds one shilling and one penny, being one hundred and ninety pounds eighteen shillings and seven pence for the Government Clerk, and one hundred and twenty three pounds two shillings and six pence for the West Falklands Medical Officer.

8. With reference to your Lordships wish that I should consider and report upon what standing balance in favour of the Colony may be deemed necessary for the proper conduct of its finances. I think that a sum of five hundred pounds would be sufficient to meet any ordinary demands on the Brown Agents. The only large amounts which they are called upon to pay are the instalments of the subsidy for the conveyance of Mails, to meet which a sufficient remittance could be forwarded by the same mail which takes home the certificate of the due performance of the service.

The Rt. Hon
Earl Derby
sc. sc. sc

I have &c

signed S. Ferr

Governor

No 70

S. F. I
12th July 1884

My Lord

I have the honour to forward to you for transmission to the Board of Trade the accompanying Bill and full accounts for Cape Pembroke Light House for the Quarter ending 30th June 1884

The Rt. Hon
Earl Derby
sc. sc. sc

I have &c

signed S. Ferr
Governor

M 71

S. F. I

12th July 1884.

My Lord

~~I have the honour to forward to you for transmission to the Board of Trade the accompanying queries on Cape Pembroke Light House Accounts for the years 1882-4. together with my answers thereto~~

No 71

S. F. I

12th July 1884

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No 10 of the 8th of April having reference to my recommendation of Mr Herbert Mansel to be a Member of the Legislative Council in the place of Mr Waldron and informing me of your Lordship's preference for the appointment of Mr Bobb instead of Mr Mansel, and of your intention to send out a warrant for Mr Bobb's appointment on learning from me that Mr Waldron had resigned his seat.

2. Mr Waldron tendered his resignation shortly before the date of my despatch recommending Mr Mansel as his successor. Mr Bobb is at present in England but he is I believe expected to return to the Colony before the end of the year.

I have &c.

The Rt. Hon.
Earl Derby
&c. &c. &c.

Signed. T. Flere.

Governor.

No 72

S. F. I
12th July 1884

My Lord.

I have the honour to forward to you for transmission to the Board of Trade the accompanying Decrees on Cape Pembroke Light House Accounts for the years 1882-4. together with my answers thereto
I have &c

The Rt Hon
Earl Derby
&c &c &c

signed S. Ferr
Governor

No 73

S. F. I
12th July 1884

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No 18 of the 7th of May last, having reference to the Ordinance No 3 of 1884 for regulating the compulsory purchase of blocks of Land.
 2. I have carried out the instructions conveyed in your Lordship's despatch, and I herewith transmit six printed copies of an Ordinance which has been enacted in conformity with these instructions. It is entitled "No 4 of 1884. An Ordinance to regulate the compulsory purchase of blocks of land under the provisions of the Land Ordinance 1872."
 3. I hope that the Ordinance as now framed will have your Lordship's approval and receive Her Majesty's gracious confirmation and allowance.

The Rt Hon.
Earl Derby
&c &c &c

I have &c

signed S. Ferr
Governor

No 74

S. F. I
12th July 1884

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith six printed copies of Ordinance No 5 of 1884, which has been passed for the purpose of admitting to the privileges of British born subjects the persons named.

2 I hope that this ordinance will have your Lordship's approval and receive Her Majesty's gracious confirmation and allowance.

I have &c

The Rt Hon.
Earl Derby.
sc sc

Signed J. Fleer

Governor.

No 75

S. F. I
12th July 1884

My Lord.

I have the honour to transmit herewith for your Lordship's consideration a copy of a letter which I have received from Mr G. M. Bear, Secretary to a Committee of the subscribers to a fund which is being raised for building a church in Stanley.

2. Divine service has been performed since 1851 in part of a stone building constructed by Governor Bennie in 1852 for a "Market" place, or Exchange Room. It is a long, low, narrow building, divided by a Campanile - which forms the entrance - into two rooms of unequal length. The largest of these rooms (which are only sixteen feet wide) is used for Divine Service, and the smallest one is the Government School-room.

3. The building is much too small for the double use to which it is applied. The room used as a church is now too small for the congregation, which although formerly numbering

only

only thirty or forty, now exceeds one hundred, and would be much larger if more space were available.

4. The building has never been consecrated. It was proposed by Governor A'Grey in his Despatch No 5 of 15th February 1872, to hand the building over to Bishop Sterling and his successors that it might be consecrated, and Lord Kimberley in his despatch No 58. of 13th April 1872 although disapproving of Governor A'Grey's proposal to convey the building to the Bishop, agreed to lease it to him at a nominal rent until Trustees could be appointed to whom it might be granted in fee, for the Clergy and Laity of the Church of England in the Colony - but this arrangement was never carried into effect.

$\$3000$ 5. A movement has been set on foot since my arrival here, to raise funds for the erection of a suitable church, and a sum exceeding three thousand pounds has already been subscribed, of which Mr. Dean has himself contributed One thousand pounds. The subscribers hope to receive as a contribution from the Government on their relinquishing their present place of worship such a sum as would otherwise have to be expended in providing extended accommodation for the increased and increasing attendance at the Government School, an object which could best be effected by the occupation of the whole of the building for the school.

$\$500$ 6. I think that a sum of five hundred pounds would be a fair contribution from the Government and that, should the surplus revenue of the present year be insufficient for the purpose, provision should be made for it in the Estimates for 1885 unless your Lordship should deem it expedient to retain the Imperial grant of five hundred pounds (which will not be required in aid of the estimated expenditure of this year) and sanction the appropriation of five hundred

 $\$500$ $\$500$

pounds as a contribution to the church building
furnished.

Enclosure to Despatch No 75 of 12th July 1884
Governor Kerr & Lord Derby

Stanley Falkland Islands
July 3rd 1884.

Sir,

I venture to address Your Excellency
on a subject of much importance to the
Colony and to ask Your Excellency's
favourable consideration for the request
I am about to make.

An increase of accommodation
for Church and School purposes has
been for some time desirable - The
building, which, divided into two parts -
has served for many years as Church
and School is no longer sufficient
for the double service. Your Excellency
is I am persuaded, perfectly alive to
the urgency of the want of additional
accommodation for the above-named
objects, and have, I believe suggested
that the portion of the building now
set apart for Divine Worship should be
utilized so as to enlarge the school; - the
plan is certainly admirable if only a
suitable place for Public Worship can be
provided. - In view of this state of things
a Committee of the Colonists has been
formed for the purpose of collecting
funds to build a Church in Stanley,
(the worship to be that of the Church of
England) in my capacity of
Secretary

To His Excellency.

Governor Kerr,
to be to
Government House
Stanley

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July 1884 t

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... think we must now consider the ...
Secretary I most respectfully ask your Excellency to recommend a Governmental Grant in aid of the fund, such an act of liberality on the part of the Government would be a great encouragement to the Colonists, and do much to strengthen their efforts to achieve the object in view.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your Excellency's most obedient Servt-

(s) George M Dean
Secretary

£ 3000

£ 1000

£ 500

£ 500

£ 500 and sanction the appropriation of Five hundred

pounds as a contribution to the Church building fund.

The Rt Hon
Earl Derby
et al et al

I have &c

signed J. Flerr
Governor

No 76

S. F. I

12th July 1884

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch "General" of the 28th of April last remitting one that I had not replied to your circular despatch of the 13th of April 1883 on the subject of the liability of the salaries of public servants to attachment or sequestration.

2 I have not been able to ascertain that any case of attachment of the salary of a public officer for judgment debts, or sequestration in case of bankruptcy or insolvency - has ever occurred in this colony. There is no local Law or Ordinance on the subject - but should any case arise under which the question should be raised - the Courts would be governed by the Laws and Statutes which were in force in England on the 1st day of January 1850. provision to that effect having been made by the 147th Section of the Administration of Justice Ordinance, No 10 of 1853 which enacts "That all the Laws and Statutes which were in force within the realm of England on the first day of January 1850 shall be applied to the Administration of Justice in the Falkland Islands so far as the same can be applied." I have the

The Rt Hon
Earl Derby
et al et al

signed J. Flerr
Governor

No 77

S. F. I
12th July 1884

My Lord,

No 211.
3^d July 1884
£65. 14. 9
Finance Dept.
Board of Trade

No 3.

1st July 1884

£43. 1. 7

on the Payments
on 9th July 1884
£500.
on 10th June 1884
Southampton House
Londesborough Road
Finsbury Newington
London.

I have the honour to inform you that I have transmitted by this Mail to the Crown Agents for the Colonies to be placed to the credit of this Government the Bills of Exchange noted in the margin amounting to the sum of £608. 16. 4.

I have &c.

signed T. Herr

Governor.

Thos. H. Herr
Earl Derby
&c. &c. &c.

\$. F.].
August 1884.

FALKLAND ISLANDS,

SCHEDULE of despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the
of July 1884.

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Relooses.
56	12 th July.	Meteorological Register of Cape Pembroke Lt House for transmission to Board of Trade.	Separate
57	"	Account with Cape Pembroke Lt House for Quarter ended 30 th June 1884 transmitted.	1. 1 st of March are no permanent local agents for the Company during the winter months.
58	"	Account current with War Office for Sep. & October 1884 transmitted.	1.
59	"	Report of Survey on Colonial Chest & Certificate of Inventory Survey transmitting	2.
60	"	Cash Account and Copy of Seaman's Cash Book for June 1884 transmitting	Separate
61	"	Casualty Report re: British Bank W. H. Starkes for Board of Trade.	1. leaky and to be beached to the conditions met herewith. they were the same wards allowed set it with nient. Mr. is getting.
62	"	Inquiry into abandonment of British Bank W. H. Starkes for Board of Trade forwarded.	1.
63	"	Answer on Inquiry from Board of Trade on Lt House Accounts transmitting.	1.
64	"	Explanations re: Inquiry from Board of Trade on Lt House Accounts transmitting.	1.
65	"	Minutes of Executive and Legis- lative for half year ending 30 th June 1884 enclosed.	2. public, and in of the Company, the manager, which refutes
66	"	Distracted British Seaman's Accounts for quarter ending 30 th June 1884 together	

it would be expedient to grant any special indulgence to the Falkland
Islands Company, either as to permanence of tenure, or of a right to make
charges

I do not think

the Falkland
Islands Company, either as to permanence of tenure, or of a right to make
charges

No 211.
3d July 1884
£65.14.9
on Finance Dept.
Board of Trade

No 3.
1st July 1884

£43.1.7
on the Paymaster General

9th July 1884
£500.
on Mr Dean Esq.
Southampton House
Lordship's Road
Stoke Newington
London.

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No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
67	12 th July	together with draft £25.15.10 remitting money from Board of Trade on Lighthouse Accounts transmitting.	1. 1 1 1
68	"	Revenue arising from sale of Postage Stamps particulars res:	nil.
69	"	Financial position of the Colony particulars res:	1
70	"	Oil and Tool Account Cape Peninsular Lighthouses for transmission to Board of Trade	1.
71	"	In Cobb appointment of to Legislative Council.	
72	"	Incomes and Lighthouse Accounts for transmission to Board of Trade.	3.
73	"	Ordinance No 4 of 1884 forwarding	6.
74	"	Ordinance No 5 of 1884 forwarding	6.
75	"	Erection of a church at Stanley proposed Government grant towards	
76	"	Attachment of salaries of Public Servants particulars respecting.	nil.
77	"	Remittance by Crown Agents respecting.	nil.

No 78

S. F. J.
4th August 1884.

My Lord

Mr Coleman (for Y.)
Company 30th May
1884.
M.D. 3rd June 1884.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No 22. of the 9th of June last, transmitting to me a copy of a correspondence on the subject of the construction of a pier in Stanley Harbour by the Falkland Islands Company.

2. Mr Coleman's letter contains two grave misstatements. He asserts (1st) that the Company "already have a permanent jetty," and (2nd) that "the public are permitted to land in cases of emergency but are not allowed to use it for cargo unless charges are paid to the company."

3. I have already - in my despatch No 31 of the 17th of March last - informed your Lordship that the Company have no permanent right to a jetty. I have not been able to find in the local correspondence any record of permission having been granted for the erection of private jetties, but Mr Sean informs me that during the administration of Governor Rennie - circa 1850-2 - his Father was permitted to erect a wooden jetty for landing goods on the beach opposite his premises, on the condition that it should be free to the public and that it should be removed on notice from the Governor. A similar permission was accorded to the Falkland Islands Company.

4. In 1864 the "Snow Squall" an American vessel, leaky and unseaworthy, was permitted by Governor Mc Henrie, to be beached opposite to the Falkland Islands Company's store, subject to the conditions of removal contained in his letter, a copy of which I transmit herewith. The vessel was purchased, as she lay, by the Company, and they were allowed to connect their jetty with the hulk, subject to the same condition of removal on two months notice. They were afterwards allowed to beach a second hulk on similar conditions and connect it with the first - which had heeled over and become less convenient. Mr Sean was also permitted to beach a hulk at the head of his jetty.

5. These jetties have always been absolutely free to the public, and no wharfage charges have been paid either to Mr Sean or the Company. I have caused inquiry to be made of the Company's acting manager, and I transmit herewith a copy of his letter in reply, which refutes Mr Coleman's statement as to charges.

6. After a careful consideration of the whole subject, I do not think it would be expedient to grant any special indulgence to the Falkland Islands Company, either as to permanence of tenure, or of a right to make charges

Governor Mc Henrie
to Captain Sillingham
16th April 1864.

Mr Langden
Colonial Secretary

charges for the use of their jetties. The Company already occupy the whole of the crown land between their premises and the shore, which is covered with stacks of bricks and timber, masts, spars, boats, iron-work, huts & sheds, and for this privilege they have never paid either rent or dues. These, and any further indulgences granted to them, are certain in the course of time to be claimed as exclusive rights such as are now asserted by Mr. Coleman. Mess^{rs} Dean & Sons also occupy in a similar manner the public land in the vicinity of their jetties, although - (owing to the smaller extent of their frontage) in a less degree than the Company.

7. The jetties of the Falkland Islands Company and Mess^{rs} Dean & Sons are not in the vicinity of any available Crown Lands and it is very unlikely that these parts of the shore will ever be selected for any work of Public utility or defence.

8. I would therefore recommend that instead of conceding any privilege to the owners of these jetties, they should be required, either, to pay a substantial annual rent (not less than twenty five pounds for every sixty-six feet) for the use of the shore front and the exclusive right to a jetty, or, that it should be sold to them for its full value.

£ 25.

66 feet

£ 1000.

132 feet

9. Mr. Dean informs me that he would willingly pay one thousand pounds for the shore frontage of his premises, with the right to extend and improve his jetty and wharf. The lineal front of his premises measure one hundred and thirty two feet.

10. Should the Falkland Islands Company agree to a similar purchase, a sufficient sum would be available for the improvement of the two Government Piers, extending that at the Dockyard into water of sufficient depth for steamers to lie at for coaling - and fitting both with cranes and tramways. This arrangement would be more to the advantage of the Public than the right (always grudgingly accorded) of using private jetties.

11. I transmit herewith a rough but accurate map of the Harbour shore and the adjoining properties along the line of the jetties. The outlines & boundaries are copied from the original surveys. The jetties are laid down from actual measurement and the soundings were taken in March last, partly by the Navigating Lieutenant of H.M.S. Algernon, and partly by myself. I trust that this map will serve as a sufficient description of the localities.

To the Rt Hon.

Earl Derby.

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I have &c
Signed G. Kerr
Governor.

No 79.

S. F. J.

8th August 1884

My Lord.

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a copy of a letter addressed to me from the Exchequer & Audit Department having reference to the accounts of this Colony for the year 1883, and directing some alterations to be made in the form of account.

2. The Account, amended in the manner indicated, and an amended Statement of Assets & Liabilities are now being forwarded to the Comptroller & Auditor General, in compliance with his request, and I herewith transmit duplicates of both for your Lordship's information.

3. The total amounts in the annual account remain unchanged, the amendments having reference to alterations of the entries under some of the heads of detail.

4. The Statement of Assets and Liabilities is amended by omitting from the Liabilities the sum of nine hundred pounds to the Nemos Company for mail service — (that amount being properly a charge on the account for 1884) — and by adding seven pounds thirteen shillings & eightpence found to be due to the Board of Trade on the Light house account, & twenty one pounds three shillings & sixpence on the Distressed British seamen & shipping casualty account. The sum of five hundred pounds Parliamentary Vote in aid is not taken into account as an asset your Lordship having directed it to be considered as a杂质 only.

The Rt Hon.

Earl Derby.

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I have &
Signed T. Kerr.
Governor.

No 80.

S. F. J.
8th August 1884.

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Circular despatch of 30th of April last forwarding an abstract from the Board of Trade for the purpose of certain statistical information relative to this Colony being inserted, and to return you the same duly completed

The Rt Hon

Earl Derby.

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I have &
Signed T. Kerr
Governor.

No 81.

S. F. J.

8th August 1884.

My Lord

I have the honour to forward to you for transmission to the War Office the accompanying Inquiry on the Pensions accounts of this Colony for the Quarter ending 30th June 1884 together with my answer thereto

The Rt Hon.

I have &c

Earl Derby.

Signed G. Kerr

&c &c &c

Governor.

No 82.

S. F. J.

8th August 1884

My Lord

I have the honour to forward herewith for transmission to the Audit Department, the Accounts of this Colony for the months of July ultimo, as well as a copy of the Treasurer's Cash Book

The Rt Hon.

I have &c.

Earl Derby.

Signed G. Kerr.

&c. &c. &c.

Governor.

No 83.

S. F. J.

8th August 1884.

My Lord

I have the honour to inform you that I have forwarded to the Crown Agents by the present mail the Bill of Exchange noted in the margin amounting to the sum of Four hundred pounds to be placed to the credit of this Government & its disbursements in England

The Rt Hon.

I have &c

Earl Derby.

Signed G. Kerr

&c &c &c.

Governor.

No 84.

S. F. J.

11th August 1884

My Lord

I have the honour to forward to you for transmission to the Board of Trade the accompanying Inquiry on the Lighthouse accounts of this Colony for the quarter ending 31st March 1884, together with my answer thereto

The Rt Hon.

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Earl Derby

Signed G. Kerr.

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Governor.

No. 86.

S. F. J.

11th August 1884.

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge
the receipt of the Despatches noted in
the margin

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Signed S. Kerr
Governor.

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The Rt Hon

Earl Derby H.C.

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No. 86

S. F. J.

11th Aug 1884.

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit a duplicate of my despatch
No. 43 of 15th April last - acknowledging Despatches - referred to in
your Lordship's despatch No. 22 of 9th June last as not having been
received at the Colonial Office.

The Rt Hon.

Earl Derby H.C.

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I have &c

Signed S. Kerr.
Governor.

No 87.

S. F. J.
11th Aug 1884.

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of 17. of July last and also of your circular despatches of 30th April & 3rd of May last, all of which have reference to the delay which occurs in the completion & transmission of the Annual Blue Book to the Colonial Office.

2. The difficulty of procuring the requisite statistical information from the distant islands & stations in this Colony is very great, owing to the infrequency & irregularity of communication, and to the tardiness of some of the settlers in replying to inquiries. It has therefore been impossible hitherto to complete the Annual Blue Book as early as desirable.

3. Although the Colonial Secretary has done everything in his power to get it ready sooner, the Blue Book for 1883 is only just completed & will be forwarded with a report by the next mail.

The Rt Hon.

Earl Derby H.C.

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Signed J. Kerr.

Governor.

S. F. J.

14th August 1882,

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith two copies of the Blue Book of this Colony for the year 1882 with the following report thereon.

Taxes & Duties

Customs Duties are levied only on Liquors & Tobacco imported into the Colony. The other taxes are on Publicans' & wholesale Liquor licensees, Auctioneers' licensees, Licensees to keep dogs in Stanley, Duties on the sale of goods by Auction, and a tax on Lands and Tenements, which came into operation on 1st January 1882 the duration of which is limited to ten years.

Revenue & Expenditure.

The local Revenue of 1882 was £ 7337. 0. 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ or £ 735. 19. 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ less than the estimated amount which was £ 7913. The deficiency was chiefly in Customs receipts, the falling off in which was £ 360. 0. 11. The other heads which fell below the estimate were Licenses, Fees & Fines, Postage, Auction duties, and Sale of Crown Lands.

£ 1000 was received from the Imperial Government in aid of the Mail Service which brought up the total receipts for the year to £ 8337. 0. 8 $\frac{1}{4}$.

As compared with 1881 there was a net increase of Revenue amounting to £ 655. 10. 2 $\frac{3}{4}$. The increase is due to the operation of the Land Law, which yielded £ 1518. 11. 11. This increase would have been greater but for the falling off in Customs duties, Licenses, Land sales & rent of Crown Lands.

The sum collected for rent in 1882 having been increased beyond the actual sum due for the year by considerable payments of arrears.

The Expenditure for 1882 was £ 8728. 17. 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ being £ 832. 17. 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ more than the amount estimated which was £ 7896. Of this excess £ 436. 8. 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ was caused by additions & repairs to Government House, the actual cost of which exceeded the amount sanctioned for that purpose; the sum placed on the Estimate for Public Works having been £ 960 whilst the actual expenditure under that head was £ 1386. 8. 8 $\frac{3}{4}$. Besides Public Works there was an unestimated expenditure of £ 150 for services of Commissioner of Accounts, £ 38 passage of Medical Officer, £ 38 Quarantine expenses, £ 12 Telegram, £ 32 drawback of Duties, £ 17 loss by defalcations of late Treasurer, £ 87. 10 expence of sending convicts to Malta, and £ 22. 10 Medicines for Colonial Surgeon.

As compared with 1881 there was a net increased expenditure amounting to £ 1163. 14. 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ this arose from an increase ^{the cost of the} in the civil

civil establishments, in Public Works, in expenses on account of Convicts and in office contingencies by the importation of a printing press & type, & other minor expenses.

The expenditure of 1883 exceeded the Revenue for the year by £ 391. 7. 2½ the excess being defrayed from the Balance remaining to the credit of the Colony at the end of 1882.

There is no Public Debt.

Public Works.

The Principal Public Works executed in 1883 were the additions and repairs to Government House, Strengthening & lengthening the new jetty at the Dockyard, fencing the reserve at Navy Point, and repairing the seawall & the roads & drains in Stanley.

The addition to Government House, consisting of two bedrooms and an office, was sanctioned in 1881, but from the unsettled state of the finances of the Colony, consequent on the defalcations of the Treasurer, it was not undertaken until 1883.

It was then found that the original building required extensive repairs. The walls were so damp from the infiltration of rain water that the wall paper was destroyed and water was oozing from the inner surfaces, and the wood-work also, in many places had rotted. The necessary repairs, including the partial cementing of the outside, occasioned a large & unforeseen expenditure under the head of public works.

Legislation.

Only one Ordinance passed the Legislative Council in 1883. It was entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Customs Duties Consolidation Ordinance 1882".

The object of this amendment was to provide for the imposition of an uniform rate of duty on the different kinds of manufactured Tobacco as in the Imperial Customs Tariff.

Civil Establishment

Mr. Henry B. L. Jameson - who had been appointed to the office of Government Clerk on the 24th of November 1882 - arrived in the Colony and commenced his duties on the 1st February 1883.

Mr. A. J. Anderson was appointed Assistant Colonial Surgeon for the West Falklands district on the 9th of March, and arrived in the Colony on the 3rd of June.

Mr. H. F. Blissett C. M. G. the Commissioner for Accounts, having finished

finished his investigation left the Colony on the 12th of March on his return to England.

Mr. Arthur Bailey, Police Magistrate, Coroner, Registrar & Receiver of Wrecks died on the 18th of September, and Mr. C. De Freville Green, Colonial Secretary & Treasurer was appointed to discharge temporarily the duties of the offices left vacant by the death of Mr. Bailey, in addition to his own.

Mr. Bailey was formerly Surveyor General and on the abolition of that office in 1873 he was granted a pension of £ 266^{..} 13^{..} 4 a year which he continued to receive in addition to the pay & emoluments of his other offices.

Mr. C. De Freville Green, Colonial Secretary & Treasurer, and also holding the offices of Postmaster, Collector of Customs, Shipping Master, Harbour Master & Registrar of the Courts died on the 25th of October and during the remainder of the year the duties of his several offices were discharged by the Governor, with the assistance of the Government Clerk.

The duties of the offices which became vacant by the death of Mr. Bailey and which were afterwards performed by Mr. Green, were after his death discharged as follows. . . .

Dr. Hamilton, the Colonial Surgeon was appointed Acting Police Magistrate & Coroner, and the Rev. S. E. Brandon, Colonial Chaplain, was appointed acting Registrar.

Mr. Brandon was also appointed a member of the Executive Council. In consequence of the increased attendance at the Government Schools it became necessary to appoint assistant teachers, and on the 15th of January Agnes Turner was appointed provisionally & temporarily to be a teacher in the Senior School, and Elisabeth Elmer to be a teacher in the infant School. The salaries in both cases being at the rate of £ 24 a year, this expense was met by the school fees which were paid into the Treasury.

On the 1st of June Ellen Biggs was appointed a teacher in the place of Agnes Turner who left the Colony.

Pensions

By the death of Mr. Arthur Bailey the pension list was reduced from £ 635^{..} 16^{..} 8 to £ 369^{..} 3^{..} 4 a year.

Population

There were 47 births in the Colony in 1883; 25 males and 22 females. The deaths registered were 29, of which number 13 were males and 16 females.

The causes of death were as follows - - - - -

Accidental death by drowning	3
Infants, from debility or inherent disease	5
Senile decay.	1
Apoplexy.	2
Meningitis	1
Peritonitis	2
Gastritis	2
Bronchitis	1
Gastric fever	2
Heart disease	1
Cancer	1
Cirrhotic liver	1
Erysipelas.	1
	23

The public health was not as good in 1883 as it usually is; There were several cases of fever, a disease which seldom occurs in this colony, and there were several cases reported of a type of scarlatina, none of which however were fatal.

The following report on the sanitary condition of the colony has been furnished by the colonial Surgeon - - - - -

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" Sir

S. F.
July 1st 1884.

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" I have the honour to report, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, on the sanitary condition of the Settlement of Stanley for the year 1883.

" It is satisfactory to state that we have enjoyed considerable immunity from epidemic disease, and also endemic, one reason I advance for the latter are the strong westerly winds, which carry away the germs of infection and prevent their being sown on a congenit soil. I regret to say that I cannot speak in favour of our Artisal arrangements in connexion with the sewerage, but a step has recently been taken in the right direction by His Excellency the Governor, in opening many sewers, which were formerly choked by poisonous gasses, and surrounded by the stench of sickly odours, and rank corruption, and a pestiferous smell emanated from them and no doubt a strong tendency to disease was disseminated; with regard to epidemic diseases, it is my pleasing duty to say that we are almost exempt from them, only one case of variola having been imported by the Kosmos Steamers from Punta Arenas, but the

" precaution wisely adopted by the Executive had the desired effect in stamping out this terrible malady, which, if soon on this Island, would in all probability have decimated our population to a fearful extent, on account of our limited means to grapple with such a deadly disease, and the utter neglect of hygienic rules, there being no hospital or Sanatorium on the Islands. There has been several cases of Enteric of Typhoid fever also scarlet fever of a low type (Anginosa) many cases of Varicella, and the ordinary febrile diseases. There is one matter ^{which} I would wish to draw His Excellency's attention to, and that is the scarcity of Phtisis or tubercular consumption, although tubercle exists to a very large extent amongst many people, being hereditary with them, but the climate & food appear to have a prophylactic effect, and banish the insidious attacks of Phtisis and the other concomitants peculiar to the deposition of tubercle.

" The concentrated form of Oxygen known as ozone is found in abundance and also large quantities of Iodine set free from the Kelp, and the highly nitrogenised food of the people, beef & mutton being so rich Nitrogen phosphates and albumen are important factors. I am glad to say that we have few diseases of a specific type but apropos to Malaria (cancer) being seldom met with, and that also in senile decay. Occasionally a case of Syphilis from Monk Video, but it has not taken root as the social evil is almost absent.

I have the honour &c.

Signed (Smt. Hamilton
Colonial Surgeon.

There were four marriages in 1883.

The population ascertained by the census of 1881 was 1553, of which 976 were males & 577 females. The probable total number at the end of 1883 was 1610.

Education.

There was an average attendance of 62 at the Government Day School in Stanley, and of 70 at the infant School during 1883. As it was impossible to superintend so large a number without assistance, an assistant teacher was appointed in each school to take charge of the younger children, and this arrangement has been found successful.

The system of education in both schools is excellent and the improvement of the pupils has in every respect been very perceptible since the Schools have been under the charge of the present Master & Mistress. It will be necessary to provide a larger room for the senior school; it is now very much crowded when there is a full attendance of scholars and

and it is probable that the numbers will go on increasing. An effort is being made, with every prospect of success, to raise a sum of money by subscription for the purpose of building a church in Stanley, and when this is accomplished the room now used for divine worship, will be available for an additional school-room.

Imports & Exports.

The value of the Imports in 1883 was £ 529 13. In 1882, it was £ 354 29, and in 1881 it was £ 404 43.

The mean of these three years probably represents the consumption of the colony, as goods are imported irregularly and usually in large quantities and at long intervals.

The value of the Exports in 1883 was £ 84 59 3. In 1882, it was £ 76, 85 6, and in 1881 it was £ 87, 9 19.

The following table exhibits the relative value of the chief articles of export in the six years ending 1883.

	1878.	1879.	1880.	1881.	1882.	1883.
Wool.	85,732.	55,440	68,327	70,927	57,655	68,313
Tallow.	4,274	5,940	6,760	4,519	10,120	87 85
Sheep skins	2,040	1,940	1872	3,266	3,893	4,645
Hides.	5,170	5,020	7,875	8,206	4,819	2775
Bones, horns hair.	8	10	18	33	20	MB
Seal skins	1,213	1,400	2100	968	—	—
Seal & Penguin oil	1,312	1,200	1100	—	—	—
Lump cold metal.	106.	90	120	—	339	306.

Shipping

Twenty-three sailing vessels, the aggregate tonnage of which was 14,238, and the crews of which numbered 504, arrived in the Colony in 1883. In 1882 the number of arrivals was thirty and the tonnage was 20,174.

Of the arrivals in 1883 eight were engaged in the trade of the colony; thirteen had sustained serious damage from furious gales encountered in the vicinity of Cape Horn and came to Stanley for repairs, one (the German Barque "Niagara") came in for medical aid & refreshments for her crew who were all ill with scurvy, and one (the German Barque "Adolph") with the master so ill that he died soon after her arrival.

Of the disabled ships there were seven British, four American, one German & one Norwegian. They were all repaired with the exception of the Norwegian Barque "Præcis", which was so much damaged that she was condemned by survey as unseaworthy.

and sold. The hull was purchased for a receiving hull by Messrs. Deans & Sons of Stanley & the cargo was forwarded to its destination in Chile by one of the Kosmos Company's steamers.

The master & crew of the British Barque "Jessica", which foundered near Cape Horn were brought to Stanley by the American ship "P.C. Merreyman" which sustained damage & put into Stanley for repairs. The monthly mail service was regularly performed by the steamships of the Kosmos Company. Thirteen of their vessels arrived at Stanley during the year, 12 of them being contract mail steamers and one an extra vessel for cargo. The Kosmos Company's steamer coasting steamer "Malvinas" whilst on a voyage to the West Falklands in January, ran on a reef near Saunders Island & had to proceed to Monte Video to be docked & repaired. She returned to Stanley on the 9th of March. Her Majesty's Ships Amethyst, Firefly, Rambler & Rifleman, of the S.E. coast of America Squadron visited the Islands during the close season, for the protection of the fisheries. H.M.S. Hatteras of the Pacific Squadron called at Stanley on her return to England and took on two convicts with a warden, who were to proceed to Malta. H.M.S. Comus visited the Colony on her homeward passage from the Pacific.

The German ship of war "Maree" visited Stanley in August on her passage from Punta Arenas to South Georgia, to embark the scientific expedition sent out there in 1882 by the German Government.

The French ship of war "Romance" which took a scientific party to one of the Islands of the Fuegian group, visited Stanley in March for coals & supplies.

Criminal Statistics

The only conviction in the Supreme Court in 1883 was a case of man-slaughter arising out of a drunken brawl in which a man received a blow in the face which caused erysipelas, terminating in death. The aggressor underwent a short term of imprisonment with hard labour. There were twenty-four summary convictions more of them for serious offences; the cases were chiefly trifling assaults and offences under the shipping acts by refractory seamen.

General.

The condition of the Colony continued prosperous throughout the year; the winter was comparatively mild and the weather throughout the year was favorable for the sheep farmers. I visited most of the outlying stations in the "Amethyst" in February 1883 when the sheep-shearing was going on. There was an abundant clip of wool and every one seemed contented & hopeful. The question of exporting frozen

frozen carcasses, instead of converting the surplus stock of sheep into tallow was being agitated and it seemed probable that steps would soon be taken to organise a company for the purpose of establishing a freezing depot, and to make the necessary arrangements for sending frozen meat to England by steamers.

About six thousand sheep were exported from this Colony in 1883—chiefly from the West Falkland settlements—for the purpose of stocking sheep runs on the Chilean territory on the north side of the straits of Magellan. Concessions of land—it is said—have been obtained from the Chilean Government by some of the inhabitants of Punta Arenas, as well as by some of the Leases of the Crown in this Colony. Mr. Waldron and some others of the settlers in the West Falkland are engaged in this enterprise, which is said to be attended by many risks, such as insecurity of tenure, ravages of beasts of prey, and the hostility of the Patagonian natives. The sheep from this colony were taken over by the local steamers and schooners and it is said that the export is likely to continue for some time, from the probability of sheep runs being established in Tierra del Fuego as well as in Patagonia.

Two of the principal officers of the Colonial Government died during the year.

Mr. Arthur Bailey, Police magistrate, Coroner, Registrar, and receiver of Wrecks died on the eighteenth of September.

Mr. Bailey had been in the service of the Colony for thirty five years. He held the situation of Surveyor General from 1843 until the abolition of the office in 1873, when he was awarded a pension, which he continued to receive until his death, the salaries and emoluments of the offices which he subsequently held, not exceeding, with his pension the salary of the office which was abolished.

Mr. Bailey was also a member of the Executive and Legislative Councils in which his long experience and his intimate acquaintance with the early history of the Colony enabled him to render valuable assistance to the Government. By his death the pension list of the Colony was reduced from £ 695, to £ 969 a year.

Mr. C. & Greville Green, who filled the various offices of Colonial Secretary, Treasurer, Postmaster, Collector of customs, Harbour Master, Shipping Master and Registrar of the Superior Courts, died on the twenty fifth of October.

Mr. Green only arrived in the Colony on the 27th of November 1882. The deaths of these two officers caused vacancies most of which it

was impossible to fill up - even temporarily - in the Colony, but the duties were carried on to the end of the year by the Governor with the assistance of the Clerk; the Colonial Surgeon acting as Police Magistrate and Coroner, and the Colonial Chaplain as registrar. The investigation of the accounts of the Colony commenced in 1882 by Mr. H. F. Blissett C.M.G. as commissioner for accounts, - consequent on the defalcations and other misconduct of the former Treasurer - was brought to a close in 1883, when it was ascertained that after the recovery of £700 from a Guarantee Society, and of a small sum from the sale of personal effects, the loss of the colony, by the frauds of Mr. Collins only amounted to £17 11 9.

Under the arrangement concluded with the Government of Malta, two convicts under sentences of penal servitude were embarked in H.M.S. *Hetia* on the 21st of April for conveyance to Malta to undergo their sentences in the prison of that Colony.

The resources of the Colony at the Close of 1883 were in a satisfactory condition and it would not appear to be necessary for any further contribution to be made by the Imperial Government in aid of its finances.

The Rt Hon

Earl Derby, D.G.

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I have etc.

Signed G. Kerr.
Governor.

S. F. J.

3rd Sept 1884.

No 8 q.

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No 25 of the 5th of July last transmitting copy of a letter from the Board of Trade on the subject of the accounts of Cape Pembroke Light house.

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2. The sum of £ 7 13 8. for which the late Treasurer Collins was a defaulter in respect of the Assurance premium on account of the Principal Light keeper (Broom) has already been credited to the Board of Trade in the accounts with that department for the Quarter ending 30th June 1884.

3. The further sum of £ 1. 8. 9. alluded to will likewise be credited to the Board of Trade Accounts for the Quarter ending

30th September 1884.

The Rt Hon.

Earl Derby D.G.

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I have etc
Signed G. Kerr.
Governor.

No. 90.

S. F. J.

8th Sept 1884

My Lord

I have the honour to forward herewith for transmission to the Audit Department, the Accounts of this Colony for the month of August last, as well as a copy of the Treasurer's Cash Book.

I have &c

At Hon

Earl Derby H. G.

&c &c &c.

Signed T. Kerr.
Governor.

No. 91.

S. F. J.

Sept 3rd 1884.

My Lord

No. 3 of 1870. I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch
and "Library" of the 9th of June 1884 & to transmit to you four
No. 3 of 1871. copies of each of the ordinances noted in the margin.
No Ordinances were passed in 1877.

The Rt Hon

Earl Derby H. G.

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I have &c

Signed T. Kerr.
Governor.

No. 92.

S. F. J.
4th Sept 1884.

My Lord

I have the honour to forward herewith for transmission to the Board of Trade Casualty Reports relative to the British vessels "elpomene", "Hawkeye" and "Rotomahana". The two former vessels put into this port for repairs, and the latter was wrecked on the Elephant Caig Rocks in the Falkland Sound on the 18th of last month.

The Rt Hon.

Earl Derby H. G.

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I have &c

Signed T. Kerr.
Governor.

No. 93.

S. F. J.

11th Sept 1884.

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 24 of the 5th of July last, transmitting copies of a correspondence on the subject of the Audit of the accounts of the Colony, and requesting me to prepare supplementary estimates and a Supplementary Ordinance in respect of those items of expenditure in which the Estimates of the year 1883 were exceeded.

2. Before receiving your Lordship's despatch I had already, in my despatch No 79 of the 8th of August last transmitted the amended accounts of the Colony in the form required for the Audit Office, with duplicates for your Lordship's information.

3. The aggregate amount of the items of expenditure in excess of the Estimates was Eleven hundred & seventeen pounds twelve shillings and eleven pence three farthings. The amount of the items in which the expenditure was less than the estimate was Two hundred & eighty four pounds fifteen shillings and one penny, which, when deducted from the above, leaves the sum of Eight hundred and thirty two pounds, seventeen shillings and ten pence three farthings, as the net excess of actual over estimated expenditure.

4. As no appropriation Ordinance was passed for 1883 - none ever having been passed in this Colony previously to that of the present year which was passed in pursuance of your Lordship's instructions - I find a difficulty as to the introduction of the Supplementary Ordinance which you require, and I take the liberty of asking you to be so good as to give your formal sanction by despatch - in accordance with previous custom in this Colony - for the amount expended in excess of the Estimates, the causes of which have been fully explained in the statement which accompanied the Annual Account transmitted in my despatch No 27 of the 13th of March and subsequently in my despatch No 69 of the 12th of July, as also in my report in the Blue Book for 1883, transmitted in my despatch No 88 of the 14th of August.

The Rt Hon.

Earl Derby K.G.

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No 94.

I have &c
signed G. Kerr.
Governor.
S. F. J.
11th Sept 1884.

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your circular Despatch of the 19th of June last having reference to vouchers relating to the Accounts of this Colony.

2. Only one Book of Account is kept in this Colony, in which all payments & receipts are entered. Duplicates of all vouchers transmitted to England are retained in the Colony.

3. In consequence of the defalcations of the late Treasurer Collins I think it desirable that the documents enumerated in the Schedule of your despatch should be returned to the Colony, where they may be preserved for future reference should occasion arise.

The Rt Hon.

Earl Derby K.G.
sc. sc. sc.

I have &c.
signed G. Kerr.
Governor.

S. 7. J.

12th Sept 1884

No 95. My Lord.

I have the honour to forward to you for transmission to the Board of Trade the accompanying enquiry instituted by me into the circumstances of attending the loss of the British ship "Rotomahana" on the Elephant Cays in the Falkland Sound.

The Rt Hon.

Earl Derby K.G.

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I have re

Signed G. Kerr.

Governor.

S. 7. J.

16th Sept 1884

No 96.

My Lord.

I have the honour to inform you that the homeward bound Kosmos Steamer "Golines", arrived here from Punta Arenas on the 14th instant, bringing the mails which were made up in London on the 29th of July last. She brought no despatches from your Lordship. One of the Cabin passengers of the "Golines" - from Valparaiso for Hamburg - is suffering from confluent small-pox. and the steamer has been placed in strict quarantine.

As cargo was awaiting shipment arrangements were made by which the crew of the steamer are able to take it from a bulk and lighters anchored in the Harbour without any persons from the shore having communication with her, and she is to proceed on her voyage today taking the usual mails.

The Rt Hon.

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Earl Derby K.G.

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Signed G. Kerr.

Governor.

S. 7. J.

16th Sept 1884.

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in favour

of Crown Agents

J. M. Dean Esq.

Southampton

House

Ladyslip Road.

Stoke Newington

My Lord

I have the honour to inform you that I have transmitted by the present mail to the Crown Agents the Bill of Exchange noted in the margin amounting to the sum of Two hundred & twenty one pounds eighteen shillings & eight pence, being a remittance on account of this Colony & its general disbursements.

The Rt Hon

Earl Derby K.G.

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Signed G. Kerr.

Governor.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

SCHEDULE of despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 16th of September 1884

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
No 88	14 th August 1884	Blue Book, report on for 1883 transmitting	2 Separate
No 89	3 rd September.	Cape Pembroke Lighthouse seems to be placed to the credit of the Board of Trade in connection therewith.	Separate
No 90	" "	Accounts of Colony for Audit Department transmitting	Separate
91	" "	Copies of Ordinances No 3 of 1870 No 3 of 1881 transmitting	8
" 92	4 th "	Casualty Reports for transmission to the Board of Trade	3
" 93	11 th "	Supplementary Estimates and Ordinance for excess over expenditure in 1883.	1

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94	11 th September 1884	Vouchers of the Colony over seven years old Particulars respecting	
95	12 th "	British Ship "Rotomahana" enquiry into wreck of for Board of Trade	1
96	16 th "	Arrival of Mail Steamer Case of Small Pox on Board reporting	
97	"	Remittance on behalf of Colony to Crown Agents reporting	

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Colonial Secretary

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No. 98.

My Lord.

I have the honour to transmit herewith six printed copies of the Ordinance No. 6 of 1884, being the appropriation Ordinance for 1885: which will, I trust, meet you with your Lordship's approval, and receive Her Majesty's gracious confirmation & assent.

2. I also forward two copies of the Estimates of Revenue & Expenditure for 1885 which were submitted to, & passed by, the Legislative Council with the appropriation Ordinance.

3. I have prepared, to accompany the Estimates, a statement in duplicate of the financial position of the Colony on the 30th of September last, with the probable amount of Receipts & Payments to the 31st of December, which I trust will be sufficiently explanatory.

The Rt Hon.

I have &c

Signed G. Kerr.

Governor.

S. F. J.

17th October 1884.

No. 99

My Lord

I have the honour to forward herewith for transmission to the Board of Trade an account current with supporting vouchers for disbursements on Account of Cape Pembroke lighthouse for the quarter ending the 30th of September 1884.

I have drawn the Bill of Exchange noted in the margin in repayment of these advances.

The Rt Hon.

I have &c

Signed G. Kerr.

Governor.

S. F. J.

17th Oct 1884.

No. 100.

No. 104

My Lord.

I have the honour to forward herewith for transmission to the War Office an account current with supporting vouchers for advance to Military Pensioners for December quarter 1884.

I have drawn the Bill of Exchange noted in the margin in repayment of the amount advanced.

The Rt Hon.

I have &c
Signed G. Kerr.
Governor.

17th Oct 1884.

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in favour of the Crown

Agents for the Colonies.

Colonies.

Earl Derby R. G.

&c. &c. &c.

No. 101.

S. F. J.

17th Oct 1884.

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Audit Department the Report of the Survey of the Colonial Chest, for the quarter ending 30th September 1884; and a certificate of Quarterly survey containing a statement of the receipts and Disbursements of the Colony during the same period.

The Rt Hon

Earl Derby R.G.

+c. +c. +c.

I have &c

Signed Y. Kerr.

Governor.

S. F. J.

October 1884

No. 102.

My Lord

Separate
I have the honour to forward herewith for transmission to the Audit Department the Accounts of this Colony for the month of September last as well as a copy of the Treasurer's Cash Book.

The Rt Hon.

I have &c.

Earl Derby R.G.

+c. +c. +c.

Signed Y. Kerr.

Governor.

No. 103.

S. F. J.

17th Oct 1884.

My Lord

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I have the honour to forward herewith for transmission to the Board of Trade an Account Current with supporting Vouchers for receipts & disbursements on account of Distressed British Seamen for the Quarter ending 30th September 1884, showing the sum of six pounds & five shillings as being due to the Board of Trade.

This amount I have instructed the Crown Agents to pay
The Rt Hon.

Earl Derby R.G.

+c. +c. +c.

I have &c.

Signed Y. Kerr.

Governor.

No. 104.

S. F. J.

17th Oct 1884.

My Lord

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I have the honour to forward herewith for transmission to the Board of Trade the Accounts showing the oil & stores expended at the Cape Pembroke Lighthouse during the Quarter ending 30th Sept 1884.

The Rt Hon.
Earl Derby R.G.

+c. +c. +c.

I have &c.

Signed Y. Kerr.

Governor.

No 105.

S. F. J.

17th Oct 1884.

My Lord

With reference to my despatch No 75 of the 12th of July last, on the subject of the new Church which is about to be erected in Stanley, I have the honour to inform you that I propose - with your Lordship's sanction - to grant in fee, as a site for the edifice, three rods of unoccupied Crown Land, to Trustees for the clergy & laity of the church of England in this Colony.

2. The block of land is in a convenient & approved situation near the Stone Jetty. It was formerly partially occupied by a reservoir which has long since been abandoned & filled up, and it appears to be the most desirable site which is available.

The Rt Hon.

I have &c

Earl Derby K.G.

Signed G. Kerr.

&c &c &c.

Governor.

S. F. J.

18th Oct 1884.

No 106.

My Lord

I have the honour to inform you that Her Majesty's Gun Vessel "Ready" Commander Echlin R.N. arrived here from Monte Video on the 15th instant for the protection of the seal fisheries during the close season.

The Rt Hon.

I have &c

Earl Derby K.G.

Signed G. Kerr.

&c. &c. &c.

Governor.

S. F. J.

18th October 1884.

My Lord

I have the honour to inform you that I have transmitted to the Crown Agents by the present mail the Bills of Exchange noted in the margin amounting to the sum of Three hundred & seventy five pounds fourteen shillings and eleven pence, being a remittance on behalf of this Government and its general disbursements in England.

The Rt Hon.

I have &c

Earl Derby K.G.

Signed G. Kerr.

&c. &c. &c.

Governor.

No 107No 74511th Oct 1884.

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11th Oct 1884.

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J. M. Stanhope

12th Oct 1884.

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General.

30th Sept 1884

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S. F. J.

18th Oct - 1884.

My Lord
I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the despatches noted
overleaf.

Despatches

No. 26	21 st July 1884.
" 27	26 th " "
" 28	" " "
" 29	5 th Sept "
" 30	" " "
" 31	12 th " "
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27 th June 1884.
28 th " "
7 th July " "
9 th " "
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23 rd " "

2nd August 1884

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18th July 1884
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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

for P.S. Memphis

SCHEDULE of despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 20 of October 1884

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
98	13 th October 1884	Appropriation Ordinance and Estimates for 1885 Transmitting.	10
99	17 th . . .	Cape Pembroke Lighthouse Accounts for Quarter ending 30 th Sept 1884 for Board of Trade	1
100	" "	Military Pensioners Account Current for December Quarter 1884 Forwarding for transmission to War Office	1
101	" "	Report of survey of Colonial Chest and Certificate of quarterly Survey Transmitting	2
102	" "	Accounts of the Colony for September 1884 Transmitting Separate.	1
103.	" "	Distressed British Seamen's Account for Quarter ending 30 th September 1884 for Board of Trade	1

To be above suspicion I may mention that by the Kosmos Steamer Cambyses.

S. T. S.

12th Nov 1884.

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No. 2	No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
" 2	104	17 th October 1884	Bil and Stores expended at Cape Pembroke Light house during Quarter ending 20 th September 1884	1
" 2	105	.	Respecting site for New Church in Stanley.	nil
" 3	106	18 th	Arrival of H M S "Ready" reporting	nil
107	.	"	Remittance of £375 - 14 - 11 to Crown Agents reporting	nil
108.	"	"	Acknowledgement of despatches	nil

S. Y. S.

12th Nov 1884.

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 27 of the 24th of July last transmitting a copy of a letter from the Falkland Islands Company to Mr. Dean, on the subject of the 23rd Rule of the Port Regulations issued by me on the 16th of June 1882, which they object to.

2. When it became necessary to revise and amend the Port Regulations in 1882 I was not aware that the Rule in question had been disapproved of by the Secretary of State. I found it in the form which I herewith enclose without any note or record of its having been disallowed or repealed, and Messrs. Dean's vessel - the "Dennis Brundit" having twice arrived without any manifest or account of cargo - I thought it right to embody it as Rule 23 in Port Regulations of the 16th of June 1882, a copy of which I transmit herewith.

3. On the 2nd of June last in consequence of some misunderstanding about the duties and emoluments of the Harbour Master, and for other reasons, a meeting of the Executive Council was held for the purpose of considering the working of the Port Regulations, when it was deemed expedient again to revise and amend them in several particulars, and on the 10th of June I issued new Port Regulations a copy of which I herewith transmit as well as a copy of the minutes of the Executive Council to which I have referred.

4. In the Port Regulations of June last the Rule 23 of June 1882 relating to ship's manifests - was made Rule 4, and four new Rules, 5 to 8 inclusive, having reference to the requirements of the Customs Ordinance, were added as a warning to shipmasters, in consequence of some recent convictions for smuggling.

5. As these new Rules are, equally with Rule 23 of 1882, ultra vires, I have, since receiving your lordship's despatch, repealed them all, & on the 8th day of November instant after having consulted with the Executive Council I repealed all the Port Regulations, hitherto in operation and issued new Port Regulations, copies of which I herewith transmit to which are appended extracts from the Customs Consolidation Ordinance 1882 for the information & guidance of ship-masters.

6. Every Ship master on arriving in the Port is supplied by the Pilot with a copy of the Harbour Regulations.

7. It is exceedingly difficult to prevent or detect frauds or irregularities on the Customs Department with the small staff available for that duty, and as an instance of what is done by persons who might be supposed to be above suspicion I may mention that by the Kosmos Steamer Cambyses

Enclosure A
Additional Port
Regulations
19th Dec 1882

Enclosure B
Port Regulations
16th June 1882

Enclosure C
Port Regulations
10th June 1884

Enclosure D
Minutes of Executive
Council 1st June 1884

Enclosure E
Port Regulations
8th Nov 1884.

Cambyses, which arrived here on the 15th of June last from Dartmouth a case was imported for the Falkland Islands Company which was not entered on the Ship's manifest. It was put on board at Dartmouth by Mr. Coleman, and was addressed to Mr. Langdon the acting Manager of the Company, and said to contain "private effects". It was opened by the Custom House officer on board the steamer & found to contain besides stationery and office requisites, two boxes of cigars and a box containing five hundred pounds in Specie. The case was seized & over the matter being investigated, it was ascertained that Mr. Cobb had requested Mr. Coleman to send the cigars as presents to his friends here, and that instead of sending them separately to be entered for duty, he had packed them with the stationery, and the box of specie had been included, apparently for the purpose of evading the higher rate of freight to which it was liable.

The Rt Hon.

Earl Derby H.G.

re. re. re.

I have &c.

Signed G. Kerr.
Governor.

S. F. S.

12th Nov² 1881.

No 110

My Lord

By an oversight of the Postmaster in making up the mail which left this on the 20th Octth last the Estimates Revenue & Expenditure for 1885, which should have been transmitted with my despatch No 98 of the 18th of October were not sent. I regret this omission very much & I transmit them herewith.

The Rt Hon.

Earl Derby H.G.

re. re. re.

I have &c

Signed G. Kerr.
Governor.

S. F. S.

12th Nov² 1881.

No 111

My Lord.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No 23 of the 12th of September last, transmitting a copy of a letter which had been received from Mr. F. E. Cobb, the German Consul in this Colony on the subject of the Port Regulation which requires the production of the papers of foreign vessels to the Collector of Customs, and a copy of a letter from the Commissioners of Customs to whom Mr. Cobb's letter was referred.

2. The circumstances which led to the change in the regulation were as follows: on the 17th of May last the American Ship "The Laurin"

arrived in this Port and was duly entered at the custom house, his papers being taken ~~out of~~ charge of by the American Consul. On the 27th of the same month the master obtained his papers from the Consul and sailed, without clearing at the Custom House as the law requires.

3. When the new Port Regulations were issued on the 10th of June last I thought it expedient to require that the papers of foreign vessels should be produced by the parties in whose custody they were, in order to prevent such vessels from leaving the Port without clearing or settling their liabilities.

4. Since the receipt of your Lordship's despatch I have amended the Regulation in conformity with your instructions.

The Rt Hon.

I have &c

+ Earl Derby, H.G.

Signed T. Kerr.

*c. re. *c.

Governor.

S. F. J.

12th Nov 1884.

No 112.

My Lord

I have the honour to forward herewith for transmission to the Audit Department, the accounts of this colony for the month of October last as well as a copy of the Treasurer's Cash Book.

The Rt Hon.

I have &

Earl Derby H.G.

Signed T. Kerr.

*c. *c. *c.

Governor.

S. F. J.

12th Nov. 1884.

No 113.

My Lord

I have the honour to forward to you the accompanying Casualty Reports relative to the British vessels "Caroline" & "Eleanor Margaret" for transmission to the Board of Trade.

The Rt Hon.

I have &c.

Earl Derby H.G.

Signed T. Kerr.

*c. *c. *c.

Governor.

S. F. J.

12th Nov. 1884.

No 114

My Lord.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No 29 of the 5th of Sept: last transmitting a copy of a letter from the Falkland Islands Company, drawing your Lordship's attention to the Rules relating to the moving of Huts & vessels in Port Stanley and to the Tariff of charges on goods stored in

the Government Bonded Warehouse.

2. The complaint that fees were charged both by the Harbour Master and the Pilot for moving hulls or vessels in the Harbours was considered at a meeting of Executive Council on the 2nd of June last, when the Rules were amended and the cause of complaint removed. In the existing Port Regulations the duty is performed by the Harbour Master or his Deputy, and only one fee is allowed to be taken.

3. The Tariff of rent charged on Bonded Goods in the Government Store, was taken from "The Imperial Tariff for 1880" page 83 under the head of "Queen's Warehouses", "Rent on Goods deposited in Queen's Warehouses at the Ports in the United Kingdom". The charges in the Tariff issued here - a copy of which I herewith transmit - will be found to be identical with those in the Imperial Tariff.

4. I have for some time been considering the expediency of reducing the rate of rent on small packages, such as cases containing two gallons of wines & spirits when they are stored in lots comprising ten or more packages, when taken out of Bond in the same quantities as when warehoused. When the Tariff is thus re-arranged I will transmit a copy of it for your Lordship's information.

5. I think it right to add that the Local Merchants charge a much higher rate of rent for goods stored in their hulls or warehouses than the Government scale of Rent in the Bonded Warehouse.

The Rt Hon.

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Earl Darby K.C.

signed G. Kerr
Governor.

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S. F. J.

17th Nov. 1884.

My Lord.

I have the honour to report for your Lordship's information that the Kosmos Company's coasting steamer "Malvinas" has been absent for sometime from the Colony owing to accidental damage to her machinery.

2. The "Malvinas" left Stanley on the 23rd of June last with passengers & cargo for the West Falklands, from whence she proceeded to the Straits of Magellan with live sheep for the settlements which are being formed there, with the intention of bringing back a cargo of wood for fueling purposes.

3. When near Punta Arenas the machinery broke down, and she was towed by one of the Kosmos Company's steamers to

Monte Video to be docked & repaired. She returned to Stanley on the 1st of November instant after having been thoroughly repaired, to resume the coasting service in the terms of the contract.

The Rt Honble.

Earl Derby K.G.

sc. sc. sc.

I have &c.

Signed S. Kerr.

Governor.

S. T. J.

Nov. 17th 1884.

No. 116

My Lord

I transmit herewith for your Lordship's consideration an application from Francis Henry Parry, keeper of the Gaol in Stanley, for permission to resign his office on the ground of advanced age & infirmity, and to be allowed a pension in consideration of his long service. He proposes to retire at the end of the present year.

2. I also transmit herewith a statement of the services & emoluments of the applicant - from which he appears to be entitled in accordance with the general rules relating to pensions - to an allowance at the rate of Forty four pounds eighteen shillings a year.

3. The applicant has set down his present age as 66 years, but by reference to a census of the inhabitants of the colony taken by Governor Moodes in January 1841, I find his age entered as 80 years, he being then Master of a sealing whaler; his actual age now would therefore be 73 instead of 66 years.

4. I have not yet been able to select a fit person to be his successor as Gaoler. Should I not be able to do so at the time of his retirement I intend to make a temporary appointment until a suitable person can be found to fill it permanently.

The Rt Hon.

Earl Derby K.G.

sc. sc. sc.

I have &c

Signed S. Kerr.

Governor.

S. T. J.

17th Novth 1884.

No. 117.

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your circular Despatch of the 2nd of September last, transmitting a copy of a letter from the Admiralty requesting to be furnished with information whether the usual remission for good behaviour which is granted to Civilian Prisoners is extended to Naval and Marine Court-Martial Prisoners committed to Colonial Gaols.

2. In the Gaol of this Colony there have been no cases of imprisonment

imprisonment of such long duration as to render it necessary to consider the expediency of granting remission for good behaviour to any class of prisoners, and there is no Law, Rule, or Custom on the subject.

The Rt Hon.

Earl Derby R.G.

re. re. re.

I have &c

Signed T. Kerr
Governor.

S. F. J.

19th Nov. 1884.

No. 118.

20th Oct 1884.

My Lord

£ 400
in favour of
Crown Agents
drawn by
J. M. Dean & Sons
on
J. M. Dean Esq.
Stoke Newington
London.

No. 119.

I have the honour to inform you that I have transmitted to the Crown Agents by the present mail the Bill of Exchange noted in the margin to be placed to the credit of this Government and its disbursements in England.

The Rt Hon.

Earl Derby R.G.

re. re. re.

I have &c.

Signed T. Kerr
Governor.

S. F. J.

19th Nov 1884.

My Lord

I have the honour to forward to you the accompanying Casualty Report relative to the British Barque "Munai Straits" which vessel was abandoned at sea through the ignition of her cargo, and the crew landed at this port, and to request that you will be pleased to transmit the same to the Board of Trade.

The Rt Hon.

Earl Derby R.G.

re. re. re.

I have &c.

Signed T. Kerr
Governor.

S. F.).
December 1884

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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SCHEDULE of despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 17th of November 1884

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
109	12 th November 1884.	Port Regulations particulars respecting	10
110	" "	Estimates for 1885 Transmitting	2
111	" "	Port Regulations particulars relative to the production of the papers of Foreign Vessels	nil
112	" "	Accounts of the Colony for October 1884 Transmitting (Separate)	1 2
113	" "	Casualty Reports for transmission to the Board of Trade	2
114	" "	Particulars respecting moving of Hulks and Tariff in Bonded Store	1
115	17 th	Coasting Steamer "Malvinas" particulars respecting absence of	nil
116	17 th	Sober Application of for pension	- to the been made trials are to G. Herr. Governor.

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117	17 th November 1884	Colonial Gaol, Remission of Sentence for good behaviour	nil
118	19 th	Remittance to Crown Agents reporting.	nil
119	-	Casualty Report relative to Basque Gulf or Strait for Board of Trade	-

L. Pattenham Wm My
 Colonial Secretary

No. 120.

My Lord

S. F. I.
8th December 1884

I have the honour to forward herewith for transmission to the Board of Trade the accompanying Casualty Report relative to the Barque Haidee

The Rt Hon

Earl Derby K.G.

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Have re

Signed G. Kerr.
Governor.

S. F. I.

8th Decr 1884.

No. 121.

My Lord

I have the honour to forward herewith for transmission to the War Office the accompanying Query made by that department on the Pensioners Account of this Colony for June quarter 1883 together with my answer thereto

The Rt Hon.

Earl Derby K.G.

sc sc re.

Have re

Signed G. Kerr.
Governor.

S. F. I.

8th Decr 1884.

No. 122.

My Lord

I have the honour to forward herewith for transmission to the Board of Trade the accompanying Query made by that Department on their account with this Colony for the Quarter ending the 30th of June 1884 together with my answer thereto

The Rt Hon.

Earl Derby K.G.

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Have re

Signed G. Kerr.
Governor.

S. F. I.

8th Decr 1884.

No. 123.

My Lord

I have the honour to forward herewith for transmission to the Audit Department the accompanying Queries which have been made on the Accounts of this Colony together with my answers thereto

The Rt Hon.

Earl Derby K.G.

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Have re
Signed G. Kerr
Governor.

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No. 124.

S. F. I.
8th Decr 1884.

My Lord

I have the honour to forward herewith for transmission to the Audit Department the Accounts of this Colony for the month of November last, as well as a copy of the Treasurer's Cash Book.

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Separate.

The Rt Hon

Earl Derby K.G.

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I have re
signed J. Kerr.
Governor.

No. 125.

S. F. I.,
10th Decr, 1884.

My Lord

With reference to your Circular despatch of the 1st of March last on the subject of the Authentication of signatures to documents executed in England, or elsewhere out of the Colonies, with the view of making such documents receivable in the Law Courts of the Colonies, or by the Public Officials and others; and requesting me to furnish you with a brief statement of the Practice or Law on the subject in force in this colony, I have the honour to report as follows.

2. There is no local law or Ordinance on the subject, but the practice is to receive as genuine all documents the signatures to which are - if executed in England - certified by a Mayor or Notary Public and bearing the seal of Office of such functionary; and if executed in a British Colony, either by a Notary Public or by such Public Officer as may be authorized by the Law of the Colony to attest or certify signatures to such documents.

3. In the case of documents executed in Foreign Countries the authentication of the signatures by the British Consul or by a duly authorized Notary with the seal of office affixed in each case is sufficient.

4. In this Colony signatures to documents which are intended to be sent out of the Colony are authenticated by the Governor, who is ex-officio Notary Public.

The Rt Hon.

Earl Derby K.G.

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No. 126

I have re
signed J. Kerr.
Governor.

S. F. I.

11th Decr 1884.

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the despatch

noted in the margin

No 34	4 th October 1884.	Parliamentary Grant	30 th October 1884
" 35	15 th ..	General	18 th ..
" 36	16 th ..		21 st ..
" 37	28 th ..		31 st ..
" 39	4 th November ..		

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31st October.

Circular

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The Rt Hon.

Earl Derby H. G.

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I have re-

signed G. Kerr.

Governor.

S. F. J.

11th Decr. 1884.

No 127.

My Lord

With reference to your Circular Despatch of the 28th of June last on the subject of the mode in which remittances should be made by Colonial Governments to the Crown Agents I have the honour to report as follows.

2. The mode of making such remittances from this Colony is to receive Bills of Exchange drawn in favour of the Crown Agents from the local merchants in payment of sums due by them to the Government. The Bills thus drawn are in all cases at ten days sight and this system of remittance has hitherto worked satisfactorily.

3. The payments due by this Government to Public Departments are in all cases adjusted by the Crown Agents in the manner suggested by your Lordship.

The Rt Hon.

Earl Derby H. G.

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I have re-

signed G. Kerr.

Governor.

S. F. J.

11th Decr. 1884.

No 128.

My Lord.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch "General" of the 18th of October last, reminding me that you had not yet received a reply to your Circular Despatch of the 9th of January last requesting an expression of my opinion as to the expediency of modifying the existing practice with respect to the salary to be drawn by a Colonial Officer when charged with an offence and interdicted from

from the duties of his appointment.

2. I am of opinion that an interdicted officer should - in every case - draw half salary only pending the decision upon his case and that he should be allowed to receive the remaining half of his salary only in the event of his innocence being clearly established.
3. I regret that my delay to your Lordships Circular has been so long delayed.

The Rt Hon

Earl Derby R.G.

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signed G. Kerr
Governor.

S. F. J.

11th Dec^r, 1884.

No. 129.

My Lord

I have the honour to inform you that I have appointed my son Mr. Mark Kerr, to be my Private Secretary subject to your Lordship's approval.

The Rt Hon.

Earl Derby H.G.

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I have +e

signed G. Kerr
Governor.

S. F. J.

11th Dec^r, 1884.

No. 130.

My Lord

I reply to your Circular Despatch of the 2^d of May last having reference to that of the 17th of August 1883 respecting the advisability of adopting a rule precluding an officer who has obtained leave of absence from resuming his duties before the expiration of such leave, unless he shall have previously obtained the permission of the Governor or the Secretary of State - I have the honour to inform your Lordship that unless it should be considered advisable to embody such a rule in the Colonial Regulations, as applicable to all the Colonies I think it would be unnecessary for me to introduce it here for the following reasons.

2. The Government officers in the Colony are so few in number that leave of absence could very rarely be granted and then only under circumstances of extreme urgency. Should leave of absence be granted in any case, the distance from England, the infrequent opportunities for travelling, and the time lost on the long voyage each way, makes it extremely improbable that an officer who has been granted leave of absence would return to his duties before the expiration of his leave.

The Rt Hon.

Earl Derby H.G.

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signed G. Kerr
Governor.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

per SS "Rambysses".

SCHEDULE of despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 12 of December 1884

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
No 120	8 th December	Casualty report for transmission to Board of Trade	1
No 121	" "	Query for War Office transmitting	1
No 122	" "	Query for Board of Trade transmitting	1
No 123	" "	Queries for Audit Department transmitting	5
No 124	" "	Cash account of Colony for November for transmission to Audit Department.	1
No 125	10	Particulars respecting authentication of signatures to documents executed in England or elsewhere	nil
No 126	11 th	Acknowledgment of Despatches	nil

from the duties of his office.

No. 129.

No. 130.

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
No. 127	11th December 1884	Remittances to Crown Agents particulars respecting	nil
No. 128	-	Salary of Colonial Officer amount to be drawn during time of interioration	nil
No. 129	-	Reporting appointment of Mr. Mark Kerr as his private secretary	nil
No. 130	-	Resumption of duty by an officer on leave prior to the expiration of such leave.	nil

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No. 1.

My Lord

S. F. I.
5th January 1885.

I have the honour to transmit herewith, to be forwarded to the Audit Department, the Cash account of this Colony for the month of December 1884, with supporting vouchers; and a copy of the Treasurer's Cash Book for the same month.

The Rt Hon

Earl Derby K.G.

sc. sc. sc.

I have sc.
(Signed) G. Kerr.
Governor.

S. F. I.

5th January 1885.

No. 2.

My Lord

I have the honor to transmit herewith, to be forwarded to the Audit Office, the Report of the Survey of the Colonial Chest, taken on the 31st of December 1884, and a certificate of the Quarterly survey containing a statement of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Colony, for the Quarter ended on that date.

The Rt Hon

Earl Derby K.G.

sc. sc. sc.

I have sc.
(Signed) G. Kerr.
Governor.

S. F. I.

5th January 1885.

No. 3.

My Lord.

I have the honor to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Board of Trade, a Query paper which I have received from that Department, relating to the account for the Quarter ended on the 30th of September 1884 — with my reply thereto.

The Rt Hon

The Earl of Derby K.G.

sc. sc. sc.

I have sc.
(Signed) G. Kerr.
Governor.

S. F. I.

Jan 5th 1885.

No. 4.

My Lord

I have the honor to transmit herewith, to be forwarded to the Board of Trade, the account of this Government with that Department, for expenditure in behalf of Distressed British Seamen, during the Quarter ended on the 31st Dec. 1884, with supporting Vouchers.

2. In repayment of these advances I have drawn the Bill

11th Dec. 1884
£350. 14s. 9d.
On Board of
Trade

Bill of Exchange, quoted in the Margin

The Rt Hon.

Earl Derby H.L.

sc. sc. sc.

Have sc.

(signed) T. Kerr.

Governor

S. F. I.

January 5th 1885

No. 5

My Lord

I have the honor to transmit herewith, to be forwarded to the War Office the Military Pensioners Account, for the March Quarter 1885, with supporting Vouchers.

2. I have drawn the Bill of Exchange noted in the Margin, in repayment of the amount advanced.

The Rt Hon.

Earl Derby H.L.

sc. sc. sc.

Have sc.

(signed) T. Kerr.

Governor.

S. F. I.

January 5th 1885

No. 6. 9

My Lord

I have the honor to transmit herewith, to be forwarded to the Board of Trade, the Accounts of the Cape Pembroke Lighthouse for the Quarter ended on the 31st December 1884, with supporting Vouchers

2. In repayment of the amount advanced, I have drawn the Bill of Exchange noted in the Margin.

The Rt Hon.

Earl Derby H.L.

sc. sc. sc.

Have sc.

(signed) T. Kerr.

Governor.

S. F. I.

January 5th 1885.

No. 7.

My Lord

I have the honor to transmit herewith, copies of the minutes of the proceedings of the Executive and Legislative Councils, for the half year ending the 31st of December 1884.

The Rt Hon.

Earl Derby H.L.

sc. sc. sc.

Have sc.

(signed) T. Kerr.

Governor.

S. F. I.

5th January 1885.

No. 8.

My Lord

I have the honor to transmit herewith the Annual Return of Arms and Stores in the possession of the Police

Force of this Colony on the 9th of December 1884.
The Rt Hon.

Carl Derby K.G.

sc. sc. sc.

No. 9.

I have sc.
(Signed) T. Kerr.

Governor.

S. F. J.

5th January 1885.

My Lord

I have the honor to report for your Lordship's information, that H.M.S. "Algerine" arrived here from Monte Video on the 22nd of December last, to relieve H.M.S. "Ready", which sailed for Monte-Video on the 3rd of January instant.

The Rt Hon.

Carl Derby K.G.

sc. sc. sc.

No. 10.

I have the sc.

(Signed) T. Kerr.

Governor.

S. F. J.

Jan 6th 1885.

My Lord

With reference to your despatch No. 38 of the 4th of November last on the subject of the temporary use of the Government Magazine for Naval Ordnance Stores, I have the honor to inform your Lordship that on my informing Commander Echlin R.N. (Senior Naval Officer) of your concurrence in the proposed arrangement, he at once landed and placed in the magazine some packages of surplus ammunition from H.M.S. "Ready" under his command.

2. I propose to draw a Bill of Exchange at the end of each quarter, on the Admiralty, in repayment of advances for the pay of the Chief Constable, and other expenses incurred.

The Rt Hon.

Carl Derby K.G.

sc. sc. sc.

No. 11.

I have sc.

(Signed) T. Kerr.

Governor.

S. F. J.

January 5th 1885.

My Lord

With reference to my Despatch No. 75 of the 12th of July last, on the subject of the Church which it has been proposed to erect in Stanley, I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a letter which I have received from Commander Echlin R.N. of H.M.S. "Ready" (who is at present Senior Naval Officer on this Station) suggesting that some assistance may be requested from my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, towards the building

building, in view of the crews of Her Majesty's Ships being able to attend Divine Service when in this Port.

£ 6,000

2. It is estimated that the total cost of the church will be nearly six thousand pounds, of which more than half has already been raised in the Colony, and Bishop Stirling expects to obtain a further amount from England.

3. I would therefore be glad if your Lordship will bring the matter to the notice of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

The Rt Hon.

Earl Derby, K.G.

sc. sc. sc.

I have the

(signed) T. Kerr.
Governor.

S. F. J.

Jan 6th 1885

No. 12.

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		On Board of Trade.
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		On board of Trade.
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		On Paymaster General.
1,000 .. 0 ..	0.	January 6 th , 1885.
		On J. M. Dean Esqrs.
469 .. 16 ..	1.	January 6 th , 1885.
£ 1959 .. 18 ..	7	On Falkland Islands Co.

My Lord

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day remitted to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, the five Bills of Exchange noted in the margin amounting in the whole to, One thousand nine hundred & fifty nine pounds eighteen shillings and seven pence, to be placed to the credit of this Government.

The Rt Hon.

I have the

Earl Derby K.G. (signed) T. Kerr.
sc. sc. sc. Governor.

No. 13.

My Lord

S. F. J.

Jan 6th 1885.

I have the honor to inform you that the Hornos Company's local steamer "Malvinas," which returned from Monte-Video to this Colony on the 4th of November last — as reported in my despatch No. 115 of the 17th of November last — sailed for Punta Arenas, via the West Falkland, on the 20th of November, for a cargo of wood for the settlers, and as she did not return when expected, fears were entertained for her safety.

2. On the 3rd of January instant the Hornos

Company's steamer "Heben" arrived here from Punta Arenas, and
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

SCHEDULE of despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 6th January. 1885.

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
1.	5 th January 1885.	Cash Accounts of Colony, transmitting	1. separate.
2.	" "	Survey of Colonial Chart, transmitting	2. a mail to K has come
3.	" "	Query Board of Trade, and reply.	1. cargo, I forwarded
4.	" "	Board of Trade account for Distressed British Seamen, transmitting to.	1. separate
5.	" "	Military Pensioners accounts, transmitting	1. are on the - from
6.	" "	Board of Trade, Lighthouse Accounts, transmitting to.	1. - Kerr.
7.	" "	Minutes of Councils, transmitting	2. Governor.
8.	" "	Return of Arms + Stores, transmitting	1. 6 th 1885.
9.	" "	Movements of H.M. Ships, reporting.	nil. the Annual
10.	" "	Government Magazine, reporting use of for Naval Stores.	nil. Crown Agents won't pay usual position
11.	" "	Letter from Com ^{dt} Echlin R.N. on assistance from Admiralty for Church, transmitting	1. -
12.	6 th	Remittances to Crown Agents, reporting	nil. and transmitted
	" "	Mail for England per "S.S. Heben", reporting despatch of.	nil. - Kerr. 2.

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No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
13.	16 th Jan 1851	Detention of S.S. <u>Mahrina</u> at Punta Arenas, transmitting letter from Chilean Governor, announcing Mail for England per S.S. "Gheben" reporting despatch of Annual Return of Revenue & Expenditure, transmitting.	1.
14.	"		nil
15.	"		2.

Company's steamer "Sheben" arrived here from Punta Arenas, and by her I received a letter from the Governor of that settlement — a copy of which I herewith transmit to your Lordship — informing me that the "Malvinas" had been occupied, at his request, in rendering assistance to a Chilean Government vessel which had been stranded in Smyths Channel.

The Rt Hon.

Earl Derby, K.G.

sc. sc. sc.

I have &c
(Signed) J. Kerr.
Governor.

S. F. J.

January 5th 1885

Nº 14. My Lord

I have the honor to inform you that I am sending a mail to Monte-Video by the Hosmer Company's S.S. "Sheben" which has come to this Port for cargo.

2. As the "Sheben" will be detained at Monte-Video for cargo, I have addressed the mail to the British Consul to be forwarded by one of the Pacific Company's steamers to England.

3. I am informed that the regular mail steamer due here on the 12th instant will probably be very much behind her time from detention at the Pacific Ports.

The Rt Hon.

Earl Derby K.G.

sc. sc. sc.

I have &c.
(Signed) J. Kerr.
Governor.

S. F. J.

January 6th 1885.

Nº 15. My Lord

I have the honor to transmit herewith, in duplicate, the Annual Return of the Revenue & Expenditure of the Colony for 1884.

2. The annual account cannot be completed until the Crown Agents' accounts for November & December are received, but the return now sent may be corrected by the Crown Agents' accounts, and the actual financial position of the Colony will thus be ascertained.

3. The complete annual account will be prepared and transmitted as soon as possible.

The Rt Hon

Earl Derby K.G.

sc. sc. sc.

I have &c.
(Signed) J. Kerr.
Governor.

S. F. I.

Jan 10th 1885.

N° 16

My Lord

I have the honor to transmit herewith in accordance with Rule 182 of the Colonial Regulations, six copies of the Ordinances enacted in this Colony during the year 1884

I have &c

(Signed) J. Kerr.

Governor.

The Right Hon.

The Earl of Derby H. G.

sc. sc. sc.

N° 17.

Oil & Store account Book.Account of Stores, quarter ending 30th Dec 1884Account of Stores

October 1884.

November ..

December ..

Account of oil concerned.

October 1884

November ..

December ..

My Lord

I have the honor to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Board of Trade, the light house Returns & Meteorological Register sent in by the light keeper at Cape Pembroke Light house, as detailed in the margin.

I have &c.

(Signed) J. Kerr

Governor.

Meteorological Register, six months ending 31st December 1884.

The Right Hon.

The Earl of Derby H. G.

sc. sc. sc.

N° 18.

My Lord

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Circular Despatch of the 11th of October last, referring to Lord Carnarvon's Circular Despatch of the 25th of May 1875, and transmitting a copy of a letter from the Board of Trade, requesting to be supplied with information respecting the areas of various Colonial and other possessions of the United Kingdom.

Governor D'Arcy 2. On referring to the information supplied by Governor Carnarvon No 44 Aug 15th 1875. D'Arcy, in reply to Lord Carnarvon's Despatch, I find that the area of the Colony was returned as six thousand, 6.500 sq. miles five hundred square miles - equal to four millions, 4.159.969 acres sixty nine acres, as calculated by Governor Moody and

by Mr. Bailey, late Surveyor General, from the nautical chart.
3. On reference to the Blue Book for 1875 I find that the total area of
6,500 square miles is made up as follows

East Falkland Island	3,000	square miles
West Falkland	do	1,000
Adjacent Islands	1,500	"
Total	6,500	"

4. It does not appear that any account has been taken of South Georgia an uninhabited dependency of this Colony. From the account given of it in the "South America Pilot" Part I 1874 — published by order of the Admiralty — and from the latest nautical Chart, the area may be approximately computed as one thousand square miles.

5. I have no means of verifying or supplementing the information given above

The Rt Hon

I have the honor to

The Earl of Derby K.G.

(Signed) T. Kerr.

He do. do.

Governor.

No. 19.

S.F.I.

Jan 12th 1885.

My Lord

With reference to my despatch No. 18 of this date supplying the information required by the Board of Trade respecting the area of this Colony, I have the honor to bring to your Lordship's notice the great discrepancy between the area as calculated by competent authorities from the nautical chart of the Islands, and the area as ascertained from the Leases and Grants of Crown Lands.

2. With the exception of a few insignificant Islands and Rocks, and of the Suburban Common of Stanley, the whole area of the Colony is occupied either on lease or as freehold, and as stated in the leases & Grants would appear to be as follows: —

East Island and adjacent Islands	1,082.964
West Island and adjacent Islands	999.390
Total area	2,082.354 acres

3. The above figures only represent half of the presumed area of the Colony, which is returned as 4,159.969 acres, and it can only be determined by actual survey, whether the calculations of Governor Moody & of the late Surveyor General were correct, or whether the areas of the Stations have been inaccurately described in the leases.

4. I have every reason to believe that the leases of the Crown Lands occupy much more land than the leases set forth.

forth and it is desirable that before the present leases are renewed, the land should be surveyed and the true areas ascertained
 5. None of the present leases will fall in before the 27th of September 1891, but I hope that the financial position of the Colony during the current year may justify the placing of the Estimates for 1886 a sum of money sufficient to secure the services of a competent Land Surveyor to commence a complete survey of the Crown Lands, beginning with those districts the leases of which will first expire

The Rt Hon

Earl Derby K.G.

sc. sc. sc.

I have &c.

(Signed) J. Kerr
Governor.

S. F. J.

13th Jan 1886.N^o 20.

My Lord

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Circular Despatch of the 22nd of October last, reminding me that I had not replied to your previous Circular of the 18th of January 1883 respecting the practise of the public flogging of prisoners.

Governor Callaghan 2. On referring to the reply of my predecessor to the Earl of 15 Sir M. T. Hicks-Carnarvon's Circular Despatch of the 7th of January 1878, I find - Beach it stated that — as far as he was able to ascertain, there 9th April 1878. was no law prescribing Public Flogging in this Colony.

3. There has been no legislation on the subject since that date, but should it be necessary to make any Prison Regulations allowing the punishment of flogging, I will take care that your Lordship's instructions shall be strictly observed

The Rt Hon.

Earl Derby K.G.

sc. sc. sc.

I have &c.

Signed (J. Kerr)
Governor.

S. F. J.

15th Jan 1886.N^o 21.

My Lord

With reference to my despatch N^o 116 of the 17th of November last — transmitting an application from Francis Parry, Gaoler and Court-house keeper in Stanley for permission to resign his office and to be allowed a pension in consideration of advanced age and infirmity — I have the honour to inform your Lordship that Francis Parry retired on the 31st day of December last, and that I have granted him a pension, subject to your approval.

FALKLAND ISLANDS. Per S.S. Sakkarah.

SCHEDULE of despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the eighteenth day of January 1885.

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No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
16	Jan 10 th 1885.	Copies of Ordinances enacted in 1884, transmitting	6.
17.	" "	Lighthouse returns & Meteorological Register, transmitting to Board of Trade	1 Separate.
18.	12. th	Area of Falkland Islands & their Dependencies respecting (for Board of Trade)	nil
19	" "	Discrepancy in Estimated area of Falkland Islands, concerning	nil.
20	13. th	Public flogging of prisoners, respecting	nil.
21.	" "	Gaoler, reporting retirement of and appointment of successor.	nil
22.	16. th	Return of Fortifications &c, transmitting (for War Office)	26
23.	17.	Receipt of Despatches, acknowledging.	nil.

£44¹⁸..0 at the rate of Forty four Pounds eighteen shillings a year, commencing from the 1st day of January instant.

2. I have appointed William Mc'Daid, provisionally and temporarily to be Gaoler and Keeper of the Court-house with a salary at the rate of £60..0..0 Sixty pounds a year as Gaoler and twelve pounds a year as Court-house Keeper. Mc'Daid commenced his duties on the 1st day of January instant.

The Rt Hon.

Earl Derby R.G.

sc. sc. sc.

N^o 22.

I have sc.

(Signed) T. Kerr.

Governor.

S. F. G.

Jan 16th 1885.

My Lord

With reference to your Circular Despatch of the 19th of April 1884, calling my attention to Sir Michael Hicks-Beach's Despatch of the 14th January 1879, requesting that there might be sent annually, for the use of the Intelligence Branch of the War Office certain returns relating to Fortifications, Armed Land Forces &c. &c. I have the honor to inform your Lordship that I have been unable to find the forms A.B.C.D+E which are mentioned as accompanying that Despatch.

2. I transmit herewith a Return, in Duplicate, for 1884 of the information required under the several heads mentioned in the Circular, and I would feel obliged if your Lordship would direct a supply of the proper forms to be sent to me in order that future Returns may be transmitted in a regular manner.

The Rt Hon

Earl Derby H.G.

sc. sc. sc.

N^o 23.

N^o 39. December 2nd 1884

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Circular

6 th November 1884.	10 th November 1884
7 th	27 th

The Rt Hon.

Earl Derby R.G.

sc. sc. sc.

I have sc.

(Signed) T. Kerr.

Governor.

S. F. G.

17th Jan 1885.

My Lord

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt on this day of the Despatches noted in the margin

I have sc.

(Signed) T. Kerr.

Governor.

N^o 24.Query No 20
12th Nov 1884

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Audit Department the enclosed Query, with a reply thereto, which I trust will be found satisfactory

The Rt Hon.

Earl Derby K.B.

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I have re.

(signed) T. Herr.

Governor.

N^o 25.

S. F. G.

2nd Feb 1885.

My Lord

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I have the honour to forward herewith, for transmission to the Audit Department, the Cash Account of this Colony for the month of January last, with supporting Vouchers, and a copy of the Treasurers Cash Book for the same month

The Rt Hon.

Earl Derby K.B.

re. re. re.

I have re.

(signed) T. Herr.

Governor.

N^o 26

S. F. G.

12th Feb 1885.

My Lord

I have the honour to inform you that I have transmitted by this mail to the Crown Agents for the Colonies the Bills of Exchange noted in the margin amounting to Four hundred and twelve pounds eleven shillings and one penny to be placed to the credit of this Government

I have re.

Signed T. Herr.
Governor.10th February 1885:

£ 284 .. 16 .. 5

on the Falkland Islands Comp^y11th February 1885:

£ 227 .. 14 .. 8

on J. M. Dean Esq^r

The Rt Honble

Earl Derby K.B.

re. re. re.

N^o 27.

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the War Office the Life Certificate of pensioner Edward Holt

S. F. G.

13th Feb 1885.

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with his authorisation for the payment of his pension to John Mc Neice, which were received too late to be sent on with the Military Pensioners account transmitted in my despatch No. 5 of the 5th of January last.

The Rt Hon

Earl Derby H. G.

re. re re

I have seen.
(Signed) T. Herr
Governor.

No. 28.

S. F. J.

13th Feb 1885.

My Lord

I regret to have to report to your Lordships that a vacancy will shortly occur in the Office of Chief Constable of the Police Force of this Government, from the serious illness of John Mc Neice, who, the Medical Officers inform me, is suffering from Laryngeal Phtisis, probably contracted by exposure in the performance of his duties, and likely to be fatal should he remain in this rigorous climate. They advise that he should return to England by the ^{mail} steamer of the 10th of March proximo.

2. Mc Neice is a highly intelligent and meritorious Officer and I fear that it will be difficult to find a successor so well qualified in every respect as he has proved himself to be. He was formerly a Sergeant Major in the Royal Artillery and receives a pension from the War Office. He arrived here on the 20th of December 1878, under an agreement for six years as Chief Constable, which expired on the 20th of December last, but had not his illness supervened, he would have continued in his situation.

£ 100. 3. The salary of the Chief Constable is one hundred pounds a year, with free quarters and fuel; and for performing the duties of Store-Keeper, Custom House Officer, and various other employments, an allowance of £ 50. Fifty Pounds a year has been paid since the 1st of January 1883.

4. Commander Fullerton R. N. of H. M. S. "Algerine" now in this port has recommended George Hurst, a quarter-master of that vessel, whose term of service in the Navy ^{is about 16 years.} has expired and of whose conduct and qualifications he speaks very highly, & this recommendation is borne out by the copy of the certificate of service which I transmit herewith.

5. On the discharge of George Hurst being sanctioned by the Senior Naval Officer on the Station, I propose to appoint him provisionally and temporarily to take the Vacant

vacant office, after the departure of John M' Neice,
and to ask your Lordship to confirm the appointment,
should he be found, after sufficient probation to be in
every way suitable for it.

The Rt Hon:

The Earl of Derby K.G.

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I have &
Sgd Y. Kerr
Governor.

N^o 29.

N^o 40 of Decth 5th 1884.

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- 42. " 23rd ..

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- 3 " 7th ..

Acknowledgement of Despatches Jan 10th 1885.

Circulars.

Novth 20th 1884.

Decth 11th 1884.

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4th Decth 1884

Accounts

12th Decth 1884

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N^o 30.

My Lord

With reference to my Despatches N^o 115 of the 17th of Novth and N^o 13 of the 6th of January last on the subject of the absence from the colony of the coasting steamer 'Mahinas'; I have the honour to report to your Lordship that the 'Mahinas' has not yet returned to the colony.

2 I transmit herewith a copy of a letter which I have written to the Governor of Punta Arenas in reply to the letter which

S. F. J.

Febth 14th 1885.

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt on this day of the Despatches noted in the margin

I have &c.

(signed) Y. Kerr
Governor.

The Rt Hon

Earl Derby K.G.

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S. F. J.

16th Febth, 1885.

Per. S. S. Ramsay.

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No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
24.	2 nd Feb ^r 1885.	Reply to Query N ^o 20 of the Audit Office transmitting.	1.
25.	" .. "	Cash Accounts of Colony for month of Jan ^r transmitting.	1 separate.
26.	12 th .. "	Remittances to Crown Agents, notifying.	nil.
27.	13 th .. "	Pensioners Vouchers for War Office, transmitting	2.
28.	" .. "	Chief Constable resignation from illness reporting.	1.
29.	14 th .. "	Despatches, acknowledgment of.	nil.
30.	16 th .. "	S. S. Malvinas, concerning absence of	1.
31.	" .. "	Pension of late Gader, respecting	nil.

which I received from him on the subject of the detention of the
"Malverns," a copy of which I transmitted to your Lordship in my despatch
N^o. 13 of the 6th of January last.

The Rt Hon

The Earl of Derby K.G.

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I have re.
(signed) T. Kerr.
Governor.

N^o 31.

S. F. J.
Feb 16th 1885.

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch N^o 3
of the 7th of January last, having reference to the pension of Francis
Henry Parry the late keeper of the Gaol in Stanley.

2. I have, in accordance with Your Lordship's instructions,
granted Francis Henry Parry a pension at the rate of Forty five Pounds
twelve shillings a year, commencing from the 1st of January ultmo.

The Rt Hon

Earl Derby, K.G.

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I have re.
(signed) T. Kerr.
Governor.

N^o: 32

S. Y. J.

3rd March 1885

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith, to be forwarded to the War Office Department the enclosed Query on the Cut Pension accounts from the 1st of October to the 31st of December 1884, with the answer thereto

The Rt Hon

Earl Derby K.G.

re re re

I have &c.

(signed) G. Kerr.

Governor.

N^o: 33

S. Y. J.

3rd March 1885.

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Audit Office the Annual Account of this Colony for 1884, a statement of Assets and Liabilities on the 31st of December 1884, a statement shewing causes of excess of actual over Estimated Expenditure under various heads, and a statement shewing the causes of increase and decrease under the various heads of Estimated Revenue during 1884.

2. These returns are forwarded in duplicate.

The Rt Hon.

Earl Derby K.G.

re re re

I have &c.

(signed) G. Kerr.

Governor.

N^o: 34

S. Y. J.

6th March 1885.

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch N^o 42 of the 23rd of December last transmitting for my consideration and report an Extract from a letter from the Falkland Islands Cord on the subject of an alleged refusal to give receipts for fees paid into Court in the Falkland Islands.

2. I have the honour to inform your Lordship that I have never in my experience, known of receipts being given by a Judge for the fees paid into his Court. The amount of fees which are always required to be prepaid — are noted in the document or on the proceedings —. I believe it is the practice

practise for Attorneys to give to receipts to their clients for all sums received in payment of fees and charges.

3. In the matter of ships' protests the fee is always payable in advance and my practise has been to note the amount of the fee upon the document under the seal of the Court, so that the Ship-master has the best possible voucher for the payment on the document which he receives. Should the Agent advance the money, the shipmaster's receipt to the Agent for the amount advanced is the proper voucher on the Agents' account with him.

4. I may mention that in the case of the protest of the German Barque "Adolph" in September 1883, the master sailed without paying the fee, the Falkland Islands Company were the Agents for the vessel and it is usual for the Agents to pay the fees for the Master, but they did not do so in that case, and I have taken no further notice of it.

5. With reference to this correspondence I have the honour to enquire under what circumstances the Falkland Islands Compt — carrying on their business in this Colony by an accredited Attorney and Agent — depart from the Colonial Regulations Nos 217 to 220 in not communicating with the Secretary of State through the Governor on matters relating to their business here.

The Rt Hon.

I have re

Earl Derby K.G.

(Signed) J. Kerr.

to to to.

Governor.

S. F. J.

7th March, 1885.

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith, to be forwarded to the Audit Department, the Cash Account of this Colony for the month of February last, with supporting vouchers, and a copy of the Treasurer's Cash Book for the same month.

The Rt Hon

I have re
signed J. Kerr
Governor.

Earl Derby K.G.

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S. F. J.

9th March 1885.

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My Lord.

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Bill No 14
9th March 1885.
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Accountant Genl R.M. Navy.

The Rt Hon
Earl Derby H.C.
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I have the honour to inform you that I have remitted this day to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, the Bill of Exchange for six hundred pounds sterling, noted in the margin, to be placed to the credit of this Government.

I have &c.
(Signed) J. Kerr
Governor.

No 37.

S. F. J.
10th March 1885.

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch N° 4 of the 9th of January last having reference to the Estimates of this Colony for the present year, and requesting an explanation of the Expenditure under the Heads of Education and Charitable Allowances.

2. The Total amount of estimated Expenditure for education includes the sum of Twenty Pounds for school materials, but those articles are sold to the pupils and the amount appears under the head of "Sale of Government Property" on the Revenue side. This reduces the apparent unauthorised expenditure to Twenty-two pounds, which will I believe be nearly covered by the increasing amount derivable from School fees.

3. I ought to have explained with reference to the Estimate of Fifty Pounds for charitable allowances that there have been several instances of paupers and pauper lunatics, for whom relief has been obtained with much difficulty by appeals to private charity, and as it is possible that cases may occur, where the assistance of the Government may be absolutely necessary, I considered it expedient to make provision for such relief as might be urgently required, should the necessity arise.

4. I found on reference to the expenditure of former years, that this Government had in several cases incurred expenditure in aid of the indigent poor and lunatics. In 1871 under the head of "Special Payments" sums amounting to eighty-one pounds five shillings and four pence, in 1872 forty-seven pounds thirteen shillings and four pence, in 1873 thirty-two pounds, in 1874 twenty-seven pounds, and in 1875 three pounds, were ~~expended~~

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paid out of the Colonial Chest for this purpose.

5. I trust that the above explanation may be found satisfactory, and that the Estimates will receive your Lordship's approval.

The Rt Hon
Earl Derby K.G.

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I have re.
(Signed) G. Kerr
Governor.

N^o 38.

S. F. J.
10th March 1885.

My Lord

With reference to my despatch N^o. 28 of the 12th of February last relating to the illnesses of chief constable M^cNeice. I have the honour to inform your Lordship that I have provided second class passages for himself and his family by the Kosmos steamer "Tolines", which is to sail from this Port to-morrow, for Dartmouth.

2. The amount of passage money for two adults and three children is Ninety one pounds, nine shillings and nine pence, inclusive of railway fares from Dartmouth to London.

3. I have appointed George Huret - the person mentioned in my Despatch above referred to - provisionally and temporarily to the office of Chief Constable from the date of M^cNeice's departure, subject to your Lordship's approval and conditionally on his full discharge by the Naval Authorities.

The Rt Hon

Earl Derby, K.G.

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I have re.
Signed G. Kerr
Governor.

N^o 39.

S. F. J.
10th March 1885.

My Lord

With reference to my Despatches noted in the margin on the subject of the absence of the coasting steamer "Malvinas" I have the honour to inform your Lordship that the "Malvinas" returned to Stanley on the 1st of March instant having sailed from Punta Arenas on the 24th of February.

2. The Agent for the Kosmos Company in Stanley informs me that the "Malvinas" was employed from the 6th of December last by the Government of the Republic of Chili in the Salvage of the "Angamos", as previously reported.

3. I am

despatched 17 Nov 1884
N^o 13. 6th Jan 1885
N^o 20. 16th Feb 1885

3. I am informed that Fifty Pounds a day was paid by the Government of Chili for the services of the "Malvinas".

4. I transmit herewith a copy of a letter which I have received from the Governor of Punta Arenas in reply to that which I addressed to him in reply to his first communication, a copy of which I have already transmitted to your Lordship.

The Rt Hon

Earl Derby, H.C.

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signed T. Keer
Governor.

No. 40.

S. F. J.

10th March 1885.

My Lord

As the Contract with the Hormos Company for the conveyance of mails will shortly expire I have the honour to suggest that in the event of its renewal, the following conditions should be introduced.

2. (a) Distressed British Seamen should be conveyed in the foreign Contract Steamers on the same terms as in British Steam-ships under the regulations of the Board of Trade.

3. (b) The time of Detention at Port Stanley should be extended from "six hours of daylight" to twenty-four hours of time. It is impossible to get through the business of receiving and Despatching a mail in a shorter time with the small staff of the Post Office, and as a matter of fact the Steamers are never able to discharge and take in cargo in less than twenty-four hours.

4. (c) Return tickets at the usual rate of reduction should be obtainable by passengers for Europe or for the West Coast of America and (for short periods) between Port Stanley and Monte-Video.

5. It would be a great boon to the Colony if the port of London could be made the port of Departure and arrival of the contract Steamers.

6. The mail service has been performed by the Hormos Company in a very satisfactory manner in every respect according to the terms of their contract, except in the case of the coasting steamer "Malvinas", the liability for maintaining which they applied to be absolved from in

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Per S. S. Tolmea.

SCHEDULE of despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the eleventh day of March 1885.

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
32.	3 rd March 1885.	Query to be forwarded to War Office, transmitting	1.
33.	4 th " "	Annual Accounts of Colony for 1884 transmitting in duplicate.	8.
34.	6 th "	Correspondence with Falkland Islands Co. about receipts for fees, concerning	nil.
35.	7 th "	Cash Account of Colony and Cash Book for February, transmitting.	1. separate.
36.	9 th "	Remittances to Crown Agents, reporting	nil.
37.	10 th "	Estimates of Colony for 1885, concerning	"
38.	" "	Departure of Chief Constable Mr. Nye, reporting	"
39.	" "	Coasting Steamer Malvinas, concerning.	1.
40.	" "	Mail Contract with Rosmos Comp., concerning.	nil.
41.	" "	Receipt of Despatches, acknowledging.	"

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in consequence of the want of support by the colonists, and the employment of a rival steamer by messrs J. M. Dean & Sons. Under these circumstances it cannot be expected that they will renew the engagement with regard to that vessel and it will be necessary to make other arrangements for regular communication between the different parts of the Colony.

The Rt Hon.

Earl Derby, K.C.

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I have re.

(Signed) T. Kerr.
Governor.

CV^o 41.

CV^o 4 of 9th Jan¹ 1885

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13th Jan¹ 1885.

The Rt Hon.

Earl Derby, K.C.

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S. F. J.

March 10th 1885.

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Despatches noted in the Margin, on the 9th instant.

I have re.
(Signed) T. Kerr.
Governor.

S. F. J.

30th March 1st April 1885, 1885N^o 42.

My Lord
I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Board
of Trade, the casualty Reports relating to the three vessels named in
the margin.
I have &c
(signed) T. Kerr
Governor

The Rt Hon.

Earl Derby K.G.

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S. F. J.

31st March 1885.N^o 43.

My Lord

I have the honour to report to your Lordship the information
of the Board of Trade, the following circumstances relating to the
supply of water for the use of the Light Keepers at Cape Pembroke,
Lighthouse.

2. On the 13th instant one of the Principal Lightkeeper's daughters died
of Typhoid fever, after a very short illness.

3. The Colonial Surgeon after making an examination of the water
procured from the springs and water-butts at the lighthouse in company
with Dr. Keys the Surgeon of H.M.S. "Algerine" reported to me on the 19th instant
that the water at the lighthouse was totally unfit for use, and recommended
that water should be sent from Stanley for the use of the Lightkeepers, and a
supply was forwarded by the Pilot Boat as soon afterwards as the weather
permitted, which was on Sunday the 22nd instant.

4. In subsequent correspondence the Colonial Surgeon recommended
that the roofs of the Keepers' houses should be covered with galvanized
iron as the existing covering of wooden shingles had been painted with
red lead, and the water collected from it was considered dangerous.

5. I brought the matter before a meeting of the Executive Council
today and the members were of opinion that, looking to the length of
time which must elapse before the sanction of the Board of Trade for
the necessary expenditure could be obtained and the risk and expense
incurred by sending water by the Pilot Boat at this season of the year
it was expedient that iron roofing should be procured in the colony and
the roofs covered at once.

6. It is estimated that the cost of materials, transport and labour
will amount to between sixty and seventy pounds - which sum will
include the purchase of two iron tanks to replace the present worn out

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Pir. H.M.S. "Algerine"

SCHEDULE of despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary
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No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
42.	30 th March 1885.	Casualty reports to Board of Trade forwarding	3.
43.	31 st ..	Water supply for lighthouse at Cape Pembroke, concerning	4.

Mark Kerr.

Private Secretary

water butts, and the expense incurred in replacing the fixed windows, with new frames and hinges as recommended by the Colonial Surgeon.

7. I shall proceed without delay to the execution of the proposed work and I trust that both your Lordship and the Board of Trade will approve of my action in the matter and sanction the advance ~~and~~ and outlay which is necessary.

8. I transmit the copies of the correspondence with the Colonial Surgeon noted in the margin.

The Rt Hon.

Earl Derby K.B.

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I have the honour &c.

(signed) T. Kerr.

Governor.

S.Y.S.

1st April 1885.N^o 44My Lord

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I have the honour to transmit herewith two copies of the Blue Book of this Colony for the year 1884 recently completed by the Colonial Secretary, on which I have the honour to make the following report.

Yasces & Duties.

No change has been made in these since 1883.

Revenue and Expenditure.

The local revenue of 1884 was £ 9187 - 12 - 2½ or £ 903 - 12 - 2½ more than the estimated amount which was £ 8284. The excess under the various several heads was as follows. Customs £ 187 - 18 - 8. Licenses £ 6 - 16 - 0. Rents, exclusive of land, £ 49 - 2 - 1. Fines, Forfeitures &c £ 222 - 12 - 9 Land Revenue £ 36 - 0 - 5. Postage £ 76 - 5 - 11. Miscellaneous Receipts £ 107 - 14 - 11. Auction Duty £ 7 - 16 - 11½ and Sale of Crown Lands £ 235 - 17 - 0. There was a deficiency of £ 17 - 12 - 6 on the estimated receipts for sale of Government Property.

£ 500 was received from the Imperial Government in aid of the Mail Service, which brought up the total receipts for 1884 to £ 9687 - 12 - 2½ or £ 1350 - 11 - 6⅓ more than those of 1883 which were — inclusive of the Imperial Grant of £ 1000 — £ 8377 - 0 - 8⅓.

The Expenditure in 1884 was £ 7807 - 15 - 8. or £ 89 - 15 - 8 more than the estimated amount which was £ 7718.

The excess of Assets over Liabilities on the 31st December 1884, inclusive of cash in the Colonial Chest (£ 1344 - 1 - 5) and in the hands of the Crown Agents for the Colonies (£ 494 - 16 - 10) amounted to £ 2342 - 17 - 9.

There is no Public Debt.Public Works.

The Principal Public Works carried on during 1884 were:

A. The repairs of several of the Government Buildings and Offices, which included a new ceiling and extensive repairs to the West Wing of the Barracks, used as an infant School. Renewal of part of the gaol flooring, rotted by damp. Repairs, and the addition of a small room to the Pilot's cottage in the dockyard, and Casual repairs of the Court House and other buildings.

B. Building a new stonehead to the jetty at the Public Reservoir, and securing the delivery pipe and arrangements for supplying

water to shipping, the old wooden erection having become rotten unsafe.
C. Making new stone drains in East Barrack Road, and at the back of the row of Government Stone Cottages (to replace the foul ditches which previously existed) and building a latrine at the Government School with a covered stone drain to the sea.

D. Widening the street leading from the Stone Jetty, which was too narrow for carts to pass each other and extending the seawall to receive the excavated earth and rubbish, also repairing some of the other principal Streets in Stanley.

As there is no superintendent or foreman of works, and no public officer in the Colony competent to advise or direct them, the entire direction and supervision in every detail was undertaken by the Governor in person.

Legislation.

Six Ordinances were passed in 1884.

N^o 1. An Ordinance to provide for the service of the Colony of the Falkland Islands for the year 1884.

N^o 2. An Ordinance to regulate the amount of rent to be paid by lessees of Crown Lands in certain cases.

N^o 3. An Ordinance to regulate the Compulsory Purchase of Blocks of Land under the provisions of the Land Ordinance 1872.

N^o 4. An Ordinance to regulate the Compulsory Purchase of Blocks of Land under the provisions of the Land Ordinance 1872.

(This Ordinance was enacted in the place of N^o 3 which was disallowed by Her Majesty).

N^o 5. A Naturalization Ordinance.

N^o 6. An Ordinance to provide for the Service of the Colony of the Falkland Islands for the year 1885.

Civil Establishment.

The vacancies caused by the deaths of Mr C. Greville Green, Colonial Secretary and Treasurer, and Mr Arthur Bailey, Police Magistrate, were filled by the appointment on the 18th of December 1883 of Mr E. Fakenham Brooks, to the combined offices of Colonial Secretary, Treasurer and Police Magistrate. Mr Brooks also fills the offices of Collector of Customs, Postmaster, Registrar, Coroner, Harbour Master, Shipping Master, Receiver of Wrecks, and Registrar of the Supreme Court. Mr Brooks arrived in the Colony and assumed his duties on the 18th of February 1884.

On the 1st of February 1884 L. G. King was appointed assistant Teacher in the Government School in the place of E. Biggs who resigned.

Pensions.

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The Pension List was reduced on the 25th of January 1884 by the death of the Rev^d. Charles Bull, formerly Colonial Chaplain, who was in the receipt of a pension of £ 133^{..}b^{..}8 a year.

Population

There were 59 births in the Colony during 1884, 23 males & 36 Females.

There were 9 marriages.

The Deaths registered were 32, of which number 24 were males and 8 were females, of those however 6 males died from accidents at sea and were reported to the Registrar (~~and communicated to the Registrar~~) on the arrival of the vessels in which the deaths occurred.

Of the remaining 26 which really represent the deaths in the population, the causes of death were as follows.

Convulsions.	4
Rupture of a Pulmonary Artery	1.
Fatty Degeneration of the heart	1.
Consumption + Lung Disease.	5.
Tuber Mesenterica.	3
Angina Pectoris	1.
Typhoid fever.	1.
Inflammation of the Brain	1.
Dropsy.	1.
Obility	3
Result of a fall (a Russian at Rappal.)	1.
Accidental Drowning	2.
Incurable Exhaustion (lost in the sun)	1
Visitation of God.	1
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The health of the Colony was on the whole good during 1884.

The following reports on the Sanitary condition of the Colony have been sent in by the Colonial Surgeon (Dr. Hamilton) and the Assistant Colonial Surgeon at Darwin (Dr. Houston).

Report of the Colonial Surgeon.

Stanley F. I.

19th February 1885;

" Sir

I have the honour to report for the information of His Excellency the Governor on the sanitary condition of the settlement for the year 1884. It is satisfactory to state that we have been almost free from Endemic Disease, only three cases of Typhoid Fever (one of them unfortunately proving fatal), the average number of cases

of Cataract, Bronchitis, Rheumatism, Febrilla, Herpes, Porridge, Gout &c. being below the average.

I have &c.

(Signed) S. Hamilton. Colonial Surgeon.
Report of Assistant Colonial Surgeon at Darwin.

Darwin. Falkland Islands.

January 26th 1885.

Sir

I have the honour to report for the information of His Excellency (the Governor) that the health of the inhabitants of the District under my care has been favourable during the year 1884.

The general character of the ailments has been slight, and they were such as naturally occur among people in their prime leading healthy lives. Two cases of Scarletina however occurred in the Settlement of Darwin, infecting six others, all being of moderate severity; I was unable to trace the original source of infection. In the same place two children suffered from Typhoid Fever, and through the courtesy of the manager of the Falkland Islands Company some improvements in the sanitary conditions were made, which I hope will give future immunity from that disease. Two cases of consumption (pulmonary Tuberculosis with Tabes Mesenterica) were imported from Stanley, and although the conditions are very favourable for the treatment of that disease, one death occurred. The only other death in my practice was due to Cerebral spinal inflammation following a fall from a horse in a girl suffering from exophthalmic goitre.

I have &c

(Signed) B. T. Heuston

Assistant Colonial Surgeon.

It is difficult to state the exact number of the population which fluctuates with the arrivals and departures. The number ascertained by the Census taken in 1881 was 1553 and it may be stated approximately as 1640 at the end of 1884.

Education

The attendance at the Schools in Stanley has been regular, and the progress of the pupils both at the Upper and Infant Schools is reported as satisfactory. The School Fee charged at the Upper School is sixpence per week for each pupil. The amount paid in fees ^{during} 1884 was £66. 4. 6. The fee at the infant School is three pence per week, and the amount of fees received in 1884 was £48. 3. 6. From these fees the assistant Teachers were paid as well as the cleaning

of the Schools and some other expenses, besides an allowance to the Schoolmaster of £30 and to the mistress of the Infant School of £36.

It is to be regretted that there are many children in Stanley of an age to be sent to School who do not attend, and it may become necessary to consider the expediency of making school attendance compulsory as in England.

Imports & Exports.

(The value of) The value of the Imports in 1884 was £ 67,848: in 1883 it was £ 52,913, and (Imports in any) in 1882 it was £ 35,429. As has been stated in former reports, one year does not represent the actual consumption, which is probably represented by the average of the last three consecutive years for which the figures are given and may therefore be approximately taken as amounting to £ 52,000 in 1884.

The value of the Exports in 1884 was £ 101,338. In 1883 it was £ 84,593 & in 1882 it was £ 76,856.

The following table represents the relative value of the several articles of Export during the six years ending ^{with} 1884.

	1879	1880	1881.	1882.	1883.	1884.
Wool	£ 55,440.	£ 68,327.	£ 70,927	£ 57,655.	£ 68,313.	£ 74,652.
Tallow	5,940	6,760	4,519	10,120	8,735	13,314
Sheepskins	1,940	1,872	3,266	3,893	4,345	5,686
Hides	5,020	7,875	8,206	4,819	2,775	4,242
Hd Metals & Junk.	90	120	—	339	306	196
Seal Skins	1,400	2,100	968	—	—	1,911
Seal Oil	1,200	1100	—	—	—	1,261
Hair Bunches & Bonnets	10	18	33	20	118	62
Live Sheep	—	—	—	—	2,400	2,720
Live Horses	—	—	—	—	—	150.

* The value of live sheep exported in 1883 was by an oversight omitted from the Table of Exports in the Blue Book for that year. The Total value of Exports in 1883 should have been £ 86,993 instead of £ 84,593 the amount erroneously returned.

Shipping.

Twenty three sailing vessels arrived in the Colony in 1884, the aggregate tonnage of which was 16749 and the crews of which numbered 354. In 1883 there were also twenty three arrivals their aggregate tonnage being 14,238 and their crews numbering 304. Of the arrivals in 1884 seven were engaged in the trade of the Colony,

clown put into Stanley to repair damages sustained during the storms which are frequent occurrence in this region, two were in want of medical aid, two were in want of provisions and water, and one to restore her cargo which had shifted.

Of the disabled ships there were eight British, two German, and one Italian. They were all repaired and proceeded on their respective voyages. The monthly mail service was regularly performed by the steamships of the Cosmos Company according to the conditions of their contract, and an extra steamer was sent specially for cargo (wool).

The Cosmos Company's coasting steamer Malvinas - which met with an accident in 1883 requiring her to be sent to Monte Video for repairs, again broke down in 1884 and had to be towed to Monte Video by one of the other steamships of the Company, that her machinery might be repaired. She returned to Stanley on the 4th of November after an absence of four months and soon afterwards sailed for the Straits of Magellan, with a cargo of sheep from the West Falkland Island. The Malvinas had not returned to the Colony at the end of the year, having been engaged by the Chilean authorities at Punta Arenas to render assistance to a Chilean ship which was stranded in Smyth's Channel.

The Dutch Ship of War "Tromp" visited Stanley in January 1884, and after an interchange of courteous hospitalities with the Governor and the Colonists sailed for the Cape of Good Hope.

Her Majesty's Ships "Amethyst" "Algyene" & "Ready" of the South East Coast of America Squadron, visited the Colony during the "obs season for the protection of the Fisheries.

Two vessels were wrecked on the coasts of the Colony during the year; the "Rotomahana" of Liverpool a fine ship of 1580 tons while on a voyage from Liverpool to Wilmington with a cargo of coal & salt was totally lost in Falkland Sound on the 19th of August 1884. The cargo ignited, the crew were nearly suffocated by the poisonous vapour proceeding from the burning coal and salt, the compasses were deranged by the heated iron and whilst endeavouring to steer for Port Stanley the vessel during a snow squall struck on the Elephant Cays in Falkland Sound. The crew were rescued and brought to Stanley.

The "Menai Straits" of Carnarvon on a voyage from Fleetwood to Antofagasta with a cargo of coal was totally lost at the entrance of Port Salvador in East Falkland on the 15th of November. On the 13th the cargo was discovered to be on fire and whilst endeavouring to make the Port of Stanley the vessel drifted ~~—~~ during a fog to the entrance of Port Salvador.

Salvador where she was anchored, but the fire burst out and the vessel was consumed: the crew were saved and brought to Port Stanley.

The crew of the W.H. Harkness of Swansoa were brought to Stanley by the American Ship "Edmund Phinney" which saved them when the W.H. Harkness foundered off Cape Horn.

Criminal Statistics

There were no criminal cases in the Supreme Court in 1884.

Seventy nine persons were summarily convicted in the Police Magistrates Court. Of these twenty eight were merchant seamen for refusing to work on board their ships while in harbour; four for breaches of the Revenue Laws and four for having possession of goods belonging to a wrecked vessel; the remaining forty three were chiefly cases of drunkenness & offences arising from drunken brawls.

Thirty five persons were summarily imprisoned, one was imprisoned in lieu of fine, thirty five were fined, and eight were bound over without surcharge.

General.

The prosperous condition of the Colony in 1884 is evidenced by the value of the exports, which exceeded £ 101,000 being £ 13,000 more than the average of the five years ending 1884.— which was £ 88,334. The average for the preceding five years, ending in 1879 was £ 61,676, but the prosperity of the colonists is actually greater than these figures indicate, as the outlay and cost of production is less now than in former years and the profits to the producer are consequently greater.

The mild winter of 1883 and the generally favourable weather throughout that year contributed materially to the large increase in the value of the exports of 1884, but I fear that the unusually severe winter of 1884 with the wet, cold, and stormy summer which followed will injuriously affect the prospects of the year which has now begun.

The winter of 1884 was the most severe which has been experienced for many years, the snow kept for more than five weeks in July and August and many sheep and cattle and horses perished. Even the wild geese were found dead in great numbers. A shepherd who left Stanley on horseback to return to his station near Darwin on the 2nd of July, perished in the snow, and his body was not found until the 29th of August when the snow melted.

The actual loss of sheep and cattle during the winter has not yet been ascertained, but a loss quite as serious, if not more so, has been sustained during the shearing and dipping season. The sheep had suffered so much from the severity of the winter, and starvation during the period when the pasturage was covered with snow that many of them were unable to withstand the shock and exposure of shearing and dipping, and the subsequent mortality has been very great.

Notwithstanding these losses, the increase in the flocks all over the Colony has been so great that there has been no check to the exportation of sheep to the Chilean territory on the shores of the Straits of Magellan, where sheep farming has been recently introduced. 6800 sheep were thus exported in 1884, and there is every probability of the continuance of this export until the demand is fully supplied. The visits of Her Majesty's Ships during the close season of the fisheries has benefitted the Colony, not only by the protection which is given against any attempt to infringe the law but by the considerable sum of money which are spent in Stanley during these visits. The crews of the ships invariably behave well, and are on very friendly terms with the Towns people.

The finances of the Colony are in a very satisfactory condition, and no further aid is required from the Imperial Government.

I have &c.

(Signed) T. Kerr.
Governor.

The Rt Hon.

Earl Derby H.C.

To &c &c.

S. F. J.

10th April 1885.

No. 45.

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the War Office the Military Pensions Account for the Quarter ending

80th of June 1885, with supporting Vouchers.

I have drawn the Bill of Exchange noted in the margin in repayment of the amount advanced.

I have &c
signed T. Kerr.
Governor.

No. 2.

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On H.M Pay master
General

in favour of the
Custodian for
the Colonies

7th April 1885.

The Right Hon

Earl Derby H.C.

To &c &c &c.

N^o 46.

S. F. J.

10th April 1886.

Account of Oil consumed.

January 1885.

February. "

March "

Account of Stores received
and expended

January 1885.

February. "

March "

Total Account for Quarter
ending March 31st 1885.

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Board of Trade the Returns sent in by the Lighthouse at Cape Pembroke Lighthouse for the Quarter ended 31st March 1885 as detailed in the margin

The Rt Hon

Earl Derby K.G.

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I have the

(signed) J Kerr

Governor.

N^o 47

S. F. J.

10th April 1886.

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Board of Trade an account Current with supporting Vouchers for disbursements on account of Cape Pembroke Lighthouse for the quarter ended 31st of March 1885.

N^o 215. 1. With reference to Vouchers N^os 7 and 8 for repairs and
Tradesmen's bills amounting to Nine Pounds one shilling & four pence
£ 8s - 10 - 0. I have the honour to request that they may be sanctioned as part of
the necessary expenditure recommended by the Colonial Surgeon
Board of Trade and explained in my Dispatch N^o 43 of the 31st March last
in favour of
Crown Agent for the
Colony.
The Rt Hon

1st April 1886.

Earl Derby K.G.

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I have the

(signed) J Kerr

Governor

N^o 48

S. F. J.

10th April 1886.

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Board of Trade, the account of the Government with that Department for Expenditure in behalf of Distressed British Seaman for the Quarter ended 31st of March 1885.

Shpt Hm.
Earl Derby
sc sc sc.

I have
signed Y Harr.
Governor.

N^o 49.

S. J. D.

My Lord

10th April 1885.

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Audit Office the Report of the Survey of the Colonial Chest taken on the 31st of March 1885; and a certificate of Quarterly Survey containing a statement of the Colonial Receipts and Disbursements for the Quarter ended on that date.

The Rt Hon.

I have &c
(signed) Y Harr
Governor.

Earl Derby R.G.
sc sc sc.

N^o 50.

S. J. D.

13th April 1885.

My Lord

~~separate~~
I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Audit Office the Cash Account of this Colony for the month of March last with supporting Vouchers and a copy of the Treasurer's Cash Book for the same month

The Rt Hon.

I have &c
signed Y Harr
Governor.

Earl Derby R.G.
sc sc sc.

N^o 51.

S. J. D.

15th April 1885.

My Lord.

I have the honour to transmit herewith, in duplicate, a Memorial to your Lordship from some of the inhabitants of Stanley, having reference to the proceedings at a meeting held by them on the invitation of Mr. James Smith to consider the sewage of Stanley; this communication was received by me on the 31st of March last — too late to allow of a report being made upon it for transmission by the mail which left closed next day

2. In reporting on this memorial it is necessary that I should in the first place describe several parts of Stanley.

3. When

3. When the settlement was first formed, the land which it was proposed to occupy as the town of Stanley was carefully surveyed and a map or plan of the proposed town was made by the Surveyor General in which the sea wall to preserve the line of the Harbour frontage was indicated and the several streets, squares, and public ~~reserves~~ were laid down each with a distinctive name, forming the boundaries of the lots of land to be sold to the settlers, which were almost uniformly in blocks of half an acre each. This map is still the official map of record, and all sales of land are described by the boundaries which appear thereon, although only a comparatively small number of the streets &c described on the plan have been actually formed, the remainder being still for the most part peat bog or rough pasture.

4. In the portion of the town which was actually settled some of the principal streets were made, drains were constructed and the necessary Public Buildings erected, at the expense of the Imperial Government. Part of the sea wall, two small stone jetties, and nearly two miles of road along the Harbour frontage were then also made.

5. After their construction, little more seems to have been done to keep these various works in repair, and at the time of my arrival in the colony, I found that most of the covered drains, and culverts (which had been made of loose rough stone without pavements) had become choked by the sides falling in, that the open drains were merely foul ditches, and that in rainy weather the flood water from the hill, on the steep slope of which the town stands, overflowed the level streets on its passage to the harbour, from the stoppage of the culverts, and at every part of the harbour shore where the sea wall had not been completed, the beach had cumbled away, setting up the jetties, whilst the sea gradually encroached.

6. In the yards surrounding the dwellings of the working people, which are all detached cottages, filth was allowed to accumulate and the small drains from these yards were all choked and filthy, and nothing but the constant boisterous winds and cold weather could have prevented outbreaks of fever, and kept the settlement in its usual healthy condition.

7. The state of the finances of the colony at the time of

my arrival and the subsequent embarrassment arises from the dishonesty of the Treasurer retarded my efforts to improve the sanitary condition of the Town. There was no foreman of works nor any workman of sufficient intelligence either to direct or superintend the necessary alterations and repairs, but what could be done was done without delay, as is shown by the following extract from the minutes of the Executive Council at a meeting held about a month after my arrival: "The Governor then asked the sanction of the Council to the expenditure of £ 123-14-0 for the purchase of a quantity of pipes which had been bought last week at Public Auction for the water-supply and drainage of the Town. The Council were of opinion that the opportunity of obtaining those pipes at such a moderate cost was properly taken advantage of. With some of those pipes (part of the cargo of a wreck) several of which were upwards of 16 inches in diameter, I was able to replace the culverts for carrying the flood water under the principal crossings in Stanley, as stated in the report on the Blue Book for 1881, and since that time there has been constant progress in improving the drainage of the Town by the construction of stone paved drains in the place of the filthy ditches which previously existed. This necessary work is still proceeding and it can no longer be justly said that the Public drains of the town are in an unwholesome condition, or "that the sewerage of Stanley is in a defective & pestilential state."

8. The insanitary condition of the town is no longer really caused by want of attention to the public drainage, but by the foul condition of the privies and pigsties, and by the stagnant pools and accumulations of filth in the vicinity of the houses of the inhabitants as noticed in the letter of the Colonial Surgeon appended to the memorial.

9. I have considered for some time the expediency of introducing an Ordinance for the purpose of making & enforcing sanitary regulations, such as requiring the substitution of the dry earth system for the present unwholesome arrangements, prohibiting the keeping of swine within a certain distance of dwelling houses, and giving the Police Constables authority to enter premises and report nuisances. How to frame such a measure with due regard to the irritation and resentment which might be created by such legalised intrusion on private property is a difficult & delicate question, but the representations of the memorists seem to invite action being taken in the matter.

10. The reference to the want of road in some parts of Stanley is a repetition of the complaint made in the petition addressed to me in July 1882 by Mr. James Smith and nine other persons who had purchased lots of land outside of the originally settled portion of the town. This petition has been also annexed to the present memorial. The petitioners were informed that it was utterly impossible to comply with their request, which would require the expenditure of a sum of money far beyond the means at the disposal of the Government and in any case could not be undertaken before other and more important works were in the business part of the town were carried out; but on finding that a part of their land was liable to overflow by water from the higher lands I caused a trench or drain to be made which effectively prevented any further overflow, either of the wide space left as a roadway, or of the lands of the petitioners. Besides this the lands of most of those petitioners, including that of Mr. James Smith, are bounded on one side by the substantial roadway on the Harbour front which they could use if they wished to do so, instead of the space called James Street mentioned in their petition, which forms the boundary on the side furthest from the harbour.

11. With reference to the construction of a new sea wall, which the memorialists suggest should be discontinued, they are entirely in error. Had I intended carrying out such a work I should have submitted the matter to the Executive Council and obtained your Lordship's sanction for the special expenditure. The circumstances which appear to have misled them are as follows:

12. In carrying on the work of repairing streets & drains it became necessary to widen the street which leads from the stone jetty, about which complaints had been made that two carts could not pass each other on the narrow roadway, although a space of 66 feet had been laid out for it. In widening this roadway to a reasonable width (36 feet) a considerable quantity of earth & stones had to be removed, which was deposited on the shore, within the line laid down on the map for the sea wall which at that point was incomplete and ended at the stone jetty - a few yards of rough stone embankment had to be made to support the deposits and strengthen the wharf adjoining the jetty.

13. The land granted for the New Church adjoins the place

in question and beyond that is the frontage which it is proposed to convey to the Falkland Islands Company. The building committee of the Church agreed with me to construct the embankment opposite their grant, so as to receive the large quantity of earth which will be excavated for the foundations of the Church which work is to be commenced as soon as the plans are received from the Architect, and I caused a line of stones to be laid at low water mark on the line of the projected sea wall for their guidance as well as for that of the Falkland Islands Company to mark the shore limit of their proposed enclosure, but this was cheaply done by prison labour, and I have no intention of applying any of the funds of the Government to these works which will be carried out by the parties interested subject to the necessity of observing the limits which I have indicated, in accordance with the official plan of the settlement.

14. The construction which the memorialists have placed in the reference to the Executive Council in the letter of the Colonial Secretary to Mr. James Smith which forms part of the addenda to the Memorial requires some explanation, particularly as Mr. Brooks & Dr. Hamilton two members of Council have informed me that they have been subjected to unpleasant remarks and aspersions from Mr. James Smith and accused of advising in Council improper and unnecessary expenditure on the Public works.

15. As no new public work has been undertaken during the past year and as none such is at present in contemplation I have not found it necessary to consult the Executive Council on any matter beyond the preparation of the Annual Estimates in which the probable expenditure for the year is inserted.

16. The ordinary repairs of buildings, stocks, jetties, drains &c have all been executed as the occasion arose under my personal direction & superintendence and on my sole responsibility; since the death of Mr. Arthur Bailey the former Surveyor General there has been no person to whom I could apply either for information or assistance, none of the members of the Executive Council have the slightest knowledge of the details of the ordinary repairs or improvements or of the measuring of land, or of construction of any kind, so that whatever has been done to improve the condition of the town has been planned and executed by me at the cost of much personal exposure and exertion from which I have repeatedly injured my health.

17. The progress of the Public Works has been regularly reported in detail in the reports on the annual Blue Books from 1881 to 1884 inclusive, the last of which series is being transmitted by the present mail.

18. I have reason to believe that my exertions for the improvement of the town of Stanley have been thankfully appreciated by most of the inhabitants and that the persons who have signed the memorial do not represent the feeling of the community but is the result of an agitation set on foot by Mr James Smith, a person who has considerable influence with some of the work people & labourers.

19. One of the grievances of the district in which Mr. Smith lives is his daughter house which ~~he has been~~ warned about three years ago to remove outside the limits of the town and for that purpose he purchased a piece of land at a considerable distance from the terminus of the existing road although available land could have been had closer to it, his choice being determined by a spring of water which he wished to utilize and on the 2nd of February last he applied to me to make a road from the settlement to his holding. I declined to comply with his (^{request}) (^{unreasonable}) and on the 11th. of February he convened the meeting at which this memorial was adopted and in his public notice so used my name as to mislead the public into the belief that I was taking part in the proposed meeting for which reason I would not allow his notice to remain on the Official Gazette Board.

20. I regret that I have had to trouble your Lordship with such a lengthened report upon a matter which appears to me to be of such little importance but I have felt it difficult to do so clearly in fewer words.

The Rt Honourable:

Earl Derby K.G.

to to to.

I have

(signed) G. Kerr,

Governor.

No 52.

Nos.	Dates.
6	5 th Feb, 1885.
7	16 th " "
8	23 rd " "
9	3 rd March..
10	5 th Feb, "
11.	11 th March "

G.H. S.F.T.

15th April 1885.

My Lord

I have the honour
to acknowledge the
receipt on this day of the
Despatches noted in the
margin

Nos.	Dates.
12	13 th March 1885
Act of Despatches.	27 th January ..
" " "	14 th March ..
General Circular	27 th Feb ..
" "	18 th ..
Board of Trade.	7 th March ..
The Right Honourable	3 rd Feb ..
The Earl of Derby K.G.	
ac sc ac	

I have &c.
 (Signed) J. Kerr.
 Governor.

N^o 83

G. H. S. F. S.

15th April 1885.

£ 22 " 10 " 3
 on Mr Paymaster General
1st April 1885

£ 85 - 10 - 10
 on Assistant Secy of the
 Board of Trade
8th April 1885.

£ 216 - 6 - 6
 on Mr Dean Egrie
13th April 1885.

Total

£ 314 - 7 - 7

The Right Honourable
 The Earl of Derby K.G.
 &c. sc ac.

My Lord

I have the honour to inform you
 that I have transmitted to the Crown
 Agents for the Colonies by the present
 mail the Bills of Exchange noted
 in the margin amounting to Three
 hundred and twenty four pounds
 seven shillings and seven pence to
 be placed to the credit of the Government
 and its general disbursements in
 England.

I have &c
 (Signed) J. Kerr.
 Governor.

G. H. S. F. S.

15th April 1885.cr^o 54

My Lord

I have delayed replying to your Despatch N^o 37 of the
 28th of October last, transmitting for my consideration,
 with reference to my Despatch cr^o 78 of the 2nd of August
 last, a copy of a letter from the Falkland Islands Company
 on the subject of the proposed rent or purchase of Crown
 Lands in front of their store in Stanley, in the expectation
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that Mr. Cobb, the Company's Manager, who has since returned to the Colony, would have made some definite proposal on the part of the Company with reference to the acquisition of the premises and privileges in question.

2. The Falkland Islands Company do not seem to have understood precisely the nature of the proposal stated in my Despatch above referred to, which they speak of as an offer to give them the use of a piece of waste land hardly exceeding half an acre.

3. The distance from the Company's premises to low water mark — which was the line to which I proposed they should extend their frontage, is upwards of three chains; and the proposed frontage about five chains, or an area of about an acre and a half, all the present available part of which — that is above high water mark, is already entirely occupied by the Company with their merchandise, as stated in my former despatch.

4. It is not the quantity of land however which is the most valuable consideration but the exclusive right to a jetty in the Harbour and the adjacent wharfage, privileges which the Company would appear to have lost right of.

5. As to the consideration which I suggested should be paid to the Government for these concessions, I was governed by what Mr. Dean agreed with me to be a reasonable sum for a similar purchase, and which he has again within the last few days informed me he is willing to pay for the exclusive right to his jetty, foreshore, and wharfage, should your Lordship agree to sanction it.

The Right Honourable

The Earl of Derby R.R.
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I have the
(signed) T. Kerr
Governor

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G.H.S.T.D.

17th April 1855.

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch "General" of the 27th of Feb^l last, transmitting two copies of the Secretary of State's

State's Circular Despatch of the 14th of January 1879 containing
the Blank forms referred thereto, in accordance with the
request contained in my Despatch N^o. 22 of the 15th of
January last.

My Right Honourable
the Earl of Derby K.G.
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I have re
signed Y.Kerr
Governor.

N^o 56

G.H.S.T.J

17th April 1885

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your
despatch N^o. 7 of the 16th February last having reference to the
Family remittance draft drawn upon the Crown Agents on
account of Mr Pakenham Brooks' salary, and calling my
attention to Sir M. Hicks Beach's Circular Despatch of the
7th of April 1880, which directs that the amount to be remitted
by an Officer through the Crown Agents must not exceed
half of his salary, and requesting me to give instructions
for the reduction of Mr Brooks' remittances within that limit.

2. I have informed Mr Brooks that the amount of his
remittances in future are not to exceed the half of his salary.

My Right Honourable

The Earl of Derby K.G.

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I have re
(signed) Y.Kerr
Governor.

N^o 57

G.H.S.T.J

17th April 1885

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of
your Despatch N^o. 12 of the 13th of March last having
reference to the incomplete returns of Revenue and
Expenditure of this Colony for 1884 forwarded in
my Despatch N^o. 15 of the 6th of January last.

2. I trust that the complete statement of the
Annual Account and of the Assets & Liabilities on the
31st of December 1884, which was transmitted in
my Despatch N^o. 33 of the 3rd of March last, will
have conveyed a satisfactory explanation of the
figures.

figures which you refer to as requiring explanation
in the incomplete return just forwarded.

The Right Honourable
The Earl of Derby K.H.
to to to

I have re
(signed) T. Kerr
Governor.

N^o 58.

G. H. S. F. I.
17th April 1875.

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch N^o 9 of the 3rd of March last transmitting for my information copies of a correspondence between the Crown Agents for the Colonies and the Colonial Office, as to the continuance of the Mail Service by the Cosmos Company without the obligation to support the local Steamer.

2. I find from this correspondence that your Lordship has been pleased to authorize the acceptance of the proposals of the Cosmos Company.

3. I regret that I did not convey to your Lordship at an earlier date the suggestions on the subject of the renewal of the contract which are contained in my Despatch N^o 40 of the 10th of March last, which I had hoped would have reached you before a decision was arrived at on the subject.

The Right Honourable,

The Earl of Derby K.H.
to to to

I have re
signed T. Kerr
Governor.

G.H.S.T.J.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Per S.S. "Mines"

May 1885.

Forwarded to
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SCHEDULE of despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 18th day of April 1885.

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
44.	1 st April 1885.	Blue Book for 1884 with report thereon letter reporting transmitting	2 separate
45.	10 th April 1885.	Pensioners account for War Office, transmitting	1
46.	" "	Board of Trade, Lighthouses Returns transmitting to	1
47.	" "	Lighthouses Account Current, forwarding.	1
48.	" "	Distressed British Seamen's account current forwarding.	1
49.	" "	Survey of Colonial Fleet forwarding.	2
50.	13 th "	Cash Account of Colony for March, forwarding.	1 separate
51.	15 th April 1885.	Memorial to Secretary of State, transmitting.	2
52.	" "	Receipt of Despatches, acknowledging.	ansl.
53.	" "	Remittances to Crown Agents, reporting	"
54.	16 th "	Purchase of Harbour Frontage by the Falkland Islands Company, concerning.	"
55.	" "	Copies of Circular 11 th Jan 1879, acknowledging receipt of -	"
56.	" "	Family remittance Draft on Crown Agents concerning	"

2nd of Intestate Estates

The Right
Hon.

figures which you refer to as requiring explanation

No. 58.

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
57.	17 th April 1885.	Returns of Revenue & Expenditure concerning.	nil
58.	.. ..	Approval of Contract with the Cosmos Company, concerning	nil

Mark Kerr.

Private Secretary.

The Right
Hon.

N^o 59.

G.H.S.T.G.

7th May, 1885.

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith, to be forwarded to the Board of Trade, a casualty report relating to the British Barque "Hermine", now in this Port
The R. Hon.

Earl Derby K.C.

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(sq^d) T. Keer

Governor.

N^o 60.

G.H.S.T.G.

7th May, 1885.

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the War Office, a Query on the Military Pensions account for the Quarter ended on the 31st of March last duly replied to.
The R. Hon.

Earl Derby K.C.

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I have &c
Sgt T. Keer
GovernorN^o 61.

G.H.S.T.G.

7th May, 1885.

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch N^o 8 of the 23rd of February last transmitting to me a copy of a letter from the Exchequer and Audit Department respecting the payment of four Pounds, which had been taken credit for by the Colonial Treasurer in the Accounts of 1884 as a refund of an amount deposited for the passage of an Alien to Montevideo and that the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury have given their sanction to this loss to the Colony, incurred by the defalcations of the late Colonial Secretary being written off as irrecoverable.

2. In obedience to your Lordship's ~~report~~ wish that I should report to you as to the practice of depositing money with the Colonial Secretary, and to inform you whether the practice of receiving such deposits still continues, I have the honour to make the following report:....

3. The deposit account consists of (1) the proceeds of Intestate Estates

Estates (2) Alien's Deposits and (3) - occasionally - Seamen's wages.

4. The Alien Deposits are made under the provisions of the 3rd Section of the "Alien Ordinance" N^o. 2 of 1872, which requires that any person who shall introduce into the Falkland Islands any Alien, being a native of a country not represented in the Colony by a Consular Officer, shall, if required by the Officer Administering the Government, deposit in the Government Chest such sum as may be required as a guarantee that such Alien shall not become chargeable to the Colony, such deposit being returnable to the depositor when such Alien shall leave the Colony.

5. It very rarely happens that such deposits are called for, but in every case where it is found necessary or expedient to do so, it is the duty of the Governor to see that the deposit is duly accounted for and the sum is limited usually to the amount required as passage money to convey the person from the Colony.

6. It was formerly the practice to keep deposits in the strong vault, in docketed envelopes, apart from the Cash belonging to the Government, and a separate account was kept in a deposit account Book. This led to irregularities and Mr. Blissitt, as Commissioner for accounts, brought all deposits to account in the Treasurer's Cash Book, which is a security against any irregularities for the future.

The Rt Honble

The Earl Derby K.G.

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I have the

(S^{q^d}) G Kerr
Governor.

No^o 62.

G. H. S. F. I.

8th May, 1885.

My Lord

I have the honour to report for your Lordship's information that the Barque "Hermine" of Liverpool whilst on a voyage from Liverpool to Vancouver Island came into this port on the 18th of April ultimo, part of the crew having mutinied and one of them, a man named John Clarke, having been shot by (the Master of the Vessel) (Simon Jones) in repelling an attack upon himself and the Mate, on the 11th of April.

2. The Body of the man who was shot was

landed here, and a Coroner's Inquest took place, when the Jury returned a verdict of man-slaughter against Simon Jones who was tried in the Supreme Court of this Colony on the 5th of May instant on an Indictment for man-slaughter and acquitted, the Jury finding that the homicide was committed in self defence.

3. Two of the crew, John Hope and George Hargreaves both able seamen, were also tried before the Supreme Court on a charge of "endeavouring to make a revolt." They were found guilty and John Hope was sentenced to twelve months and George Hargreaves to four months imprisonment with hard labour, which sentences they are now undergoing.

The Rt Hon.

I have &c

Earl Derby K.B.

S^t Y. Kerr.

&c &c &c.

Governor.

No 63

S.Y.D.

8th May 1885

My Lord.

I regret that it is impossible to transmit by this mail the Cash Account of the Colony, and copy of the Treasurer's Cash Book for the month of April last.

2. The Treasurer is also Registrar of the Supreme Court in which some important cases were tried on the 4th and 5th of this month, and his time has been so fully occupied by the business of the Court as to prevent the preparation of the accounts in time for the mail. They will however be forwarded by the next opportunity

The Rt Hon.

I have &c

Earl Derby K.B.

S^t Y. Kerr.

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Governor.

No 64

G.H.S.Y.D.

8th May 1885.

My Lord

I have the honour to report for your Lordship's information that arrangements are being made for the importation of frozen meat from this Colony.

2. Mr. W.H. Windsor, Agent for Messrs. D. Hoffnung and Co.

Co of 3 Great Winchester Street, London, has been in the Colony since the 14th of February last, making arrangements with the principal sheep farmers for the supply of a stipulated number of carcasses, and he informs me that he expects to receive sixty thousand carcasses during the ensuing year.

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3. Mr. Windsor returns to England by this mail steamer to arrange for the despatch of a steamer to the Colony about the end of this year.

4. I transmit herewith a copy of the form of agreement which is being entered into between Messrs Hoffnung & Co and the Sheep-farmers, from which it would appear that the enterprise is likely considerably to increase the prosperity of the Colony.

The Rt Hon.

Earl Derby R.G.

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I have &c.

Sgd J. Kerr.

Governor.

No. 65

G.H.S.F.D

8th May 1885.

No.	Date
13.	24 th March 1885.

The Rt Hon.

Earl Derby R.G.

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My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt by the mail steamer which arrived on the 7th instant the despatch noted in the margin.

I have &c
Sgd J. Kerr
Governor.

No. 66.

G.H.S.F.D

8th May 1885.

My Lord

I have the honour to inform your Lordship of the death on the 21st of April ultimo of Francis Henry Parry late keeper of the Gaol of Stanley, who retired on a pension at the rate of forty five pounds twelve shillings a year, on the 1st of January 1885.

H. H. H. Hon.

Earl Derby R.G.

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I have &c
Sgd J. Kerr
Governor.

Enclosure to despatch No 64. 8th May 1885

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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN MESSRS A. HOFFNUNG
AND CO. OF 3 GREAT WINCHESTER STREET, LONDON.

on the one part and

on the other part,

A Suitable First-class Steamer to be fitted by Messrs A. Hoffnung and Co. with approved machinery and Cooling Chambers for the freezing and conveyance of frozen meat.

The Steamer to call at Stanley and proceed thence, as ordered, to such convenient places in the Falkland Islands, as may be selected, for the purpose of loading the Carcasses from the different stations.

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Messrs. A. Hoffnung and Co.

Sheeps' Carcasses annually, in, at buyers' option, one or two equal lots, it being, however, understood, that, should any of the sellers desire to ship more or less than one half of their annual number at any one shipment, their wishes in this respect shall be consulted as far as is compatible with the completion of the Cargoes and with the interests of the buyers and other sellers. The carcasses to be those of wethers or maiden ewes, not younger than two nor older than six years to be selected from the different flocks. At least one month's clear notice to be given to the Sellers of the number required for each shipment and of the probable date of arrival of the steamer in Port Stanley.

The Shipments to be made, as nearly as may be practicable with due regard to the working of the Steamer and the profitable disposal of the meat in the months of January and/or February and June and/or July of every year.

The Sheep to be delivered to Buyers Master-butcher in the killing sheds at prime condition by the sellers at the rate of 1,000 per day, if required, and on such days as may be fixed by the buyers. They are to be properly killed, dressed and packed for the London Market by buyers' servants, and sellers have to arrange for the proper pasturing and accommodation of the sheep while on the road and at the place of shipment and for the immediate removal from the killing and dressing premises of such parts as remain the property of the sellers after the animals are killed.

Buyers to pay sellers 12/- (twelve shillings) per carcass of the average weight of 75 lbs. (seventy five lbs.) when dressed in similar style to that of the mutton imported in London from New Zealand but with the Kidneys and Kidney-fat out. Should the average weight be more or less the price to be regulated proportionately. The Carcasses to be weighed at the places of shipment when taken from the hanging sheds and the Master of the Steamer to give receipts for such weight and the price to be regulated in accordance therewith. All wool, skins, kidney-fat, internal fat, offal and every part of the sheep, except the properly dressed Carcass, kidneys and tongues, to be sellers property. A fair average to be taken of the weight of the Kidneys and tongues, which are to be paid for in proportion to the afore-mentioned price of the Carcass.

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Payment to be made by buyers' acceptances of the drafts of the sellers in the Islands at three months' sight, to be drawn on completion of each shipment, buyers giving Sellers an absolute lien on the proceeds of the meat, to be handed direct to them by the Salesmen, for the amount of such bills and handing them Insurance Policies against total loss as collateral security.

Buyers agree to give any officials or servants of the sellers, specially employed for the purposes of this agreement free passages to and from and between the Islands, Sellers providing only food, bedding and such fittings as the steamer may not have on board.

The sellers not to provide, sell or ship any meat for the European market except through or with the consent of the buyers during the continuance of this Agreement, but, should it during such period at any time appear desirable, with due regard to the interests of both parties to increase the annual shipments, buyers agree, either to provide increased accommodation themselves, or to consent to it being provided by others.

The first shipment to take place, as nearly as practicable, during January and February 1886, and this Agreement to continue in force for at least two years from the completion of such shipment, and, as the option of the buyers, for a further period of not exceeding three years, or about five years in all. Buyers to give sellers six months' notice of their intention to terminate this Contract.

With a view of giving the sellers an inducement to supply meat suited for the London market, buyers agree, in the event of the steamer getting full cargoes of meat and of such cargoes fetching over 5d. (five pence) per lb, to pay sellers a bonus of 6d. (sixpence) per carcass of the average weight of 75lbs as within described, for every $\frac{1}{4}$ (one farthing) per lb. such cargoes realise in excess of 5d. per lb, in such manner, that in the event of the cargoes selling at 6d. per lb, the price would be 14/- (fourteen shillings) per carcass of 75lbs average weight.

Buyers' Master butcher to have the right of rejecting, when killed at place of shipment, yellow sheep or such sheep, if any, as are unfit for the London market.

Buyers to have the right of taking ten per cent less than the annual number of carcasses guaranteed by the sellers, giving them notice of such intention before the sheep start from their own ground.

The act of God, the Queens' Enemies, Fire, Restraints of Princes and Rulers and all and every other Dangers and Accidents of the Seas, Rivers, Navigation or Machinery of whatever nature or kind soever always mutually excepted.

S. J. Kerr
Governor

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Per. S. S "Luror"

SCHEDULE of despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 9th of May. 1885.

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
59.	7 ^{<u>th</u>} May, 1885.	Casualty report to Board of Trade, transmitting.	1.
60.	" " "	Query on Pensions Account to War Office, transmitting.	1.
61.	" " "	Deposits, report on the practice of receiving.	nil
62.	8 ^{<u>th</u>} ..	Mutiny & homicide on board the British Barque "Hermione", reporting.	..
63.	" ..	Cash Accounts of the Colony concerning.	..
64.	.. ..	Export of frozen meat from the Colony concerning.	1. re irr.
65.	.. ..	Receipt of Despatches, acknowledging.	nil.
66.	.. ..	Death of Francis Henry Parry, reporting Mark Kerr.	1. Aug, 1885.

Private Secretary.

... however, when caused me to cancel the arrangement I had made for a local supply.

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N^o 67

G.H.S.F.S.

26th May, 1885.

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Board of Trade a Casualty Report relating to the British Barqueantine "Harry Keslake" which arrived in this Port on the fifteenth day of May instant

The Rt Hon
Earl Derby K.G.
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I have the
S. G. S. Kerr
Governor.

N^o 68.

G.H.S.F.S.

26th May, 1885.

My Lord

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I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Audit Office, the Cash Account of this Colony for the month of April last with supporting Vouchers and a copy of the Treasurer's Cash Book for the same month

The Rt Hon
Earl Derby K.G.
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I have the
S. G. S. Kerr
Governor.

N^o 69.

G.H.S.F.S.

29th May, 1885.

My Lord

I have the honour to report for the information of the Board of Trade, that the supply of oil for Cape Pembroke Lighthouse has for some time past been allowed to run so short that during the present month I have been under the necessity of making arrangements for the purchase of Cobza Oil in the Colony as a precaution in event of the supply of Rape Oil furnished by the Board of Trade becoming exhausted.

2. Fortunately the "Varuna" arrived on the 18th instant with 277 gallons of Rape Oil from which I sent a supply to the lighthouse on the day before the stock there was exhausted, which enabled me to cancel the arrangement I had made for a local supply.

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3. The supply which has now been received will not last more than five months, and it is necessary that more should be sent out without delay.

555 gallons

4. The annual consumption is about five hundred and fifty five gallons, and the Board of Trade requested — in a letter dated the 5th of October 1883 — "that as soon as the stock of Oil was reduced below a twelve month's supply a requisition should be immediately sent in."

5. The Oil now received by the "Varuna" is the balance of that indentured for on the 10th of January 1884, and which, — in order to admit of twelve months' supply being kept in stock — should have been sent out as early as possible in 1884.

6. An order for oil and stores was forwarded on the 14th of November 1884, and in my Despatch No: 17 of the 10th of January 1885, I transmitted to Your Lordship, to be forwarded to the Board of Trade, the Oil & Store Account Books of Cape Pembroke Lighthouse, showing the small quantity of Oil then in Stock.

7. It is necessary that the whole of the Oil indentured for in November 1884 should be received here within the next four or five months, when a new Indenture will be forwarded, to provide for keeping up the supply for twelve months in advance.

The Rt Hon

Earl Derby K. G.

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I have the
Sgt J. Kerr
Governor.

No. 70.

G.H.S.F.D.

1st June 1885

My Lord

I have the honour to report for the information of the Board of Trade that the Red Bands on Cape Pembroke Lighthouse have become so faint, as to cause the Tower to appear entirely white when seen from passing ships.

2. The Lighthouse was painted only two years since and the usual time for repainting is once in four years. It was last painted by the Principal Lightkeeper at a cost of ninety pounds, no other person having replied to the notice calling for tenders for the work.

3. The only conclusion I can come to is, that

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the red paint used was of bad quality, and I would suggest that the Board of Trade should send out a supply of red paint of the best quality to this Government with the requisite proportion of paint oil and authorise the employment of one or more persons at daily wages to repaint as soon as possible, the red bands on the tower. The white portion will not require painting for the next two years.

the Rt Hon
Earl Derby K.G.
Treas. &c.

I have &c.
Sgd. J. Kerr
Governor.

No 71.

G.H.S.F.D.

1st June 1885.

My Lord

I have the honour to bring to your notice a difficulty which has arisen with regard to certain payments, provided for in the Annual Estimates under the Head of "Salaries provision al and temporary".

2. Under the Head of "Governor" in Establishments, £ 60. 0. 0. provision is made for the payment of Sixty Pounds a year £ 30. 0. 0. to the Officekeeper and Messenger, of Thirty Pounds a year £ 60. 0. 0. to the Gardener, and of Sixty Pounds a year to the Horse Keeper.

3. Previous to the year 1872, these offices were held £ 60. 0. 0. by three separate persons, whose pay was Sixty pounds a year each, with a free cottage & garden.

4. In 1872 the offices of Horse keeper and Gardener were £ 90. 0. 0. combined and held by one person at a gross Salary of Ninety Pounds a year, labour from the Public Works being employed as required to assist in the cultivation of the Garden.

5. The post of Office keeper and Messenger was continued at \$ 60. 0. 0. Sixty Pounds. It has been held for a long time by William Coulson, a highly intelligent useful and trustworthy man, whose income was at one time increased by a private allowance from the Colonial Secretary for assisting him in the work of his Office, and by payments for copying work, charged as Office contingencies. In \$ 90. 0. 0. 1876, my predecessor, in recognition of Coulson's services, gave him the post of Horse keeper, in addition to that of Office keeper at a salary of Ninety Pounds a year, relegating the Gardener to his former position, but allowing him to undertake the charge

charge of the Falkland Islands Company's Dairy Farm, during part of the day.

6. Soon after my arrival, the Gardener resigned his post, and I then appointed Coulson — at his own request and as a better arrangement of duties — to be Gardener as well as Office Keeper, and hired a Horsekeeper at Sixty Pounds a year, the sum provided for in the Estimates, but after a time the man I had hired gave it up upon the ground of insufficient pay; other persons succeeded for short periods until February 1884, when, as no one could be found, to take the situation for the payment which was fixed for it, one of the labourers from the Public Works was employed to do the duty at the ordinary wages of six shillings a day, as a temporary expedient; the five pounds a month which was provided for the service, being increased by as many day's wages as made the sum equal to that earned at ordinary daily wages for each month.

7. In this manner the sum of Thirty Pounds four shillings was paid during 1884, in addition to the Sixty Pounds provided for the special service, but the cottage, to which the person holding the post would have been entitled, was rented for fifteen pounds a year, which sum was paid as Revenue, under the Head of "Rents, exclusive of Land" making the actual cost to the Government for wages of the Horsekeeper Seventy five Pounds four shillings, instead of Sixty Pounds.

8. A similar arrangement is going on during the present year, and I wish to obtain your Lordship's sanction for increasing the pay of the Horsekeeper in the Estimates for 1886 to Eighty four Pounds a year instead of Sixty Pounds as heretofore.

9. It would be better in my opinion to revert to the original arrangement of appointing separate persons to each of these situations, so as to allow the Gardener to work continuously in the Garden instead of his being employed the greater part of his time in other duties, and taking labourers from the Public Works, as has for some time been the custom, to assist in cultivating the Garden.

10. Should your Lordship approve of this, I would suggest that the salary of the post of Office Keeper, as long as it is held by Coulson, should be One Hundred

£qo. o. o. pounds a year, instead of thirty, which he now receives, on account of the valuable service which he has rendered for so many years. He has been upwards of twenty years in the Public Service. He was of great use to the Commissioner for accounts when tracing the irregularities in the Government Offices; and in the Post Office he has always been employed with great advantage during the press of business on the arrival and departure of the mails.

11. The wages of working men in the Colony are no longer at the rate which prevailed when the pay of the persons holding these offices was fixed at Sixty Pounds a year. The Falkland Islands Company pay their Carter and Gardener £7. 0. 0. each at ~~and~~ the rate of Seven Pounds a month, with free cottages and gardens and with liberty to earn money in various ways in their overtime. Other employers pay in the same proportion and ordinary labourers at six shillings a day, with extra wages at double that rate for overtime, are able to earn, on an average, fully eight pounds a month.

12. The increase of Expenditure under the head of Salaries Provisional and Temporary by the additions which I propose would amount to one hundred and £10. 0. 0. eighteen pounds a year.

The Rt Hon

Earl Derby K. G.

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S. J. Kerr

Governor.

G. H. S. T. J.

2nd June 1885.

No. 72

My Lord

⁶ I have the honour to transmit herewith six printed copies of Ordinance No. 1 of 1885 which has been passed for the purpose of admitting to the privileges of British-born subjects, within the limits of this Colony the persons named therein.

2. I hope that this ordinance will have your Lordship's approval and receive her Majesty's gracious confirmation and allowance.

The Rt Hon

Earl Derby K. G.

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I have &c

S. J. Kerr

Governor.

N^o. 73.

G.H.S.F.D.

3rd June 1885.

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Board of Trade, a copy of an Inquiry into the circumstances attending the stranding of the British Barque "Windsor Castle" in Stanley Harbour, which I instituted on the application of the Master of that vessel

The Rt Hon
Earl Derby K.G.
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I have the
Sgd T.Kerr
Governor.

N^o. 74.G.H.S.F.D.
9th June 1885.

My Lord

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I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Audit Office, the Cash Account of this Colony for the month of May last, with supporting vouchers, and a copy of the Treasurer's Cash Book for the same month.

The Rt Hon
Earl Derby K.G.
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I have the
Sgd T.Kerr
Governor.

N^o. 75.G.H.S.F.D.
9th June 1885.

My Lord

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I have the honour to transmit herewith, in duplicate, a petition from the inhabitants of the West Falkland Island, asking your Lordship to direct the payment of an annual sum of from three to four hundred pounds as a provision for the regular transmission of mails between Stanley and a port in the West Falkland Island.

2. The establishment of a regular monthly inter communication would be of great advantage to the inhabitants of all the Islands, on account of the business transactions between Port Stanley and the numerous

stations in the West Falkland, and also for the facilities which would be provided for the conveyance of passengers as well as of the mails.

3. I do not agree with the petitioners in the statement contained in the seventh paragraph of the petition as to "the revenue and taxes derived from the West Falkland" "being almost entirely absorbed in the East Falkland." The inhabitants of the East Falkland derive no special benefit from such revenues, which is expended in the support of the establishments, the subsidy for the ocean mail service, and the ordinary requirements of the Colony.

4. For the other reasons set forth in the petition and on the ground of public utility I command this application to your Lordships favourable consideration and I think the financial position of the colony would justify £300. 0. 0 an expenditure not exceeding three hundred pounds per a year in aid of any contract which may be arranged for carrying out the object in view.

5. I am informed that the asterisks attached to some of the names in the petition signify the wish of the subscribers that Rose Bay should be selected, as a more convenient place than Port Howard, for the delivery of the mails on the West Falkland Island

The Rt Hon

Earl Derby K.G.

for &c &c.

I have the
S. J. Kerr
Governor.

No 76.

G.H.S.J.D.
16th June 1886.

Casualty Report

Copy of proceedings of Court
of Inquiry
Affidavit by Master of loss
of his Certificate.

Certificate of Mate

The Rt Hon

Earl Derby K.G.

for &c &c

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith, to be forwarded to the Board of Trade, the documents noted in the margin, relating to the loss of the British Barque "Perthshire", which was wrecked in Blind Bay on the south coast of the East Falkland Island on the 28th of April last.

I have &c
S. J. Kerr
Governor.

N^o: 77.

G. H. S. F. J.

17th June 1885.

My Lord

Draft Ordinance N^o: 10 of 1885

With reference to your Circular Despatch of the 18th of June 1884 calling my attention to the 43rd section of the Explosive Substances Act 1875, and suggesting that a Law should be enacted in this Colony giving similar powers to the Governor in Council, I have the honour to transmit herewith for Your Lordship's consideration the draft of an Ordinance which I propose to introduce in the Legislative Council, should you approve of it.

2. On considering the subject of Your Lordship's despatch in Council on the 11th of October last it was thought that in view of the small quantity of gunpowder imported, and of the provision made in the Summary Jurisdiction Ordinance for its safe keeping, further legislation was then unnecessary; but the arrival of a vessel in distress, with dynamite as part of her cargo, and the possibility of further importations of dangerous explosives, have induced me to reconsider the subject, and to suggest the introduction of the proposed Ordinance as a precautionary measure.

The Rt Hon

Earl Derby K.G.

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I have the

Sgd: G. Kerr

Governor.

N^o: 78.

G. H. S. F. J.

17th June 1885

My Lord

Draft Ordinance N^o: 10 of 1882

I have the honour to transmit herewith for your consideration the draft of an Ordinance to amend the "Customs Duties Consolidation Ordinance," N^o: 10 of 1882, the provisions of which enactment with respect to vessels arriving with cargoes in remote parts of the colony without first being entered at the Custom House in Port Stanley, have not been carried out in a satisfactory manner.

2. At the time of the passing of the Ordinance of 1882, not more than one or two vessels went

directly to the West Falkland, and as it was represented that it would save much expense and inconvenience if these vessels were exempted from the necessity of calling first at Port Stanley for Report and search, provision was made by the 36th, 37th and 38th sections of the Ordinance for the performance of the duties of Collector of Customs in these cases by the nearest Justice of the Peace, and it was hoped that the convenience and saving to the consignees and importers which this arrangement afforded, would have insured a careful and prompt compliance with all the requirements of the law.

3. These expectations have not however been realized. It is with great difficulty, and after long delay that any information can be obtained concerning such vessels and their cargoes, and as it seems probable that in future a greater number of vessels will proceed with cargoes to the settlements in the West Falkland and the adjacent islands, it is of importance that the collection of the customs duties should be secured, and the necessary information as to imports and exports obtained.

4. To effect this it is necessary that all vessels arriving in the colony should come first to Port Stanley, to enter at the Custom House as is proposed in the "Draft Ordinance", or that a Port of entry with a Sub Collector of Customs should be established at one of the Harbours in the West Falkland, which latter arrangement can only be carried out by the Settlers in that part of the colony contributing to the expense of preparing a place of residence for, and paying the salary of, a competent officer.

5. As I informed your Lordship in my Despatch No^o 64 of the 9th of May last, it is proposed to send steamships from England for the purpose of taking frozen carcasses of sheep from this colony; and the agent of the promoters of this enterprise informed me that it is their intention to send their vessels to Port Stanley for entry and to return there after loading at the outlying ports for clearance on leaving the colony, which arrangement is in accordance with the provisions of the proposed

proposed Ordinance.

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Hon
Earl Derby R.G.
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S. G. J. Kerr
Governor

No. 79.

G. H. S. F. I
18th June, 1885

My Lord

I grieve to have to report the loss of the British Barque "Yarra Yarra" with, I fear, everyone on board of her, on the southern shores of this colony.

2. It is supposed that the disaster happened on the night of the 29th of April last, when there was a fearful gale from Southwest, with heavy snow & squalls, and that the vessel struck on one of the outlying rocks near to Beaver or Weddel Islands.

3. The first intimation of the occurrence was the picking up of a life buoy, with the vessel's name on it on the shore of Careless Island, on the 4th of May, and soon afterwards a similar one was found on the shore of Speedwell Island in Falkland Sound.

4. Yesterday the local steamer "Ranee" arrived from West Falkland, and it is reported that the southern shores of Weddel & Beaver Islands are strewn with wreckage, chiefly deck planks, spars, and boards broken to small fragments, and mixed with huge masses of drift thrown up by the violence of the gale. In a cove between Weddel point and Pillar Bluff, the head boards of the vessel with her name on them, and some splintered fragments of boats, were washed up. At Port Stephens the lid of a medicine chest, and in Port North a fragment of a boat, both marked "Yarra Yarra" have been found. I am informed that some books and papers have been found on Beaver Island, but no particulars have yet reached me.

5. The master of the "Perthshire" which was wrecked on the 28th of April, near the Southwest part of the East Falkland Island informs me that the "Yarra Yarra" loaded at Portland, Oregon, with a cargo for England, and that both vessels left the Columbia River about the same time, and the wife and infant child of the

Master of the "Yarra Yarra" were on board that vessel.
6. No bodies have as yet been seen, but it is possible
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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Per SS Totnes.

SCHEDULE of despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 19th of June, 1885.

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
67.	26 th May, 1885.	Casually Report to the Board of Trade, transmitting	1.
68.	.. .. ..	Cash Accounts of the Colony for the month of April, transmitting	separate.
69.	29 th	Supply of oil for Cape Pembroke Light house, concerning.	nil.
70.	1 st June ..	Red Bands on Cape Pembroke Light house, concerning.	"
71.	"	Expenditure on Salaries Provisional and Temporary, concerning.	"
72.	2 nd	Ordinance N ^o 1 of 1885, transmitting	6.
73.	3 rd	Copy of Inquiry concerning the Barque "Windsor Castle", trans.	1.
74.	9 th	Cash Account of the Colony for the month of May, transmitting.	separate.
75.	.. .. ..	Petition from Settlers in West Falkland Island, transmitting	2.
76.	16 th	Documents relating to the loss of the British Barque "Perthshire", forwarding to the Board of Trade.	4.
77.	17 th June ..	Explosives, Draft Ordinance concerning, forwarding.	2.
78.	Custom Duties, Draft Ordinance concerning, forwarding.	

proposed Ordinance.

The Rt Hon
Earl Derby K.G.
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No. 79.

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures
79.	18 th June 1805.	Loss of the British Barque "Yarra Yarra", reporting.	nil
80.	19 th	Receipt of Despatches, acknowledging	nil

Mark Kerr

Private Secretary

19th June 1805.

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Master of the "Yarra Yarra" were on board that vessel.

b. No bodies have as yet been seen, but it is possible that they may have been entangled and covered by the masses of kelp which fringe the coast.

The Rt Hon

Earl Derby K.G.

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I have the

Sgd J Kerr

Governor.

No: 80.

by H.S.Y.

19th June 1885.

Nos.

Dates

14.	April 8 th	1885.
15.	" 9 th	"
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17.	" 11 th	"
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20.	" 14 th	"
21.	May 1 st	"
22.	" 16 th	"

Circulars

March 6th 1885.

" 16th "

April 7th "

14th "

" 23rd "

Library

April 29th

Accounts

April 18th

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt, on the 18th instant, of the Despatches noted in the margin.

The Rt Hon

I have the

Earl Derby K.G.

Sgd J Kerr

&c &c &c. Governor.

g H. S. F. J.
30th June 1885

No 81

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Board of Trade the Statistical Abstract transmitted to me in your Circular Despatch of the 7th April last, with a copy of a letter from that Department.

The Abstract has been completed by the insertion of the required information, and is accompanied by a copy of the Tariff of Customs Duties in force in this Colony.

I have the

signed & here

The Right Hon

Governor

Earl Derby K. G.
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No 82

g H. S. F. J.

30th June 1885

My Lord

*Despatch No 6
12th May 1885*

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Audit Department the accompanying Query and answer thereto, on my account as Governor of the Falkland Islands for the year 1884.

The Right Hon

Earl Derby K. G.
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signed Wm

Governor

No 83

g H. S. F. J.

7th July 1885

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No 18 of the 20th April last transmitting a copy of a despatch from the Governor of Malta enclosing an application from J.W. Collins praying that instead of being sent back to this Colony at the expiration of his sentence in January next - an allowance may be granted him to procure a passage to some other country.

£29. The cost of sending the prisoner from England to this Colony would be twenty nine pounds by Rottnas Steamer from Dartmouth £12.5.0 and twelve pounds five shillings from Malta to England making

£41. 5. 0 marking the total cost forty one pounds five shillings
The Right Hon I have to
Earl Derby K.C. signed their
to to to Governor

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No 84

by H. S. F. J.
7th July, 1885

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No 22 of the 16th of May last, conveying your approval of the measures adopted for the improvement of the water supply at the Cape Pembroke Lighthouse.

2 The actual amount of expenditure on work and materials £65. 3. 3 was sixty five pounds three shillings and three pence of £9. 1. 4 which the sum of nine pounds one shilling and four pence was charged in the account current with the Board of Trade on the account of the above mentioned Lighthouse for the quarter ended on the 30th of March, and the sum of fifty six pounds one shilling and eleven pence, is included in the account current for the quarter ended the 30th of June ultimo, which, with the necessary vouchers will be transmitted to your Lordship by this Mail.

3 The work was completed early in May last and a sufficient supply of wholesome water has been obtained

The Right Hon

Earl Derby K.C.
to to to

I have to
Signed their
Governor

No 85

by H. S. F. J.
7th July, 1885

No 217
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In arrest Secretary Board of Trade
in favour of
Crown Agents for the Colonies
30th June 1885

The Right Hon
Earl Derby K.C.
to to to

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit to the Board of Trade, an account current with supporting vouchers for disbursements on account of the Cape Pembroke Lighthouse for the quarter ended on the 30th of June last.

2. I have drawn the Bill of Exchange noted in the margin in repayment of these advances

I have to
Signed their
Governor

No 86

G. H. S. F.I.
7th July 1885

My Lord

I have the honor to transmit herewith
to be forwarded to the War Office, the Military
Pensioners account for the Quarter ending
30th September 1885 with supporting Vouchers

2 I have drawn the Bill of Exchange
noted in the Margin in repayment of the
amount advanced

I have to
signed Kerr
governor

No 3
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on the Paymaster General
in favour of
Crown Agents for the Colonies

1st July 1885

The Right Hon

Earl Derby R.L.
to to to

No 87

G. H. S. F.I.
7th July 1885

My Lord

I have the honor to transmit herewith
to be forwarded to the Board of Trade the Lighthouse
Returns and Meteorological Register sent in
by the Light keeper at the Cape Penrhos Lighthouse
as detailed in the Margin

I have to
signed Kerr
governor

account of Tools Dr ending
30th June 1885

account of oil consumed
April, May, June 1885

Account of Stores
April, May, June 1885

Meteorological Register six months
ending 30th June 1885

The Right Hon

Earl Derby R.L.
to to to

No 88

G. H. S. F.I.
7th July 1885

My Lord

I have the honor to transmit herewith to be forwarded to
the Audit Office the Report of Survey of the Colonial Chest taken on the
30th of June last, and a Certificate of Quarterly Survey containing a Statement
of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Colony for the Quarter ended on that date.

The Right Hon

Earl Derby R.L.
to to to

I have to
signed Kerr
governor

No 89

G. H. S. F. I.
9th July 1885.

My Lord

to the Audit Department the Cash Account of this Colony for the month of June 1885 with supporting vouchers, and a copy of the Treasurers Cash Book for the same month

The Right Hon

Earl Derby K.G.

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I have to
sign Mr

Governor

No 90

G. H. S. F. I.
9th July 1885

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No 14 of the 8th of April last transmitting for my information and guidance a copy of a letter from the Admiralty with an enclosure from the War Office on the subject of the arrangements made for the storage and safe keeping of Ordnance Stores for Her Majesty's Ships at Port Stanley

2 When these stores arrive they will be placed under the charge of the Chief Constable, who has been directed to perform the duties specified in the instructions contained in the letter from the War Office

The Rt Hon

Earl Derby K.G.

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I have to

sign Mr

Governor

No 91

G. H. S. F. I.
9th July 1885

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith copies of the Minutes of the proceedings of the Executive and Legislative Councils for the half year ending the 30th of June 1885

The Right Hon

Earl Derby K.G.

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I have to

sign Mr

Governor

N^o 92G. H. S. F. I.
10th July 1885

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith
to be forwarded to the Board of Trade an
account current with supporting Vouchers, of
Receipts and Disbursements on account of
Distressed British Seamen for the period ending
on the 9th of July 1885 showing a balance
of £ forty seven pounds nine shillings and
seven pence owing to this Government in
payment of which I have drawn the Bill of
Exchange noted in the margin

N^o 218

£47. 9. 7.
On the Assistant Secretary
of the Board of Trade
in favour of the
Brown Agents for the Colonies

9th July 1885

The Right Hon

Earl Derby K.G.
&c &c &c

I have to
sign'd Thos
Governor

N^o 93G. H. S. F. I.
10th July 1885

My Lord

I have the honour to inform
you that I have transmitted to the
Brown Agents for the Colonies by
the present mail the Bills of
Exchange noted in the Margin
amounting to One hundred and
fifty six pounds eight shillings
and eight pence to be placed to
the credit of this Government and
its general disbursements in
England

I have to
sign'd Thos
Governor

£132. 11. 5
On Assistant Secretary Board of Trade
30th June 1885

£16. 7. 8
On Adm Paymaster General
1st July 1885

£500 - 0 - 0
On J. H. Dean Esqr
6th July 1885

£47. 9. 7
On Assistant Secretary Board of Trade
9th July 1885

Total £696 . 8 . 8

The Right Hon
Earl Derby K.G.
&c &c &c

Enclosure to Despatch No 94, 10th July 1885

STANLEY,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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S. F. J.
10 July 1885

My Lord

I have the honour to
request that you will be good
enough to promote or transfer me
when an opportunity occurs to a
post in the Medical Department of
one of the more important Colonies
such as British Guiana, Trinidad
or any other place which your Lordship
may think proper

After more than 30 years service

in charge of a district in this
remote colony I feel the necessity
of a change on account of the
entire absence of society and want
of means of educating my children

signed Your
Governor

S. F. J.
13th July 1885

My Lord

With reference to your circular despatches of the 27th November
1884, and the 14th April 1885, on the subject of the Colonial and
Indian Exhibition to be held in London next year, I have the honour
to inform you that I have appointed Mr G. M. Dean and Mr F. E.
Cobb, the unofficial members of the Legislative Council to
make all the necessary local arrangements for the collection and
transmission of articles to be sent from this Colony for
Exhibition.

2. With regard to the method of representation to be
adopted at the exhibition, alluded to in the fourth and fifth
paragraphs

N^o 92

20th July 1885. Dated at Government

20th July 1885. Chailware

10th July 1886

I am Thirty Six Years of age am
Married and have three children
and have been actively engaged
in my profession for fifteen years
more than six being in the

N^o 218 £47. 9. 7.
On the Arrest Decreta
of the Board of Trade
on favour of the
Brown Agents for the Colonies

9th July 1885

Employment of the Colonial Office
I hope Your Lordship will consider
my application favorably

I have the honour to be

My Lord

Your most Obedient humble Servt

B. J. Weston

Assistant Colonial Secretary

N^o 93

The Right Honorable Earl Grey K.G.
Secretary of State for the Colonies

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9th July 1885

Total £696. 8. 8

Brown Agents for the Colonies by
the present mail the Bills of
Exchange noted in the margin
amounting to Six hundred and
thirty six pounds eight shillings
and eight pence to be placed to
the credit of this Government and
its general disbursements in
England

I have the
Signed T Kerr
Governor

The Right Hon
Earl Derby K.G.
L.C. L.C. L.C.

No 94

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My Lord

G. H. G. F. J.

10th July 1885

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I have the honour to forward herewith a letter from Assistant Colonial Surgeon Houston applying to your Lordship for promotion or transfer to another Colony.
2. Dr Houston enjoys a high reputation for skill and ability in his profession, and he has very faithfully performed all the duties required of him as Assistant Colonial Surgeon, Public Vaccinator and Coroner of his District.

The Right Hon

Earl Derby K.G.

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I have the

signed Their

Governor

No 95

G. H. G. F. J.

13th July 1885

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the War Office copies of the forms of Returns of Transport-Animals and Vehicles, enclosed in your circular despatch of the 23^d of April last, to be filled up and returned

The Right Hon

Earl Derby K.G.

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I have the

signed Their

Governor

No 96

G. H. G. F. J.

13th July 1885

My Lord

With reference to your circular despatches of the 27th November 1884, and the 4th of April 1885, on the subject of the Colonial and Indian Exhibition to be held in London next year I have the honour to inform you that I have appointed Mr. G. H. Dean and Mr. F. E. Cobb, the unofficial members of the Legislative Council, to make all the necessary local arrangements for the collection and transmission of articles to be sent from this Colony for exhibition.

2. With regard to the method of representation to be adopted at the exhibition, alluded to in the fourth and fifth paragraphs

paragraphs of the memorandum issued by order of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, on the 24th of November last.
I will be glad if your Lordship would request Mr Philip Lomelie Owen, the Secretary of the Royal Commission, to act in behalf of this Colony as Executive Commissioner, and to express my desire that he would be pleased to appoint Messrs Henry & King and Co 65 Cornhill London, as official Agents for receiving all goods arriving from this Colony for exhibition. Messrs King and Co have offered their services for this purpose, and the gentlemen who have been appointed to transmit exhibits from the Colony, approve of their nomination.

3. I fear that this Colony, with its limited range of productions and scanty population and resources, will take a very humble place in the exhibition, but I have done my best by circulating information with respect to it, throughout the settlements, to procure as worthy a representation as it is capable of.

The Right Honble

Earl Derby K.G.

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Signed T Kerr

Governor

No 97

g H S 79
15th July 1885

My Lord

I have the honour to inform your Lordship that the Mail which was sent from this Colony by the Kosmos Company's Steamer Totnes on the 20th of June ultimo, to be landed at Punta Arenas for transmission to England by the Pacific European Steam Navigation Company's line of steamers, has been sent back to Stanley by the Kosmos Company's Steamer Lakkarah which arrived today from Punta Arenas.

2. The Captain of the Lakkarah states that the bag containing the Mail in question (which was duly addressed to the London Post Office) was put on board the Lakkarah by the Post Office authorities at Punta Arenas, with the Mail from England.

3. Much discontent is expressed by the mercantile community

community here in consequence of the delay in the transmission of important business communications, and I have also to regret that the despatches to your Lordship were not forwarded in due course.

4. The irregularities of the Post Office authorities at similar intervals have been so frequent and serious that I hope your Lordship will find it expedient to communicate with the Government of Chile on the subject through the Foreign Office.

The Right Honble

Earl Derby K.G.
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I have to
signed Wm
Governor

No 98 28th Oct 1885

by H. S. F.J.
16th July 1885

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No 23 of the 29th of May last transmitting for my consideration and report a letter from the General Post Office on the subject of a suggestion as to the expediency of having the mails from this colony transferred at Montevideo from the steamers of the Kosmos line to the faster mail steamers running from that port.

2. A similar suggestion was made to me by Mr Cobb, the manager of the Falkland Islands Company and Agent for Lloyds in this colony, but I did not feel justified in dealing with the matter on the grounds of the increased expenditure which it would entail, and of interference with the arrangements of the General Post Office.

3. The direct mail service between this colony and Dartmouth has been punctually performed by the Kosmos Company; but if the delivery of the homeward mails to the Post Office authorities at Montevideo for transmission by faster steamers is approved of by the General Post Office and the additional expense of thirty five pounds a year, is sanctioned by your Lordship, there can be no objection to the proposed change.

The Right Honble

Earl Derby K.G.
to to to

I have to
signed Wm
Governor

No 99.

Gt. S. F. I.
16th July 1885

My Lord

£667. 6. 0
on J M Dean Esquire
in favour of
the Crown Agents for the Colonies
16th July 1885

£696. 8. 8

£1363. 14. 8

I have the honour to inform you
that I have remitted by this Mail to the
Crown Agents for the Colonies the Bill
of Exchange noted in the Margin
for six hundred and sixty seven
pounds six shillings to be placed to
the credit of this Government

2 The above sum, in addition
to the Bills for six hundred and ninety
six pounds, eight shillings and eight
pence, reported in my despatch No 93
of the 10th of July instant, makes up
a total remittance of one thousand
three hundred and sixty three pounds
fourteen shillings and eight pence, to
the Crown Agents by this mail.

The Right Honble

Earl Derby K.G.
to to toI have to
Signed Kerr
Governor

No 100

Gt. S. F. I.
16th July 1885

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge
the receipt, on the 15th of July instant
of the despatches noted in the Margin

I have to
Signed Kerr
Governor.

The Right Honble

Earl Derby K.G.
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Nos	Dates
23	May 29 th 1885
	Circulars
May 13 th	1885

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21st August 1885

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Per S.S. Lakkarak

SCHEDULE of despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 17th of July 1885-

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
81	30 th June 1885	Statistical Abstract for Board of Trade transmitting	2
82	" " "	Query from Audit Office and answer thereto, transmitting	1
83	7 th July "	J W Collins passage from Malta concerning	nil
84	" " "	Cape Pembroke Lighthouse expenditure on water supply, concerning	nil
85	" " "	Cape Pembroke Lighthouse account - current, transmitting	1
86	" " "	Military Pensioners account, transmitting	1
87	" " "	Cape Pembroke Lighthouse Returns forwarding	Separate
88	" " "	Quarterly Survey of Colonial Chest, and Report, forwarding	2
89	" " "	Cash Account of the Colony for the Month of June, forwarding	Separate
90	" " "	Ordnance Stores for H.M. Ships - Storage of, concerning	nil
91	9 th "	Copies of the Minutes of the Executive and Legislative Council Trans?	2
92	10 th "	Distressed British Seamen. Accounts, transmitting	1
93	" " "	Bills of Exchange, transmission of reporting	nil

No 99.

of H. S. F. I.
16th Decr 1885

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
on 1. the Crown 16 £69	94 10 th July 1885	Letter from Assist Colonial Surgeon D Austin to Secretary of State transmitting	
	95 13 th "	Returns of Transport Animals & Vehicles for War Office transmitting	2
	96 " " "	Colonial and Indian Exhibition concerning	2
£13 6 3	97 15 th "	Homeward Mail of lime, miscarriage of at Sandy Point, concerning	nil
	98 16 th "	Transmission of Mails through Post Office at Montevideo concerning	nil
The R.	99 " " "	Remittance to Crown Agents concerning	nil
	100 " " "	Acknowledgement of Despatches concerning	nil

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Nos

23 Mr.

Bureau
May 13th
" 18th

P.M.

N^o 101

G.H. S. F.I.

164

Sir

21st August 1885

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Circular Despatch of the 24th of June last informing me that Her Majesty had been pleased to entrust to your care as one of the Principal Secretaries of State, the seals of the Colonial Department.

Colonel the Right Honble

I have to

Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.

signed. Kerr

&c. &c. &c.

Governor

N^o 102

G.H. S. F.I.

21st August 1885

Sir

Open date
I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Audit Department, the Cash Account of this Colony for the month of July 1885 with supporting vouchers and a copy of the Treasurer's Cash Book for the same month.

I have to

Colonel the Right Honble

signed. Kerr

Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.

Governor

&c. &c. &c.

N^o 103.

G.H. S. F.I.

21st August 1885

Sir

I have the honour to inform you that the Crown Agents for the Colonies have been requested to forward to the Colonial Office four copies of a new compilation of the Laws and Ordinances of the Falkland Islands which has been printed in England for this Government.

I have to

Colonel the Right Honble

signed. Kerr

Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.

Governor

&c. &c. &c.

No 104.

G. H. S. F. J.
21st August 1885

Sir

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Board of Trade the accompanying Query and answer thereto on the account current for the Cape Pembroke Lighthouse for the Quarter ended on the 31st of March last

I have to

Colonel the Right Honble

Signed Kerr

Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.

Governor

t. t. t.

No 105

G. H. S. F. J.

21st August 1885

Nos.

Dates

24 June 3^d 1885

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" 24th

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General
CircularMay 15th

I have the honour to
acknowledge the receipt on
this day of the Despatches
quoted in the Margin.

I have to

Signed Kerr

Governor

do

May 23^d

Colonel the Right Honble

do

" 28th

Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.

do

" 30th

t. t. t.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Per SS "Neko" to Punta Arenas

1885

SCHEDULE of despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the

22nd of August 1885

Lord Derby's
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No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
101	21 st August 1885	Assumption of Office acknowledging receipt of despatch announcing	Colonial referred to
102	- - -	Cash Account and Copy of Cash Book for July Forwarding	2 Separate Despatch
103	- - -	Compilation of the Laws of the Falkland Islands reporting transmission	85
104	- - -	Query Board of Trade Forwarding for transmission	1 copy of Circular Circular and letter
105	- - -	Despatches acknowledging receipt of	To my previous Circular on my distress in ships time limited should be hours of time. should be America idea ins, are not distressed charge;

Henry B L Jameson
Acting Private Secretary

The Kermes Company having hitherto refused to take them for less than the ordinary fare for passengers, whereas British steamers are required by law to take them, in the proportion of one

by H. S. F. J.

1st September 1885

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Lord Derby's despatch "General" of the 15th of June last transmitting to me additional instructions under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet, making fresh provision as to the suspension of officers

2 I have also received copies of the revised Colonial Regulations on the subject of the suspension of Officers referred to in the third paragraph of the same despatch

Colonel the Right Honble

I have &c

Frederick Arthur Stanley, M.P.

Signed Kerr

&c &c &c

Governor

by H. S. F. J.

1st September 1885

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Lord Derby's despatch No 28 of the 13th of June last referring to my despatch No 58 of the 17th of April respecting the renewal of the Mail Contract with the Kosmos Steamship Company and transmitting to me for my consideration and report a letter received from the Crown Agents on the subject.

2 My despatch No 58 of the 17th of April had reference to my previous despatch No 40 of the 10th of March, in which I proposed that the Kosmos Company should, under the received contract agree to convey distressed British Seamen on the same terms as no British Steam Ships under the regulations of the Board of Trade; that the time limited for the detention of the Mail Steamers at Port Stanley should be extended from "six hours of daylight" to "twenty four hours of time"; and that return tickets at the usual rate of reduction, should be obtainable by passengers for Europe, or the West coast of America and (for short periods) between Port Stanley and Montevideo

3 The objections taken by Mr Stauder to these propositions, are not, I think insuperable. In the case of the conveyance of distressed Seamen, my proposition referred chiefly to the rate of charge, the Kosmos Company having hitherto refused to take them for less than the ordinary fare for passengers, whereas British Steamers are required by law to take them, in the proportion of one

one distressed seaman for every fifty tons of the registered tonnage of the vessel, and at the rate of three shillings a day payable at the Port of arrival. It could not, of course be expected that any British Seaman should be taken on board the *Hosmer* steamers if German distressed seamen were already on board in the full proportion.

4. With reference to the difficulty of reserving cabins for passengers holding return tickets, it might be required that every such passenger should give at least ten days notice before the sailing of the steamer from Hamburg on the outward and from Valparaíso on the homeward passage, of his intention to return by such steamer from these ports or from any other port on the route, so that the necessary accommodation should be reserved, and that on failure to proceed in pursuance of such notice, the ticket should be forfeited.

5. As nothing has been said with reference to the time of detention of the steamers at Port Stanley, I presume that my suggestion has been adopted.

6. I do not think that there can be any objection to the contract being made for three years certain, renewable in the manner proposed by Mr Stanhope.

Colonel the Right Honble
Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.
Sir

I have to
sign'd Herr
Governor

No 108

G A S F J
1st September 1885.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Lord Derby's despatch No 27 of the 13th of June last, sanctioning the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure of the Falkland Islands for the year 1885.

2. I regret that I have not yet received from the Audit Department the audited account of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Colony for the year 1884, the want of which has delayed the preparation of the Estimates for the year 1886.

Colonel the Right Honble
Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.
Sir

I have to
(signed) Herr
Governor

G.H. G. F.J.

1st September 1885

Sir

With reference to Lord Derby's despatches No 24 of the 3d, and No 31 of the 24th of June last, on the subject of the purchase by Messrs J. & D. Dean and Sons, and the Falkland Islands Company respectively of the exclusive right to their jetties, foreshore, and frontage; I have the honour to report that I have issued special Crown Grants to the parties, conveying to them the property and the privileges agreed upon.

2 In the case of Messrs J. & D. Dean and Sons, the Grant conveys to them the whole of the frontage of their premises from the public road to low water mark, with the right to construct a sea-wall, and a Jetty extending to a depth of three fathoms, but so framed as not to obstruct the tidal current, and thus cause a shallowing of the harbour. The exact length of the Jetty is to be determined by a sworn Surveyor or by a Navigating Officer of one of Her Majesty's Ships of War. For this Grant I have received One thousand pounds by a Bill of Exchange, at ten days sight on J. & D. Dean & Co. of London, in favour of the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

£1000

£1000

3 In the case of the Falkland Islands Company similar rights are granted, but in their case the frontage of only five sevenths of their premises is conveyed to them. For this Grant I have also received One thousand pounds, by a Bill of Exchange, at ten days sight, on the Directors of the Company in favour of the Crown Agents.

4. In my despatch No 78 of the 4th of August 1884 in which I first suggested the sale of these privileges, I proposed that the purchase money should be made available for the improvement of the Government piers, and the extension of the one at the Dockyard into water of sufficient depth for steamers to lie at for coaling.

£2000

5. As it is not expedient to proceed with these works until a definite plan can be decided on, and as it is probable that the Naval Authorities would assess this Government on the construction of a pier which could be used by Her Majesty's ships in the event of a Naval Depot being established at Port Stanley, I propose, with your sanction to keep the two thousand pounds which has been received, on a separate account to be called the "Stanley Harbour Fund," and to request the Crown Agents for the

the Colonies to invest it in the name of this Government on approved securities and on the most advantageous terms which can be obtained for money liable to be withdrawn on six months notice.

V. D. A. M. S. 6 The interest accruing from this fund, which I presume would not be less than fifty pounds a year, could be applied to the repairs of the Sea-wall or other minor Harbour Works.

I have to

Colonel the Right Honourable
Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.
to to to

Signed Wm
Governor

No 110

G.H. S. F.S.

5th September 1885

Sir

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a certificate of an examination of the funds in the Colonial Chest of this Colony, which I caused to be made on the 4th of September instant without previous notice.

I have to

Colonel the Right Honourable
Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.
to to to

Signed Wm
Governor

No 111

G.H. S. F.S.

8th September 1885

Sir

£1000.0.0	31 st August 1885	<i>Sir</i>
on Falkland Islands Company		
1000.0.0	1 st September 1885	
on J. M. Dean Esqre		
115. 1s. 0	8 th September 1885	
on Falkland Islands Company		
347. 0.0	8 th September 1885	
on J. M. Dean Esqre		
£2462. 4. 0		

I have the honour to inform you that I have remitted by this Mail to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, the Bills of Exchange noted in the Margin for two thousand four hundred and sixty two pounds four shillings, to be placed to the credit of this Government.

I have to
Signed Wm
Governor

N^o 112

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G. H. S. F. I.

8th September 1885

Sir

Separate

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Audit Department, the Cash Account of this Colony for the month of August 1885, with supporting vouchers, and a copy of the Treasury Cash Book for the same month.

I have &c.

Signed Wm

Governor.

N^o 113

G. H. S. F. I.

8th September 1885

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Lord Derby's Circular Despatch of the 28th of May last, transmitting to me for the information of this Government copies of the drawings of the drawings of the four Colonial Badges therein referred to and requesting me to add to the description of the British Blue Button and Pendant No 17, mentioned in Lord Carnarvon's Circular Despatch of the 23^d of August 1875, the words "Under the Provisions of the Colonial Naval Defence Act of 1865" and requesting me also to cancel the Badge for the Battalion enclosed in the Despatch of the 6th of December 1880.

I have &c.

Colonel the Right Honourable
Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.

Signed Wm
Governor

t. t. t.

N^o 114

G. H. S. F. I.

10th September 1885

Sir

With reference to the 2d paragraph of my despatch N^o 108 of the 1st of September instant, on which I expressed my regret at not having received from the Audit Department, the audited account of the Revenue and Expenditure of this Colony for the year 1884; I have the honour to inform you that by the Mail Steamer which arrived last night, I have received a letter from the Chief Clerk of that Department, enclosing a corrected Statement of the Account, in which, although there is no alteration

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of the figures of Total Receipts and Disbursements, or of the Balance in favour of the Colony; some changes are made in the relative amounts under different heads of account.

2. The letter contains a request that a Return may be furnished with reference to the various amounts making up the Liability on the Depot Account.

3. As the Mails will be closed today, and the Treasurer is fully occupied with his duties as Postmaster, it will be impossible to prepare the Return which is required and return the corrected account by this mail; which I regret very much, as the next Mail Steamer is not expected before the 23^d of October, and the Account - which will then be transmitted - will not reach London before the 12th of December next.

I have &c

(Signed) Kerr

Governor

Colonel the Right Honble

Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.

to & &c

No 115

C. W. S. F. J.

10th September 1885

Sir

I have the honour to transmit herewith an application to you from Dr Hamilton, the Colonial Surgeon of this Colony for change and promotion.

2. I fear that it will be difficult to secure the services of competent Medical gentlemen, for unlimited periods in this Colony where the climate is so severe, and where there is no possibility of making arrangements for occasional leave of absence.

Colonel the Right Honble

Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.

to &c &c

I have &c

Signed Kerr

Governor

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Per S.S. "Ibis." to Dartmouth
via Montevideo

SCHEDULE of despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 10th of September 1885

No of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No of Enclosures.
106	1 st September 1885	Additional Royal Instructions acknowledging receipt of	
107	- - -	Mail Contract with Kosmos Company concerning	
108	- - -	Estimates for 1885 acknowledging receipt of despatch with approval of	1885
109	- - -	Sale of Foreshore and Frontage in Stanley Harbour to Messrs J. M. Dean & Sons and The Falkland Islands Company Reporting.	Forwarded to S. of on the and but
110	5 th - -	Certificate of Survey ^{Surprise} on the Colonial Chest Forwarding	
111	8 th - -	Bills of Exchange reporting transmission of	

No of Despatch.	Date of Despatches.	Subject of Despatch.	No of Enclosures.
112	8 th September 1885	Cash Account and Copy of Cash Book for August Book forwarding.	
113	- - -	Colonial Badges acknowledging receipt of	
114	10 th - -	Audit Department reporting correspondence with on Annual Account for 1884	
115	- - -	Application for promotion from the Colonial Surgeon to the Secretary of State transmitting	

Henry B L Derneson
Acting Private Secretary.

enclosure to
dispatch No 115
10th Sept 1885

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Stanley Falkland Islands
September 10th 1885

1885

Mr

I have the honor to request that you will be kind enough to promote me to a post as Medical Officer in one of the more important Colonies whenever a suitable opportunity for doing so occurs.

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or Slave,
ice, and to
meet the
expenditure
as amounts
Deposit
and Auditor
10th September

I have been the Colonial Surgeon of that Colony for nearly seven years which is a long nor
perIOD of service in such a dreary and
miserable place, besides which it is impossible
in such a distant and isolated Colony to make any arrangement for the occasional necessary leave of absence which to a Medical
officer is absolutely necessary to enable him to keep abreast of the advances which are constantly being made in the practice of his profession.

Under these circumstances I hope you will not consider me unreasonable in applying to you for change and promotion.

I have the honor to be

Mr

Colonel the Right Honourable
Frederick Arthur Stanley, M.P. Your most obedient
(signed) Samuel Hamilton
humble servant

G.M. S. F.I.

28th September 1885

Sir

The unexpected arrival of the Nomos Company's steamer
 enables me to send an extra mail from the Post Office, and to
 transmit to you to be forwarded to the Audit Department, the
 corrected Annual Account of the Revenue and Expenditure
 of this Colony for 1884 and the Return of the various amounts
 making up the total Liability of the Colony on the Deposit
 account, which is required by the Comptroller and Auditor
 general, as stated in my despatch No 114 of the 10th of September
 instant.

Colonel the Right Honble.

Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.
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sign their

Governor

No 117

G.M. S. F.I.

28th September 1885

Sir

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to
 the Board of Trade two casualty Reports
 relating to the loss of the Italian Barque Lucia S of
 Genoa which was wrecked on Ruggles Island in the
 Falkland Sound on the 1st of September 1885, and
 of the British Barque Maravilla, which vessel put
 into this Port on account of the master's illness.

I have to
sign their
Governor

No 118

G. H. S. F. J.
28th September 1885

Sir

I have the honour to inform you that I have remitted this day to the Brown Agents for the Colonies the Bill of Exchange noted in the margin for two hundred and one pounds eighteen shillings and eight pence sterling to be placed to the credit of this Government.

£201. 18. 8
28th September 1885
on Mr Dean Esq

Colonel the Right Honble

Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.

s. s. s.

I have the
signed
Governor

No 119

G. H. S. F. J.

19th October 1885

Sir

I have the honour to transmit herewith, to be forwarded to the Board of Trade, an Account Current, with forward to the Board of Trade, an Account Current, with supporting Vouchers, for disbursements on account of the Cape Pembroke Lighthouse for the quarter ended on the 30th of September last

2 I have drawn the Bill of Exchange noted in the margin in repayment of these advances

No 219
£76. 9. 6
on Assistant Secretary
Board of Trade.
in favour of the Brown
Agents for the Colonies
30th September 1885

Colonel the Right Honourable

Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.

s. s. s.

I have the

Signed
Governor

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Per 88th Ramsey

SCHEDULE of despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 28th of September 1885

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
116	28 th September 1885	Amended Annual Account for transmission to the Audit Department	5
117	- - -	Casualty Reports for transmission to the Board of Trade	2
118	- - -	Bill of Exchange reporting transmission of Henry B. Cameron Acting Private Secretary	-

Report for the Month of September 1885, with supporting vouchers and a copy of the Treasurer's Cash Book for the same month

Colonel the Right Honourable

Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.
for the

I have the

signed Wm

Governor

No 122

J. H. S. F.S.
19th October 1885

Sir

I have the honour to transmit herewith to the Audit Office, the Report of the Survey of the Colonial Chest taken on the 1st of October instant, and a Certificate of Quarterly Survey containing a Statement of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Colony for the Quarter ended on the 30th of September last,

Colonel the Right Honourable

Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.
for the

I have the

signed Wm

Governor

No 120

174

G.H. S. F.I.

19th October 1885

Sir

Gas Account
Quarter ended 30th Sept.

Store Accounts
July
August
September

Oil Account
July
August
September

I have the honour to transmit herewith
to be forwarded to the Board of Trade the
Lighthouse Return, sent in by the Lightkeeper
at Cape Pembroke Lighthouse for the Quarter
ended on the 30th of September last, as
detailed in the margin

I have &c

Signed Wm
Governor

Colonel the Right Honourable

Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.
sc sc sc

No 121

G.H. S. F.I.

19th October 1885

Sir

separate

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded
to the Audit Department, the Cash Account of this Colony
for the Month of September 1885, with supporting vouchers
and a copy of the Treasurers Cash book for the same month

I have &c

Signed Wm
Governor

Colonel the Right Honourable

Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.
sc sc sc

No 122

G.H. S. F.I.

19th October 1885

Sir

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to
the Audit Office, the Report of the Survey of the Colonial Chest taken
on the 1st of October instant, and a certificate of Quarterly Survey,
concerning a Statement of the Receipts and Disbursements of the
Colony for the Quarter ended on the 30th of September last.

Colonel the Right Honourable

Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.
sc sc sc

I have &c

Signed Wm
Governor

N^o 123

g H. S. F. J.

19th October 1885

Sir

I have the honour to transmit herewith, to be forwarded to the Board of Trade, an account current with supporting vouchers of Receipts and Disbursements, on account of distressed British Seamen for the Quarter ended on the 30th of September last, shewing a balance in favour of the Board of Trade, of seven Pounds ten Shillings which the Crown Agents for the Colonies have been instructed to pay to that department on account of this government.

£7. 10. 0

I have &c

Signed

Merr.

Governor

Colonel the Right Honourable

Frederick Arthur Stanley, M.P.

He &c &c

N^o 124

g H. S. F. J.

19th October 1885

Sir

£37. 0. 9
on H M Paymaster General
on behalf of
the Crown Agents for the Colonies

1st October 1885

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the War Office, the Military Pensioners account for the Quarter ending on the 31st of December 1885

2 I have drawn the Bill of Exchange noted in the Margin in repayment of the amount advanced.

Colonel the Right Honourable

Frederick Arthur Stanley, M.P

&c &c &c

I have &c

Signed Merr.

Governor

No's	Dates	
1	August 19 th	1885
2	" 23 ^d	"
3	September 10 th	"
4	" 13 th	"
5	" 19 th	"
General Circular	" "	"
No Library	August 1 st	"
"	Sept 1 st	"
Accounts	July 28 th	"
	August 28 th	"
	" 10 th	"

Sir

G.W.S. F.I.
24th October 1885

I have the honour to acknowledge
the receipt on this day... of the
despatches noted in the margin
I have the

Signed Wm
Governor

Colonel the Right Honourable
Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.
re &c &c

G.W.S. F.I.
27th October 1885

Sir

£76. 9. 6. Assist Sec Board of Trade
30th September 1885
57. 0. 9. H.M. Paymaster Genl.
1st October 1885
£76. 4. 0 Falkland Islands Co.
27th October 1885

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I have the honour to inform you
that I have remitted by this Mail
the Bills of Exchange noted in the
margin for six hundred and eighty
nine pounds, fourteen shillings and
three pence, to be placed to the credit
of this Government

I have the
Signed Wm
Governor

Colonel the Right Honourable
Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.
re &c &c

G.W.S. F.I.
27th October 1885

Sir

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the
Andal Department, the accompanying Query and answer thereto, having
reference to Survey Surveys of the Colonial Chest.

Colonel the Right Honourable
Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.
re &c &c

I have the

Signed Wm
Governor

No 128

R. S. F. J.
28th October 1885

Sir

Lord Derby
 & Governor Kerr
 No 23. of 29th May 1885

Governor Kerr
 & Lord Derby
 No 8. 16th July 1885

With reference to previous correspondence on the subject of the transfer of the Mails from the Kosmos Company's Steamers at Montevideo to faster Steamers running from that port to Europe. I have the honour to inform you that the Postmaster has by this Mail received instructions from the General Post Office in London, that the proposed change has been approved of, and is to be carried into effect.

2. The present Mail is to be forwarded to Montevideo by the Kosmos Company's Steamer Malvinas, which is to sail for that Port today having been finally removed from the Coasting Service on which she has been employed in this Colony, and sold to persons residing in Montevideo.

3. It is probable that this Mail will reach England earlier than forwarded by the ordinary route via Punta Arenas.

I have &c
 Signed W. H. Kerr
 Governor

Colonel the Right Honourable
 Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.
 &c &c &c

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Per SS "Shelvin" Malvinas

SCHEDULE of despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 19th October 1885

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
119.	19th October 1885	Lighthouse Account for transmission to the Board of Trade	1
120	- - -	Lighthouse Returns for transmission to the Board of Trade	3
121	- - -	Cash Account and Copy of Cash Book for September for transmission to the Audit Department	2
122	- - -	Quarterly Survey of Colonial Chest for transmission to Audit Department	2
123	- - -	Distressed British Seamen's Account for transmission to Board of Trade	1
124	- - -	Pensioners account for transmission to War Office	1
125	24th	Despatches acknowledging receipt of	—

G. G. Kerr.
Governor.

Fredrick Arthur Stanley, M.P.
4c. 4c. 4c.

Lord De
Gouverneur
No 23. of 29th

Gouverneur
to Lord
Augt 16th

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
126	27 th October 1885	Bills of Exchange reporting transmission of -	-
127	- - -	audit department forwarding Query for transmission to -	1
128	28 th - -	Transfer of Mail reporting -	-

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Henry B L Jameson
Acting Private Secretary

N^o 129

G. H. S. T. J.

10th November 1885.

Sir

I have the honour to apply for your sanction to enable me to sell by special Grant some parcels of Crown Land in Stanley, under the following circumstances.

2. In the Official plan which was made at the time of the settlement, some of the spaces left for streets were too wide to be formed into roadways suitable for the requirements of the town. Some of these have been reduced by selling the portion which could not be utilised, and in others a roadway has been formed in a part of the space, leaving the remainder in its original condition of rough peat bank which is used by the neighbouring occupiers for stacking their peat, or for the reception of rubbish.

3. Of the latter description is the space called Philomel Street, the entire width of which is sixty six feet, but, in which I found a roadway of not more than twelve feet — the remainder being for the most part covered with mounds of earth or the debris of peat stacks, and part of it was fenced in as a garden by one of the adjoining occupants, with the permission of a former Governor.

4. I am now engaged in increasing the width of the roadway to twenty six feet, and I intended to sell the remaining portion (a width of forty feet) to the persons whose lands adjoined it, and I caused the usual notice of its sale by auction to be given, but, before the day appointed for the sale, I was informed that a neighbouring shopkeeper had, for some reserations purpose, expressed his intention to outbid the persons holding the adjoining lands. As this would have been productive of serious injury to them I withdrew the land from sale.

5. I am not authorised to sell Crown Lands otherwise than by Public Auction, unless with the sanction of the Secretary of State, and I propose, with your sanction, to convey the Land in question by Special Grants, at the rate of the reserved price of one hundred pounds per acre to the parties whose lands adjoin it.

Whence the Rt Hon:

Fredrick Arthur Stanley. M.P.

t.e. t.e. w.c.

I have &c.
S^{gt} G. Kerr.
Governor.

N^o 130.G. H. S. T. J.
10th Nov. 1885

Sir

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Board of Trade, a Casualty Report relating to the British Barque "Claudine" of Barnstaple which arrived in this port on the 4th of November instant

Colonel the Rt Hon:

Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.

sc. sc. sc.

I have &c

S^{gd} G. Kerr

Governor.

N^o 131

G. H. S. T. J.

12th Nov. 1885.

Sir

b
I have the honour to transmit herewith six printed copies of amended Port Regulations which have been substituted for those lately in operation.

2. The amendments are indicated by surrounding lines in red ink.

Colonel the Rt Hon:

Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.

sc. sc. sc.

I have &c

S^{gd} G. Kerr

Governor.

N^o 132.

G. H. S. T. J.

12th Nov. 1885.

Sir

Governor Kerr

b
With reference to the third & forth paragraphs of my Lord Derby's despatch N^o 114 of the 12th of November 1884, on the subject of the Tariff of rent charged on Bonded Goods in the Government warehouse, I have the honour to transmit herewith six printed copies of a Government Notice showing the original and amended scale of Warehouse charges

Colonel the Rt Hon:

Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.

sc. sc. sc.

I have &c,

S^{gd} G. Kerr

Governor.

N^o 133

Sir

G. H. S. F. J.

24th Nov 1885.Separate

I have the honour to transmit herewith, to be forwarded to the Audit Department, the Cash Account of this Colony for the month of October 1885, with supporting Vouchers and a copy of the Treasurer's Cash Book for the same month

Colonel the Rt Hon

Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.

sc. sc. sc.

I have &c.

Sgd J. Kerr

Governor.

N^o 134

G. H. S. F. J.

24th Nov 1885.

Sir

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a certificate, of an examination of the funds in the Colonial Chest of this Colony which I caused to be made on the 5th of November instant without previous notice.

Colonel the Rt Hon

Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.

sc. sc. sc.

I have &c.

Sgd J. Kerr

Governor.

N^o 135.

G. H. S. F. J.

24th Nov 1885.

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch N^o 5 of the 19th of September last, transmitting a copy of a letter from the Board of Trade relating to the painting of Cape Pembroke Lighthouse.

2. I concur in the opinion of the Board of Trade, that for the future the Lighthouse should be painted white only, and I would suggest that in order to have it painted in future efficiently & economically a sufficient quantity of the proper description of white paint should be sent out ready mixed, when it can be laid on by any ordinary workman at daily wages under the supervision of the Lightkeeper.

3. The bands which were painted red, although now showing

showing nearly white, at a long distance appear to be of a pale pink colour on a nearer approach, and it would be well that a coat of white paint should be applied as soon as possible in view of the notice to Mariners which it is proposed to issue.

Colonel the Rt Hon

Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.

ac. ac. ac.

I have &c.
Sgd G. Kerr
Governor.

N^o. 136

G. H. S. F. I.
28th November 1885

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch "General" of the 19th of September last transmitting to me a copy of a letter from Sir Philip Currie Owen in which he consents, with the sanction of H. R. H. the President, to act as Executive Commissioner for this Colony at the Colonial and Indian Exhibition.

2. I regret to find that the exhibits will be confined to a few samples of Wool and Tallow, that few of the Colonists evince any interest in the Exhibition, and that there is even a difficulty in raising the small sum which will be required to defray the necessary incidental expenses.

3. I transmit herewith a copy of a letter which I have just received from Mr. Dean, one of the gentlemen appointed to make arrangements for the collection and transmission of articles to be sent for exhibition, from which it appears that a space of six feet by four feet is all that will be required for Exhibits from this Colony.

Colonel the Rt Hon.

Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.

ac. ac. ac.

I have &c.
Sgd G. Kerr
Governor

Stanley, Falkland Islands.
November, 28th 1885.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge Your Excellency's letter with enclosures respecting the Colonial and Indian Exhibition.—

I am sorry to inform Your Excellency that at present I know of only two exhibitors who are likely to contribute to the Exhibition of 1886, namely, the Falkland Islands Company, and Messrs. Holmested and Blatch, who intend exhibiting Wool and Yallow.

Mr. Cobb and myself have done everything in our power to induce the Colonists to take an interest in the Exhibition but without success.

As the exhibit will be so small, there will only be the space of about 6×4 required for the exhibit from the Falkland Islands.

I have the honor to be

Sir.

Your Most Obedient Servt.

George M. Drury

To His Excellency.

Governor Kerr
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Governor.

T. J.
Nov 1885.

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N^o 137

G. H. S. F. G.

28th Nov 1885.

Sir

I have the honour to transmit herewith six printed copies of the Ordinance No. 2 of 1885, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the service of the Colony of the Falkland Islands for the year 1886," and also two copies of the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for that year, which passed the Legislative Council with the Ordinance.

2. I trust that the Ordinance and Estimates will meet with your approval, and receive Her Majesty's gracious confirmation and assent.

3. I especially hope that you will approve of the vote of three hundred pounds which has been inserted in aid of the Cost of the carriage of mails between Stanley and the West Falkland Island. There is a very strong feeling throughout the Colony in favour of it; there has always been some difficulty and uncertainty about the means of intercommunication but, since the removal of the Kosmos Company's Local Steamer the inconvenience has been intensified.

4. I also transmit the Rent Roll for 1886, in duplicate, and a statement, also in duplicate, of the financial position of the Colony on the 31st of October last, and of the probable amounts of Receipts and Payments to the 31st of December 1885.

5. I hope that the statement above referred to will be found sufficiently explanatory and that you approve of the proposition conveyed in my Despatch No. 109 of the 1st of September last — that the sum of two thousand pounds, the proceeds of the sale of Harbour Frontage, should be withdrawn from the Account of General Revenue and Expenditure and be treated as an Asset, until a definite plan could be decided on for the improvement and extension of the Government

Piers

Colonel the Rt Hon.

Frederick Arthur Stanley. M.P.

sc. sc. sc.

I have to

S. J. Kerr.

Governor.

N^o. 138.

G. H. S. F. I.
28th Nov, 1885

Sir
I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Admiralty a form having reference to the local facilities in this Colony for discharging heavy weights from Store Ships, which has been forwarded to me by the Director of Transports, and which I have filled up, as requested.

Colonel the Rt Hon.
Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.
A.C. A.C. A.C.

I have &c.
S^{gd} T. Kerr
Governor.

N^o. 139.

G. H. S. F. I.
Nov 29th 1885.

Sir
I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt on this day of the Despatches noted in the Margin

I have &c.
S^{gd} T. Kerr
Governor.

N ^o s	Dates
6	25 th Sept 1885.
7	30 th "
8	1 st Oct th "
9	13 th "
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Circulars

9 th Sept	15 th Sept
10 th ..	17 th ..
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Library. 7th Oct.
Accounts. 21st Sept.
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Colonel the Rt Hon.
Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.
A.C. A.C. A.C.

Nº 140.

G.H.S.Y. 9.

30th Nov 1885.

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch Nº 9 of the 13th of October last, in which you convey to me your approval of certain changes which I proposed to make in the salaries of the "Office Messenger" "Gardener" and "Horse keeper" with the exception, £90. 0. 0. that the salary of the Office messenger is to be fixed at £100. 0. 0. ninety Pounds a year instead of one hundred pounds as I had proposed.

2. In the Estimates for 1886, which are being transmitted to you by this mail, in my Despatch Nº 137 of the 28th instant, the £100. 0. 0. pay of the Office Messenger has been inserted as One hundred Pound. As the mail leaves to day, there is no time to convene the Legislative Council for the purpose of amending the Appropriation Ordinance and Estimates by reducing the amount to the sum you sanction, but I will cause the amendment to be made, and the amended Ordinance and Estimates will be forwarded by the mail of the 18th of December.

Colonel the Rt Honourable.

Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.

sc. sc. sc.

Have to
S^t G^t Y. Kerr
Governor.

Nº 141G.H.S.Y. 9.
30th Nov 1885.

Sir

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Board of Trade two "Query Papers" on the accounts of Cape Pembroke Lighthouse, with answers thereto.

Colonel the Rt Honourable.

Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.

sc. sc. sc.

Have to
S^t G^t Y. Kerr
Governor.

Nº 142

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Circular Despatch of the 17th September last, pointing out that inconvenience not unfrequently arises from the omission

omission to comply in detail with requests made in Circular Despatches from the Secretary of State.

2. I will endeavour to comply with the instructions on this subject

Colonel the Rt Hon.

Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.

sc sc &c.

I have &c.

S^{gd} g. Kerr
Governor.

G. H. S. F. J.

30th Nov 1885.

Sir

I have the honour to inform you that Her Majesty's Gun Vessel "Ready" Commander F. Echlin R.N. arrived here from Monte Video on the 18th instant for the protection of the seal fishery during the Close Season.

Colonel the Rt Hon.

Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.

sc. sc. &c.

I have &c.

S^{gd} g. Kerr
Governor.

Per S. S. Memphis.

on

30th November 1885.

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
129.	10 th Nov 1885.	Special Grant of Crown Lands, concerning	nil
130.	" "	Casualty Report for Board of Trade, transmitting	1
131.	12 th "	Amended Port Regulations, transmitting	6
132.	" "	Copies of Original and Amended scale of Warehouse charges, transmitting	6
133.	24 th "	Cash Account of the Colony for the month of October, transmitting	separate.
134.	" "	Certificate of Surprise Survey of Colonial Chest, transmitting	6
135.	" "	Painting of Cape Pembroke lighthouse, concerning	nil.
136.	28 th "	Colonial & Indian Exhibition, concerning	1.
137.	" "	Appropriation Ordinance and Estimates &c for the year 1886, transmitting	12.
138.	" "	Form relative to Landing of Naval Stores, transmitting to Admiralty.	1.
139.	29 th "	Acknowledgement of Despatches	nil.

W. W. the 1st Inst.

Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.

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S. G. J. Kerr
Governor.

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Colonel the Rt.
Frederick Arthur
sc. &c.

Nº	Date.	Subject	Nº of enclosures
140.	30 th Nov 1885	Amendment of Estimate for 1886, relating to.	nil.
141.	" " "	Query papers, transmitting to Board of Trade	2.
142.	" " "	Circular Despatches, requests made in concerning.	nil.
143.	" " "	Arrival of H.M.S. Ready, reporting	"

Colonel the Rt.
Frederick Arthur
sc. &c.Re
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Mark Kerr

Private Secretary

30th November 1885.

Nº 144.

Sir

~~separate~~

I have the honour to transmit herewith, to be forwarded to the Audit Department, the Cash Account of this Colony for the month of November 1885 with supporting Vouchers and a copy of the Treasurer's Cash Book for the same month.

Colonel the Rt Hon.

Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.

sc sc sc

G.H.S.Y.D

16th December 1885.

I have &c

Sgt J. Kerr.

Governor.

Nº 145.

Sir

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I have the honour to transmit herewith two copies of the Estimates, and six printed copies of Ordinance N° 2 of 1885, being the Appropriation Ordinance for 1886, as amended in Committee and passed in the Legislative Council on the 14th of December 1885, to be substituted for those passed in the Legislative Council on the 21st of November last and transmitted in my Despatch N° 137 of the 28th of November last.

2. I trust that the Estimates and Ordinance as amended may be approved by you, and receive Her Majesty's gracious confirmation and assent.

Colonel the Rt Hon.

Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.

sc sc sc

I have &c

Sgt J. Kerr.

Governor.

Nº 146.

G.H.S.Y.D.

16th December 1885.~~6~~

Sir

I have the honour to transmit herewith six printed copies of Ordinance N° 3 of 1885, entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Customs Duties Consolidation Ordinance 1882."

2. I trust that this Ordinance will meet your approval and receive Her

Colonel the Rt Hon.

Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.

sc sc sc

I have &c

Sgt J. Kerr.

Governor.

G.H.S. & Q.

18th December 1885.N° 147.

N°	Dates
12	26 th Oct. 1885.
13	12 th Nov. "
14	14 th " "
15	" " "

Library.28th October 1885.5th November "Ack of Despatches.14th November 1885.

Colonel the Lt Hon.
 Frederick Arthur Stanley, M.P.
 &c &c &c

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge
 the receipt on the 17th instant of the
 Despatches noted in the margin.

I have &c
 G. G. T. Kerr

Governor.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Per. S. S. "Menes."

SCHEDULE of despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary
of State for the Colonies on the 19th day of December 1885.

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
144.	16 th Dec 1885.	Cash Account of the Colony for the month of November, transmitting.	separate.
145.	" "	Amended Estimates and Appropriation Ordinance, transmitting.	8.
146.	" "	Ordinance N° 3 of 1885, transmitting.	6.
147.	18 th	Acknowledgment of Despatches.	nd.
S. S. d.		Mark Kerr Private Secretary.	
		19 th December 1885.	

G.H.S.T.D.
1st January 1886.

N^o. 1.

Sir
I have the honour to transmit herewith a Report of the Quarterly Survey of the Colonial Chest, made this day, and a certificate of quarterly survey containing a statement of the Receipts and disbursements of the Colony for the quarter ended on the 31st of December 1885.

Colonel the Rt Hon

Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.

sc. sc. sc.

I have the

Sgd. G. Kerr
Governor.

N^o. 2.

Sir

I have the honour to transmit herewith in accordance with Rule 182 of the Colonial Regulations, six printed copies of the Ordinances enacted in this Colony during the year 1885.

Colonel the Rt Hon

Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.

sc. sc. sc.

I have the

Sgd. G. Kerr
Governor.

N^o. 3.

G.H.S.T.D.

1st January 1886

Sir

I have the honour to transmit herewith, unduplicated, the annual returns of Arms and Stores in the possession of the Police Force of this Colony on the 31st of December 1885.

Colonel the Rt Hon

Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.

sc. sc. sc.

I have the

Sgd. G. Kerr
Governor.

N^o. 4

Sir

G. H. S. F. I.

1st January 1886.

2. I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the War Office, Nil Returns, in duplicate, relating to fortifications, Ordnance, Arms, Ammunition &c., Barracks Huts &c., Colonial Naval forces, Naval Reserve, Railways, Telegraphs & Canals, required by the Circular Despatch of the 14th of January 1879, to be transmitted annually for the use of the Intelligence Branch of the War Office

Colonel the Rt Hon

I have the

Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.

Sgd. G. Kerr

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Governor.

N^o. 5

Sir

G. H. S. F. I.

1st January 1886.

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the War Office, the Military Pensioner's account for the Quarter ending on the 31st of March 1886.

2. I have drawn the Bill of Exchange noted in the margin in repayment of the amount advanced.

£ 26. 14 3.
on H.M. Paymaster General
in favour of
The Crown Agents for the Colonies.

1st January 1886.

Colonel the Rt Hon

I have the

Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.

Sgd. G. Kerr
Governor.N^o. 6

Sir

G. H. S. F. I.

1st January 1886.

£101. 9. 6.
On Accts Secy Board of Trade
in favour of
The Crown Agents for the Colonies
31st December 1885.

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Board of Trade an Account Current, with supporting Vouchers, for disbursements on account of the Cape Pembroke Lighthouse for the Quarter ended on the 31st of December 1885.

2. I have drawn the Bill of Exchange noted in the margin, in repayment of the amount advanced

Colonel the Rt Hon

I have the

Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.

Sgd. G. Kerr
Governor.

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G. H. S. T. D.

7th January 1886.

N° 7

Accounts of Tools

Quarter ended 31st Dec^r 1885.

Accounts of Oil consumed

October November December 1885.

Accounts of Stores

October November December 1885.

Meteorological Register for six months

ended 31st December 1885.

Sir

I have the honour to transmit herewith, to be forwarded to the Board of Trade, the Lighthouse Returns and Meteorological Register sent in by the Lightkeeper at the Cape Point lighthouse, as detailed in the margin

Colonel the Rt Hon

Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.

t.c. t.c. t.c.

I have &c

S. J. Kerr

Governor

N° 8.

G. H. S. T. D.

7th January 1886

Sir

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Audit Department, the Cash Account of this Colony for the month of December 1885, with supporting Vouchers and a copy of the Treasurer's Cash Book for the same month

Colonel the Rt Hon

Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.

t.c. t.c. t.c.

I have &c

S. J. Kerr

Governor.

N° 9.

G. H. S. T. D.

7th January 1886

Sir

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Board of Trade a Casualty Report relating to the loss of the British Barque "Rover of the Seas" which foundered at sea in the vicinity of this Colony on the 16th of December 1885.

Colonel the Right Honourable

Frederick Arthur Stanley, M.P.

t.c. t.c. t.c.

I have &c

S. J. Kerr

Governor.

N^o. 10

Sir

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Board of Trade, a copy of an Inquiry into the circumstances attending the foundering of the British Barque, "Rover of the Seas", which I instituted on the application of the master of that vessel.

Colonel the Right Honourable.
Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.
sc. &c. &c.

G. H. S. T. D.

7th January 1886.

I have to
S. G. J. Kerr
Governor.

N^o. 11.

G. H. S. T. D.

9th January 1886.

Sir

I have the honour to transmit herewith copies of the minutes of the proceedings of the Executive and Legislative Councils for the half year ended on the 31st of December 1885.

Colonel the Right Honourable
Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.
sc. &c. &c.

I have to
S. G. J. Kerr
Governor.

N^o. 12.

G. H. S. T. D.

9th January 1886.

101 - q. b. Ass't Secy Board of Trade.

31st December 1885.

26. 14. S. H.M. Paymaster General.

1st January 1886.

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5th January 1886.

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8th January 1886.

1069 .. 16 .. 1. Falkland Islands Company.

8th January 1886.

2197 .. 19 .. 10.

Sir

I have the honour to inform you that I have remitted by this mail, to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, the Bills of Exchange noted in the margin, for two thousand one hundred and ninety seven pounds nineteen shillings and ten pence Sterling to be placed to the credit of this Government.

Colonel the Right Honourable
Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.
sc. &c. &c.

I have to
S. G. J. Kerr
Governor.

N° 13

G. H. S. I. D.

11th January 1886

ct: Date
16. 1st December 1885.

Circular. 25th November 1885

Colonel the Right Honourable
Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.
t.c. t.c. t.c.

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge
the receipt on this day of the
Despatches noted in the margin

I have to c

Sgd T. Kerr
Governor.

N° 14.

G. H. S. I. D.

11th January 1886

Sir

I have the honour to inform you that the mail which
was sent from this Colony on the 19th of December last by the
Kosmos Company's Steamer "Menes" to be landed at Punta
Arenas for transmission to England by the Pacific Steam
Navigation Company's steamer calling there on the 2nd
of January, has been returned here by the Kosmos Company's
Steamer "Marda", which arrived at Port Stanley today to
take the direct homeward mail.

2. The returned mail will be put into the same
bag with that which is now to be forwarded by the "Marda"
to Monde Video for transmission by the first fast steamer
from that Port.

3. This is a repetition of the negligence on the part of
the Post Office Officials at Punta Arenas, which I notified in my
despatch to Lord Derby on the subject of the mail sent by the
"Menes" to Punta Arenas on the 20th of June last, in which
I suggested that His Lordship should communicate with the
Government of Chili on the subject, through the Foreign Office.

4. I transmit a copy of a letter addressed by the
Post Master of this Colony to the Post Master at Punta
Arenas on the subject referred to, and a copy of the
reply received from that official, which is quite irrelevant
to the question, and is evidently another mistake, as no
parcel of letters was then forwarded.

Colonel the Right Honourable
Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.
t.c. t.c. t.c.

I have to c
Sgd T. Kerr
Governor.

Governor Kerr
Lord Derby:
Jno 97 16th July 1886

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N^o 15.
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Sir

G. H. S. T. I.
23rd January 1886.

In reply to the Circular despatches noted in the margin having
the draft of
them by the
consideration
set as follows.

Per. S. S. Marda. Via Monte Video.
12^H January 1886.

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
1.	1 st Jan ⁷ 1886.	Certificates of Quarterly Survey of Colonial Chest, transmitting.	2.
2.	" "	Ordinances for 1885, transmitting.	6.
3.	" "	Arms and Stores, Annual return of transmitting.	2.
4.	" "	Return of Fortifications re. for War Office, transmitting.	2.
5.	" "	Military Pensioners Quarterly account transmitting.	1.
6.	" "	Cape Pembroke Lighthouse, Quarterly accounts for Board of Trade, transmitting.	1.
7.	" "	Cape Pembroke Lighthouse, Store Oil & Coal Accounts & Meteorological Register, transmitting.	4 { separate
8.	7 ^H	Cash Accounts of Colony for December 1885 transmitting for Audit Office.	1 { separate
9.	" "	Casualty Report "Rover of the Seas" for Board of Trade transmitting.	1.
10.	" "	Inquiry on loss of "Rover of the Seas" copy of for Board of Trade transmitting.	1.
11.	9 ^H	Minutes of Council, transmitting.	2.
12.	" "	Bills of Exchange reporting transmission of Acknowledgment of Despatches.	nil.
13.	11 ^H	Transmission of mail via Punta Arenas, reporting.	2.
14.	" "		

Sgd. Mark Kerr

Private Secretary

12^H January 1886.J. Kerr
m.s.

N^o. 15.

Sir

G. H. S. T. J.
23rd January 1886.

7th March 1886
25th November 1885

In reply to the Circular despatches noted in the margin having reference to the "Colonial Courts of Admiralty Bill," the draft of which, - together with a printed copy of a Memorandum by the Parliamentary Counsel, was transmitted for the consideration of this Government — I have the honour to report as follows.

2. On the 13th of May last I brought the subject before the Executive Council for consideration, who did not then arrive at any conclusion respecting it, and at a meeting of Council held to-day I have again failed to obtain any suggestions on the subject, but the members expressed their concurrence in the following propositions.

3. It is not considered expedient to retain for the use of this Government any Droits of Admiralty, or any Droits of, or Forfeitures to, the Crown. Such Droits or Forfeitures are of very rare occurrence in this Colony and none have been received during my Administration.

4. With reference to compensation for loss of fees by the Admiralty Jurisdiction being transferred to the Supreme Court, the average amount received is so small, that compensation for loss would seem to be unnecessary. The aggregate amount of fees received by the Officers of the Vice Admiralty Court during the last five years, was only Fifty five pounds four shillings and sixpence.

5. With reference to the Practice and Procedure of the Court, and to the Rules and Fees, alluded to in the notes on the Memorandum on clauses 4, 5 and 6, I would be glad if you would cause a draft Bill to be prepared which would be approved by Her Majesty's Government and which would when received be passed by the Legislative Council of this Colony.

Colonel the Right Honourable
Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.

I have —
S. G. T. Kerr
Governor.

G.H.S.F.D.

23rd January 1886.N^o. 16.

Sir

With reference to my Despatch N^o. 5 of the 1st of January 1886, transmitting the Military Pensioners Account for the Quarter ending the 31st of March 1886, I have the honour now to forward for transmission to the War Office the enclosed Life certificate of John Botwood, which was not received in time to be sent on with the account.

Colonel the Right Honorable

Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.

sc. sc. sc.

I have the
S^{gt} G. Kerr
Governor.

N^o. 17.

G.H.S.F.D.

25th January 1886.

Sir

I have the honour to inform you that H.M.S. 'Ready' Commander Echlin R.N. is to leave Port Stanley this day to return to Monte Video, pursuant to instructions received from the Senior Naval Officer on the South East Coast of America Station.

2. A mail will be forwarded by the 'Ready' for transmission to England via Monte Video.

3. I have had no information as to any other of Her Majesty's Ships being sent to the Islands for the protection of the seal fisheries during the remainder of the present close time.

Colonel the Right Honorable

Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.

sc. sc. sc.

I have the
S^{gt} G. Kerr
Governor.

N^o. 18.

Circulates
November 27th 1885.
30th
Acknowledgment of Despatches
12th December 1885.

Sir

G.H.S.F.D.

25th January 1886

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt on the 24th instant of the Despatches noted in the margin.

Colonel the Right Honourable
Frederick Arthur Stanley M.P.
etc. etc. etc.

I have the
Sgd. T Kerr
Governor.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Per H.M.S. Ready.

Via

Monte Video.

SCHEDULE of despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 25th day of January 1886.

No of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No of Enclosures.
15.	23 rd Jan 1886	Colonial Courts of Admiralty Bill concerning	nil.
16.	" "	Military Pension Certificate for War Office, transmitting	"
17.	25 th ..	Departure of H.M.S. Ready for Monte Video, reporting	nil.
18.	" ..	Acknowledgement of Despatches	"

Sgd.

Mark Kerr
Private Secretary
25th January 1886.

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N^o. 19.

Separate

Sir

I have the honour to transmit herewith, to be forwarded to the Audit Department, the Cash Account of this Colony for the month of January 1886 with supporting Vouchers, and a copy of the Treasurer's Cash Book.

Colonel the Rt Hon

F. A. Stanley M.P.

tc. tc. tc.

I have to

Sq'd J. Kerr

Governor.

N^o. 20.

G. H. S. F. I.

11th Feb^r 1886.

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26th Jan^r 1886

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10th Feb^r 1886.

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Sir

I have the honour to inform you that I have remitted by this mail to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, the Bills of Exchange noted in the margin, amounting to Seven hundred and seventy five Pounds, two shillings and eleven pence, to be placed to the credit of this Government.

I have to

Sq'd J. Kerr

Governor.

N^o. 21.

G. H. S. F. I.

13th Feb^r 1886.

N ^o	Date
1	14 Jan ^r 1886
2	9 th ..
3.

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4 th December 1885	28 th December 1885
5 th ..	29 th ..
30 th ..	Library 30 th December 1885

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt on the 12th instant of the Despatches noted in the margin.

Colonel the Rt Hon

F. A. Stanley M.P.

tc. tc. tc.

I have to

Sq'd J Kerr

Governor.

N^o 22.G. H. S. G. D.
13th Feb^ry 1886.

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch N^o 3. of the 9th of January last, informing me that Her Majesty had been pleased to appoint Arthur Cecil Stuart Barkly, Esquire, to be Lieutenant Governor of this Colony.

2. Mr. Barkly arrived yesterday by the Rosario Mail Steamer, and he will assume the Government on my departure from the Colony by the Steamer due here on the 1st of March.

Blown the Pt Hon.

Y. A. Stanley M.P.
etc. etc. &c.I have &c
Sgd^d G. Kerr
Governor.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Per S. S. Lescor.

Via. Sandy Point

SCHEDULE of despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 13th day of February 1886.

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
19.	11 th Feb ^r y 1886.	Cash Account of the Colony for month of January, transmitting	{separate}
20.	.. .. ..	Bills of Exchange, transmission of, reporting.	nil.
21.	13 th	Ack of Despatches.	"
22.	.. .. ..	Appointment of Mr. Arthur Cecil Stuart Barkly, concerning q.	"
		Sgd ^d Mark Kerr Private Secretary 13 th February 1886.	

G. H. S. 7. 9

1st March 1886.

Sir

Sir
I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No^o. 1 of the 1st of January last, transmitting to me an extract from a letter addressed to you by certain Gentlemen interested in this Colony, and requesting me to report on all the points raised in it.

2. The first point has reference to the law with regard to Seabs amongst sheep. This question was raised during the administration of my predecessor upon an application by some of the sheep farmers, but it was strongly opposed by the majority, and after some correspondence between the Governor and the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and the consideration of a draft ordinance on the subject, no legislative action was taken.

3. On the 31st of August last I received a letter from Mr. Robert Blake, a sheep farmer in the West Falkland Island, concerning the question of legislation for the prevention of Scab. I caused Mr. Blake's letter to be printed, and copies of it to be sent to each of the sheep farmers in the Colony, inviting them to express their individual views on the subject. I transmit herewith a copy of the letter in question. I have received answers from most of the sheep farmers, but not as yet from the whole number. The opinions expressed in many of these replies differ from those expressed by Mr. Blake, and by the gentlemen who have signed the letter on which I have to report, but it was my intention, as soon as the opinions of the whole of the parties interested had been received, to have brought the question of legislation on the subject to the consideration of the Executive Council. In view of my proceeding to England on leave of absence, I have fully informed Mr. Barkly as to what has hitherto been done and proposed.

4. With reference to the

4. With reference to postal communication between Port Stanley and the West Falkland, arrangements have already been made by the Government. The sum of Three hundred Pounds has been placed on the Estimate for 1886, for this service, and the mails which arrived in January and February have already been forwarded

5. The third point, "fidelity of tenure" is provided for by section 2 of the Land Ordinance 1882, which ensures the renewal of an expiring lease to the former lessee, on his giving six months notice of his desire to obtain a new lease.

6. The increase of rent to twenty pounds a section on renewed leases, which is one of the conditions of the above named Ordinance, was a matter of necessity, which met with no opposition at the time. I transmit herewith an extract from a letter addressed to me on the subject, by W. Cobb, the manager of the Falkland Islands Company, on the 9th September 1881, which directly controverts the statement that the increase of rent "will be absolute ruin to many of the leaseholders, and penury to all."

7. It is impossible to reconcile the statements advanced by the signees of the letter, with the well known prosperity of the Falkland Islands Sheep Farmers, the steady increase of their flocks (in the face of losses from severe winters and from disease) - and their admitted large incomes.

8. The fourth point has reference to the assumed flourishing condition of the Colony, and an application to be relieved from the Land Tax:

The Gentlemen are mistaken in supposing, that the Revenue of the Colony would be sufficient to meet the ordinary expenditure should any of the present taxes be taken off. A reference to the Estimates will show that the estimated surplus of Revenue over expenditure for the present year is only One hundred and twenty pounds.

I have &c
Sgd G. Kerr
Governor.

Colonel the Rt Hon

G. A. Stanley M.P.

de. &c. &c.

G. H. S. J. S.

1st March 1886.

No. 24

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith, to be forwarded to the Audit Office the Annual Account of this Colony for 1885, a statement of Assets and Liabilities on the 31st of December 1885, a statement shewing the causes of excess

of actual over estimated Expenditure, under various heads, a statement shewing the causes of increase and decrease, under various heads, of Estimated Revenue, and a list of deposits on the 31st of December 1885. These accounts are in duplicate.

2. I also transmit a duplicate of the account of the Crown Agents for the Colonies with this Government for 1885, for the information of the Audit Department.

Colonel the Rt Hon

F. A. Stanley, M.P.

re. re. re.

I have &c.

Sgd G. Kerr

Governor.

CV° 25.

G. H. S. F. D.

1st March 1886

Sir

I found, to my regret, after the departure of the mail, which left the Colony on the 18th of February last, that the Schedule which should have accompanied the Despatches then forwarded had not been enclosed with them; I transmit the Schedule herewith.

Colonel the Rt Hon.

F. A. Stanley, M.P.

re. re. re.

I have &c

Sgd G. Kerr

Governor.

CV° 26.

G. H. S. F. D.

1st March 1886.

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch N° 2 of the 9th of January last, having reference to my application for permission to sell by special grant some parcels of Crown Land in Stanley.

2. In accordance with your instructions an Ordinance will be passed authorising such sales under certain conditions and restrictions.

Colonel the Rt Hon.

F. A. Stanley, M.P.

re. re. re.

I have &c

Sgd G. Kerr

Governor.

N^o. 27.

G. H. S. F. D.

1st March 1886.

Sir

2 I have the honour to transmit herewith in duplicate, a letter addressed to you by T. E. Cobb Esquire, member of the Legislative Council, enclosing a copy of a correspondence which has taken place with reference to the Ordinance lately passed, to amend the "Customs duties Consolidation Ordinance, 1882."

2. Mr. Cobb complains that the Ordinance was transmitted to you for Her Majesty's assent without his objections having been reported.

3. I was under the impression at the time of the passing of the Ordinance that Mr. Cobb did not persist in his opposition to it, after I had replied to his objections, and as he did not rise to say anything to the contrary, or ask for a division, I feel that I was justified in my belief, although he states that he replied in the negative when I inquired if his objections were withdrawn.

4. I transmit herewith, a copy of the minutes of Council on the occasion, as well as a copy of the standing Rules and Orders for the proceedings of the Legislative Council.

5. I did not hear Mr. Cobb say anything in reply to my question, and he certainly did not comply with the 9th rule - which requires every member to stand while speaking, neither did he exercise the privilege of dividing the Council on the question as provided by the 8th Rule.

6. Under these circumstances, believing that the opposition had been withdrawn, and knowing that the draft of the Bill had been already submitted for the approval of the Secretary of State, I did not consider it necessary to make a report on the Ordinance when transmitting it.

Colonel the Rt Hon.

I have the

Sgd G. Kerr.

Governor.

T. A. Stanley, M.P.

to. to. to.

N^o. 28.

G. H. S. F. D.

1st March 1886.

Sir

I have the honour to transmit herewith, in duplicate, a petition

a petition from Charles Williams, a shopkeeper in Stanley who complains that I have injured his property and that of other house holders in Philomel Street, by making new drains, and forming the roadway.

2. There are only three persons besides the petitioner who have tenements on the street in question, and as two of them have sent me a letter of thanks for improving the street, (a copy of which I transmit herewith) and the other has made no complaint, it is not necessary that I should report at length on the allegations contained in the petition, which have no real foundation.

3. The petitioner is the shopkeeper alluded to in the 4th paragraph of my Despatch N° 129 of the 10th of November last, who wished to purchase the whole of the open land which was not required for the roadway, to the injury of the neighbouring house holders.

Colonel the Rt Hon.

F. A. Stanley, M.P.

sc. sc. sc.

I have &c
Sgd G. Kerr
Governor.

N° 29.

G. H. S. F. D.

1st March 1886.

Bir

I have the honour to report, that in accordance with the instructions conveyed in the concluding paragraph of Lord Derby's despatch, N° 25 of the 3rd of June last, issued a Commission to Dr. Hamilton, Colonial Surgeon, Dr. Huetton, Assistant Colonial Surgeon, and F. E. Cobb Esquire a member of the Legislative Council, directing them to enquire into, and report fully upon, the sanitary condition of the Town of Stanley.

2. I transmit herewith six printed copies of the Report of the Commissioners, and I hope that it will soon be possible to pass an ordinance, which will enable the Government to remedy, as far as possible, the defects in the sanitary arrangements of the Town, which are indicated in the report.

Colonel the Rt Hon.

F. A. Stanley, M.P.

sc. sc. sc.

I have &c
Sgd G. Kerr
Governor.

FALKLAND ISLANDS

Per. S.S. "Kambyses"

via. Monte-Vilvo.

SCHEDULE of despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 3rd day of March 1886.

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
23.	1 st March 1886.	Reporting on complaints made to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.	2.
24.	Annual Account of the Colony to Audit Office forwarding	11.
25.	Schedule of Despatches forwarding.	1.
26.	Sale of Crown Lands by Special Grant, concerning.	not.
27.	Letter from F.E. Cobb Esquire, to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, transmitting.	4
28.	Petition from C. Williams, to the Secretary of State, transmitting	3.
29.	Report of Sanitary Commissioners, transmitting	6.

Sgd. Markham
Private Secretary
3rd March 1886.