No 132.

Government House,
Stanley, 28 November

My Lord.

With reference to my despatch No 127 of 15th November paragraph 10 in which I wrote that I would furnish your lordship with further information by H.M.S. "Basilisk". I have now the honour to submit, for your lordship's information copies of letters received from certain farmers and replies addressed thereto by this Government on the proposal to retain portions of their land for sale by auction as suggested in your lordship's despatch No 75 of the 10th of September last, paragraph 6.

2. I also submit an extract from the minutes of the Executive Council giving the interpretation put by the Colonial Secretary on the reading of that paragraph. I cannot agree with that interpretation seeing that your lordship requests a report as to the constitution of the government reserves before dealing with them. A reference to paragraph 2 of enclosure 3 in my despatch above-mentioned will show that the other members of the Executive Council are also of my opinion.

I have, &c.
Signed Roger Tuckfield Goldsworthy

The Right Hon.ble
The Marquis of Ripon K.G.
&c &c &c
Downing Street.

No 133.

Government House,
Stanley, 29 November

My Lord,

I have the honour to inform your lordship that on the 17th and 29th November I sent to you the following telegrams:-

Executive Council CONTRARIES — Colonial Secretary CHANGEABLY — dissenting DERDONG — strongly recommend PARGETER

Question of land.
ICEBERG HORSE KNOR.

(Signed) Goldsworthy.

My Confidential despatch 17 November Telegraph reply as soon as possible
DAYFLY LITURGICAL PINK ASSISTLESS.

(Signed) Goldsworthy.

No. 134.

Government House,
Stanley, 30 November 1892

My Lord,

Referring to my despatch No. 127 of the 15 November with reference to the views expressed by the Colonial Secretary (Mr. Routledge) in his memorandum of 12 November and to the reply thereto from the 2 other members of the Executive Council dated 14 November, I omitted with reference to what Mr. Routledge says in paragraph 7 to draw your lordship's attention to the fact that prior to the meeting of the Executive Council on 2 November Mr. Routledge had never expressed either to myself or any member of the Council that there was in his mind any doubt in regard to the six months notice required by clause 2 of Ordinance No. 9 of 1882 within which time, i.e., prior to the expiration of the lease, he has raised, in his memorandum above referred to, the question whether or not the Governor in Council should not have notified the then leaseholder of his intention to reserve for sale or for public purposes the whole or any portion of the land comprised in such lease and whether by his not so doing the power to reserve no longer exists.

2. It strikes me as somewhat strange that the Colonial Secretary, who is also legal adviser to the Government, should not have communicated his doubts in time to admit of the Government communicating

Received 3 January 1893

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

H.M.S. Basilisk.

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 29th *day of* November, 1892.

No of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
131.	24 Nov.	Imperial Institute. Contribution of £20 towards a conference room.	
132.	28 Nov.	Land. Further correspondence.	Two.
133.	29 Nov.	Recorder of Ilchyparus sent to Downing Street 17th and 29 Nov.	
		Sent 30 November, 1892.	
134.	30 Nov.	Land. The Colonial Secretary's interpretation of clause 2 Ordinance 9 of 1892. Remarks on.	

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with the Secretary of State for a legal opinion on the point raised or of taking such steps as to him might seem necessary within the said period.

I have &c.
Signed Rogers Tuckfield Goldsworthy
Governor.

The Rt Hon^ble
The Marquis of Ripon K.G.
&c. &c. &c.
Downing Street.

No. 135.

Government House,
Stanley, Falkland Islands
9 December 1892.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your lordship's despatch No 69 of the 27th August last and to enclose herewith the draft of an Ordinance to provide for the establishment of a Volunteer Force based on the Straits Settlements Ordinance which accompanied your lordship's despatch and acknowledgment.

Ord^ce not forwarded.

Ordinance returned.

2. With the exception of some slight alterations in the wording the text of the draft Ordinance has been adhered to.

Section 7 provides for the Inspecting Officer forwarding a report to Government as to the efficiency or otherwise of the Corps.

Section 22 of the Straits Settlements Ordinance has been omitted as the arms and appointments being the property of the Government any volunteer neglecting to give them up under sub. section ii of section 17 in proper condition thereunder becomes liable. Uniforms will be provided by the Volunteer himself and will therefore become private property.

Section 25 is not necessary there not being any taxes on horses.

Section 28 (Section 24 of the draft Ordinance) has been somewhat modified, it being thought inexpedient to make a hard and fast

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in respect to the number of drills to be attended annually by a member who has already obtained a certificate of proficiency as, owing to local circumstances, difficulty of communication &c, some volunteers might not be able to put in the requisite number of drills though in every respect perfectly efficient. Certain discretion will therefore be be left to the Commanding Officer under the regulations to be framed.

Trusting that the proposed alterations may meet with your lordship's approval.

I have, &c.
(Signed) Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy.
Governor.

The Rt Hon^ble
The Marquis of Ripon K.G.
K. K. K.
Downing Street.

No. 136.

Government House,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.
15 December, 1892.

My Lord,

I have the honour to report, for your lordship's information, that the ss "Balæna", "Active" and "Diana" averaging some 250 tons put in here during the course of last week month for provisions on their outward bound voyage for the Antarctic regions.

2. The masters of the "Balæna" and "Active" informed me that their object is to ascertain as to the existence of the "Balæna" or black, bow-headed whale in latitudes South of these Islands extending to 69° off Graham Land, that species becoming, they said, very scarce in the Arctic Seas.

3. Should this fleet of whalers, which is under the managing ownership of

Mr. Robert Kinniss of Dundee, accomplish the object. this port will doubtless become the dep for their trade and another source of emp ment will be afforded to the already thriv population of the Falkland Islands. Inde I have been already interviewed on the subj of land for a depôt by the master of the "Active".

The Rt Honble
The Marquis of Ripon K.G.
&c &c &c
Downing Street.

I have &c.
(Signed) Roger Tuckf.d Goldsworthy
Governor.

No 137.

Government House,
Stanley, Falkland Islands
16 December, 1892.

My Lord,

With reference to your lordship's despatch No 63 of the 12th August last I have the honour to transmit herewith, for the signification of Her Majesty's assent, disallowance or direction thereon, a transcript in duplicate, of an Ordinance duly authenticated under the public seal of this Colony and my signature entitled "an ordinance to amend the Stanley Cemetery Ordinance, 1890"

Ordinance No 8 of 1892.

2. It will be observed that the only alteration made in the draft Ordinance forwarded in your lordship's above mentioned despatch is the substitution in clause 3 of the word "minister" for "Clergyman" it being considered that that term is more appropriate in this instance.

I have &c.
(Signed) Roger Tuckf.d Goldsworthy
Governor.

The Rt Honble
The Marquis of Ripon K.G.
&c &c &c
Downing Street

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No. 138.

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Government House,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.
16 December, 1892.

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit herewith for the signification of Her Majesty's assent, disallowance or other direction thereon, a transcript, in duplicate, of Ordinance No. 10 of 1892 duly authenticated under the public seal and by my signature being "An ordinance to amend Ordinance "No. 5 of 1891 entitled 'An ordinance to con= 'solidate and amend the Laws relating 'to Customs duties and Trade.

Ordinance 5 of 1892

2. Clause 1 restores the exemptions accidentally omitted from the Schedule to Ordinance 5 of 1891 and which was the subject of the correspondence noted on the margin.

Secretary of State, No. 30 January 1892. Excellency. No. 2 April, 1892. Secretary of State. No. of 21 May, 1892.

Clause 2 has been inserted in accordance with the instructions contained in your lordship's Circular despatch of 30th August last.

I have &c.
(Signed) Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy.
Governor.

The Rt Honble
The Marquis of Ripon K.G.
&c. &c. &c.
Downing Street

No. 139.

Government House,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.
17 December, 1892.

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit herewith, for your lordship's information, the Report of a Surprise Board of Survey held on the

Treasury chest on the 15th instant.

The Rt Honble
The Marquis of Ripon &c.
Downing Street.

I have &c.
(Signed) Roger Tuckfield Goldsworthy
Governor.

No 140.

Government House,
Stanley, Falkland Islands
20 December, 1892

My Lord,

I have the honour to forward a memorial from the sheep farmers of the west Falklands with respect to their leases.

Memorial. 26 November 1892

2. My various despatches on the land question have gone so fully into the matter that it is not my purpose to further dwell thereon except in refutation of the statement made in Paragraph 1 of the memorial to draw your lordships' attention to paragraph 1 of your despatch No 74 of 10 September to the concluding paragraph of your despatch No 75 of the same date and to that of Lord Knutsford's No 25 of the 7th March last.

3. From a perusal of enclosure 2 in my despatch No 127 of the 15th ultimo your lordship will have a clear idea of the portions of land proposed to be reserved - where the land was originally a Government Reserve I have declined to renew the lease pending a decision being arrived at whether what were originally Government Reserves and never declared to be otherwise though leased for 21 years come under the conditions of Section 2 of Ordinance No 9 of 1892. Had I released them for a similar term any decision which in the meantime may have been come to by yourself would have been rendered nugatory by my action

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4. I desire to draw your Lordship's attention to the fact that almost all the leases of the station holders on the West Falklands fall in en bloc, hence the land reserved is much more extensive than in the East Falklands. Land has been reserved on each station to the full extent proposed by the Government and the leaseholders will have an uninterrupted lease of the remainder for another 21 years. This is not so with the leaseholders in the East Falklands whose leases fall in year by year and it appears to me that this is a little hard on them for whereas the West Falkland farmers know at once what they have to expect, those of the East do not for land cannot be reserved during the tenure of their lease and before the leases expire the farmers are in the dark as to what sections may or may not be reserved for sale by the Governor in Council.

5. I think they might be asked if they are willing to throw up their remaining leases on the understanding that the question of the land to be reserved for sale would be settled forthwith and a fresh lease for the whole less the land reserved being given for 21 years. This would put them in a similar position to the leaseholders on the West Falklands. Some of the unexpired leases of sections have still a term of years to run at a rental of £10 but to have their minds set at rest in respect to what their future holdings are to be would more than compensate the sheepfarmers for their coming at once on to the higher rental of £20, and I do not think that any unwillingness to this arrangement would be shewn, though perhaps I am going too far in saying this in view of the manner in which any suggestion made has been opposed and fought.

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6. It will strike your Lordship I think that the existing land laws should be amended and consolidated and I would suggest that what is apparently the views of the law officers of the Crown of the recent Government should be given force to more explicitly in the proposed legislation; as fixity of tenure is to be ensured let it be so stated. Let the new Ordinance be so worded that there can be no question in respect to its meaning. Different constructions are now put. The sheep farmers contend that where in clause 2 of Ordinance No 9 of 1892 it says "and the Governor may grant a lease of any land "comprised in such lease which the Governor in "Council shall not deem it expedient to sell or "reserve for any public purpose", the meaning is that the land can only be sold for a public purpose and I have heard this construction put upon it by Mr Routledge, the Colonial Secretary and Legal adviser. Again the form of lease or grant should be in the schedule to the Ordinance and that should be strictly adhered to and not varied in ordinary grants so issued. In many existing leases the condition contained in the latter part of Section 12 of Ordinance No 40 of 1871 has not been inserted, in fact a thorough revision of the existing land laws should be taken in hand and I would suggest that a draft Ordinance should be forwarded to me for consideration in Executive Council and after such consideration if any alterations be proposed returned for the signification of your Lordship's views thereon. In this way only and by making a fresh start under more comprehensive, better defined and stringent land laws can one hope to see the vexed question of land set at rest.

I have, &c,
(Signed) Roger Tuckfield Goldsworthy
Governor

The Right Honble
The Marquis of Ripon K.G.
&c &c &c
Downing Street.

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No 141.

Government House,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.
21 December, 1892.

My Lord,

With reference to the concluding paragraph of your lordship's despatch No 75 of the 10th September and to my despatches in reply thereto, noted on the margin, I have the honour to report, for your lordship's information that I intend, before the 1st January next, to give 6 months notice to the local manager of the Falkland Islands Company that the lease of the government Reserves known as Darwin Harbour and Port Sussex will not be renewed when they fall in in July next. The acreage is 3,000 and 2224 respectively.

Excellency
15 November, 1892.
16 November, 1892.
28 November, 1892.
30 November, 1892.

2. It was always intended to constitute the former a Township and I shall consider how far, looking to the number of inhabitants, whether the time has not arrived to declare it as such. If sites are taken up for building the upset price of land per acre should be £100 under Section 6 of Ordinance 4 of 1871.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) Rose Thackeray Goldsworthy.
Governor.

Rt Hon'ble.
Marquis of Ripon K.G.
&c. &c.
Downing Street.

No 142.

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Government House, Stanley.
Falkland Islands.
22 December, 1892.

My Lord,

I have the honour to report, for your lordship's information, that Mr E.C. Aspinall arrived here by this mail and assumed his duties as

assistant Colonial Chaplain.

The Rt Hon^ble.
The Marquis of Ripon K.G.
&c. &c. &c.
Downing Street.

I have &c.
(Signed) Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy
Governor.

Received 6 February 1893.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

As "Isis."

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 23rd day of December, 1892.

No of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
135.	9 December (1892.)	Volunteers Ordinance, Draft of.	Two.
136.	15 "	Whalers. arrival of.	
137.	16 "	Ordinance No 9 of 1892. (Cemetery).	One.
138.	" "	Ordinance No 10 of 1892 (Customs)	One.
139.	17 "	Surprise Survey of Col: Chest.	One.
140.	20 "	Land Leases in the West Falklands. Memorial relating to. Revision of Land laws suggested.	One.
141.	21 "	Darwin Harbour and Port Sussex Reserves. Proposal to constitute them a Township.	
142.	22 "	Rev^d R.C. Aspinall. arrival of.	

No 1.

Government House, Stanley.
Falkland Islands.
3 January, 1893.

My Lord,

I have the honour with reference to your lordship's despatch No 76 of the 10th September last, to transmit herewith for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon an Ordinance duly authenticated by the seal of the Colony and by my Signature entitled "an Ordinance to provide for the appointment of Visiting Justices for the Gaol in Stanley."

Ordinance No 1 of 1893.

The Rt Honble
The Marquis of Ripon K.G.
&c. &c. &c.
Downing Street.

I have, &c.
(Signed) Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy
Governor.

No 2.

Government House, Stanley,
Falkland Islands.
3 January, 1893.

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit herewith printed copies of the Ordinances enacted in this Colony during the year 1892.

Ordinances 1-21 of 1892.

The Rt Honble
The Marquis of Ripon K.G.
&c. &c.
Downing Street.

I have, &c.
(Signed) Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy
Governor.

The Local Postal Ordinance No 12 of 1892 sent 28/12/93 to Under Secy of State.

No 3.

Government House,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.
4 January, 1893.

My Lord,

I have the honour to forward herewith a Report of the Survey of the Colonial Chest for the quarter ended the 31st December together with a certificate of Quarterly Survey showing the receipts and disbursements of the Colony during the same

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same period.

The R.t Honble
The Marquis of Ripon K.G.
&c. &c. &c.
Downing Street.

I have &c.
(Signed) Roger Tuckfd. Goldsworthy
Governor.

No. 4

Government House, Stanley
Falkland Islands.
5th January, 1893.

My Lord,

I have the honour to forward herewith a list of Members of the Executive and Legislative Councils of this Colony on the 31st ultimo.

The R.t Honble
The Marquis of Ripon K.G.
&c. &c. &c.
Downing Street.

I have &c.
(Signed) Roger Tuckfd. Goldsworthy
Governor.

No. 5.

Government House,
Stanley, Falkland Islands
7 January, 1893.

My Lord,

I have the honour to forward herewith the annual return of Arms and ammunition in possession of the Police Force of this Colony.

The R.t Honble
The Marquis of Ripon K.G.
&c. &c. &c.
Downing Street.

I have &c.
(Signed) Roger Tuckfd. Goldsworthy.
Governor.

No. 6.

Government House,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.
9 January, 1893.

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit herewith for your lordship's information, Rule 20 of the Port Regulations of the 12 November 1890

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amended in Council on the 7th instant.

2. The necessity of this revision was brought to my notice by an application received from the brown agents, on behalf of their shipping agents, that permission might be granted to the Brokers of the "Concord" to discharge the explosives shipped by her for this Government inside the Harbours; the regulations as they stood being defective inasmuch as they did not deal with the landing of explosives intended for use here -

I have &c.
(Signed.) Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy.
Governor.

The Rt Honble
The Marquis of Ripon K.G.
&c &c &c
Downing Street

No 7.

Government House,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.
11 January, 1893.

My Lord,

I have the honour to report for your lordship's information, that H. M. S. Pirius arrived here on the 8th instant.

2. Captain Lang, Senior Naval officer on this station intends to remain here until the 26th instant which will allow time for the inspection of the "hulks" and a report thereon being made to your lordship as requested in your despatch No 92 of the 4th November last.

I have &c.
(Signed.) Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy.
Governor.

The Rt Honble
The Marquis of Ripon K.G.
&c &c &c
Downing Street

No. 8.

Government House,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.
12 January, 1893.

My Lord,

In continuation of my despatch No. 141 of the 21st December last, I have the honour to transmit herewith, for your Lordship's information copies of two letters I have caused to be addressed to Mr. Baillon, Manager of the Falkland Island Company here on the subject of the leases of the Darwin Harbours and Port Sussex Reserves and which Mr. Baillon informs me he has forwarded to the Company's Head Office in London for instructions.

30 December 1892
12 January 1893

2. The leases of Section No. 35, known as Bluff Cove and No. 38, West Bluff Cove expire in 1896 and 1898 respectively, and, as they are at present rented at £10 each while the two above mentioned reserves are rented at £10 and £7-8 I have proposed that the difference in the money value, named £2-12-0, be conceded by the granting of the equivalent in land, or one quarters of Section No. 38.

3. This offer is only made conditional upon it not being thought necessary to constitute a Township on the Darwin Reserve which at present may be said to be the Head Quarters of the Falkland Islands Company's sheep-farming interests and possesses several houses, a Church and School. Where it constituted a Township of course a considerable sum would accrue to Government by the sale of the land at the upset price £100 an acre (vide section 6 of Ordinance of 1871. Should, however, the Company carry out their threat once before made

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their establishments elsewhere it would be difficult to find purchasers for the town lots. If your lordship considers it inexpedient to declare a Township at Port Darwin and not deem it essential to retain the reserve in question for a Township at some future period I would then strongly recommend that the proposed exchange should take place on the conditions mentioned in the enclosures to this despatch.

I have, &c.
(Signed) Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy
Governor.

The Rt Honble
The Marquis of Ripon K.G.
&c. &c. &c.
Downing Street

No 9.

Government House,
Stanley, Falkland Islands
15th January, 1893.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your lordship's despatch No 92 of the 14th November last and enclosures.

2. The Senior Naval Officer of the South American Squadron, Captain Lang, having opportunely arrived in the "Sirius" I submitted the correspondence to that Officer and forward his remarks thereon.

3. To enable your Lordship to form a more accurate decision on the question at issue than can be done from a statement made by an interested party I have caused plans of the four Jetties belonging to the Falkland Islands Company and the Government respectively to be made. All information with respect to the rise and fall of the tide, currents, wind, &c, is supplied by Captain Lang in his letter of the 14th instant. I enclose a

declaration made by the Acting Pilot and the C
Constable, formerly a petty officer in the Royal N
shewing that at the Dockyard jetty where the
Hulk is lying very considerable silting up has
taken place since the hulk was unfortunately
placed there. It stands, I think, my Lord, to
reason that a huge mass such as the hulk
grounded in the harbour must necessarily
cause silting up in its proximity.

4. That the stone jetty has con-
tributed to the shallowing of the waters in its
immediate neighbourhood I fully believe but
that it is it and not the three hulks (vide plan
No) which has caused the silting up at the
Falkland Islands Company's jetty Captain
Lang's report conclusively contradicts.

5. Mr. Kerr's reply to the com-
munications addressed to him by Mr. Cobb on the
21st. July did not form one of the enclosures in
your lordship's despatch but judging by the
light of the leading questions put to him by
Mr. Cobb it is not difficult to foresee what
the reply would be.

6. There will be a mail
leaving this ten days hence in August. "Magpie"
when I hope that soundings which Captain
Lang is kindly having made for me in the
harbour will be in my possession and
enable me to make suggestions with respect
to better jetty accommodation.

7. In reply to your lordship's
query as to the steps adopted to ensure the
hulks at the end of the Falkland Islands Co.
jetty not being made a receptacle for filth
matter ~~not being made~~ deleterious to health
informed by the Colonial Surgeon

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President of the Board of Health that since the hulks were cleaned out as far as was practicable he has not received any complaints of fresh deposits having been placed therein but he considers ~~fresh deposits~~ the early removal of the "Snowsquall" absolutely essential from a sanitary point of view. Great difficulty was experienced in getting to the deposits at the bottom of the hulks and the Colonial Surgeon is of opinion that a considerable depsit still remains not only in the "Snow Squall" but also in the adjoining hulk the "William Shand" for this reason apart from the silting up caused thereby their removal is desirable.

From a sanitary point of view the Colonial Surgeon has not a similar objection to the "Egria" that hulk having only been used as a store and workshop.

I have &c.
(Signed.) Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy.
Governor.

Rt Honble.
Marquis of Ripon &c.
&c. &c.
Downing Street.

No 10

Government House.
Stanley. Falkland Islands.
17 January, 1893.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your lordship's despatch No 85 of the 6th October last informing me that Her Majesty would not be advised to disallow Ordinance Nos of 1892 and pointing out that the Order in Council issued on the 19th August was defective as it did not specify the authority by which the destruction of a dog might be ordered.

2. The Order in Council has

been amended accordingly by the insertion of the words "and ordered by a justice of the Peace" after the word "advisable" in line 5 of clause 4.

The Rt Hon^ble
The Marquis of Ripon K.G.
&c. &c. &c.
Downing Street.

I have, &c,
(Signed) Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy
Governor.

No 11.

Government House,
Stanley, Falkland Islands
17 January, 1893.

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit herewith, for your lordship's information, a return showing the changes in office, &c, for the Quarter ended the 31st December last.

The Rt Hon^ble
The Marquis of Ripon K.G.
&c. &c. &c.
Downing Street.

I have, &c.
(Signed) Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy.
Governor.

No 12.

Government House.
Stanley, Falkland Islands
18 January, 1893.

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My Lord

I have the honour to forward some extracts from letters official and semi-official which I have come across touching the reserves and suburban lands which I forward for your lordship's perusal. I can find no record of the reserves in question being declared to have ceased to be such either by Proclamation Gazette notice, or otherwise beyond what I forwarded in my despatch No 127 of 15th November, 1892.

27 June, 1870
17 July, 1870.
6 August, 1870.
30 September, 1870.
13 October, 1870.
18 October, 1870.
28 October, 1870.
8 November 1870.
17 July, 1871

2. I would beg to

Lordship's attention to letter No 4 of 30th September in which appears the following:- "In your "lease a drawback will be allowed for useless "mountain land contained in Stations 44 and "46. This is the only instance to my Know= "ledge where it is stated that an allowance "is made for mountain land".
Lord Knutsford in his despatch No 64 of the 26th September 1891 evidently did not approve of my suggesting that an allowance should be made for mountains for he substituted the word "rock" and rightly too I think as whilst some mountains are covered with stone, others have good pasture land.

3. Enclosed is a statement made by a brother of Mr Felton, M.L.C, the owner of the station known as Peak Inlet. He was formerly I believe a partner with that gentleman. I fear however except on oath before a Commission of Enquiry that one would not get an admission of this nature from those who now lease the various reserves.

I have &c
(Signed) Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy
Governor.

The Right Honble
The Marquis of Ripon K.G
&c &c &c
Downing Street.

P.S.
I beg that the enclosure 2 may be considered "Confidential" at present.

Initialed (R.T.G.)

Received 25 February 1893.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 19th *day of* January, 1893.

No of Despatch.	Date of Despatch. 1893	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
1.	3 January	Ordinance No. XI of 1892. Forwards for ~~Her Majesty's~~ signification of Her's pleasure thereon.	One.
2.	" "	Ordinances I - II of 1892. Spare copies forwarded.	One.
3.	4 "	Survey of Colonial Chest and certificate of quarterly survey.	Two.
4.	5 "	List members of Fx: & Leg: Co:	One.
5.	7 "	Returns &c. in possession of the Police.	One.
6.	9 "	Port Regulations Rule 20 amended.	One.
7.	11. "	Arrival of H.M.S. "Sirius". Reports.	
8.	12 "	Darwin Harbours and Port Sussex Reserves. Offer of exchange for Section 35 and part of Section 38.	Two.
9.	15 "	Hulks in Stanley Harbour. Remarks on their contributing to the silting up of the harbour. Senior Naval Officer reports on forwarded.	Three. One Yellow.
10.	17 "	Distemper among dogs. Order in Council amended.	
11.	" "	Changes in Office &c. Quarterly Return of.	One.
12	18 "	Land Reserves. No record of which being included	Two.

No 13

Government House.
Stanley. 27 January, 1893.

My Lord,

A question having lately arisen here as to the right of ownership of a whale which had been cast on the foreshore of the property leased by the finder, I was informed that it has been customary in the past to demand some trifling payment in such cases as Royalty. I have therefore replied to the applicant (Mr H. Waldron of Beaver Island) that, subject to your lordship's approval, such a claim will be demanded from him in the present instance.

I would therefore ask your lordship's instructions in the matter.

The Right Honble
The Marquis of Ripon KG
&c. &c. &c.
Downing Street.

I have &c.
(Signed) Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy
Governor

No 14

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Government House,
Stanley 30 January 1893

My Lord,

There being no provision in the Land Ordinances of this Colony for the leasing of land in Stanley for building or other purposes, I have the honour to ask your lordship to direct me by cable to introduce an ordinance for that purpose.

My object for asking is to enable me to lease as well as to sell land for if land has to be sold by auction as at present a considerable portion of the Township may fall into the hands of one person or any firm. On the other hand if leased a clause could be inserted preventing any transfer within a certain period and thereby

permission of the Governor in Council.

3. I have at present two applications for land which may do much towards presenting a continuance of an existing monopoly which is much to the detriment of the Colony. A sale by auction might play into the hands of the monopolists either by their purchasing or subsequently acquiring the land while a lease with right of preemption after a certain number of years and a condition such as described above would prevent too large an accumulation of land in the hands of one person or firm at least at present which in my opinion is most undesirable.

I have &c.
(Signed) Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy.
Governor.

The Right Hon^ble
The Marquess of Ripon K.G.
&c &c &c
Downing Street.

No. 15.

Government House,
Stanley 2 February 1893.

My Lord,

With reference to my despatch No 9 of the 5th January last regarding the jetties. I omitted to mention that the bows of the three hulks at the Falkland Islands Company's jetty extend some 50 feet beyond the land granted to that Company. This matter was brought to the notice of Mr Cobb some years back but apparently without result as up to the present time no steps have been taken to remove them. The Company should once more be called upon to do so forthwith or action should be taken against them.

2. In continuation of the question of silting up, nothing can better prove

Chart.

prove Captain Lang's contention than a reference to the accompanying chart of the Harbours made within the last fortnight by Lieutenant Hotham Navigating Lieutenant of H.M.S. "Sirius" which proves that there has been considerable shalling of recent years. Again reference to Plan forwarded in my above-mentioned despatch shows a depth of 8' 6" at low water on the North side of the Government hulk at the Dockyard (letter) whereas the South American Pilot Part I p: 315 gives a depth of 10 3/4 feet. The foot note says H.M.S. "Ready" 1854" by which I conclude that Sub Lieutenant Sheed referred to by Mr Cobb in his letter who was at that time Navigating Officer on board that vessel is the responsible authority.

3 The difference shews that there has been a silting up to the extent of 2 feet in 8 or 9 years and quite upsets the theories of Lieutenant Sheed, Mr Cobb and residents in Stanley of 30 or 40 years standing.

4 I would ask that the plans forwarded in my previous despatch and the accompanying chart may be returned. The actual condition of the various docks is very different from that represented in the drawings, were they thus they would not be the unsightly objects they are, disfiguring the Harbours as well as being a source of Harm thereto.

I have &c.
(Signed) Roger Thckf.d Goldsworthy

The Right Honorable
The Marquis of Ripon
K.G.
Downing Street

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No. 16.

Government House,
Stanley. 4 February 1893.

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit herewith for your lordship's information a copy of the minutes of the Proceedings of the Executive Council for the period 1 July to 31 December 1892

Executive Council Minutes.

I have &c.
(Signed) Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy.
Governor.

The Right Honble
The Marquis of Ripon KG
&c &c &c
Downing Street

No. 17.

Government House,
Stanley. 6 February 1893.

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a memorial, in duplicate, received from the principal residents of Stanley in favour of the action I have taken in regard to the land question here.

I understand the memorial has not been circulated for signatures outside the limits of the town of Stanley.

Memorial 4 February 1893.

I have &c.
(Signed) Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy.
Governor

Right Honble
The Marquis of Ripon KG
&c &c &c
Downing Street.

Received 11 March, 1893.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

H.M.S. "Magpie".

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 6th *day of* February. 1893.

No of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
13	27 Jan^{y}	Royalty on a Whale.	
14	30 Jan^{y}	Lease of Town Lands. Necessity for an Ordinance providing for.	
15	2 Feb^{y}	Chart of Stanley Harbour showing silting up of Harbour. Position of Falkland Islands Company's hulks	1
16	4 Feb^{y}	Executive Council Minutes July - 31 December 1892	1
17	6 Feb^{y}	Memorial from principal residents in Stanley in favour of the Governor's action in regard to the Land.	1.

Falklands Islands.
No 18.

Government House,
Stanley. 28 January

My Lord,

With reference to my various despatches on the subject of the Land Question and more particularly to my recommendation that a Survey of land be made here, I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of a letter received from the Senior Naval Officer in which he informs me he is unable to comply with my request that a Naval Officer might be spared to survey certain land in the neighbourhood of Stanley. There is therefore no chance of our obtaining a Surveyor locally to survey the adjoining lands, the acreages of which I maintain are in excess of what they are stated to be, as it would be advisable that any one connected with the Falkland Islands be so engaged.

23 pres. 1893

I have &c,
(Signed) Roger Tuckfield Goldsworthy
Governor

The Right Honble.
The Secretary of State
for the Colonies.
Downing Street.

No 19

Government House,
Stanley. 16 February 1893

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit herewith for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon a full and duly authenticated copy of Ordinance No 12 of 1892 entitled "An Ordinance to make further provision for the local postal service of the Falkland Islands".

Ordinance No 12

2. I attach a report by the Legal Adviser explaining the provisions of the Ordinance together with a copy of the regulations passed by the Executive Council on the 14th instant as required by clause 1 of the Ordinance.

Report.

Order in Council 14 February 1893

I have &c,
(Signed) Roger Tuckfield Goldsworthy
Governor

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The Secretary of State
for the Colonies

No 20.

Government House,
Stanley. 18 February, 1893.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your lordship's despatch No. 11 of the 16th ultimo confirming your telegram of the 30th December in which you were pleased to inform me that my application for leave had been granted and to repeat that I shall leave this on the arrival of my successor Mr. J. Melville, R.N.

I have &c.
(Signed) Roger Tuckfield Goldsworthy
Governor.

The Right Honble.
The Secretary of State
for the Colonies.
&c. &c.

No 21.

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Government House,
Stanley 18 February, 1893.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's despatch No 97 of the 9th December with reference to Dyke Island.

2. There will not be any difficulty in finding a purchaser if the Island be put up for sale by auction as recommended by the Executive Council provided the payments of the purchase money be extended over a period of years as in the case of the sale of the land to the Falkland Islands Company under Ordinance No. 9 of 1890. In fact I have already had an offer of £1,000 and to pay for all improvements.

3. I find on reference to one of the three charts of record on the north west side of Port Stephens (Mr. Dean's station), a portion of land has been marked off containing approximately 5,000 acres It has not been done by any one with a knowledge of plan drawing but has been roughly sketched in red ink without the

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 18th *day of* February 1893.

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch. 1893.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
18	10 Feb.	Need for a Surveyor for Land Survey.	One.
19	16 "	Local Postal Ordinance No. 12 of 1892. Forwards.	Three
20	18 "	Sir R. T. Goldsworthy. Leave of absence to. Acknowledgs.	

aid of a ruler, in fact there are two eastern boundaries, and within the enclosed part are the initials J. M. D., the writing is that of Mr. Dean (deceased) and the signature is that of the surveyor. I have had it photographed and enclose a copy thereof. If this is assumed to be the compulsory freehold land what then is the meaning of Mr. Collins' receipt (enclosure in Despatch No. 107 of 9 September 1892) as at the rate of 160 acres per section this alone would more than give the quantity compulsorily to be acquired under the Land Ordinance, the station being leased as 112,160 acres requiring 2986 acres to be purchased.

Photograph

4. There is not in the chart any other freeholds marked. It is clear therefore to my mind that Mr. George Ide has got access to the chart and for some reason or other thus marked it. The other freeholds mentioned in Mr. Collins receipt are not similarly marked. I should mention for your Lordship's information, that the house and buildings of Port Stephens' station are on this piece of land.

5. I would beg to remind your Lordship that it will be impossible to act on your Lordship's instruction as contained in your despatch in respect to offering any land for sale as there is no Surveyor here, indeed all disputes as to boundaries have to remain in abeyance pending the arrival of a competent person.

I have, &c,
(Signed) Roger Tuckfd. Goldsworthy
Governor.

The Right Honble.
The Marquis of Ripon, K.G.
Downing Street.

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Government House,
Stanley 20 February 1893.

My Lord,

I have the honour to place before your Lordship the following circumstance in connection with the lease of the Jason and Carcass Islands which formed the subject of your despatch No 70 of the 27th August last and to which I replied by despatch No 125 of 10th November.

2. About a month ago, I heard incidentally that sealing had been carried on at the Jasons during the past year without a licence, I, having in accordance with the intention expressed by me in my despatch No 43 of the 5th April, declined to grant any further licences pending a decision being come to on the seal fishery question which was occupying the attention of Her Majesty's Government and to enable the seal industry to recuperate.

3. An application for permission to seal was refused to Mrs Hansen through Mr. Blake, the sole executor, of the late Captain Hansen's estate the same as to other applicants. I am given to understand however that Mrs Hansen acting on the advice of Mr Baillon, the agent of the Falkland Island Company, a creditor against the estate of the late Captain Hansen, carried on the sealing last year without a licence. 532 seals were killed and 7 barrels containing their skins were sent to England in the Kosmos Company's steamer "Pentland" in November last.

4 It is contended by Mr Rowlett, Colonial Secretary and Legal Adviser, (vide minutes of Executive Council enclosed) that Mrs Hansen had a legitimate right to act as she did and he quotes the opinion of

June 1895.

Mr. Mason Bompas, Q.C., which had been forwarded to him by Mr. Blake, the Executor, as justifying the course adopted by her, ignoring apparently that of the "Queen's advocate" which was received by him (Mr. Routledge) remarking at the time that it was possibly the opinion of some Queen's advocate on the gold coast. It is probable that of the Queen's advocate General (as the Judge advocate General was formerly called) but of this I cannot be certain. Governor Kerr, who directed it to be recorded, might know whence it was obtained and under what circumstances. The seal skins were shipped in or about the month of October last in the Schooner "Resolute", the manifest merely stating "General cargo". On the arrival of the Kosmos steamer "Pentaur" in November they were transhipped to her for England as "hides". I mention this as shewing how desirous both Mr. Hansen and her agents Messrs. Baillon and Blake were to conceal the real nature of the goods exported, but this was not unnatural as they were aware that the seals had been obtained without a licence and were liable to seizure. We have had previous manifests searched and in them Captain Hansen has always described the contents of the casks or barrels as "fur seal skins" "seal skins" or "hair seal skins". The manifest of the "Pentaur" having been made out by the agent of the Kosmos Company from information supplied by Mr. Baillon as agent for Mr. Hansen, the Collector of Customs (Mr. Fraser) has obtained a summons against Mr. Baillon and the case will come on for hearing on the 23rd instant. I enclose a statement

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by one of the men employed in

the seals which clearly shews that they were killed not above high waters mark but on the shore and in the sea.

5. In consequence of Mr Hansen's conduct in this matter I have, with the advice of the Executive Council, addressed Mr. Blake, her Executor, on the subject of the land lease held by her, a copy of which, with his reply thereto, is enclosed for your lordship's information.

15th February 1893.
17th February 1893.

6. As we have not any man of war stationed here and possess no means of protecting our fisheries from American sealers or indeed our own people, as evidenced by the sealing on the Lasons I have determined to re-issue licences as the Government may as well have the advantage from the sale of them. For this years sealing which commences on the 1st April on these Islands, I have accepted an offer of £100, the former licence was £80, with a condition limiting the number of seals to be taken. I shall pursue a similar course in respect to the other seal rookeries.

7. Our sealing laws are very defective and require looking into but in view of the expression of opinion contained in Lord Knutsford's despatch No 58 of the 9th July last I shall not touch the subject but leave the matter open for discussion on my arrival in England.

I have &c,
(Signed) Roger Thekston Goldsworthy
Governor.

The Right Honble
The Marquis of Ripon K.G.
&c &c &c
Downing Street.

No. 23

Government House,
Stanley. 22 February

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit a copy of the gaol regulations as revised in Executive Council in accordance with the instructions conveyed in your lordship's despatch No 76 of 10 September last.

2. Clause 4 classifies the various offences committed by prisoners against and provides for the way in which they should be dealt with. This clause has been framed on the English Local Prison Rules and supersedes that forwarded in my despatch No 109 of 13th September and which was approved by your lordship's despatch No 93 of 17th November. Clause 22 enables the governor to grant tickets of leave.

I have, &c.
(Signed) Roger Tuckfield Goldsworthy
Governor.

The Rt Hon^ble.
The Marquis of Ripon K.G.
&c &c &c
Downing Street

No 24.

Government House,
Stanley. 7 March 1893.

My Lord,

I have the honour to forward for your lordship's perusal the accompanying copy of the evidence taken in the case of the Collector of Customs v The Hon^ble A. S. Bailon for neglecting to furnish the specification required under section 32 of the Customs Ordinance 5 of 1890.

23 Feb^y 1893

2. This has not been a case of mere inadvertence, but a deliberately planned attempt by not supplying the information required by law to keep the government in ignorance of the fact that Mr^s Hansen, a client of the Falkland Islands Company shipped through her agency to Europe

§ 32 fur seal skins, Mr. Baillon being well aware that these seal skins had been obtained without a licence and on his suggestion.

Accompanying also are copies of previous consignments of fur skins which, on the other hand, have been properly stated in the manifest. In these ~~it is clear that~~ seal skins are stated as such, whether hair or fur seal, and are not classified as "hides", indeed the distinction in the manifest of the steamer "Pultava" is apparent as "wool", "hides" and "seal skins" follow one another in rotation. Again "hides" are usually shipped in hogsheads, not in barrels.

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3. That the intention was to deceive the Government in regard to the exportation of these fur seals - to prevent their being seized - is to my mind evident. Mr. Baillon ~~was~~ found guilty of a breach of Section 32 above referred to and fined in the mitigated penalty of 5 £ and costs, though why this leniency I cannot conceive. Mr. Baillon ~~subsequently tries to disguise~~ by describing the hides as "seal hides" vide enclosure, a term entirely unknown, endeavours to cover somewhat impudently ~~his first breach by too clearing a proof of impudence by describing the hides as seal~~ his first question "seal hides" not being a commercial term but ~~hides" a term entirely unknown~~ will be at last forced ~~further he is at length forced~~ to give a true description which will clearly connect him with the attempt to defraud the Government of its rights.

4. The following points are deserving of consideration in view of the fact that Mr. Blake, executor of the late Captain Hansen contends in his letter (enclosed in my despatch No. 22 of 20 February) that Mr. Hansen was quite justified in sealing without a licence. In this contention he is ~~and in which he has been~~

supported by Mr. Routledge (Colonial Secretary) to whom the opinion of Mr. Bompas, Q.C. was forwarded by Mr. Blake.

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2nd. that had the sealing without a licence taken place merely to test the rights of the Government, it would have been done openly and the seizure of the seals by the Government would have opened the way to obtain the opinion of the Supreme Court, i.e., if a legal opinion were merely desired.

I have &c.
(Sd.) Roger Tuckfield Goldsworthy
Governor.

The Rt. Honble
The Marquis of Ripon
K.G.
&c. &c. &c.
Downing Street.

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3rdly. that though the lease does not contain a clause excluding Captain Hansen or his representative from sealing, the fact that the Islands are let for pastoral purposes only (vide section 10 of Ordinance 4 of 87) sufficiently defines what Captain Hansen or his representatives are entitled to.

4thly. that were the foregoing not the case the fact of Captain Hansen having always previously taken out a licence justifies the contention that Captain Hansen was not privileged in sealing without one

5thly that the Custom of the colony recognises the issuing of seal licences.

I have &c.
(Sd.) Roger Tuckfield Goldsworthy
Governor.

The Rt. Honble
The Marquis of Ripon
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I have &c.
(Sd.) Roger Tuckfield Goldsworthy
Governor.

The Rt. Hon.ble
The Marquis of Ripon K.G.
&c. &c. &c.
Downing Street.

No. 25.

No. 25

Government House.
Stanley. 7 March, 1893.

My Lord,

With reference to my despatch No. 22 of the 20th ultimo, I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a seal fishery licence which I have caused to be issued giving authority to J. Lechtamberg to seal off the Eason Islands.

2. A copy of the tender offering the other seal districts to the public is also enclosed.

I have &c.
(Signed) Roger Tuckfield Goldsworthy
Governor.

The Rt. Hon.ble
166 The Marquis of Ripon K.G.
&c. &c. &c.

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No 6.

Government House,
Stanley. 6 March, 1893.

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit herewith, for your lordship's information, a statement shewing the receipts and payments for the quarter ended 31 December 1892.

I have &c,
(Sd) Roger Tuckfield Goldsworthy.
Governor.

The R^t Hon^ble.
The Marquis of Ripon
&c &c &c.
Downing Street.

No. 27.

Government House.
Stanley 8 March, 1893.

My Lord,

I have the honour, at the request of Messrs J.J. Felton and A.G. Baillon, Members of the Legislative Council, to transmit to your lordship a copy of the correspondence that has taken place with respect to the resignation of certain Justices of the Peace.

2. Subsequent correspondence to that enclosed contains the withdrawals by Messrs Felton and Greenshields of their resignations as Justices, hence the names of these Gentlemen appear on the amended commission of the Peace, a copy of which I have the honour to enclose.

I have &c.
(Sd), Roger Tuckfield Goldsworthy.
Governor.

R^t Hon^ble
The Marquis of Ripon &c &c &c
Downing Street

No 28

Government House,
Stanley. 13 March, 187

My Lord,

I have the honour to report for your Lordship's information, that Mr. George Melville Coll. having arrived by this mail, I am leaving this Colony on this day on leave of absence.

The Rt Hble
The Marquis of Ripon K.G.
&c. &c. &c.
Downing Street

I have, &c,
(Sd) Roger Tuckfield Goldsworthy
Governor

No 29.

Government House,
Stanley 13 March, 1

My Lord,

I have the honour to report that I have this day assumed the administration of the government of this Colony on the departure of His Excellency Sir Roger Tuckfield Goldsworthy on leave of absence.

The Rt Hon'ble
The Marquis of Ripon K.G.
&c. &c. &c.
Downing Street.

I have, &c,
(Sd) Ges. Melville.
Administrator.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

"Davis."
Sir Penlaw.

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 13th *day of* March, 1893.

No of Despatch.	Date of Despatch. 1893.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
21	18 Febr	Dyke Island No Difficulty in finding a purchaser.	One.
22	20 Febr	Sealing without authority at the Jasons. Land lease held by Mr Hansen will be forfeited. Renewal of issue of seal licences	Five.
23	22 Febr	Gaol Regulations Revision of	One.
24	7 March	Exportation of seal skins surreptitiously. Reports and comments on Mr Bailloin connection therewith	Four.
25	" "	Seal fishery licences	Two.
26	" "	Revenue Return December quarter	One.
27	8 "	Justices of the Peace. Copy of correspondence relating to their resignations. New Commission published.	Two.
28.	13 "	Departure of Sir R. T. Goldsworthy K.C.M.G. Governor. Reports.	
29.	" "	Assumption of administration of Govt by Mr E. Melville, C.M.G.	

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No 30.

Government House.
Stanley, 16 March 1893.

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit herewith, for your lordship's information, a copy of the minutes of proceedings of the Executive Council of this Colony taken from the 1st to the 11th inst. March prior to the departure of Sir R. T. Goldsworthy's on leave of absence.

Exec. Co. Minutes June 2 - 11 March 93.

The Rt. Hon.ble
The Marquis of Ripon K.G.
Downing Street.

I have, &c.
(Signed) Geo. Melville.
Administrator.

No 31.

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Government House,
Stanley. 21 March, 1893

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My Lord,

On the allegation that tobacco and cigars had been illegally imported and landed here, the police under search warrant seized some 23 lbs of tobacco and 8 lbs of cigars at the "Rose Hotel". Proceedings were instituted on the 3rd instant under section 15 of ordinance 5 of 1891 against Mr R. Aldridge, the managing owner, when the accused having pleaded guilty the Court inflicted the penalty of £100 and the forfeiture of all goods seized. The penalty of £100 was sued for at the direction of His Excellency Sir R. T. Goldsworthy as there was no means of knowing what was the original amount of tobacco smuggled or how long smuggling had been carried on.

2. I now enclose a copy of a letter received from Mr R. Aldridge petitioning this Government for a mitigation of the sentence passed on him.

have informed the applicant that I had power to deal with the matter under the charter of this Colony but that his letter would be transmitted to your lordship.

3. I am advised that had the lesser penalty – treble the value of the goods seized and the duty – been inflicted it would have amounted to the sum of £37-9-6 and, as an example ought to be made, the remission, if any, I submit, should not be more than one half, namely £50 but I think it right to add that Mr. Aldridge is in a position to pay the full penalty.

4. Should your lordship grant a remission of any part of the fine inflicted on Mr. Aldridge, I would ask your lordship to direct also that a like leniency be extended towards Mr. Pinago, proprietor of the Shamrock Hotel. The lesser penalty in his case would have amounted to £36-9-6.

I have, &c.
(Signed) Geo. Melville.
Administrator.

The Rt. Honble.
The Marquis of Ripon. K.G. &c. &c.
Downing Street.

No. 32.

Government House,
Stanley. 6 April, [illegible]

My Lord,

Survey of Chest. Certificate.

I have the honour to forward herewith a Report of the Survey of the Colonial Chest for the Quarter ended the [illegible] of March together with a certificate of Quarterly Survey showing the receipts and disbursements of the Colony during the same period.

I have, &c.
(Signed) Geo. Mel[illegible]

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The Rt. Honble
The Marquis of Ripon K.G.
&c. &c. &c.
Downing Street.

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No 33.

Government House.
Stanley. 10 April, 1893.

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit herewith, for your lordship's information the annual account of this Colony for the year 1892 together with statements showing (i) the assets and liabilities for the same period, (ii) advances due on the 31st December, 1892, (iii) Excesses and savings on the estimates for 1892, (iv) reasons for the various excesses and (v) a general summary of accounts for 1892.

Annual Account

Statements

The Rt Honble
The Marquis of Ripon KG
&c &c &c
Downing Street.

I have, &c.
(S & C) Geo: Melville.
Administrator.

No 34.

Government House,
Stanley. 13 April, 1893.

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit herewith, for your lordship's information, a copy of a Report by the Colonial Treasurer on the Savings Bank of this Colony for the year ending 30 September, 1892.

Savings Bank Report 30 Sept 1892

2. This Report shews a steady increase in the amount of deposits in spite of the difficulty of investment of capital. This want no doubt accounts so far for the very high average per head of savings - an average unequalled, I believe, in any other Colony — but it is a fair inference, I think, that there is a great tendency to thrift by the population.

3. The Colonial Treasurer

draws attention to the large balance held by the Colonial Treasury to the Bank and has recommended that £2,500 be invested from the funds in the hands of the Crown Agents on account of the Savings Bank. I would therefore ask your lordship to cause instructions to be given to the Crown Agents to transfer £1500 of the surplus fund and £1,000 of the Cash Balance to the Savings Bank account for investment. If this were done there would still be a surplus fund of £1500 and a cash balance of about the same amount standing to the credit of the Colony with the Crown Agents.

I have, &c,
(Sd) Geo. Melville.
Administrator

The Rt Honble
The Marquis of Ripon K.G.
&c. &c. &c.
Downing Street.

No 35

Government House.
Stanley. 17 April, 1893.

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit herewith six copies of amended rule 20 of the Port Regulations as requested in your lordship's despatch No 24 of 2 March

I have, &c,
(Sd) Geo: Melville.
Administrator.

The Rt Honble
The Marquis of Ripon K.G.
&c. &c. &c.
Downing Street.

FALKLAND ISLANDS. ss. "Ireko".

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 19th *day of* April 1893.

No of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
	1893.		
30.	16 March.	Minutes of the Executive Council 1 January – 11 March 1893.	One.
31.	21 "	Tobacco smuggling. Defendant appeals for mitigation of sentence passed on him.	One.
32.	6 April.	Survey of Chest. Quarter ended 31 March 1893. Forwards reports on.	Two.
33.	10 "	Annual account for 1892. Forwards with explanatory statements.	Two.
34.	13 "	Savings Bank Report 1891-2. Forwards. Requests that £2500 be invested on account of.	One.
35.	17 "	Port Regulations. Spare copies of amended rule 20 forwarded.	One.

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No. 36.

Government House, Stanley.
27 April, 1893.

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit herewith, for your lordship's information, a copy of the Minutes of the proceedings of the Legislative Council for the period 1 July to 31 December, 1892.

Minutes of Proceedings 1 July - 31 Dec 92

I have &c.
(Signed.) Geo: Melville.
Administrator.

The Right Honble
The Marquess of Ripon K.G.
&c. &c. &c.
Downing Street.

No. 37.

Government House. Stanley
1 May, 1893.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acquaint your lordship for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty that H.M.S. "Royal Arthur" arrived in this port on the morning of the 27th ultimo flying the flag of Rear Admiral Stephenson, C.B., R.N., on his outward bound voyage to relieve Rear Admiral C.F. Hotham, C.B., as Commander in Chief on the Pacific Station.

2. The usual visits were interchanged and on a subsequent conversation with Admiral Stephenson he informed me that he had received instructions from the Admiralty to call in here so as to give him an opportunity of judging of the suitability of this port as a Naval or Coaling Station.

3. H.M.S. "Royal Arthur" sailed out of this Port about 10 a.m. on the 29th ultimo for Sandy Point.

I have &c.
(Signed.) Geo: Melville.
Administrator.

The Right Honble
The Marquess of Ripon K.G.
&c. &c. &c.
Downing Street

No 38.

Government House, Stanley
5th May 1893.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your lordship's circular despatch of the 6th January 1893 and in reply to inform your lordship that, as this Colony has adopted from time to time the Merchant Shipping Acts and governed by the law therein, there is no practice peculiar to this Colony in respect to allowances to masters or seamen detained here for the purpose of giving evidence at enquiries into shipping casualties.

2. In recent years no case have occurred where detention of witnesses has been necessitated by the press of court work. Should any scale of allowance be applied to this Colony every endeavour will be made to save expenses by the fixing of enquiries

I have, &c.
(Sd.) Geo. Melville.
Administrator

The Right Honble
The Marquess of Ripon K.G.
&c. &c. &c.
Downing Street.

No. 39.

Government House
Stanley. 8 May 1893

My Lord,

With reference to your lordship's despatch No. 21 of the 17th February informing me of the engagement by the Crown agents of the services of Lance-Corporal R. Hudson R.E. for one year as a surveyor in this Colony I have the honour to state, for your lordship's information, that this officer arrived here on the 16th April and reported himself at once.

2. He has been instructed to prepare enlarged working tracings

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of the Islands necessary for use in mapping out the blocks of land which have been compulsorily purchased by lessees but not allocated; and meanwhile communications have been addressed to the leaseholders with the request that they will state where they wish surveys of their freeholds to be made. As it is presumed that in almost every case these freeholds will be selected where the homesteads are erected, Surveyor Hudson will be enabled to proceed with this work even during the winter season which has now set in.

I have &c,
(Signed.) Geo: Melville.
administrator.

The R.t Hon.ble
The Marquess of Ripon K.G.
&c. &c. &c.
Downing St.

No 40.

Government House,
Stanley. 8 May 083

My Lord,

I have the honour to report, with reference to Sir R. Goldsworthy's despatch No 129 of the 17th November last that the sum of £576 has been recovered by this Government from the London Assurance Corporation being the balance due on a policy of insurance held by the Government over the schooner "Hadassah" which was sold as a wreck in November last. In addition to this there is the sum of £89.4.0 being the balance of the amount realized by the sale after deduction of the expenses.

2. The loss of the "Hadassah" places it beyond the power of the Government to provide for the services of a Government Pilot in a proper manner and until I learn Your Lordship's instructions regarding the disposal of the money recovered as above, I propose, subject to Your approval, to

adopt the system of licensing pilots under Ordinance 5 of 1871.

Gov.r to Sec.S
No: 46 of 1888.
Sec.S to Gov.r
No: 24 of 1889.

3. It would appear on reference to former despatches on the subject of a pilot boat that a Government vessel has been for years past for pilotage, lighthouse and general services and your lordship may, in view of the difficulty which the Officer Administering the Government experiences in visiting the outlying districts of the Colony consider that it would be desirable to obtain another boat. Should your lordship so decide, I should still be inclined to favour the licensing of Pilots as I entirely agree in the opinion expressed by Lloyds' agent at this Port in 1889 that to have a good pilot service the pilot should have a personal interest in boarding ships at the earliest possible moment.

Sec.S to Gov.r
No: 1 of 1890.

I have &c.
(Sd) Geo: Melville.
Administrator

The Right Honble
The Marquess of Ripon
K.G. K.C. K.C.M.G.
Downing Street.

No: 41

Government House
Stanley. 9 May, 1893.

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit herewith for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon a full and exact copy duly authenticated under the Public Seal of this Colony and by my signature, of Ordinance No: 1 of 1893 being an ordinance entitled "an ordinance to amend the Law "taxation Ordinance, 1892" together with Legal Adviser's report thereon.

Ordinance 1 of 1893

Report

2. This Ordinance has been introduced in accordance with the

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contained in your lordship's despatch No. 101 of the 30th December last.

3. Your lordship understands rightly that the object of imposing this tax is to provide for the expense of fencing in a certain area of land around the town of Stanley as a Common for pasturage purposes for the inhabitants and for fencing off the town from this land to prevent the trespassing of animals in it.

The payments made up to date on account of the town fence amount to £49.13.8, and those for the Boundary or Commonage Fence to £336.13.4. The cost of the latter fence will not exceed in cost the sum of £400, a moiety of which will be paid by the present lessee, Mr. William Bettleff of the suburban farm of Mullet creek under the terms of his lease, the conditions as to the renewal of which were conveyed in your lordship's despatch No. 21 of the 8th March, 1872.

£120 may, I think be safely taken as the maximum cost of the town fence, so that to meet the total expenditure on both fences (£320) payable by the Government, the estimated annual amount of say £64 ought to be sufficient to pay off this debt in five years. The amount received for Tenement Tax during January of this year was a little over £64.

I have &c.
(Sd.) Geo: Melville.
administrator.

Rt. Honble.
Marquess of Ripon K.G.
&c. &c. &c.
Downing Street.

No. 42.

Government House, Stanley.
10 May 1873.

My Lord,

With reference to your lordship's despatch No. 78 of the 31st January transmitting for my consideration copy of a correspondence as noted in

the margin, on the subject of the delay in the transmission of homeward mails from this Colony and Mr. Kerr's despatch No. 34 of the 14th March 1891, I have the honour to submit, for your Lordship's information copy of a report from the Colonial Postmaster on the subject.

Postmaster 15 April 1891

2. I have caused inquiries to be made of the agent here for the Kosmos Ss Company and confirms the statement made by the Colonial Postmaster that he does not understand what is meant by the complaint of the Managing Director of the Falkland Islands Company that the practice appears to have been to tranship the mails at Monte Video to one of Messrs Lamport & Holts' steamers as he has invariably given instructions to the Captain of direct homeward boats that no transhipment of mails was to be made.

3. For the reasons given in the letter from the General Post Office of the 28th January and in Mr. Fraser's letter of the 10th April that the proposed transhipment of mails Monte Video to Royal Mail or Pacific Steam Navigation Company's steamers would lead to uncertainty and greater expense to the Colony I consider that the present arrangement is a satisfactory one and should not be departed from at all events during the present contract with the Kosmos Company.

I have &c.
(Sgd) Geo: Melville.
Administrator

The Rt Hon'ble.
The Marquess of Ripon K.G.
&c. &c. &c.
Downing Street

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No 43.

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Government House, Stanley.
10 May. 1893.

My Lord,

With reference to your lordship's despatch No 3 of the 4th January, I have the honour to transmit herewith copies of the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure of this Colony for the current year amended in accordance with your lordship's instructions.

Estimates as amended for 1893

2. I shall bear in mind the necessity of economy especially with regard to public works, but beyond the repairs to streets in Stanley and the extension of the sea wall, especially in front of that part of the road nearly opposite the cemetery which is being undermined by the sea. I do not expect expenditure to any amount on any other public works. On the subject of public works I wish to take this opportunity of stating that I regret that I cannot agree with Sir R. Goldsworthy in his view as to the necessity for any further accommodation for a Bonded warehouse than that already amply provided for in the Dockyard. The importers here pay the duty on landing their goods and immediately transfer them to their own Stores; and if the suggestion which Sir R. Goldsworthy made in his despatch No 116 of the 13th August 1892 be carried out the shed will not be suitable for a Drill Hall. £350 was voted for this building and up to the 15th April over £432 had been expended on its erection. To provide doors and windows will cost say £20 more at least; and then for the purposes of a Drill Hall the building will require an asphalt or concrete floor. It is a question therefore whether the Government would be justified in going to the expense of at least a sum of £500 solely to provide a Drill Hall for a Volunteer force which cannot I fear number at any time

in Stanley more than 100 officials. I do not bring this to your lordship's notice with any idea of throwing cold water on the volunteer movement in this Colony - on the contrary I shall do all in my power to foster and encourage it.

There is another building which has been erected but is left unfinished without a floor and that is a building which I believe was intended for a stable. This public work has cost over £124 and, in my opinion, is quite unsuited for a stable, & moreover being erected close to the principal entrance to Government House is, I consider, an eyesore to Government House grounds.

I think it right to make these remarks, my lord, so that I may anticipate your approval to arrangements which I may be able to submit with reference to these buildings being utilised.

3. The amendment as to the item "Land Sales" has been made so far in accordance with instructions as our printing capabilities will allow on this occasion - copies of the estimates having been struck off before your lordship's despatch No 3 of 4th January was received.

4. Under the head of Post Office (Revenue) the item £225 for "Fares and Freights, mail schooner" has been struck out but a sum of £2 substituted as this amount for 1891 was not paid until this year. The heading "mail schooner" has been retained as a payment of £13 for provisions supplied in 1892 was not made until after the beginning of the present financial year.

5. Provision has been made on the expenditure side under

"Post Office" for the carriage of Parcels by the Cosmos Company as also for the monthly conveyance of mails to West Falkland.

6. The fees referred to in head 10 "Medical Department" are those payable from the Colonial Chest to the Medical Officer who may be called upon to give evidence or to hold post mortem examinations at Coroner's inquests.

7. Under the head 7 Public Works, the Estimates have been amended as far as possible in accordance with the instructions contained in the 8th paragraph of your Lordships despatch under acknowledgment, but in framing the Estimates for this year I shall follow closely the form of Estimates attached to the Instructions which accompanied Lord Knutsford's circular despatch of 4 February 1890.

8. The item Insurance and Interest on Loan under the Head Public Works (Local) £69 has been deducted from the sum of £523 for maintenance and repairs of roads and drains and other local expenses which appears now as the first item of "annually recurrent" expenditure, and a sum of £64 is provided for part payment of fencing under "Extraordinary" expenditure as it was found that the Assessment Tax had been over-estimated and only realized £64. The amount to be provided for on the Estimate for this year for Public Works is therefore £934. Amount of extraordinary expenditure provided for by special votes of 1892 £893.

9. As instructed, and in explanation of Sir R. Goldsworthy's remarks in his despatch No 114 of the 10th October last on head 17 of Expenditure

expenditure" that the grant from surplus for has not sufficed "I enclose for your lordship information statements prepared by the Treas giving detailed expenditure on Public Works in 1891 and in 1892 defrayed from the Special Fund of £2,500.

Statements

10. I have also the honour to furnish detailed statements of the amounts expended on furniture and fitting for Government House during the years 1891 and 1892 which form part, though abstracted separately, of the statements referred to in the preceding paragraph.

I have, &c.
(Sgd) Geo. Melville.
Administrator.

The Right Hon^ble.
The Marquess of Ripon
K.G.
&c. &c. &c.
Downing Street.

No 44.

Government House, Stan
10 March, 1893.

My Lord.

I have the honour to transmit herewith for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon a full and exact copy duly authenticated under the Public Seal of this Colony and by my signature of Ordinance No 2 of 1893 entitled "an ordinance to repeal "Ordinance No 8 of 1892 and to provide for the "service of the Colony of the Falkland Islands "for the year 1893.

Ordinance No 2 of 1893

2. This Ordinance was introduced in accordance with the instructions contained in your lordship's despatch No 4 of 4 January 1893 but the amendments made in the Schedule to section 1 of Ordinance No 8 of 1892 having caused an alteration in the total of the amounts to be provided

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deemed it more expedient to repeal Ordinance No 8 and to introduce a new Appropriation Ordinance than to have two Appropriation Ordinances for the same year on the Statute Book.

3. In this opinion the Legal Adviser of the Government concurs with me, and I trust that in adopting this course I shall have your lordship's approval.

I have, &c.
Signed / Geo: Melville.
Administrator.

The Rt Hon^ble
The Marquess of Ripon K.G.
&c. &c. &c.
Downing Street

No 45.

Government House,
Stanley. 10 May, 1893.

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit herewith for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon a full and exact copy, duly authenticated under the Public Seal of this Colony and by my signature, of Ordinance No 3 of 1893 entitled "an Ordinance to make further provision for the service of the Colony of the Falkland Islands for the year 1892.

Ordinance No 3 of 1893

2. Detailed statements showing the increases and decreases on the several votes appropriated under Ordinance No 8 of 1891 is submitted but I would refer your lordship for further explanations of the excesses and savings on the Estimates for 1892 to Statements III and IV which accompanied the annual account of this Colony for the year 1892 transmitted in my despatch No 33 of the 6th April.

I have, &c.
(Sd) Geo: Melville.

No 46.

Government House,
Stanley. 11 May 1893.

My Lord,

With reference to your lordship's despatch No 32 of the 13th March, transmitting for my information and guidance, a copy of the correspondence noted on the margin, and to my despatch of the 10th instant (No 42), I have the honour to state, for your lordship's information, that, on bringing this matter before the Executive Council, the members were of opinion that the proposal of the Kosmos Company which has received your lordship's approval that the mails from this Colony should be sent to England from Havre when steamers of this Company do not proceed direct to Tilbury is one advantageous to the Colony.

Cas & Co. 13.2.93. Co. & G.P.O. 17.2.93. G.P.O. & Co. 11.3.93. Co. & Cas. 13.7.93.

2. It was agreed at the same time that the local agent of the Company should be communicated with, so that he might arrange with his Company at Hamburg that a steamer of the Company should not land mails at Havre during November of this year which is one of triennial statistical periods of accounting adopted by the Postal Union.

3. The Council also pointed out that some provision ought to be made for the payment by the Kosmos Company of the expenses of passengers from Havre to the United Kingdom, should delay at Havre necessitate their making such an application.

4. This opinion has been conveyed to the Agent here and he requests that your lordship may be pleased to cause a communication to be made direct with his Company at Hamburg on the subject.

5. Due instructions will be given by the Agent here to prevent mails

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landed at Havre by one of his Company's steamers during the month of November.

I have &c.
(Signed) Geo. Melville.
Administrator.

The Rt Honble.
The Marquess of Ripon. KG.
&c. &c. &c.
Downing Street.

No 47.

Government House,
Stanley. 12 May, 1875.

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit herewith, for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon, a full and exact copy, duly authenticated under the Public Seal of this Colony and by my signature, of Ordinance No 4 of 1875 being an Ordinance entitled "an ordinance for "incorporating the Trustees of Christ Church, "Stanley, Falkland Islands, as a Body Corporate.

Ordinance No 4 of 1875

2. The necessity for the introduction of this Ordinance arose, as will be seen in the Preamble, from the expediency of providing for the proper management of the property and concerns of the Church by the Trustees as a Body Corporate. The Trustees were nominated as such under a Deed of Constitution, a copy of which I enclose.

Deed of Constitution.

3. The report of the Legal adviser on the Ordinance is attached.

Report.

I have &c.
(Signed) Geo: Melville.
Administrator.

Rt Honble.
Marquess of Ripon KG
&c. &c.
Downing Street.

No. 48.

Government House, Stanley,
12 May, 1893.

My Lord,

With reference to the Hon'ble R. H. Meade's despatch No. 100 of 14th December last I have the honour to report for the information of the Marine Department of the Board of Trade that the medals therein referred to have been presented by me to R. Roes Master, and to H. Helders, seaman of the "Result" and I have been desired by these men in transmitting their receipts for the same to convey an expression of their thanks for the recognition made to them by the Board of Trade.

Receipts

2. The receipt for the medal awarded to J. Betts will be obtained and forwarded at the first opportunity but up to the present I have been unable to present it owing to J. Betts being absent in the District.

3. The medals awarded to J. Sill and J. Jensen are herewith returned as J. Sill has shipped on board an American ship, the "Annie R. Smith", and sailed in her for Seattle in August last while J. Jensen, I regret to have to report, was drowned at Fox Bay on the West Island in February.

Medals returned

4. The money awards have also been made to R. Roes and H. Helders and will also be made to J. Betts on the first opportunity.

I have &c.
(Sd.) Geo. Melville.
Administrator

The Rt. Hon'ble
The Marquess of Ripon, K.G.
&c. &c. &c.
Downing Street.

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No. 49.

Government House. Stanley.
17 May 1893.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your lordship's despatch No. 2 of the 4th January last and in reply to inform your lordship that there is no special rule regulating the hours for loading ships here but in fixing the limit of hours for loading, the Customs Authorities have been guided by the provisions contained in Ordinance No. 5 of 1891 sections 16 and 17 which are relaxed, whenever possible, by a special permission to work overtime with a view to avoid delaying the mails.

2. In compliance with your lordship's request in the second paragraph of the despatch under acknowledgement, I have the honour to forward herewith copies of the Port Regulations obtaining here. I regret the delay in sending these Regulations which was due to a reprint having been necessary and which took some time to complete in the primitive printing establishment here.

I have &c.
(Sd.) Geo: Melville.
Administrator.

The Rt. Hble.
The Marquess of Ripon
K.G. &c. &c. &c.
Downing Street.

No. 50.

Government House,
Stanley. 17 May 1893.

My Lord,

In compliance with the instructions laid down in Rule 284 of the Colonial Regulations, I have the honour to transmit to your lordship copy of the Inventory of the furniture,

&c. in Government House together with an estimated valuation thereof made by the persons appointed for that purpose by the Executive Council on the 28th February last and the Report of this Board on the deficiencies.

2. In transmitting this Inventory and Valuation. I have the honour to refer your Lordship to the concluding paragraph of Lord Knutsford's despatch No 37 of the 18th July 1889 in which he directs as follows. "I see no "reason for exempting the Governor of "the Falkland Island. from Rule 284 of "the Colonial Regulations and it should "be complied with in future.

I understand that since the receipt of this despatch the pensentage paid by the governor has not been made and I have therefore to ask your lordships definite instructions on this subject.

I have &c.
(Sd) Geo. Melville
Administrator

The Rt Honble.
The Marquess of Ripon
&c. &c. &c. K.G.
Downing Street.

No 51.

Government House
Stanley. 18 May 1892

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your lordship's despatch No of 30th January last enclosing a claim by the Board of Trade for the refund of expenses incurred in respect of the wrecked crew of the "Dennis Brundrit", No 17,778, which claim I presume, is put forward against this Government by reason of the "Da-

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having been registered here.

2. A reference to the Shipping Register shows that the "Dennis Brundrit" was built in 1856 and was registered at Liverpool up to 1880 when she was re-classed and registered anew here, the change in the registered ownership having occurred at the time when the ship was at this Port. She was employed on a home-carrying trade up to 1890 calling at these Islands, on an average, once a year, while an interval of seventeen months lapsed between the date of her last two entries at this Port. The "Dennis Brundrit" sailed, moreover, under English articles, shipped her crew in the United Kingdom where the owner also was residing. Having shipped a cargo consigned by the shippers to England, she was wrecked on the shores of these Islands when proceeding home. I would therefore submit for consideration whether the mere fact of her being borne on the register here renders this Colony liable for the expenses which the Board of Trade now claim to have refunded to them, and whether such expenses were not duly incurred in carrying into effect the purposes of the Third Part of the Merchant Shipping Act of 1854, the crew having been reshipped to a Port in the United Kingdom where they were originally shipped.

3. There is not at present any ship on this register carrying on an over-sea trade with the United Kingdom but the six schooners registered here make frequent voyages from Port to Port and over-sea to the South East Coast of America

should any casualty occur to them at any [illegible] on these coasts or on the opposite coast this Government might be held liable for the expenses of subsistence and transport of [illegible] crews to Stanley. No provision having ever been made here for monies to be applied for the relief of Distressed British Seamen, the question arises whether it would be expedient to make regulations and impose conditions to benefit one or two ship-owners here in the event of such occurrences. As the Shipping Register has been opened for over 30 years and only some 20 or 25 ships have used this Port as a Port of Registry, I am inclined to the opinion that such an imposition would cause an inconvenience which could the better be remedied by closing our Shipping Register; the name and address of the three managing owners of schooners at present resident here could be transferred to a Port of Registry in the United Kingdom. The other schooners are registered in the name of the Falkland Islands Company whose Head Office is in London and Wm. C.R. Dean who resides in England

4. In any case, if the owner of the "Dennis Brundrit" insured his vessel I would ask to be informed whether the Government, having no funds at command to meet such claims as that presented by the Board of Trade has a right to call upon the owners of this vessel to meet the expenses incurred.

I have &c,
(Sd) Geo: Melville
Administrator

The Rt. Honble.
The Marquess of Ripon K.G.
&c. &c. &c.
Downing Street.

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Government House.
Stanley. 18 May 1893.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your lordship's despatch No 35 of the 1st April, and with reference to the despatches, as noted on the margin, to ask your lordship to defer any decision on the subjects of the renewal of the lease of the Careass and Jason Islands and the seal fishery licence to Johan B Luchtenborg and Hugh Grant as Mr Hansen has forwarded to me a representation on the conduct of Luchtenborg which has necessitated my directing an Inquiry to be held under Ordinance No 2 of 1892 in order to obtain the information which led to the issue of this seal fishery licence.

2. As the two matters referred to above are so intimately connected one with the other, I hope that I may be enabled to furnish your lordship with the information desired in the concluding paragraph of your despatch No 15 of the 31st January when forwarding Mr Hansen's representation together with the evidence resulting from the Inquiry.

I have &c,
(Sd) Geo: Melville.
Administrator.

Rt Hon'ble
The Marquess of Ripon K.G.
&c &c &c
Downing Street.

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Encl:
No 35 of 10.11.92.
" 22 of 20.2.93.
" 24 of 7.3.93.
" 25 of 7.3.93
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No 15 of 31.1.93

No. 53

Government House.
Stanley. 19 May 1893.

My Lord,

Mr. Baillon 11 May 1893

I have the honour to transmit to your lordship copy of a letter which has been received from Mr. Baillon, the agent of the Falkland Islands Company here on the subject of the import by him of silver specie into the Colony.

2. After consultation with the Colonial Treasurer who informed me that he understood the Company required money and to meet their present needs he could let them have, in exchange for bills the sum of £1,000, I requested the Colonial Secretary to communicate with the Crown Agents by this mail with reference to their letter to him of the 8th September, 1892 and to instruct them to give an order, on the receipt of an application from the Falkland Islands Company to the Deputy of the Mint to ship £2,000 in silver specie by the July mail to the local agent of that Company here.

3. With reference to Mr. Baillon's request for a General Order I would suggest that your lordship might obtain from the Company in London such an explanation as to the needs of their agent here for an import by him in any one year of silver specie which will enable your lordship to instruct the Crown Agents to ask for an Order on the Mint for a sum which I think should not exceed £2,000, otherwise there might be considerable inconvenience and loss to the Treasury should it be unable to remit to England its surplus cash

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4. I have informed M. Baillon at an interview which he had with me on this subject that I would represent it to your lordship with the view to an arrangement being approved by you which would be of mutual advantage to the Government and to the Falkland Islands Company; but at the same time I stated that I did not in any case feel justified in giving a General Order on the mint to enable the Head Office of his Company to export specie to this Colony whenever he might require it as that course would have the effect of taking from the Government the control, which it ought to keep, of the import and circulation of silver in the Colony.

5. As the Colonial Treasurer informs me that the Treasury can afford with advantage to give £600 monthly instead of £400, I would ask your lordship's approval to the Crown Agents being authorised in future to sell to the Falkland Islands Corporation drafts at sight on the Colonial Treasurer for £600 each month instead of £400.

I have &c.
(Sd) Geo. Sutherland.
administrator.

The Right Hon.
The Marquess of Ripon
&c. &c. &c.
Downing Street.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

"Herodot."

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 20th *day of* May. 189 3.

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No 54.

Government House, Stanley
23 May, 1893.

My Lord,

In continuation of my despatch No 48 of the 12th instant, I have the honour to enclose, for transmission to the Board of Trade, the receipt of J Betts for the medal awarded to him for gallantry in saving life at sea on the 16th March 1892 as one of the crew of the schooner "Result" of this Port.

On my presenting to him to-day the medal and money award, Betts expressed his thanks for this recognition of his services on the above occasion.

I have &c.
(Signed) Geo: Melville.
Administrator

The Rt Hon'ble.
The Marquess of Ripon K.G.
&c &c &c
Downing Street.

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No 55.

Government House
27th May 1893.

My Lord.

With reference to the despatches from Sir R. Goldsworthy as noted in the margin, I have the honor to report for your Lordships information that I have appointed W. W. R. M. Spearman to act, without Salary, as my Private Secretary.

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2. On the departure of Sir R. Goldsworthy and at his suggestion Mr Hill, Government Clerk, and Clerk of Councils remained at Government House to assist me as first in looking up the records of the Governors Office on the land question and to act as Private Secretary; but as I thought that such an arrangement might interfere with the proper discharge of his duties as Government Clerk & and as I have ascertained that no fault had been found with Mr Spearman re the performance of his official duties, but that it was with his own wish that he had resigned the office of P.S. to Sir R. Goldsworthy, I was glad to avail myself of Mr Spearmans offer to act as my P.S. especially as I had found great difficulty in procuring good servants for Government House.—

3. I have perfect confidence in Mr Spearmans loyalty and trustworthiness as P.S. and I trust therefore that his appointment will meet with Your Lordships approval

I have &c

(Sgd) Gio Melville.

The Right Honble

The Marquis of Ripon K.G.

&c &c &c.

H. H.
Stanley
31 May 1893.

No 56.

My Lord.

S/S to Gov
No 79. 12 Dec 92
Gov. to S/S
105. 24 Aug 92
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No 90 - 17 Nov 92
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With reference to the despatches as noted on the margin, I have the honor to transmit an application addressed to your Lordship by W. C. A. Fraser Treasurer &c. of this Colony in which he renews his application for a transfer to another Colony—

2. In a conversation which I had with Mr Fraser with a view to an explanation from him as to the statement made in the fourth paragraph of his letter that he is "being subjected to an undeserved degradation" in his present position, I gathered from him that his present duties being of an indoor nature and partly clerical are not congenial to him; but as I stated to him I cannot support his contention that he is in any way lowered in his position or official status. His position here as an officer of Government is very much what he may make it for himself. I however fully join issue with him in agreeing that his previous training would do both the Colonial Service and himself greater justice if he were transferred to a Police or Constabulary appointment in Cyprus or failing such a vacancy there, to one on the Gold Coast—

3. I have therefore much pleasure in supporting Mr Fraser's application to be transferred on the grounds urged in the 4th & 5th para: of his last application.

I have &c

(Sd) Hy M. Stanley

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No 57.

Government House
Stanley
8th June 1893.

My Lord,

With reference to my despatch No 56 of the 31 ultimo, and in particular to the second paragraph of Mr Fraser's application of the 23rd which accompanied it, I have the honor to make the following remarks and suggestions.—

2. According to the scheme for the reorganisation of the Judicial and Civil Establishment of this Colony prepared by Sir Roger Tolcastwarthy and submitted with his despatch No 82 of the 26th June 1891, the approval of which was conveyed in Lord Knutsford's despatch No 61 of the 24th Sept 1891, the fees which were formerly received by the officer or officers performing respectively the duties of Recorder of Deeds, Registrar of Births and Deaths, Notary Public, Shipping Master, Health Officer &c were by it thereafter to be paid into the Colonial chest - only in the case, however, of the fees received for Notarial acts has payment into the Chest been realized. This was done by Ordinance 6 of 1892.—

3. I enclose for your Lordship's information a statement which I have had prepared by the Colonial Treasurer shewing the fees which have been received into the Treasury under the several Ordinances which I have noted thereon.

The only fees now

now refunded are those paid in the first instance into the Treasury and refunded at the end of the month to the Governor for the issue of marriage licences under Schedule F of ordinance 19 of 1858; and your Lordship may therefore deem it expedient to order that, if all other fees are payable into the Treasury except Coroners fees, the fees for Governors marriage licences should be dealt with in the same manner. I cannot find any ordinance or Regulation requiring the payment of 10/- for each Bill of Health.

4. I respectfully suggest, therefore that, in order that there may be no doubt in future as to appropriation of Fees of Office for the Service of the Colony, I may be authorized to introduce an ordinance to legalise the payment into the Treasury of those Fees of Office which are received into the Treasury under the scheme before referred to

I have &c

(Sd) Geo. Melville

The Right Honble

The Marquis of Ripon

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Government House
Stanley.
17 June 1893.

No 58.

My Lord,

Ord V of 1893 Duplicate Sec

I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the signification of H. M's pleasure thereon, a fully authenticated copy of Ordinance No V of 1893 entitled an Ordinance "To provide for the establishment of a Volunteer Force".—

2. I should mention that besides the amendments suggested in your Lordships despatch No 29 of 13 March last clause 25 (clause 24 in the draft) has been also amended so as to be in conformity with clause 7, and, as amended, transfers the sanction for the payment of a capitation grant from the Governor nominee to the Governor himself as the annual inspection by an officer of the army is impracticable.—

3. In bringing the measure on for hearing before the Legislative Council on the 1st May some opposition was at first made to it by the unofficial members who doubted the necessity of the movement, and, looking at the present condition of the Corps considered that the feeling displayed was not such as to prove any earnest desire on the part on the people to join the movement or to justify any extra expenditure being incurred.— It was

explained, however to the unofficial members that no expense would be incurred until the corps was passed as efficient and they were reminded of the liberal way in which the Home Government had assisted the movement. After some further discussion it was thought better to have the Bill in Committee stage so that a report as to the strength of the Corps, number of parades and general arrangements of the Force might be obtained and laid before the Council — After the meeting, the unofficial members explained the reasons for the action they had taken in a letter a copy of which I have the honor to enclose together with a copy of a minute which I wrote in reply and caused to be communicated to them accompanied also by a report and papers giving a brief history of the formation of the Corps and statistics as to attendance at drill &c. which had been received from the Commandant. After perusing these papers the unofficial members stated that they withdrew all opposition to the Bill which was accordingly brought up again on the 12th instant and passed in the form now transmitted to Yr Lordship.

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4 Copies of the Queen regulations and the Volunteer regulations have been required for as a guide for framing the regulations under clause 8. copies of which will be transmitted to yr Lordship at the first opportunity —

I have &c

(sd) Geo Melville

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No 59.

G. H.
Stanley
19 June 1893.

My Lord,

I have the honor to transmit to your Lordship two copies of the Blue Book of this Colony for the year 1892, together with the annual Report thereon prepared by the Colonial Secretary -

I have &c

(Sd) Geo. Melville.

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G. H.

No 60.

Stanley
19 June 1893.

My Lord.

With reference to your Lordships despatch No 30 of the 13th March, and in compliance with the request contained in its second paragraph I have the honor to supply the following information.

2. On January last, with reference to a conversation which he had with Sir Roger Goldsworthy, a Mr Foster a travelling American dentist, as to whom I beg to refer you to my despatch as noted in the margin, sent in an application, a copy of which was considered in Executive Council on the 14 January. Mr Foster was informed in reply to this application that on receipt of further information from him giving a brief outline of his project and on the Government being satisfied that it would be likely to further the interests of the Colony the Governor would ask your Lordship's permission to lease to Mr Foster the quantity of land stipulated for. I may here remark that the Government up to date has not received a reply to the letter so addressed to him on 14 January.

No 64 of 23 June 1892.

3. On February last a Portuguese sloop in Stanley (Carlos Guilherme now Known as Williams), who is also a storekeeper in Port Point, and who was naturalized by Ord 6 of

made application to purchase "that portion
of water frontage situated in front of lots
"26 & 27 and that part of Hebe Street recently
"purchased by me from the Colonial Government
so that the place referred to would be a
continuation of the frontage now occupied
by the F. I. Co" This application was laid before the
Executive Council on the 20th February, when
Mr Williams was informed that the Governor
was not prepared to sell the plot referred to,
but with your Lordships approval would be
willing to lease it. The water frontage situated
in front of Lots 26 & 27 is the piece of land
approved as a grant to the promoters of
a Gymnasium and swimming Baths in
your Lordships despatch No 84 of 6th Oct 1892.
On my endeavouring to obtain an explanation
from Mr Williams as to his application I found
that he had gone to Sandy Point where he
will be for some months.
I should add that Mr Williams is one of
the largest owners of land in the town of
Stanley and on this subject I beg to
refer your Lordship to Governor Kerr's Despatch
No 66 of 11 June 1887.

4. These applications are presumably the two
referred to by Sir R Yorke Moorsworthy in the 3rd
para: of his despatch No 114 of 30 January and I
therefore submit that, even if there were
crown lands in the town to lease, they would
not justify at present the introduction of an ord:
to enable the government to lease land in Stanley for
building or other purposes

I have &c
(Sd) Geo. Melville.

No 61.

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E. L. Stanley
19 June 1893.

My Lord.

Gov. to Sof S. 43 of 5 Apr '93 S/S to Gov. 58 of 9 May '93

8 May '93

With reference to my despatch No 52 of the 18th May and also to the despatches noted on the margin, I have now the honour to transmit to your Lordship copy of a communication with enclosures addressed to the Colonial Secretary by Mrs Hanson at my request, being in fact a repitition of the statements which she made to me a few days previously at an interview which she asked to have with me, in my office and which took place in the presence of the Colonial Secretary.

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Enclosure to appendix

2. On the 24 april, Lüchtenborg, one of the licencees under the seal fishery licence dated 1 March 1893, who had a day or two previously returned from sealing at the Jason Islands bringing with him 109 seal skins the product of 3 days 17 days sealing, laid information with the Colonial Secretary that two men in the employment of Mrs Hanson had landed on or about the 3d april upon Elephant Jason & were killing seals and that upon the 18th he left that Island for the purpose of reporting the same until then I was ignorant of all of the circumstances connected with the issue of the sealing licences reported in governor Fleuriau's despatch No 25 of 8 March 1893.

3. On all the circumstances of the case having been explained to me by the Colonial Secretary I sent for Luckenburg, who is an ignorant and uneducated German who had come to Stanley for the purpose of taking a short holiday to Europe with a friend, and explained to him that I felt convinced he had been made a tool of by others who had their own purposes to serve and had found out that he had about £30 of savings, and that I was prepared on my own responsibility, pending a vote by the Legislative Council, to refund to him the amount which had been paid for the licence, and to cancel it, as I thought an error of judgement had been committed in issuing any sealing licence at the present time, especially one to seal off the Jason Islands. He seemed inclined to accept my terms but said he must first consult Mr. Smith. On my enquiring what Mr. Smith had to do with the matter, he stated that Mr. Smith represented Hugh Grant who had left the Colony and that Hugh Grant had found the other £20 for the licence. Meanwhile I ascertained that Mr. Smith had advised Luckenburg not to accept my proposal; and then I asked Mr. Hansen with her agent to be present a few days afterwards, when I sent

for Luckenbars and W. Smith. and
repeated to Luckenbars the proposal I had
already made to him, first explaining to
W Smith that I had asked him to be
present so that he might hear for himself
what I had to say again to Luckenbars -
W. Smith first informed me, in reply to
my question, that he had no authority in
the shape of a power of attorney or other
document to act for Hugh Grant.
Mr Hansen agreed on this occasion in reply
to my request, and in order to enable the
Government to settle the matter in the
manner I wished, to withdraw the action
for trespass she had taken against Luckenbars
and to give up all claim to the seals
most of which Luckenbars admitted he
had landed on Elephant Tusson Island to
Rile. — Luckenbars on my asking him again
if he agreed to the proposal already made to him
said he would give the Colonial Secretary
an answer in the course of a day or two
and left my office in the Company of Mr
Smith; and not until he was asked for an
answer by the Col Sec. did he reply in a
letter written for him by a Mr Hirsan,
who has now I understand an interest of
some Kind in the sealing; that as his
Licence is very explicit he intends to abide
by the same. — I may here mention that
before I spoke to Mr Smith on the subject

of his licence. Luckenbergs correspondence was conducted for him by Mr Smith.

4. Mr Hansen meanwhile, as promised, had withdrawn her action for trespass against Luckenberg and had given up all claim to the seals killed by Luckenberg and promised at the same time that her men would receive strict orders not to kill any seal on her lands.— I then directed as already reported to your Lordship an Inquiry to be held under ordinance N.° 20 of 1892 and appointed Mr Felton M. L. C. to sit with the Judge as the Commissioners.— When Luckenbergs evidence was taken he was informed that he was at liberty to return to seal at the Pascoes Islands but that he could do so only in the manner which his licence gave him a legal right to do — viz from — low water mark three miles out to sea — and that the Government would support Mr Hansens action in preventing any trespass by him on her lands.—

5. This, My Lord, is an accurate statement of the facts of this troublesome case of which I have an actual Knowledge, put as shortly and as clearly as I have been able to do with my partial Knowledge of the whole case; but from the accompanying memorandums prepared by the Judge and Colonial Secretary as also from the notes which

which he has made at my request on extracts from despatches of Sir R Goldsworthy. Nos 22 & 24 dated respectively 20th February and 7th March and lastly from the report of the Commissioners of Enquiry and the relative Evidence, from your Lordship will I trust be able to form an opinion (1st) on the charge against Mr Hansen of having sealed without a licence. (2nd) on the refusal of Governor Goldsworthy to renew her lease of the Carcass and Jason Islands for sealing without a licence. and (3) on the charge against Mr & Hansen and her agent of an intention to deceive the Government by a false declaration as to the export of Seal Skins.

6. As to the reliability which can be attached to the statements made to Governor Goldsworthy with regard to Mr Hansen having killed seals in the sea — presumably by Luckenbach — there being no copy here of his statement referred to in para 4 of Governor Goldsworthy's despatch of 20th February I leave your Lordship to judge from the evidence given by Luckenbach before the Commissioners Enquiry. From his evidence it is clearly shown how Luckenbach was induced on the promise of the future lease of the Jason Islands to give away all he had to secure the sealing Licence.

Enclosure "F" to appendix

7. I have reason to believe that the information incidentally obtained by Governor Goldsworthy and referred to in para 2 of his despatch No 22 of the 20th February, was given by a man of

name of Tait, presumably the "gentleman" referred to in the evidence, who came out as an Engineer to put up Irg works for Mr Cameron. After finishing that work and before returning to England he was loafing about Stanley for some time where he was got hold of by the ubiquitous Mr Smith, who with Mr Kirwan and Mr Foster (Scotch) were evidently desirous of becoming the new lessees of the Jason & Carcass Islands Lieutenant Long to be the lessee of the Jason Islands, and Messrs Foster & Kirwan of the Carcass.— I have every reason however to suspect that Mr Smith, in the background, is the real applicant for the Jason Islands.—

Enclosure "I"

Enclosure "K"

8. There is a very strong feeling of indignation among all the respectable inhabitants of the Colony about this attempt on the part of certain unscrupulous persons by misleading and misrepresenting facts to the Government to deprive Mrs Hansen who is esteemed by everyone, of her means of livelihood.— From inquiries I have made in several quarters of persons who have known the late Mr Hansen for many years, as to Mrs Hansen and her circumstances, they fully corroborate the statements made by Mr Robert Blake in his letter addressed to Governor Goldsworthy on the 11th November 1891, a copy of which is attached.

Enclosure No 66 of June 1893

9. I have therefore, My Lord, in conclusion, to express a hope, with regard to the Sealing Licence issued to Luckenbach and Faust that in the event of Luckenbach acting as he has done already in destroying Seals wholesale and in committing a trespass on Mr Hansen's land that I may anticipate your Lordships approval if I cancel the Licence which he at present holds; and with regard to the request contained in the concluding portion of Mr Hansen's letter of the 8th May, that your Lordship may be graciously pleased to accept a surrender of the lease granted to the late Charles Hansen on the 11th September 1872 for 21 years, to renew this lease to Mr Hansen at an increased rental, and such rental and such other terms and conditions as to the Seal Fishery on the Pascoe Islands to be recommended by the Governor in Council for your Lordships approval. I make this request My Lord, moreover on the ground that as Mr Hansen is one of the leaseholders who have come forward and offered to surrender the Lease of the Passage Islands granted to her late husband for 21 years from 8th July 1883 (1883), in order to assist the Government in meeting the probable demand for the purchase of land, I consider she ought to be treated in the same way as the other leaseholders who have come to the assistance of the Government, and that she and they should have an immediate renewal of their leases, excepting those por-

See papers append
"Hansen separate"

Enclosure A

of their leaseholds which have now been surrendered to the Government.

Having regard to the terms of the concluding clause of the lease of the Dason & Carcass Islands issued to the late Charles Hamm a copy of which is attached to the enclosures in the appendix to this Despatch. and in reply to the request in para 3 of Y. Le despatch No 15 of the 31st January I am clearly of opinion that Mr Hamm, not from the Government, but from an incoming tenant would have claim for compensation for improvements.

I have &c

(Sd) Geo Melville.

G. H.
Stanley.
20th June 1893.

No 62.

My Lord.

Report 20 June 93

I have the honor to transmit herewith, for your Lordship's information the report of a Supreme Board of Survey held on the Treasury Chest which I directed to be made this day.

I have &c

(Sd) Geo Melville.

G. H.

Stanley
20th June 1893.

No. 63.

My Lord,

I have the honor to transmit to your Lordship a map which I have had prepared by Surveyor Hudson, for insertion, with your approval, in the Colonial Office List.

The Freeholds and Leaseholds as at date are shown colored distinctly; and the map is drawn accurately, as explained in the letter, copy of which is attached, from the large new map of record which the Surveyor has just completed, a copy of which I hope to forward to your Lordship by the next mail.

Hudson to C.O.
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2. I think that the map herewith submitted may be of interest at the present time shewing as it does how all the land in these Islands for sheep farming purposes is disposed of—

I have &c

(Sd) Geo Melville

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G. H.

Stanley

No 64

Ans by No 74 of 11 Sept 93 22d June 1893.

My Lord,

W. G. W.

In continuation of my Despatch of the 17th May, which at that time I considered it advisable to mark of a confidential nature, I have the honor to report further progress in the endeavours which I have been making, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, to bring about an amicable and just settlement of the land ques in this Colony, and to give at the same time loyal effect to the instruct conveyed to me in your Lordships despatch No 16 of the 31st January—

2. At a meeting of the Executive Council held on the 17th ultimo it was unanimously agreed that, as apparently all the applications for purchase of land had been received in reply to the Government notice of 29th March and that as in some of the applications which had been received from certain head shepherds who were considered the most likely purchasers of small holdings, the desire was expressed that they might be furnished with the conditions of sale, the Council should consider at the next

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meeting what date should be fixed as the last day on which applications should be received. I then stated I hoped members would come to that meeting prepared to favour me with their views as to the time to be allowed for fencing in blocks purchased, for providing sheep dips, for erection of homesteads and for stocking.

3. When the Council met on the 1st June a lengthened discussion took place on the several conditions above referred to resulting in recommendations being agreed which, before being published it was decided should be embodied in the form of a Resolution for submission to the Legislative Council. The condition which appeared to the Council the most difficult to deal with was the one as to fencing, the unanimous opinion being that it should give to the incoming freeholder sufficient time to erect and at the same time protection to the surrounding Leaseholder from the probable introduction into his flocks of scabby sheep.—
This condition then passed in the following terms:- "That first of all a suitable fence should be necked as soon as possible after the date of occupation and that the time for its erection should not exceed three years"

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4 Before the next meeting of Council I requested the Colonial Secretary and legal adviser to put these recommendations in the form of a Resolution and as 2nd Knutsford despatch N° 25 of the 12th March 1892 had not been made public that he would preface the Resolutions by the preambles which appear in their publication in the Supplementary Gazette of the 17th instant.

Enclosure A 1

5. I explained to the Council when it met on the 6th June that in view of the fact that Despatch N° 25 of 12th March had not been published I had thought it right to preface the recommendations of the Committee by preambles setting forth the present position of the land question, and that I had added to the conditions relating to fencing, quoted at the words, "the cost thereof to be met equally by "purchaser and the lessee of the surrounding land" not that I entirely agreed that this was an equitable arrangement as to sharing the cost of fencing, but in order that this difficult question might be considered in Legislative Council and fully thrashed out.
After amendments in the phraseology of one or two conditions, the Resolutions were severally put to the Council, passed and approved for submission to the Legislative Council in the shape in which they appear in red ink in Statement attached

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Enclosure C 1

The reports of the proceedings of the meetings of Legislative Council which were held on the 13th & 14th instant, and which by circulation amongst members for their revision and approval as to their individual remarks, have been made as full as possible, will, I trust, show to your Lordship clearly the opinions of the several members official and unofficial; and with the knowledge which I now possess as to the origin of the demand for land in the Colony I am bound to say that Resolution VII though not agreed to by the unofficial members in the shape it was submitted by the Executive Council, was ultimately passed in a conciliatory spirit of give and take and with a desire that it might help to test the genuiness of the demand for land, while not losing sight of the fact that if any of the applicants are earnest in their desire to take up small holdings as sheep farmers, it is obviously to their own interest that they get their stations ready as soon as possible for stocking. The same argument holds good, I submit, with regard to the time to be allowed to complete the payment of the purchase money and to obtain title to the land. I think moreover it is a fair inference to be drawn from the terms of para: 12 of your Lordship's Despatch No 16 of the 31st January that the limit of 10 years meets with your Lordship's approval. Holding

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this opinion, I presume, the majority of the Council on an amendment of Resolution III struck out the words "shall the Secretary of State sanction it"; which words if I recollect right, were proposed by the Colonial Treasurer. Resolution VII took the place of Resolutions VII & VIII submitted by the Executive Council; and Resolution IX of that Council became Resolution VIII of the Legislative Council.

7. The object of adding Resolution VIII is I think apparent and it is to be hoped that it will effectually prevent persons coming forward who may turn out to be simply speculators in land for the purpose of reselling to advantage, but who have no intention of pursuing sheep farming.

8. Copies of the Resolutions as passed by the Legislative Council on the 14th instant are being circulated throughout the Colony and all the applicants for the purchase of land will be immediately notified of the localities of the portions of the leaseholds which the Government have reserved for the purpose of sale.

9. I can say now, My Lord, that I am satisfied that had the inhabitants of the Colony been put in possession at once of the information furnished in the extracts from Lord Knutsford's despatch of 12th March 1892, which are now pub-

that there would have been no demand for the purchase of land -

10. I venture to think, my Lord, that the time has now arrived seeing that the Government has got a sufficiency of land at its disposal to meet all genuine demands for the purchase of land, that the leaseholders ought to be relieved from their anxiety as to the renewal of their leases. In accordance then with the promise which I made to the unofficial members in Legislative Council on the 11th instant, I would respectfully submit that an immediate renewal of their leases be granted, amalgamating all the leases of the several sections held by the leaseholder into one and from the date of the issue of this proposed lease charging £20 per section, excepting however from such lease the Section or Station which the Leaseholder has given up. I hear that the Leaseholders are agreeable to this procedure provided their leases be renewed for 21 years and fixity of tenure guaranteed to them at the end of that period for the Land so leased to them, - subject of course to the proviso for reserves as defined in clause 5 of Ordinance 4 of 1871. -

11. Should your Lordship approve of the settlement of the lease question in this way, the hands of the Government will then be free to deal with

with the question of the sale of lands [illegible]
up; and shewed the lands reserved whe[n]
exposed for sale not find any purchasers, th[at]
as directed by your Lordship in despatch
No 16 of the 31st January, a renewed lease
of such will have to be granted to the
leaseholder out of whose Station the
lands have been reserved. This lease
might be made a Special one and grou[nd]
on the understanding that at its expiry
the lands comprised therein, and those
only, would be liable to be put up for
to meet any future question for purchase

not app[d] by S of S. W. [illegible]

12. So various, my Lord, are the leaseholders o[f]
the subject of the renewal of their leases
and so important is the early settlement
of this matter to enable them to proceed
with fencing and other improvements wh[ich]
have been hung up now for nearly two ye[ars]
that I would ask your Lordship to ad[vise]
me of your instructions on these proposa[ls]
by telegram which if despatched from
London on the 10th August would catch
the Kamo Co's Steamer which is due to
leave Mauke vidēo for Stanley on 12th Augt

I have &c

(sd) Geo Melville

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G. N.
Stanley
28th June 1893.

My Lord.

With reference to my despatch
No 50 of the 17th May I have the honor to
inform your Lordship that having discovered
that the inventory of the Furniture
&c of Government House forwarded in that
despatch is incomplete and that the valuations
on certain articles have been put down
incorrectly so as to affect the proper percentage
which may be payable, I have had an
amended Inventory and Valuation prepared
by the Board, a copy of which will be
transmitted to your Lordship by the
next mail.-

I have &c
(T) Geo. Melville.

No. 66.

Q. H.
Stanley
23d June 1893.

My Lord,

In continuation of my despatch No. 61 of the 19th instant and with reference to your Lordships despatch No. 35 of 1st April and to the 3rd para: of Sir Blake's letter of the 14th Feb enclosed therein, I have the honor to transmit for your Lordships information copies of the correspondence referred to.

I have &c

(Sd) Geo Melville.

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No 64.

G. H.
Stanley
23rd June 1893

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My Lord,

I have the honor to transmit a memorial addressed to your Lordship by Mr. G. Bradford Foster, an american dentist, together with copies of correspondence relating thereto, respectfully your Lordships kind consideration regarding alleged libellous statements which are said to have been circulated in Stanley by Mr de Bailleu the Manager of the Falkland Islands Co against Mr Foster -

2. I have been informed that about the beginning of this year Mr Foster having run up a large account for furniture, carpets and household stores, obtained from the F. I. Co. was politely asked by the Manager to give a reference, as the terms of the Coy. required a satisfactory reference or payment in cash. Mr Foster replied in a personally rude way to Mr Bailleu by saying that he would pay his account when it suited him and that he declined to give any reference. Meanwhile Mr Bailleu wrote to the agents of the Co. in Monte Video requesting them to obtain information for him about Mr Foster - The information which Mr Bailleu received from his agents in Monte Video

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was I believe anything but satisfactory and as by any means creditable to Mr Foster
When Mr Foster returned from Monte Video in April he no doubt learnt that inquiries had been made about him and that Mr Baillon had stated what he had found out as to Mr Fosters history while in Buenos Ayres Presumably this is what is referred to by Mr Foster as "libellous statements"—

3. The Col Lee acknowledged at once the receipt of the enclosures to this despatch and informed Mr Foster that they would be forwarded to your Lordship in due course Mr Routledge at the same time informed me that Governor Fordesworthy had stated to him that he had written to H.B.M.'s Minister at Buenos Ayres requesting him to make inquiries as to Mr Foster's antecedents & that the Col Lee believed that Gov. Fordesworthy received a reply on the subject—
I made a search among the records of Governors office and caused the same to be done in the Secretariat, but no such correspondence was discovered—

4. Before the departure of the last mail I ascertained that the Colonial Secretary had communicated confidentially with the Honble F. Parkinson on the subject, and his replies, copies of which are attached, are submitted

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for Your Lordships information.
Having to await these replies will explain to Your Lordship why I did not forward Mr. Foster communication by last mail.—

5. I may mention that having obtained all he can get out of the residents in Stanley as a Sealist, Mr Foster intends leaving by this mail for Sandy Point having on the 21st instant had a sale of his effects most of which at the date of the sale were I believe unpaid for.—
I take this opportunity of stating that this man since his return to the Colony in April has associated himself with Messrs Smith and Kirwan and they have given the Government much annoyance in the matter of the Sealing Licence to Swedenborg I have just learnt that Mr Kirwan intends leaving with Mr Foster, and if this is the case all respectable inhabitants of this place will I feel sure be glad to get rid of two disreputable members of the community.—

June 1873. 6. I attach copy of a minute addressed to me by the Colonial Secretary where I requested him to forward to me Mr Fosters representation so that I might have it ready for transmission to Your Lordship.
With regard to what Mr Foster states in his letter of the 8th May addressed to me regarding the

the Judge. I consider that coming from such a man they are beneath notice: but as they give the opportunity, I take it to give a most indignant and emphatic denial to the charge against Judge Rowlatt of being disloyal to the Government. Since my arrival in the Colony he has been of most invaluable assistance to me; and as to his spending more time in the office of the manager of the F. I. Co. than in his own all I can say is that since I have been here Mr Rowlatt is in my office for some time every morning and afternoon.—

I have &c

(Sd) Geo Melville.

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N.° 68.

G. H.
Stanley
26.th June 1893.

My Lord.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordships despatch N.° 43 of the 23.rd May.-

2. With reference to my despatches as noted on the margin, I am glad to find that when I proposed to cancel the licence to Luchtenburg I took the same view as to Mr. Hanneis rights to Rill Seal on the Islands leased to her late husband as is explained in the second and third para: of your Lordships despatch under acknowledgement.

N.° 61 of 19.th June
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3. Had I discovered that I had made an error of judgement in issuing a licence such as has been granted by Gov. Goldsworthy to Luchtenburg I would not have hesitated for cancelling it; but under the circumstances attending the issue of the licence to Luchtenburg, I thought that such action, without your Lordships instructions, would have been misunderstood.

4. I have the honor in compliance with your Lordships request as conveyed in the 5.th para: of your despatch to forward an explanation by Mr. Baillon of the circumstances under which the Seal

June 1893

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Skins were exported by him for Mr Hansen in the Rosario Co steamer "Pedro" in November of last year.

5. I have carried out the instructions conveyed in the 4th para: of your Lordships despatch with regard to the letter addressed by Mr Blake to Mr Winsfied on the 22nd February; but as Mr Hansen has left Stanley and returned to Carcan Island, I requested the Col Sec to whom I furnished an extract from the concluding portion of the same para; call upon Mr Baillon as Mr Hansen's Agent to state fully what, if any, part Mr Hansen took in the matter of the exportation of the Seal Skins described as "hides" in the Manifest produced in Court which is herewith transmitted for your Lordships information together with a copy of the judgement in the case of the Collector of Customs, Falkland Islands v. A.R. Baillon, Manager F.I.Co.

17 Nov '63
To be returned for original.

14 June 1863

6. I submit for Your Lordships information and consideration a copy of Mr Baillon's reply which I trust may be deemed sufficient to shew that Mr Hansen had any Knowledge of the manner in which the Seal Skins were described when exported from the Colony having gone fully into the Matter of the issue of the decree of Luckenburg and thereby discovered that the information as to Mr Hansen having

26 June 1863

Sent to Stanley Seal Skins for exportation was furnished to Governor Goldsworthy some months afterwards by a man named Tait I regret that I cannot agree with Sir Rogers Goldsworthy in his opinion that this exportation as Hides was a deliberately planned attempt to deceive the Government

I have &c

(Sd) Geo. Verdier.

No 69

G. H. S.
26th June 1893

Acks receipt of Despatches No 36 of 12 april to No 43 of 23 May

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No 70

G. H. S.
26th June 1893

Acks receipt of Circulars 5th March to 20th May

No 71

G. H. S.
26th June 1893

Acks receipt of Confidential Despatches 7th & 27th May 93.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 26th *day of* June 189 3.

No of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
	1892.		
54	23 May	Medal Money award B of T.	1
55	27 ·	appt of W. Spearman as P.S.	
56	31 ·	ap. of W. Fraser for promotion	1
57	8 June	Fees payable into Treasury not legalised	1
58	17 ·	Ordinance V of 1893.	5
59	19 ·	Forwarding Blue Book	3.
60	· ·	Leasing lands in Stanley	1
61	· ·	Lease of Cercas Nash Island	11.
62	20 ·	Surprise Survey of Chest	1
63	· ·	Forwarding maps of Colony for C.O. list	2
64	22 ·	Land	3.
65	· ·	Summary G. H. Furniture	·
66	23 ·	Copies of Mr Blake's letters	·
67	· ·	Memorial from G. B. Foster	5
68	26 ·	Cancelling Sealing Licence to Luckhurst	
69	· ·	A.R. Despatches	
70	· ·	Conf.	

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G. H.
Stanley
1st July 1893

No 71.

My Lord,

Referring to my despatches as noted marginally, I have the honor to forward to your Lordship herewith the Inventory as amended of the furniture in Government House with certain variations therein corrected by the Board of Survey, showing a total valuation of £695. 19/-

No 50 of 17th May '93
65, 23 June '93

2. The estimated value of the furniture in the rooms not used for the public reception of company, of the linen, crockery, glass, cutlery and of the Kitchen utensils, provided at the Cost of the Colony, now amounts to £285. 6. 6.

I have &c

(Sd) Geo Melville.

G. H.
Stanley
3 July 1883

No. 72.

My Lord.

I have the honor to forward herewith the Report of the Quarterly Survey on the Treasury Chest for the Quarter ending 30 June 1883.

I have &c
(Sd) Geo Melville.

G. H.
Stanley
4 July 1883.

No 73

My Lord.

I have the honor to forward herewith the return of changes in Office &c for the Quarter ending 30 June 1883

I have &c
(Sd) Geo Melville

No. 74.

Gov. H.
Stanley
6 July 1893.

My Lord.

I have the honor to transmit to your Lordship copies of an Order which was passed in Executive Council on the 5th instant—

2. This Order gives effect to a recommendation made by the Postmaster General that the regulation of the International Parcel Post Service should be adopted in this Colony which he is desirous of seeing introduced into the Service between Great Britain & her Colonies and Dependencies and which provides that where there is an insurance system for parcels exchanged between Post Offices certain valuables may not be sent in uninsured parcels.—

3. The adoption of this regulation will necessitate the provision of a small item under Post office on the annual Estimates to meet any claims for the loss or damage of parcels so insured.

I have &c
(Sd) Geo Melville

No. 75.

G. H.
Stanley
8 July 1893

My Lord,

With reference to my despatch No. 73 of 4 ~~July~~ instant and in compliance with rule 64 of the C. O. Rules & Regulations I have the honor to report for your Lordships information that I have reinstated J. Currie as gardener of the Government House garden.

2. I have been unable to ascertain why Currie, who is a trained gardener, was dismissed beyond his having a very common failing in this cold climate to indulge occasionally too freely in the use of whiskey. He has been employed on the distinct understanding that any absence from work except on the ground of illness will be deducted from his months pay; and as he has expressed his preference to remain as a single man in lodgings in the town to going into the gardeners cottage, I have given the occupation of it to the Sergeant Instructor of the Volunteers, who is a married man with children. With your Lordships approval I propose giving Currie an additional £1 per month in lieu of his quarters and supply of peat.

3. Bolwood I found to be a Pensioner of Marines and a bricklayer by trade and without any Knowlege whatever of gardening, as was evidenced by the utterly neglected condition of the [illegible] which I here such a valuable addition to [illegible] House —

4. Bolwood was recommended to Sir R. Goldsworthy by Mr Coulson I understand and as he was employed on a verbal arrangement as a monthly Servant I gave him a months notice and informed him his services were dispenced with as he had no Knowlege of gardening

I have &c

(Sd) Geo Melville.

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No 96

Gov. H.
Stanley.
18 July 1893.

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordships despatch No 45 of the 6th June relative to the application of Mr R. Aldridge for a mitigation of the penalty of £100 imposed upon him for the illegal importation of tobacco & cigars.

2. I have to express my regret that I have troubled your Lordship by referring this matter to you owing to my careless omission to refer to the Letters Patent of this Colony dated 25 Feb 1892. under the following circumstances Before transmitting Mr Aldridge's application to your Lordship in March last I asked Mr Routledge to advise me as to whether in his judgement the case was one deserving of any mitigation. In doing so he pointed out that the Charter for the Government of the Falkland Islands (23rd June 1843) only gave me the power to deal with a fine which does not exceed the sum of £50 stg.

3. On further investigation into the circumstances of the infliction of this fine I find that while the case was being heard by the Judge

the Governor on the representation of the Collector of Customs and under the power given by Sec: 37 of Ord: 5 of 1891, ordered that the penalty of £100 should be imposed.—

4 Under these circumstances, my Lord, I purpose to inform Mr Adrian that I do not feel justified in exercising the powers given me under clause XIII. of the Letters Patent of 25th Feb 1892, to remit any part of the fine imposed.—

I have &c

(Sd) Geo. Melville

No 77

G. N.
Stanley
18 July 1893

Acks receipt of despatches No 44 of 1st June to No 47 of 9 June 1893.

N°78

G. H.
Stanley
18 July 1883

My Lord,

With reference to my despatch N°30 of the 16th March 1883 I have the honor to forward herewith the minutes of the Ex. Co. from the 14th March to 28th June thus completing the minutes of that Council for the half year ended 30th June.

2. I have also the honor to forward the minutes of the Leg. Co. for the past half year.

I have &c

(Sd) Geo Melville.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 18 *day of* July 1893

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch. 1893	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
71	1 July	Amended Inventory G. H	1
72	3 .	Report of Quarterly Survey	2
3	4 .	Changes in Office	1
4	6 .	Order in Council	2
5	8 .	appt of Currie as Justice	
6	15 .	Fine of R Adams	
7	. .	Acct Despatches	
8	. .	Minutes of Council	2

No 79.

G. H.
Stanley
24 July 189?

My Lord,

With reference to the second para: of my despatch No 39 of the 8th May, I have the honor to report for your Lordships information that Surveyor Hudson left Stanley this morning 23rd Inst (Section 10) the homestead of the Hon. J. J. Felton to survey the compulsory purchase of Freeholds over Real Southern Leaseholds and with instructions after completing these Surveys to proceed from one Leasehold to another until all the compulsorily purchased blocks of land on the East Falkland Island had been Surveyed. —

2 The surveyor had completed before departure a new Chart of Record of the Leaseholds and Freeholds of the Colony aided by the old Chart of Record; and I there asked that a copy might be made of it as a map of reference in the Colonial office. This map the Surveyor handed to me this morning. I have now the honor to transmit it to your Lordship with the hope that it may be found useful in future in the considerations of questions which may arise as to the selling or leasing of the Crown Lands of the Colony.

3. With reference to the Southern boundaries of Sections 66 and 76, as shewn on the new chart of Record, I attach a copy of a minute by the Colonial Secretary

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of these boundaries as they appeared on the Chart of Record further explained by the accompanying tracing made from it by Surveyor Hudson and I join with the Colonial Secretary in expressing the hope that the adjustment of the boundaries of Sections 66. 67. 68 and 76 as shown on the new chart of Record may be approved by your Lordship.

I have &c

(Sd) Geo Melville

G. H.
Stanley
27 July 1883.

No 86.

My Lord.

I have the honor to inform your Lordship with reference to the second para. of your despatch No 144 of the 1st inst. that your Lordships assumptions is correct as to arrangements being made for enabling letters to be sent through the Post Office from certain out parts to others in the Colony without being sent through Stanley as explained in a minute by the postmaster copy of which is inclosed

I have &c

(Sd) Geo Melville

F. H.
Stanley
10th August 1893.

No. 81.

My Lord. With reference to my despatch No. 79 of 24th ultimo
——— It is my melancholy duty to report for
your Lordship's information the death on the 31st July of Lance
Corporal Hudson R.E. whose services as a Surveyor
in these Islands were lately engaged.

2. On the evening of Sunday the 30th ultimo
about 8 P.M. Mr. T. J. Felton the owner of the
Station where the accident took place, brought
me a letter from his brother Mr George Felton
reporting the accident which has had such a
sad result, when I immediately requested the
Colonial Surgeon to proceed to Trial Inlet
without loss of time after giving the messenger
who was to return with Mr Hamilton as a
guide, sufficient time to rest after his long +
fatiguing ride at this season.—

3. Mr Hamilton left Stanley on the morning
of Monday the 31st ultimo about 4 A.M.
and arrived at Trial Inlet about 3 P.M.
too late however to be of any assistance
to the poor fellow who I believe would
have died from the effects of the accident
even had a Doctor been on the spot; as
from the details of the accident given to me
by Mr George Felton the left barrel of the
gun must have been discharged within a few
inches of the deceased's left shoulder blowing
the upper arm bone out of the shoulder

4. The Schooner "Hadassah" which was about to sail for the West on Monday morning the 31st July was asked to call in at "Trial Island" as I feared the result of the accident, and she brought back on the following Thursday the Colonial Surgeon with the body of the deceased which was buried by the Volunteers on Sunday the 6th instant, with the military honors accorded to the rank of the deceased. The Funeral was attended by myself, by all the officials of the Colony and by almost all the inhabitants of Stanley.
I have given instructions to have the grave enclosed by a low wooden paling and to have erected a wooden cross with the name and date of death of the deceased painted thereon pending the wishes of his relatives to whom the Colonial Secretary will write by the next mail. I understand that his widowed mother and a brother are resident in the Town of Derby.

5. An Inventory has been made of all the effects of the deceased and his private papers will be sent to England when instructions are received from his relatives on the subject.
The stores are the property of the Ordnance Survey Department issued to the late Corporal Nicholson on the 11th March last, of which I have the inventory made at the Ordnance Survey office Southampton, with

sent to England by the September direct Mail to the care of the Crown Agents to be forwarded by them.

6. I enclose for your Lordships, further information a copy of the evidence taken at the Inquest held on Friday the 4th instant at the old Government offices where the deceased had the use of two rooms, one as a bedroom and the other as a Drawing Office.—

7. I have also the honor to enclose an Extract from the minutes of a meeting of the Executive Council held yesterday when it was unanimously resolved that an expression of condolence with the relations and friends of the deceased on their sad bereavement should be recorded on the minutes and that a copy of the Resolution should be forwarded to Your Lordship, which you may think right to forward to the Ordnance Survey Department.—

8. I have personally thanked Mr George Felton for the extreme Kindness which he shewed to the deceased from the time of the accident until his death, and the Colonial Secretary has conveyed my thanks to the Captain and Mate of the "Orchid" for their Kind attention.—

9. Should there be no land purchases under the directions set forth in Your Lordships Despatch No 16 of the 31st January and subject to the conditions of sale passed by the Legislative Council on the 14th June I do not consider that it will be necessary to send out another Surveyor merely for the purpose of making Surveys of the blocks of land which have been compulsorily purchased by the Lessees.

I have &c

(Sd) Geo Melville.

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G. H
Stanley
15 August 1873.

My Lord,

I have the honor to inform your Lordship that I have on this date forwarded the following telegram through Her Majesty's Consul General at Monte Video.

Surveyor	Treason	Spurted
		severely wounded
Himself	Absurdness	Heidenish
	by accident	30 July
Decreeing	Hoisted	Dalolite
Died	31 July	Despatch follows by mail

I have &c

(Sd) Geo. Melville.

G. H.
Stanley
15 August 1893.

83.

My Lord.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the despatches noted on the margin

I have &c.

(Sd) Geo Melville

Despatches N° 48 of 24 June 1893 to N° 58 of 15 July

G. H.
Stanley.
15 Aug 1893.

84.

My Lord.

I have the honor to ack the receipt of the Circular Despatches noted on the margin

I have &c

(Sd) Geo Melville

14th and 29th June & 5th and 17th of July 1893

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Q. H.
Stanley
16 August 1893.

My Lord,

I have the honor to transmit to your Lordship copies of a correspondence (with the exception of the letter of 7th July 1888 referred to in C.S. letter of 13 Sept 1888 which cannot be found) which has for some time been passing between this Government and the Imperial Treasury and Audit Department regarding the preparation of Share Accounts to be rendered from this Colony every half year.

2 In compliance with the Comptrollers request contained in his letter of 13th Jan 1892 a survey of the Government Stores was made (by Surveyors nominated by the Govt) in the months of July 1892 and January of this year on the following principles. The stores standing to the credit of this Government in the Store Keepers books on the 1st January were placed in one column of the Balance Sheet any additional stores received between that date and the date of Stock taking being added. The number of issues between 1st January and 30 June were carefully calculated from the issue

issue books and the actual stores remaining on hand on the 30 June were calculated counted and weighed by the Surveyor to ascertain if such tallied with the quantities as brought out on the balance sheet.

3. From the Ag Auditor Dept's letter of the 19th May 1893 this Survey and report thereon would appear to be useless for the purpose of the Audit Dept.-

4. From the letter dated 15 July 1893 addressed to the C.S. in reply to the Comptroller & Auditor General's letter of the 19 May 1893 your Lordship will see the difficulties there pointed out with which this Colony will have to contend if a system such as proposed by the Audit Department has to be carried out.

5. I would request your Lordship graciously to consider whether in a Colony such as this where there is no such thing as the issuing of Stores in quantity to distinct departments of the Service as maintained in larger Colonies, but where every item is issued as required on a requisition addressed to the Store Keeper by the C.S. there is any necessity for the introduction of the System as suggested by the C & A. General the adoption of which would so materially add to the labors of Officers already discharging a multiplicity of offices

I have &c
(Sd) Geo Melville

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Q. H.
Stanley
16 August 1893

My Lord,

With reference to the instructions contained in the 10th para: of your Lordships despatch of the 31 January No. 16 I have the honor to forward for your Lordships information a statement up to date shewing the amount of land at the disposal of the Government for sale by Public Auction -

2. This land will be put up for sale as notified in the official Gazette of the 17 June when I shall have been advised that the Resolutions of the Legislative Council dealing with the conditions of sale have received your Lordships approval

I have &c

(Sd) Geo Melvelle

87.

G. H.
Stanley. 18[illegible]
16 August 18[illegible]

My Lord.

I have the honor to acquaint your Lordship that I have this day forwarded the following telegram from H.B.M.'s Consul General at Monte Video.

Anoint — anxious to know (whether)
Phlogistic — I am to remain

until — detained — Purloined — has been settled

Pink — telegraph reply
Huckaback — not later than
Backwoods — 28th August

I have &c
(Sd) Geo Melville

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G. H.
Stanley
16 August 1893

My Lord.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the following Telegram forwarded to me by H. M. Consul General at Monte Video –

"Goldsworthy, leave extended to 12 of October remain where you are like them"

I have &c
Sd Geo Melville.

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 17.th *day of* August 1893

No of Despatch.	Date of Despatch. 1893	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
79	24 July	Departure of Surveyor to Camp	
80	27 "	Local Postal Ord	1
81	10 Aug	Death of Surveyor Hudson	2
82	15 "	Telegram . . .	
83	" "	A&R Despatches	
84	" "	" Circulars	
85	16 "	Correspondence with Audit Dep.	
86	" "	Statement of Land	3
87	" "	Telegram re Land	
88	" "	A&R Telegram.	

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