No 73.

Government House,
Stanley. 30 October, 1896.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose a copy of a letter addressed to myself by Mr. Halkett, Colonial Secretary, on the subject of his having been superseded by the appointment of the Judge to be Senior Member, a position he (Mr. Halkett) previously held.

2. As you are doubtless aware the exigencies of the service required an increase in the number of Members of the Executive Council and Judge Thompson was appointed Senior Member over Mr. Halkett's head who seems to consider that some reflection was thereby cast upon him as a public officer. As I am confident that such was not intended I forward his appeal to yourself for your favourable consideration.

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

The Rt. Hon:
J. Chamberlain M.P.
Downing Street

No 74.

Government House,
Stanley. 30 October, 1896.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No 51 of the 8th September relative to a permit being granted to Messrs Spearing and Waldron's vessel to go direct to Port Howard West Falklands, instead of calling at a Port of Entry.

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2. I beg to enclose a copy of a letter which I have caused to be addressed to Messrs Spearing and Waldron's Agent at Port Howard, as also the Legal Adviser's opinion as to how far the law of the Colony would justify me in acting in accordance with the suggestion contained in your despatch. which if it could be acted upon would lead, I fear, to much abuse, as each ship owner would consider that the privilege allowed to Messrs Spearing and Waldron should be extended to them.

3. If the frozen meat industry is unable to bear a possible expenditure of £10 to £15 on Customs officers consequent on the non-arrival of a vessel to date I fear that little advantage will accrue to the sheep farmers from the encouragement of an industry which most probably will collapse owing to the profits being apparently so infinitesimally small. Though under the existing law I am obliged to demand the payment of 10/- per diem for the services of each Customs officer less 3/- cost of their keep whilst on board a vessel, still, if you so direct, any amount for the services of such officers beyond the days they are actually on board could be refunded to owners Spearing and Waldron and this would be better than establishing a precedent which might be and is, I think, looking to the surrounding circumstances, of which you cannot be aware, open to grave objection. In fact to go a little further on a firm giving a guarantee not to act in contravention of the Customs Ordinance it would be possible to relieve the revenue of a considerable

Received 2 December, 1896.

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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 30th day of October, 1896.

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
69.	17 Oct.	Publication of Customs Tariffs. Desires continuation of.	
70.	24 "	Receipts and Expenditure to 30 June, 1896. Forwards statement of.	One.
71.	28 "	Ordinance No. 10 of 1896. "To "Further amend the Seal "Ordinance 1895 and to amend "Ordinance No. 12 of 1895". Forwards.	Two. (One to follow)
72.	29 "	Refund of land rental to Mrs A. Pitaluga. Comments on and asks that Governor Kerr's statement of the case be obtained.	One.
73.	30 "	Senior Member of Executive Council. Colonial Secretary's claims to.	One.
74.	" "	Permit for a vessel to enter at a Port other than a Port of Entry. Reviews measures proposed	Two.

of the 7th September respecting the party that

considerable charge upon it, but I much doubt whether the Customs receipts under such circumstances would maintain their elasticity.

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

The Rt. Hon:
J. Chamberlain M.P.
&c. &c. &c.
Downing Street.

No. 75.

Government House,
Stanley. 3 November, 1896.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, marked Circular, of the 24 June last intimating that Her Majesty's Government had accepted the invitation of the Belgian Government for Great Britain to be officially represented at the Brussels Exhibition of 1897.

2. In reply to the second paragraph of your despatch, I have the honor to state that this Government is not disposed to take part in the exhibition as it is not considered that any beneficial result would be attained thereby.

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

The Rt. Hon:
J. Chamberlain M.P.
&c. &c. &c.
Downing Street.

No. 76.

Government House,
Stanley. 18 Nov. 1896.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, marked Circular of the 7th September respecting the part that

that great Britain and the British Colonies shall take in the proposed Paris Exhibition in 1900. and with reference to the concluding paragraph thereof to state that this Government does not deem it expedient to take part in this exhibition; the few products of the Colony being already sufficiently known as to render expense on any further representation unnecessary.

I have &c.
Signed/ Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy
Governor.

The Rt Hon:
J. Chamberlain M.P.
&c &c Downing Street.

No 77.

Government House,
Stanley. 20 November, 1896.

Sir,

In accordance with the instructions contained in your despatch No 54 of the 21st September, I caused a law to be introduced into the Legislative Council amending the 29th section of "the unrepresented estates ordinance "1896" and I now have the honour to enclose for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon, a copy of the law which was passed on the 8th instant entitled "An ordinance to "amend the unrepresented estates "ordinance 1896."

I have, &c,
Signed/ Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy
Governor.

The Rt Hon:
J. Chamberlain M.P.
&c &c Downing Street

No 78.

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Government House,
Stanley. 21 November 1876.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No 56 of the 26th September informing me that Her Majesty will not be advised to exercise her power of disallowance with respect to "an Ordinance "to provide for the erection of dividing fences "by the owners of adjoining lands.

2. Accompanying the despatch was an extract of a letter from Mr Monat of which letter he had at my request previously furnished me with a full copy.

3. I respectfully desire to draw your attention to the fact that on the ex parte statement of an official entirely new to the Colony and in opposition to the opinion of the Governor and all the members of the Executive Council, in which at the time the two unofficial members concurred, I am directed, should the majority of the farmers "wish for the enactment of a law em- "powering the chief inspector to "require the erection of fences" to give effect thereto. I have in consequence caused a letter to be forwarded to each of the sheep farmers to ascertain their views but pending a reply to this despatch I shall defer further action.

4. I have the honour to enclose for your information copy of a report of the Committee appointed by me to enquire into the advisability of vesting in

HA the Judge
The Collec:
Messrs Felton
& Baillon
M.L.C.

in the Stock Inspector powers to compel the owners of sheep stations to fence whenever the Inspector thinks it necessary and of providing state aid to those owners who are shewn not to have the means to fence. From this it will be gathered that Judge Thompson and the Colonial Secy adhere to their former opinion as expressed at a meeting of the Legislative Council on the 10th February 1896 (enclosure) whereas Messrs Felton and Baillon have made, in face of the opinion given by them at that meeting that the powers proposed to be vested in one authority were too great, a volte de face and are prepared to bestow the fullest powers on the Inspector of stock and it would also appear that the opinion expressed in your despatch No 34 of the 1st June, 1896. that "the fencing "ordinance will give every farmer the "power of protecting himself against his "neighbour's sheep" is reversed in your despatch No 56 of the 26th September and this I can only presume on the statements made by Mr Mowat in his letter of August 14.

5. Mr Mowat's object appears to be to get the entire control of fencing into his own hands judging by the following "it is the wish of the "majority of the farmers that the "Stock Inspector should have power "to order boundary fences to be erected "where he thinks it necessary for the "eradication of scab" while he admits in the first portion of his letter that "all the farmers are quite aware of the "fact that boundary fencing is necessary." If it be necessary as stated why not introduce legislation making it compulsory

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but to place such vast powers in the hands of Mr. Mowat whose comments on the small farmer do not disclose a spirit of impartiality would be most unwise.

6. The Government in regard to Mr. Packe's application was not prepared any more than in the case of Mr. Robson to guarantee that which was not within its power. The Colonial Secretary's letter of the 3rd June (enclosure 3) to the latter shows how far Mr. Mowat's remarks "this the Government absolutely declined to do, &c" is justifiable; at the same time the position adopted by the Government is made clear, this position it should not abandon at the suggestion of interested parties. Mr. Mowat is also incorrect in suggesting that there is any condition contained in the new leases issued to Messrs. Robson & McKay in regard to improvements.

7. Referring to the joint report of Messrs. Telton & Baillon, I can only express my surprise at their being desirous of vesting so much power in the hands of one authority to which they were very strongly opposed at the meeting of the Legislative Council on the 10th February last, but the strong bias against the small farmer as evidenced in Mr. Mowat's letter of August 14th and of which doubtless they are aware might possibly afford the solution of their apparent inconsistency. But in the suggestion of Messrs. Telton & Baillon to reduce the small farmer's rental it seems to me that it is not quite so unselfish an one

one as at first glance might appear. for were the Government to act upon it it would be used as a weapon against themselves were it proposed as it will doubtless be to increase the absurdly low rental of £20 per 6000 acres when the leases fall in. It is a happy provision of Messrs Yelton and Baillon thus looking ahead but to think to disguise their real intention from the Government by a show of interest in the small farmer against whom up to the present they have evinced nothing but implacable animosity is an insult to the common sense of those to whom the report is addressed.

9. As regards my views, and to which I still adhere regarding compulsory fencing at the instance of the Government the Stock Inspector, I beg to refer you to paragraph 2 of my despatch No 18 of the 18 February. Whilst unquestionably the members of the Executive Council are not with me, I think it will be gathered from the wording in paragraph 5 of their report that where it can conclusively be shewn that a lessee cannot afford to fence state aid may be granted but only in cases where if it were not it would involve the lessee in ruin.

9. How far Mr Mowat's statements generally are reliable may perhaps be gathered from the enclosed copy of a letter addressed by him to the editor of the Marlboro Express which was printed and circulated at the expense of the working men of Stanley. A reply from one Mr Dickie

which

Received 28 December, 1896.

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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 21st day of November, 1896.

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
75.	3 Nov:	Brussels Exhibition 1897. Falkland Islands do not desire to take part in.	
76.	20 "	Paris Exhibition 1900. Falkland Islands will not take part in.	
77.	" -	Ordinance XI of 1896. "To amend the un-represented estates ordinance 1896." Forwards -	One.
78	21 "	Compulsory Fencing. As to necessity for legislating for.	Five

which was also printed and circulated throughout the Colony will best evidence their faith in Mr Mowat's statements.

10. Before concluding, I would observe that I can only presume that you, Sir, have not seen the despatch with which I have been honored by one of the Assistant Under Secretaries of State as I cannot think that had it been, such a slight would have been cast upon a Governor as to come to a decision upon the ex parte statements of a subordinate Official without verification of the same and without reference to the Governor. Mr Mowat's action in not communicating to me his intention of acting in the manner he has done is suggestive of nothing more, of his ignorance of official etiquette.

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

See Sec of S. Comptr. Depts. of 20.1.97.

The Right Hon:
Joseph Chamberlain M.P. &c &c
Downing Street.

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Government House,
Stanley. 3 Dec.r 1896.

Sir,

I have the honour to draw your attention to the fact that my term of service as Governor of the Falkland Islands and their Dependencies will expire on the 13th April next and that under ordinary circumstances I should leave by the first direct steamer for England after that date which would be on the 16th April. As however it might be more convenient for me for private reasons to leave for England at an earlier date I would ask you to cable your permission

permission to do so should I so desire, though possibly I might not avail myself of it.

2. In the event of my leaving I presume you would wish that I should hand over the government to judge Thompson who holds a dormant commission to act in my absence &, and who has administered the government on a previous occasion and in whom I have every confidence.

I have &c.
Chipnall Rogers Tuckfd Goldsworthy.
Governor.

The Rt Hon:
J. Chamberlain M.P.
&c &c &c
Downing Street.

No 80.

Government House,
Stanley. 5 December, 1876.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your dispatch No 58 of the 10th October in reply to mine of the 17th August.

2. With reference to your comments on Ordinance No 5 of 1876 transmitted therewith I regret to find that through a printer's error the duty appears as 4/- per pound" on all other "tobacco" instead of 2/- and also that by the placing accidentally of the words "at the stone jetty" after instead of before the words 'shall be waterborne or landed "except in the day" I apparently acted in opposition to the instructions conveyed in Lord Ripon's despatches No 37 of the 12th March 1874 and No 69 of the 16 July. Nothing was further from my thoughts than

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per S.S. Lavo Santa Maria.

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
79.	3 Dec:	Governor Goldsworthy's tenure of office. Expiration of.	

than to run counter to any instructions given to me on this or any other occasion.

3. The error in the ordinance would not have probably escaped the eye of the legal adviser but he was unfortunately absent in England and looking on the extra work thrown upon the small staff on the occasion of the absence of any one official I think some excuse may be found.

4. The Legal adviser is preparing an Ordinance dealing with the matter.

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

The Rt Hon:
Joseph Chamberlain M.P. &c &c &c
Downing Street.

No 81.

Government House,
Stanley. 7 December 1896.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No 9 of 13 October having reference to the call of one of the steamers of the Shaw, Savill and Albion Company at this port with New Zealand produce.

2. The ss "Kaimarie" arrived here on the 2nd instant and every facility, consistent with the laws of the Colony, was afforded to her.

3. With reference to Mrs Cobb's letter which formed the enclosure

enclosure to your despatch under acknowledgement, I have the honour to transmit a copy of a letter from the agent for the Kosmos line of steamers on the treatment of their vessels in respect to the landing and discharge of cargo.

I have &c.
Signed/ Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy.
Governor.

The Rt Hon
J. Chamberlain M.P.
"Downing Street"

No 82.

Government House,
Stanley. 11 December, 1876.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that Mrs John Mowat is leaving by the mail steamer "Osiris" this day notwithstanding that he is under interdiction pending proceedings for his suspension being taken -

2. Enclosed is the correspondence bearing upon the subject connected with the same and the charge preferred against him any reply to which was to be considered in Executive Council. This officer gave notice of his intended resignation at a time when his presence was urgently needed to see the penal clauses of the Scab ordinance carried out which resignation in consequence I did not feel justified in accepting.

3. He has however persisted in his intention of leaving the Colony stating that he understood his

his term of service was limited to 3 years and that at the expiration of which period he would be granted a return passage. 4. I regret that seemingly there was no written agreement entered into with him, at least I have not received any from the Governor of New Zealand - I have therefore acted conceiving that he was engaged under the conditions named in your despatches Nos 5-6 and 68 of the 13th July and 27 August.

5. I have not any exception to take to the manner in which Mr Mowat has performed his duties up to the date on which he tendered his resignation but his action in other respects has caused considerable tension between himself and the public which is not by any means yet allayed.

6. At Mr Mowat's departure, I am appointing Mr Robertson, at present a Sub-Inspector of Stock, to temporarily perform the duties appertaining to the office of Inspector under the Scab Ordinances of 1896.

7. I attach a statement of the expenses incurred on Mr Mowat's passage to the Colony which in my opinion I consider should be refunded by him and which would pay the expenses of another Stock Inspector, as I do not consider the present Sub Inspectors competent except temporarily to discharge

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Mr. Mowat's duties.

The R^t Hon:
J. Chamberlain M.P.
Downing Street.

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

No. 83.

Government House,
Stanley. 11 December 1896.

Sir,

Oct. 29.
Nov. 19.
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" 10.

Referring to my despatch No. 78 of 2 November I have the honor to draw your attention to the Falkland Islands Gazettes of the dates noted on the margin. from which it will be seen that clean certificates under the Scab Ordinance have been granted to all the ~~small~~ farmers (Messrs. John McKay, Joseph Robson, C. Bender and W. Dettleff) whilst proceedings under the Ordinance have had to be taken against Mr. Vere Packe who was fined £86- 16-8 and proceedings are also pending against other large farmers.

2. This hardly bears out the statements contained in Mr. Mowat's letter addressed to the Under Secretary of State under date 14 August last.

The R^t Hon:
J. Chamberlain M.P.
" "
Downing Street.

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

Acknowledged 16 January 97.

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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 11 day of December, 1896

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
80.	5 Dec: 1896.	Customs Ordinance No. 5 of 1896. Explains discrepancies in.	
81.	7 "	Working of cargo. Facilities afforded.	one.
82.	11 "	Departure of Mr. J. T. Monat Stock Inspector. Reports through under interdiction.	one.
83.	"	Clean certificates under the Scab Ordinance.	One

Government House,
Stanley. 14 December 1896.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith, for your information, a Time Table giving the approximate service of mails between England and this Colony via Montevideo for the next four months which has been established by the Senior Naval Officer on this Station.

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

Right Hon.
Chamberlain M.P.
&c &c &c
Downing Street.

Government House,
Stanley. 21 Dec 1896.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith, for your information, a statement showing the total receipts and payments during the quarter ended the 30th September

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

Right
Hon.
Chamberlain M.P.
&c &c &c
Downing Street.

Government House,
Stanley. 30 Dec 1896.

Sir,

With reference to my despatch No. 79 of the 3rd instant, I have the honour to enclose, for your information, a paper giving particulars relating to the appointment of Governor of

of this Colony.

I have &c.

The Rt Hon:
J. Chamberlain M.P.
&c &c &c

(Signed.) Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy.
Governor.

No 87.

Government House,
Stanley. 30 Dec 1876

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose herein a memorial from the Hon: J.J. Felton touching alleged damage done to some fencing on the South side of his premises.

2. Enclosed is a section of the road and a report from the Surveyor. The road has been so constructed that a drain is not required and the flow of water which he refers to as taking place in 1872 could not possibly occur as the road from the fence now slopes gradually to the drain on the South side of the road where the water is carried off.

3. It is true that whilst the road was in course of construction heaps for a few yards some earth was placed against Mr. Felton's fence but this the Contractor said Mrs. Felton drew attention to & it has been removed.

4. Mr. Felton, if there has been damage done to the fence during the construction of the road, has his remedy at Law but I do not think he could make good his case. The so called fence is more of a hoarding and I have not the least doubt but that this Gentleman would willingly have it replaced

replaced by a better one at the Government Expense and I can endorse his statement that in his own interest he would see that "the work" "would be rightly carried out".
But Felton if he has been injured in respect to his fence, which I maintain is not the case, has his remedy at law & to that appeal you will I trust refer him.

The R.t Hon.
J. Chamberlain M.P.
Downing Street

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

No 88.

Government House,
Stanley, 31 December, 1876.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a Memorial (in duplicate) dated the 11 December from Messrs Felton & Baillon, the two unofficial Members of the Legislative Council, expressing their views on the subject of proposed fire.

2. The Memorial in question was not transmitted to the Colonial Secretary until the 20th December though it was admitted by Mr Baillon at a meeting of the Legislative Council on the 30th that a copy of the Memorial had been transmitted to the Under Secretary of State by the mail of the 11 Dec. which left the Falklands on the 12th. As this is entirely contrary to Colonial Office instructions and in forcing behind the Governor's back, presumably to present the Governor's counter statement and remarks being in your hands concurrently with this Memorial, I trust that Messrs Felton & Baillon may be severely censured for the impropriety, not to say meanness of their action.

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2. Again it is made to appear that the particulars asked for in respect of the pier had not been received by the unofficial members prior to the despatch of the Memorial to the Colonial Secretary whereas the particulars were laid on the table at a meeting of the Legislative Council on the 23rd December and permission was granted to the only unofficial member present (Mr Nelson) to take them away and peruse at his leisure, thus five days were at his disposal to rectify any errors by a postscript.

3. I am forwarding by this mail a tracing from which it will be gathered the amount of truth contained in the statement that the proposed pier will extend 2/3rds across the harbour. The fact being that, if the pier is to be 630 feet long as proposed it will barely reach 1/4th of the breadth.

4. As regards the cost, instead of £25,000 to £30,000, it should not be more than £10,000 judging by the former estimate submitted by Mr. Wakefield, C.E.; On this point more reliable information could be obtained from that gentleman.

5. In respect to the statement that goods are lightered at a charge of 2/6 to 3/6 per ton, it is incorrect as far as the General public are concerned, the charge being for large cases from those sums upwards. Thus for landing a piano the other day, the charge made was 10/- whilst for bags of flour, potatoes, containing 100 lbs qr to 1/- per bag is charged, a ton would thus cost about 16/- though some reduction is made when the quantity is large. But the statement that a ton of goods can ordinarily be lightered for

Received 30 January 1897.

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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 2nd day of January, 1897. H.M.S. "Basilisk."

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
	1896.		
84.	14 Dec.	Mail Service by Her Majesty's Ships. Time Table forwards.	One.
85.	21 "	Receipts and Payments Stat. Quarter	One.
86.	30 "	Appointment of Governor's. Particulars relating to	One.
87.	30 "	Wm. Felton complains of damage done to his House. Comments on.	Three.
88.	31 "	Stanley Pier. Protest against construction of. Forwards with observations.	Three.

for 2/6 & 3/6 is very misleading.

6. I have not any criticism to defending myself from the more personal attack of Messrs Felton & Baillon as I consider the spirit in which the Memorial is written the suppression veri therein and their underhand conduct in forwarding it direct by a previous mail boat (only two days before which Messrs Felton and Baillon are prepared to go. Should the Government not carry out their views so blindly play into their hands to the detriment of the interests of the Colonists at large.

7. Enclosed is a copy of the Resolution which was carried by the official against the two unofficial votes though it was urged both by Judge Thompson and myself that they would in no wise weaken their position by temporarily voting the money from General revenue in deference to yourself as the necessary expenditure had been sanctioned by you.

I have &c.

(Signed) Rose Richards Goldsworthy
Governor.

The Rt. Hon:
Chamberlain M.P.
&c &c &c
Downing Street.

No. 1.

Government House, Stanley.
January, 1897.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that I have this day forwarded to you, through Her Britannic Majesty's Minister at Monte Video a cablegram in the following words:-

Can Surveyor Colton delay departure 12 February ENIGMATIST Admiralty will arrange for AFFECTIONS expenses whilst employed. DISRELISH.

2. Surveyor Colton reports that he will have completed the work connected with the new pier by about the 22nd January, and is willing, if there be no objection on the part of the Works Dept, to undertake soundings for a pier on the opposite side of the harbour at Navy Point which Lt. Colonel Lewis proposes as a site for the Naval depôt. These soundings will occupy about three weeks, expenses of which Lt. Col. Lewis, R.E. on behalf of the Admiralty, has undertaken to defray.

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

The Rt. Hon:
J. Chamberlain M.P.
Downing Street

No. 2.

Government House,
Stanley. 1 January, 1897.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a Report of the survey of the Colonial Chest together with a certificate of quarterly survey showing the Receipts and Expenditure of this Colony for the quarter ended 31 December 1896.

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

The Rt. Hon:
J. Chamberlain M.P.
&c &c &c
Downing Street.

No 3.

Government House,
Stanley. 1 January 1897.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a transcript of the Minutes of proceedings of the Executive and Legislative Councils for the half year ended the 31st December.

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

The Rt Hon:
J. Chamberlain M.P.
&c &c &c
Downing Street.

No 4.

Government House,
Stanley. 2 January 1897.

Sir:

I have the honour to transmit herewith a list of Officers who have been granted the privilege of remitting a portion of their salaries through the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

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

The Rt Hon:
J. Chamberlain M.P.
&c &c &c
Downing Street.

No 5.

Government House,
Stanley. 2 January 1897.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a Return showing the changes in offices for the quarter ended the 31st December.

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

The Rt Hon:
J. Chamberlain M.P.
&c &c &c
Downing Street.

No. 6

Government House,
Stanley. 2 January, 1897.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith the following annual returns and documents as required by Colonial Office Regulations:-

(i) Copies of Ordinances enacted in the Colony during the year 1896;
(ii) List of Members of Executive and Legislative Councils;
(iii) Return of Arms and Ammunition in the possession of the Police Force of the Colony.

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

The R. Hon:
J. Chamberlain M.P.
&c. &c. &c.
Downing Street.

No. 7.

Government House,
Stanley. 4 January 1897.

2/97 Ans. 8/5

Sir,

Ans by 22 of July

I have the honour with reference to my despatch No. 97 of 30th December last to enclose herewith the section of the road referred to therein. You will observe that it shows a fall of 3½ inches in 14 feet from the centre of the road, this has been ascertained by taking the level, wherever the gradual slope from the fence to the drain as stated in my despatch was as supposed to be from sight inspection without the aid of instruments and as the contractor was instructed to make it, however this slight difference may easily have been caused by persons walking thereon.

2. I should add that

Received 28 January 1897.

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No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
	1897.		
1.	Jan.	Surveyor Colton's detention for admiralty purposes. Reads cablegram.	
2.	" "	Quarterly Survey of Chest 31 December.	One.
3.	" "	Minutes of Councils to 31.12.96.	Two.
4.	2.	Family Remittances 1897. List of	One.
5.	" "	Quarterly Returns Dec'r Q'r.	One.
6.	" "	Ordinances 1896; Members of Councils; Arms & ensign of Police. List of	Three

the instructions he received as to furnishing the security required of him and expressing his

Mrs Felton's enclosure has evidently undergone the process of levelling and apparently with this object earth has been removed from the vicinity of the fence on the north side and support thus taken away on that side from the fence.

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

The Rt Hon:
J. Chamberlain M.P.
&c &c &c
Downing Street.

No 8.

Government House,
Stanley 5 January 1897.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit the duplicate Return called for in your despatch No 62 of the 23rd November which I regret did not accompany my former despatch.

2. The instructions conveyed in the last paragraph of your despatch have been noted.

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

The Rt Hon:
J. Chamberlain M.P.
&c &c &c
Downing Street.

No 9.

Government House,
Stanley 5 January 1897

Sir,

I have the honour to reply to your despatch No 66 of the 1st ultimo to forward for your information a copy of a letter from Mr C. Hill, Government Clerk &c, pointing out that he lost no time in carrying out the instructions he received as to furnishing the security required of him and expressing his

his report that the steps taken by him were not in accordance with the terms of Circular despatch of 8 February 1872.

2. Mr. Hill is now applying to the guarantee Society, 19 Birchin Lane, the proposed guarantee of the Local Government Mutual Guarantee Society, not having been approved.

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

The Rt Hon.
J. Chamberlain M.P.
&c &c &c
Downing Street

No. 10.

Government House,
Stanley. 9 January 1873.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No 64 of 26 November informing me that you have deferred your assent to a resolution of the Legislative Council voting the sum of £150 for furniture and sundry repairs to Government House pending your being informed by whom the estimate was made.

2. In reply I have to state that Mr. James Smith, a Carpenter, gave me an approximate idea of the cost and that I fixed the amount at £150 to cover what might be needful to be done. Mr. Smith at the same time stated that the best thing to do was to pull the building down and erect a new one. Whilst quite concurring with him I did not see my way to recommend so large an outlay as that would have involved

Rec'd 8 February, 1897.

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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 5 day of January, 1897. "Tamar"

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
7.	4 Jan.	Damage to Mr Felton's fence. Section of road.	One.
8.	5 "	June Revenue Return. Duplicate copy forwarded.	One.
9.	5 "	Dr Hill's security. Explains steps taken by to obtain.	One.

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3. I may at once state that not apprehending that any exception would be taken to a vote which was unanimously passed by the Council to put Government House in a habitable condition (not for myself but for any successor) that I gave instructions for the necessary repairs to be forthwith undertaken and they are now in hand. Any delay would have involved a larger outlay thereafter. I am sure too it would not be your wish that a Governor should be compelled to undergo discomforts for the want of a few repairs which a Sanitary Board would compel a landlord to effect for the good of his tenants.

4. I much regret the apparent want of confidence in myself which your despatch suggests, the more so that I have not consulted my own comfort but rather that of the Gentleman who will succeed me as Governor as you will I am sure admit that it is not pleasant to have workmen at work in a house whilst one is residing there - but I was willing to put up with this rather than subject my successor to the discomfort my wife and self underwent on first arrival in the Colony.

I have &c.

(Signed) Roger Tuckfield Goldsworthy.
Governor.

The Hon:
Joseph Chamberlain M.P. &c &c
Downing Street.

No. 11.

Government House,
Stanley. 12 January 1897.

Sir,

Referring to my despatch No. 80 of the 5th ultimo and to yours No. 68 of the 10th October, I have the honour to forward for your approval the draft of a consolidated Customs Ordinance with a minute by the legal adviser thereon.

2. Pending your approval which I trust I shall receive by cable to avoid further delay I have kept the Bill in committee. My despatch No. 80 of the 5th December answers the queries contained in your despatch above referred to.

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

The Rt Hon:
J. Chamberlain M.P. &c.
&c Downing Street.

No. 12

Government House,
Stanley. 21 January 1897.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 69 of the 14th ultimo and will act in accordance with the instructions conveyed in paragraph 2 thereof.

2. I have considered in Executive Council the desirability of constituting Port Howard & San Carlos Ports of entry with the result contained in the enclosure herewith.

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

The Rt Hon.
J. Chamberlain M.P. &c.
&c Downing Street &c.

Received 15 February 1897

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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 13 day of January, 1897.

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.	No. of Enclosures.
10.	9 Jan.	Repairs to Government House. Vote of £150 for explained.		
11.	12.	Customs Ordinance consolidated. Draft of forwarded.	Two	One.

The Rt. Hon. J. Chamberlain M.P. &c. &c. Downing Street.

Signed. Roger Tuckfield Goldsworthy. Governor.

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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 22 day of January, 1897 per "Ammon".

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
2.	21 Jan.	Customs permit to Messrs Spearing and Waldron's vessel ato enter P. Howard. Does not recommend P Howard & San Carlos be declared Ports of Entry.	One.

Signed. Roger Tuckfield Goldsworthy. Governor.

The Rt. Hon.
J. Chamberlain M.P. &c. &c.
Downing Street.

Government House,
Stanley. 22 Jan: 1897.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that I this day forwarded to you a cablegram in the following words:-

Halkett — Candidate for BUTTONBUSH — administrator of ADVISES
St Lucia
REEDMACE.

The Rt Hon:
Chamberlain M.P.
&c &c &c

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

No. 13.

Government House,
Stanley. 29 January 1897.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward a letter from Judge Thompson submitting his claims for promotion for your consideration.

2. It is unnecessary for me to recapitulate my opinion of this Officer's merits but I am sure that his promotion out of a colony "possessing "such few advantages or attractions" (the picture is not overdrawn) would be a grateful change to one born and who for almost his entire life has lived in a more temperate zone.

3. Judge Thompson has earned my confidence and I sincerely trust that it may be in your power to give favourable consideration to the request contained in his letter. I have &c.

(Signed) Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy.
Governor.

The Rt Hon:
J. Chamberlain M.P. &c &c &c
Downing Street.

No. 14.

Government House,
Stanley. 17 February (97).

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a memorial, in duplicate, from Mr. Ch. Archibald Anson, a farmer on the West Falklands, together with a copy of correspondence which has taken place on the subject.

2. It will be gathered from the enclosure in the Colonial Secretary's letter of the 22nd January that I had, before the receipt of Mr. Anson's memorial, taken steps to amend the existing law in respect to scab so as to make the penal clauses bear less hardly on the farmers, whilst at the same time promising a remission of three fourths of the penalty which had been imposed conditionally however on their sheep being free from scab within the six months, when if not clean the farmers would become liable and still will become so by law to a further penalty.

A copy of the Ordinance will follow in due course.

3. It is hardly necessary to touch upon Mr. Anson's incorrect statements regarding Mr. Moat's resignation as all the correspondence is before you.

4. Accompanying is a memorandum from Mr. Robertson giving the present position of affairs and his views regarding the staff requisite to carry out the provisions of the Scab Ordinance now and in the future and I concur in the opinions expressed.

I have &c.,

(Signed.) Roger Richfd. Goldsworthy.
Governor.

The Rt. Honorable
J. Chamberlain M.P.
&c. &c. &c.
Downing Street.

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Mr C.H.

Ack: 8 March.

Government House,
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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 6 day of February, 1897.

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch	No. of Enclosures.
13.	29 Jan:	Justice Thompson. applies for transfer. Recommended.	One

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No 15.

Government House,
Stanley. 23 February, 1897.

Sir, I have the honour, in forwarding the accompanying Memorial from Mr Craigie Halkett, the Colonial Secretary, asking for promotion, to express my sense of the zeal and ability with which he has discharged the duties of his office and I should be glad to think, my term of office being about to expire, that his long previous services and the services he has rendered during the past 2½ years may receive fitting recognition by promotion in a Colony where the climate is less trying as Mr Halkett's residence in warm climates has made him very susceptible to the biting winds of these latitudes and his health has suffered much in consequence. In spite of this however, he has, indefatigably performed his duties as chief executive officer without even availing himself of the customary privilege of leave - Trusting that you may see your way to advance the interests of a good and loyal officer.

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

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The Rt Hon.
J. Chamberlain M.P.
Downing Street.

No 16

Government House,
Stanley. 25 Feb: 1897.

Sir

I have the honour to transmit herewith with reference to paragraph 2 of my despatch No 14 of the 7th instant, for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon, authenticated copies in duplicate, of Ordinance No 1 of 1897 entitled "an Ordinance to further amend the

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"the Pilot Ordinance 1895."

2. The Legal adviser's report on the Law also accompanies the Law.

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

The Right Hon:
J. Chamberlain M.P.
"Downing" Street.

No 17.

Government House,
Stanley. 26 February 1897.

Sir,

I have the honour to report the loss of the "Victoria" on the rocks off the Lighthouse while returning to Stanley after landing the customary Quarterly supplies. The Commission of Enquiry composed of the Police Magistrate and Lieut: Power Navigating officer of H.M.S. "Retribution" attribute the loss to the incompetence of one of the crew who was not a seaman (though he had made several similar trips in the "Victoria" before) and through undue strain being thrown on the bitts which gave way. The Commission expressed their satisfaction with the seamanship shewn by Pilot Wilmer who was in charge

2. Because (stated to be the inability to obtain the services of a sailor) of Pilot Wilmer engaging an incompetent person is forming the subject of Departmental Enquiry.

3. The Colony is now without any Pilot boat (the "Hadassah" was wrecked in 1892) but I am making temporary arrangements for the carrying on of the pilotage service pending

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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 27th day of February, 1897.

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch	No. of Enclosures.
14.	17 Feb:	Penalty under Seals Ordinance 4 of 1895 imposed upon Lt. C.G.A. Anson. Memorial against and asks for a refund of fine. Forwards with observns	Three.
15.	23 "	Wm. J. Craigie Halkett, Col: Sec:, applies for Pumistin. Recommended.	One
16.	25 "	Ordinance No. I of 1897. "To further amend the Seal "Ordinance 1895." Forwards.	Two
17.	26 "	Loss of Pilot schooner "Victoria". Reports. arrangements made temporarily for pilot duties pending receipt of particulars as to cost &c. of a tug.	

(Signed) Roger Tuckfield Goldsworthy
Governor.

J. Chamberlain Esq. M.P.
&c. &c. &c.
Downing Street.

my obtaining some particulars as to the sort of vessel which, whilst capable of being employed as a tug could be used for the requirements of the port. These particulars I trust to be able to forward by the regular mail leaving this on the 5th March.

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

The Rt. Hon.
Joseph Chamberlain M.P.
" " "
Downing Street.

No. 18.

Government House,
Stanley. 5 March, 1897.

Sir.

I have the honour to report that the mails despatched from London on the 30th January have not been brought on here from Punta Arenas by the Rosario mail steamer as the Pacific SS "Potosi", which should have dropped them at that port, put back to Pernambuco disabled.

2. In the absence of telegraphic communication these mails will therefore, in the ordinary course of events, be carried on to Punta Arenas by the SS "Oroya" of the Pacific line which will arrive there about the 10th March and cannot reach us until the 16th April.

3. I have considered the advisability of asking that one of Her Majesty's ships might run across to Punta Arenas but the expense of coal for such a service, some £150 to £200, would, I consider, not be warranted.

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

The Rt. Hon.
J. Chamberlain M.P.
" "
Downing Street.

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No. 19.

Government House,
Stanley. 6 March, 1897.

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, I have the honour to report, for your information, that I purpose proceeding to England by the R.M.S. mail steamer departing on the 16th April leaving the administration of the Government in the hands of Judge Thompson.

Gov: to Sofs. 79 of 3.12.96
Sofs to Govt. Treasurer 13.1.97.

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

The Rt. Hon:
Joseph Chamberlain M.P.
Downing Street.

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Government House,
Stanley. 22 March, 1897.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith, for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon, duly authenticated copies, in duplicate, of Ordinance No. 2 of 1897 entitled "An Ordinance "to make further provision for the service of the "Colony of the Falkland Islands for the year 1896.

In duplicate.

2. Accompanying is a statement showing the total receipts and expenditure of this Colony for the year 1896 together with a statement of Assets and Liabilities on the 31st December. Statements showing the excess of expenditure under the various heads of service and the causes thereof as also the increase and decrease of revenue are also attached.

In duplicate. Forms B. From H. G.

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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 6th day of March, 1897.

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch	No. of Enclosures.
18.	5 March.	Non-arrival of mails despatched from London on 30th January through Pacific SS having been disabled. Reports.	
19.	6 "	Sir R.T. Goldsworthy. Proposes to proceed to England on 16 April. Reports.	

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Members recorded their dissent when the Bill was going through Committee, is explained in Statement H. The expenditure under the Special votes for "Roads & Bridges" and "Stanley Roads and Drains" which was not inserted in the Estimates for the year, has already received Your approval by despatch No 64 of 26th November last

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

The Right Hon:
Chamberlain MP
&c &c Downing Street

Government House
Stanley, 12th March 1891

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Sir,

I have the honour to report that I have this day forwarded to you through Her Britannic Majesty's Minister at Monte Video a cablegram as follows:-

Re cable message twelfth of March
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Owing to the break down of the Pacific Steamer by which I should otherwise have received Despatches on the 5th March, — I am unaware what, if any, instructions you may have forwarded by this — opportunity, but should I by the Mail of the 11th of April find from your Despatches that you had contemplated any different arrangement than that proposed in this Cablegram I shall be guided accordingly.

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

The Right Hon.
J. Chamberlain M.P.
Downing St.

No 22.

Government House
27th March, 1897.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch No. 11. of the 23rd February and in reply to the question of which Mr J. Sidebotham M.P. has given notice in the House of Commons I beg to attach the answers thereto of the Col. Secretary who, in addition to his multifarious duties, is Harbour Master and also Head of the Pilot Service (vide enclosure A).

I also enclose copies of letters which I had previously received from Captain Novock. R.N. Senior Naval officer S.E. coast of America and Lieut. Colonel Lewis R.E. (on special service) relative to the advisability, in view of there not being apparently any private enterprise, of the Government purchasing a Tug for the purpose of rendering assistance to vessels in distress &c.

These views I had not contemplated bringing forward till I could personally interview you on the subject as I did not see that any benefit would accrue from possibly a long course of correspondence but, as I gather from your Despatch that I shall shortly be relieved by Mr Gray Wilson and in view of the question of which notice has been given by Mr Sidebotham M.P, I deem it best to afford you forthwith such information as lies in my power – which however I shall be able largely to supplement, if so desired, on my return to England.

With such large interests involved it has all along been a matter of surprise to me that Lloyds have not taken the matter in hand but the fact that the local Manager of the Falkland Islands Co. is their agent here, that the only licensed auctioneer is an employé of the Falkland Islands Co, that the conditions of sale of any condemned vessel & her cargo is influenced by them points to a condition of affairs which, to say the least, does not seem business like to me; but, when the ships & cargo are usually bought

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General
23rd May, 1897

by the Falkland Islands Co. a condition of things is thereby disclosed which, to my mind, needs investigation

~~At~~ the present moment ~~there~~ there are no less than 12 Hulks in the Harbour of which 10 are owned by the Falkland Islands Co which obstruct and are in the fairway of the Harbour, the remaining two serve the Government Jetties as T heads.

I have already drawn attention, but ~~unfortunately~~ to the fairway being thus blocked, but I regret to say that the ~~supposed~~ supposed interests of this Company appear to be paramount and consequently everything else must give way thereto.

This is probably the last communication which, as Governor, I shall address to any Secretary of State in connection with the Falkland Islands Co but I unhesitatingly affirm that a Governor can never hope to succeed in doing justice to the Colony where he finds himself handicapped on every side by the influence that the Falkland Islands Co. can bring to bear - where they exercise a monopoly detrimental to the Colony's best interests & progress and where such monopoly is fostered encouraged by facilities being afforded and advantages given to the Company which are not accorded to ordinary traders.-

I have &c

(sd) Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy

Governor.

No 23.

Government House
27th March, 1897.

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Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch of the 25th February marked "general" informing me that the Queen has been pleased to approve of the appointment of Mr William Grey Wilson C.M.G. to succeed me as "Governor in Chief of the Colony of the Falkland Islands and its "Dependencies."

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I note that a further communication will be addressed to me as to the date of Mr. Percy Wilson's departure for the Falkland Islands.

I have &c

(sd) Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy

Governor.

No. 24.

Government House
6th April, 1897.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a report of the Survey on the contents of the Colonial Chest together with a certificate of quarterly Survey shewing the receipts and expenditure of this Colony for the quarter ended 31st March, 1897.

I have &c

(sd) Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy

Governor.

The Right Honble.
J. Chamberlain, M.P.
&c &c &c
Downing Street.

No 25

Government House.
Stanley. 6 April, 1897.

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Sir,

As I gather from your despatch marked "General" of the 23rd February that my successor as Governor has been nominated I am desirous of putting on record a scheme by which the working of all branches of the service may be much improved and which will more than compensate for any increased expenditure which may possibly be incurred.

2. I will first of all deal with that branch which through its effectual working or the reverse, the revenue of the

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No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch	No. of Enclosures.
20.	22nd March.	Supplementary appropriation Ordinance for 1896. Forwarded.	Four.
21.	26 "	Judge Thompson accepts post of Registrar &c. Minard. Admr. of Govt. will be left in Mr. Halkett's hands.	
22.	27 "	Pilot service. Reply to Govt. Secretary's Mr. question.	One.
23.		Mr. Grey-Wilson's appointment as Governor. Acknr.	
24.	6 April.		

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the Colony is largely affected, I refer to that of Customs (vide Heads of service 3 and 4 in Estimates) which at the present time is controlled by the Colonial Secretary who has at his disposal, as Officers of Customs the services of the local constables five in number.

2 These Officers do not however receive when in performance of customs duties on board a vessel any increase of pay, their board however is provided at the government expense by the Master of the ship who receives 3/- from the sum of 10/- payable by him into the Treasury in respect of each officers services per diem. On my first arrival in the Colony I found that when Customs Officers were required it was usual to take temporary officers from the outside public and to each officer the 10/- was handed directly by the Master in payment of his services. Such a system could not be productive of aught but harm and neglect of the Government interests as these officers came to look upon themselves as servants of the consignee rather than of the Government. With the desire therefore to do away with so pernicious a system and making the control more effectual, whilst not losing sight of economy, I adopted the system now in force. It is not without its faults as, when the mail steamer is discharging and there happen to be other vessels likewise doing so, the whole of the constables either are occupied on board or in inspecting of goods on shore, and though I have been enabled hitherto to manage without forcing outside Government employés (except on rare occasions) still it is unavoidable sometimes

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other than Stanley has one Constable who acts as Customs officer under the assistant Collector. Over the whole is the Collector of Customs who in addition is also Colonial Secretary, Treasurer, Harbour Master, &c.

4. The placing of so many duties in the hands of one officer appears to be objectionable more especially when that officer combines in his own person the offices of Treasurer and Collector of Customs, I would therefore propose to make the Collectorship of Customs separate. This will necessarily entail a somewhat increased expenditure if the present holders of offices remain, but the promotion of the present Colonial Secretary with some minor alterations would enable the minimum schedule of proposed salaries (vide enclosure 4) to be adopted which would show a small increase of expenditure whilst the efficiency of the service would be improved. I would suggest that the services of some retired naval officer might be obtained to whom £200 a year rising by increments of £10 per annum to £250 would be an inducement. He would combine with the Collectorship the posts of Harbour and Shipping Masters and Receiver of Wrecks and would supervise the Pilot Establishment. The Colonial Secretary's department would thus be relieved of a considerable amount of work and the greater efficiency of the Harbour and Pilot services would be ensured by being supervised by a naval officer. The fees now payable to the Shipping Masters would, on the present Government Clerks' appointment becoming vacant, be paid into

into the Treasury as also all fees in connection with the receivership of wrecks which now go to the Colonial Secretary. During my term of service the fees received in respect of the foregoing have averaged £19-2-6.

Audit Department. This post has been ably filled by Judge Thompson and I presume the duties will be carried out by his successor.

Port and Marine. As stated above this Department would be under the Harbour Master who, it is proposed, should be also Collector of Customs, &c.

The Government Pilot should have a salary of £120 and have charge as Master of the Government Pilot Boat, and in the absence or illness of the Collector of Customs act as Harbour Master. This Department should be under the supervision of the Harbour Master. There should be an assistant Pilot who should also be mate of the Pilot Boat at a salary of £75 per annum and rations the permanent crew to consist of two hands at £5 per month and rations or 2/6 per diem in lieu thereof.

They should be sworn in as Revenue Officers and be under agreement to discharge such duties as they may be called upon.

Legal Department. To remain as at present.

Police. I should propose that a good Head Constable be sent from England on a salary of £120 with quarters, fuel and uniform as I do not consider men who have been so long in the Falklands suitable as they are either connected with many of the inhabitants by marriage or by long intercourse. The arrangement by which the charge of the Police was committed to the Senior Constable has not proved a success for the reasons stated. All Constables, the Head excepted, employed should be liable to work

work at any trade they may profess at the rate fixed by Government, viz. 4/- per working day. The fact that Constables are Excise and Customs Officers renders it still more desirable that they should not have local ties.

Prisons. Great difficulty was experienced in securing the services of a good man for warder at the time of the men of war were here for practice and as they will be in the Falklands five or six months in the year, I have found it necessary to secure the services of a time expired petty officer of H.M.S. "Acorn" on the recommendation of the Commanding Officer at £6 per mensem and the same allowance as Constables. When not employed as warder he is engaged to perform any other duties he may be called on by the Government.

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Medical. In view of the strong opposition of the present Colonial Surgeon, Dr. Hamilton, who stands almost alone in his opinion against the necessity for a Cottage Hospital or Infirmary and the evident desire of the community that there should be here as elsewhere some place erected or set apart for the care of the sick &c. I am of opinion that the interests of the Department would be best served by transferring the present Colonial Surgeon elsewhere or permitting him to take a pension on the grounds of the re-organisation of this department, and I would suggest that in place of a Colonial Surgeon on a salary of £300 and £25 as Health Officer and private practice a Colonial Surgeon be appointed on a salary of £200 and private practice in Stanley with an assistant on a salary of £150 who would be in charge of the Hospital and be permitted to practice as a Dentist so as not to interfere with the private practice of the Colonial Surgeon.

One or other of these gentlemen would be available for attending cases in the Camp

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whilst Stanley would not be left as now without
medical aid in the absence of Dr Hamilton.
The change has become more apparent because
in face of the desire of the community that a Hospital
should be erected by private subscription in honour
of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee and in deference
to the views as expressed through the Prince of Wales
Dr Hamilton's determined opposition in every form
(notwithstanding myself and the other members
of the Executive Council are decided in our opinion
as to the necessity of a Cottage Hospital and are quite
in accord with the popular desire) is persistent and
it is needless to foretell the failure of the scheme
should the management of the Hospital be in Dr
Hamilton's hands. Dr Hamilton's long residence
in the Colony for 10 years without the opportunity
of visiting the Hospitals in England points to the
necessity of the opportunity being given to him to
do so should it not be deemed advisable to act
on my suggestion.

No 11 Education. Except to express my opinion
that the retention of a Dignitary of the Church of England
(Dean Brandon) in the post of Inspector is unwise and
will cause constant friction in the future as it has done
in the past and is doing in the present, I have nothing
further to suggest pending the decision to be arrived
at on the matter of education in England in respect
to Board and Voluntary Schools, that decided, I
consider this Colony should as far as possible
follow on the lines adopted by the Mother Country.
There has not been a sufficiently long trial to
enable me to ascertain and judge how far the
itinerant schoolmasters on the West Falklands are
a success a Return to but doubtless full informa-
tion will hereafter be given by my successor on
this point.

No 12. Ecclesiastical. So long as the present
Colonial Chaplain is unpensioned, the Expendi-
ture under this head must appear on the
Estimates but when a vacancy occurs by death
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or otherwise in this port each church should in my opinion be left to its own resources, or if any grant-in-aid be allowed it should be given pro rata according to the number of members in each denomination.

No. 15. Post-Office. In dealing with the Colonial Secretary's Department, I have had to touch on this and except in the direction therein proposed I have not any remarks to make.

No. 16. Survey. I think that the time has arrived, looking to the fact that the leases of some of the sections will fall in in February 1893 that a general survey should forthwith be taken in hand. I am aware of two sections for which the lessee is now paying rental as on 20,000 acres which are computed by the surveyor to contain 36,300 acres. If the surveys are not soon commenced (the freeholds which are now being surveyed will the Surveyor informs me yet take another two years) when the leases expire we shall not be in a position to state on what acreage rent should be paid and the consequence will be that thousands of pounds per annum will be lost to the Colony by not taking a general survey in hand in sufficient time, the increased rental will more than recoup the Government for any outlay. The sections to be surveyed are those whose leases first expire. The present Surveyor is a gentleman in whom I repose entire confidence and I feel sure that he could with two assistants accomplish what is required so that as each lease falls in the Government will be in a position to decide on what acreage rental shall be claimed if the leases (which is not obligatory) be renewed to present lessees or the Government will not be able to give full information relative to the land to be put up to auction so that bidders may know exactly

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the acreage of the leasehold land they are bidding for.

I must be excused for once more mentioning that two sections computed to contain 12000 acres which previously let for £20 per annum each owing to a survey having been made and its acreage known, brought to the revenue an increase of £166 on the former rental. Surely this speaks for itself. Should any suggestion meet your approval an increase to the present Surveyor's salary, bringing it up to £350 with an annual increment of £10 up to £400 would retain the services of a Surveyor who has now a thorough knowledge of the country and its difficulties. The assistant should receive £200 each with an increment of £10 up to £250. Should you decide not to have a general survey which in the interests of the colony I should much regret I would ask that the surveyor's (Mr Creegan) salary be increased as otherwise his employment being terminable by six months notice I fear we should not be able to retain his services.

I have &c.

(Signed) Roger Thckfd Goldsworthy.
Governor.

The Rt Hon.
Joseph Chamberlain M.P.
&c &c &c
Downing Street.

No. 26.

Government House,
Stanley. 8 April, 1897.

Sir,

With reference to the despatches noted on the margin, I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a letter which has been received from Dr Keay asking for a renewal for three years of his appointment as Assistant Colonial Surgeon on the West Falklands

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Falklands together with a copy of the reply I have caused to be forwarded thereto and to which I now ask your approval.

2. The draft of an Ordinance constituting the office of Sanitary Officer for the West Falklands referred to in your despatch No. 63 of 24 November last is about to be introduced into the Legislative Council.

I have &c.
(Signed) Roger Tuck for Goldsworthy.
Governor.

The Rt. Hon:
Joseph Chamberlain M.P.
&c. &c. &c.
Downing Street.

No. 27.

Government House,
Stanley. 9 April, 1897.

Sir,

With reference to the despatches noted on the margin I have now the honour to transmit an extract from the minutes of the proceedings of the Executive Council relating to the appointment of an Inspector of Stock vice Mr. J. Dorsat.

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2. Mr. Robertson's salary as Sub-Inspector amounted to £150 per annum but his office was terminable at three months notice. I now recommend that he be appointed for two years at a salary of £250 per annum. On learning that this proposal meets with your approval the usual agreement regarding passages will be entered into with Mr. Robertson.

I have &c.
(Signed) Roger Tuck for Goldsworthy.
Governor.

The Rt. Hon:
Joseph Chamberlain M.P.
&c. &c. &c.
Downing Street.

No 28.

Government House.
Stanley. 14 April, 1897.

Sir,

I have the honour to report with reference to my despatch No. 21 of the 26th ultimo that I have granted to Mr. T.A. Thompson, Judge &c, vacation leave from the 16th instant to the 23rd inst for the purpose of proceeding to England by this mail steamer to take up his appointment as Registrar of the Courts at Trinidad.

2. Mr Thompson has expressed his intention of applying for an extension of this leave on his arrival in England until he sails for Trinidad. The usual certificate is enclosed.

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

The Rt Hon:
J. Chamberlain M.P.
&c &c &c
Downing Street.

No 29.

Government House,
Stanley. 15 April, 1897.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith, for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon, duly authenticated copies, in duplicate, of Ordinance No. 3 of 1897 entitled "An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Customs Duties and Trade".

2. The amendments suggested in your despatch No 5 of the 30th January last have been inserted in this Law otherwise its provisions are similar to that submitted in my despatch No 11 of the 12th January last

and

and which received your approval as notified in your cablegram of the 16th February.

3. I should add that both the unofficial Members of Council were absent from the meeting when this Bill passed, one on the plea of illness, the other stating that pressure of mail business precluded him from attending. As the Bill however contained no new provisions since it was left in Committee on the 23rd December last and had been altered only in accordance with your aforementioned despatch, I saw no reason why the Council should not proceed to business with the result that it was passed in their absence.

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

The Rt Hon:
J. Chamberlain M.P.
&c &c &c
Downing Street.

No 30.

Government House.
Stanley. 16 April, 1897.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that H.M.S. "Retribution" being bound on the 25th ultimo for Punta Arenas, Straits of Magellan, I took advantage of Captain Rocock's offer of a free passage to any officer of this Government and despatched Mr C. W. Hill to confer with Her Majesty's Vice-Consul at that port on matters relative to Customs. Mr Hill's report is herewith enclosed but as I am proceeding to England by the mail which carries this despatch I reserve any observations I may have to make thereon until my arrival

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 17th day of April, 1897.

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch	No. of Enclosures.
24.	6 April.	Survey of Chest 31 March 1897. Forwards report and certificate.	Two.
25.	" "	Civil Establishments. Suggestions for the re-organisation of.	One.
26.	8 "	Assistant Colonial Surgeon, West Falklands. Renewal of agreement with Dr Keay. Recommends.	Two.
27.	9 "	Inspector of Stock. Mr J. Robertson recommended for.	One.
28.	14 "	Leave to Mr T.G. Thompson. Asks. Reports grant of.	One.
29.	15 "	Customs Ordinance, 1897 No 3 of 1897. Forwards.	One.
(ii) 30.	16 "	Governor Goldsworthy Relinquishment of Government. Reports.	
(i) 30.	" "	Customs Rules at Ports Arenas. Reports on.	Two

Government of this Colony and Mr Thompson having proceeded to England to take up the duties of

2. I forward at the same time as it may be of interest, a copy of a memorandum by Mr. Hill giving a general description of the Town of Punta Arenas with observations as to the effect the same may have, in certain eventualities, on the Falkland Islands.

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

The Right Hon:
J. Chamberlain M.P. &c
Downing Street.

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Government House,
Stanley. 17 April, 1877.

Sir,

I have the honour to report, with reference to my despatch No. 21 of the 26th ultimo that I am this day relinquishing the administration of the Government of the Falkland Islands leaving the administration of the Government in the hands of Mr. J.C. Hallett, as Senior Member of the Executive Council in the absence of Mr. T.A. Thompson, Judge, who is proceeding by this mail to take up his appointment as Registrar of the Courts in Trinidad.

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

The Right Hon:
Chamberlain
M.P. &c
Downing Street.

No. 32.

Government House
Stanley, 17th April, 1877.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that, on Sir R.T. Goldsworthy's relinquishing the administration of the Government of this Colony and Mr Thompson having proceeded to England to take up the duties of

of Registrar of the Court at Trinidad, I have this day under article XIV of the Letters Patent dated 25th February 1892 assumed the Administration of this Government pending the arrival of Governor Every Wilson.

I enclose a copy of the Gazette which I have accordingly caused to be published.

I have &c

(Sd) H. Craigie-Halkett.
Administrator.

The Right Honble.
Joseph Chamberlain M.P.
&c. &c. &c
Downing Street.

No. 33.

Government House
Stanley, 21st April, 1897.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch No. 13 of the 8th ultimo forwarding for my report thereon a copy of a Statement dated the 15th May 1896 by the Master of the Barque "Bankville" and a Statement dated the 16th May, 1896, by the Captain of the H. Enoch and others, both on the subject of the lamentable wreck on the Billy Rock on the 14 May 1896 of a vessel believed to have been the American Ship "City of Philadelphia."

2. While in the main correct the first of these statements that by an Englishman Captain Macpherson taken upon oath before the American Consul is so worded as to convey a wrong impression

3. It is assumed that the ship seen on the 13th of May which the Pilot boat was unable to fetch and which put away to sea was the ship which went on the Billy Rock on the following evening.

4. So far from this being the case eye witnesses

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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 7th day of May 1897

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch	No. of Enclosures.
	1887		
32	17 apr.	Ca Peel assumes Administn	—
33	21 "	Reply to Desp: 13 of 8 March Steam tug.	—
34	" "	Forwards Memorial from Rev Felton	5
35	22 "	Commemoration Fund.	—
36	27 "	appoint of Writer	2.
37	29 "	Forwards reply of Undpl Members to Desp 7 of 8 Feb.	4.
38	" "	" Quarterly changes.	2.
39	30 "	Compulsory Jerkingly order of Inspector — Opinions of farmers.	

witnesses who saw both ships over that they were distinct vessels, the one being an iron ship with clearly painted ports while the other was of wood and painted one colour throughout.

5. The statement that the Pilot made no sign (an Americanism it is permissible to think suggested by the Consul before whom the statement purports to have been taken) to go out to see convey's an implied and unmerited reflection upon that official who was constantly on the look out from the highest point of vantage in Stanley and considered that no useful purpose would be served by going about in the open sea in the thick squally weather that prevailed on that as well as on the previous day, when Captain Macpherson who was in the Govt. boat with the Pilot was the first to suggest that they should turn back in consequence of the state of the weather.

6. "Govt. The assertion that "we saw nothing of any vessel going out to the ship" does not alter the fact that I despatched the Pilot myself in the Government boat the instant I received intimation of a vessel being on the Billy Rock while the admission further on that "we met the Govt. Pilot boat returning to port shows that she had proceeded to the wreck.

7. In recounting what transpired at the meeting with the Pilot boat outside the Narrows Capt. Macpherson is at fault.

8. The Pilot boat was hailed by the Falkland Is Co's launch with the lifeboat in tow, and replied that the ship had gone down

9. This was in the early morning between 4 & 5 a.m. after the Pilot boat had been standing by the wreck throughout the night in the vain

endeavour

endeavour to render assistance.

10. The second statement that by Captain Gordon and others, does not call for remark beyond noting that the Govt. pilot boat has since been lost, and other temporary arrangements have been entered into pending a decision as to the kind of boat the Government will procure whether steam or sailing.

12. It was the opinion of several who were in proximity to the wreck on the 14th of May that rocket communication with the doomed ship from the deck of one of the craft standing by might have saved life.

13. The Board of Trade were asked to recommend some such appliance, but their reply was in the negative and to the effect that no rocket apparatus existed which would be of use in a similar contingency.

14. The necessity for a tug at this Port has long been recognized and has formed the subject of a Despatch No. 22 of 27th of March.

15. The one point to be determined is whether Govt. would be justified in involving the Colony in the large expenditure required for the purchase and upkeep of a steam tug without entering into competition with private firms and charging as they would be entitled to do, for services performed.

I have &c.

(Sd) H. Craigie Halkett.

Administrator.

No. 34.

Government House
Stanley, 21st April, 1891

Sir,

I have the honour to forward a Memorial from the Senior Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council.

Mr Felton takes exception to the action of the Port by its Customs authorities in respect of two vessels the "Martha Gale" and the "Ovelia".

His concern in the first at least of these is not quite intelligible.

2. The "Martha Gale" was a Schooner carrying the Chilian Flag which arrived in this Colony in January from Punta Arenas a free port bringing a cargo of posts for disposal in the best market. She was not consigned to any one in the Colony and had no cargo to deliver to order.

She put in at Roy Cove on West Falklands which is not a port of Entry and is the property of Mr Betrand Mr Felton's partner.

3. So soon as this was reported to him, Mr Hurst the Stipendiary Magistrate of West Falkland, proceeded to Roy Cove from Hose Bay the only port of Entry on West Falkland.

4. The Master excused his action by stating that he had been informed two years before by the Assistant Col. Surgeon, Dr Keay who at that time also held office as Deputy Collector for West Falkland that he could put in where he pleased and send the ships paper to him (Dr Keay) when he would come and enter the vessel. The Master qualified this by stating apparently as an afterthought that he put into Roy Cove in distress his sails having blown away

This plea is recognized by the Customs Ordinance.

5. Not being satisfied of the bonafides of this plea, Mr Hurst seized and ordered the ship to

to Stanley to be dealt with as a forfeiture.

6. He had unfortunately omitted to take legal proceedings against her in the first instance for the penalty prescribed by the 5th clause of Customs Ordinance 5 of 1896 and had despatched the vessel to Stanley in charge of a Customs Officer but without depositions or notes of proceedings sufficient either to justify action by the supreme Court for forfeiture or to rebut the Master's allegation of distress. The Govt. being unwilling to involve the ship in the long delay inseparable from an adjournment for the production of evidence from Hope Bay withdrew from prosecution without prejudice to any fresh action it might be found advisable to take and the ship was released as early as possible.

7. The presumption that she made a course direct to Roy Cove there to dispose of her cargo of posts which Mr Helton states were ordered from Punta Arenas to facilitate compliance with the Seal Ordinance is strongly borne out by the conclusion of the Navigating Officer of H. M. S. "Retribution" after examination of the ships log.

8. The two Policemen alleged in the extract from the "El Magellanes" to have been placed on board the "Martha Gale" at Stanley were probably the Government Storekeeper and the Chief Sailmaker of H. M. S." Retribution" who both wearing uniform were detailed to examine and report upon all the canvas in the Ship.

At the same time as the Police are ex officio Officers of Customs and perform that duty whenever possible, two of them may at the moment of relief have happened to be on board together.

9. The "Velid" to which Mr Helton next refers is a small barque largely chartered by

to himself.

She put direct into Port Howard on the West Falklands which is not a port of Entry, and came within the jurisdiction of the Stipendiary Magistrate Mr Hurst.

10. The Magistrate permitted her Master who pleaded ignorance of the law to discharge the cargo for Port Howard and placed a Customs Officer on board with directions that he must not allow any dutiable cargo that might be on board for other places to be landed until proper entries had been made and the duties accounted for.

This the Master was apparently not in a position to do and the Ship had therefore to proceed on to Stanley.

11. In refraining from taking legal action against the ship for contravention of the provisions of the Customs Ordinance by putting in at Port Howard without lawful excuse Mr Hurst was possibly influenced by the permission accorded to Messrs. Spearing & Waldron to take direct to that place their vessel engaged in the Frozen Meat trade.

12. Mr Felton thinks proper to ignore the Masters infraction of the law the leniency shown by the Govt, his own share without protest in the Seal and Customs legislation, and the special vigilance incumbent upon this Government for the protection of the revenue in dealing with vessels from Patagonian free ports.

He is silent respecting the advantage to himself owing to proceedings not having been taken against the "Orchid" and to the facilities accorded her in Stanley for discharging cargo for himself and others at the Govt. Jetty.

13. The representation about Bob's Island (or James) does not fairly disclose the position. It is a small Island covered with tussac and valuable as a fattening reserve for horses in winter, which lies immediately off land leased by Mr Felton,

from

from which it is reached by fording at low water. To obtain access by land Mr Gwenshilds who leases the adjoining Section has to pass over a portion of Mr Heltons section.

14. This Mr Helton who has long desired possession of the Island resents, and the friction that arose culminated in an appeal by Mr Gwenshilds to the Governor to declare a right of way to the Island; it being Mr Heltons intention to block his approach thereto by erecting a fence across the track.

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In my interviews with him on the subject Mr Helton made no secret of his intention and would only consent to meet Mr Gwenshilds to the extent of unlocking his gate upon specific application and then only if he thought proper.

15. Mr Gwenshilds original lease signed by Governor D'Utray dated 1871 contains a footnote to the effect that Bobs Island is inscribed in this lease.

This footnote was embodied in the renewed lease issued to him in 1895.

16. In the absence of reasonable explanation of this attitude towards his neighbour Mr Gwenshilds the Governor decided to approve of Mr Heltons compulsory purchase being located where it could not interfere with neighbouring farmers.

17. The three concluding paragraphs of Mr Heltons Memorial conveys a personal attack upon a retiring Governor, which is the more regrettable as emanating from a gentleman occupying a position on the Legislative Council.

I have &c.

(Sd) H. Craigie Halkett.

Administrator

The Right Honble.
J. Chamberlain, M.P.
&c &c &c
Downing Street.

P.S. I should add that the original freehold purchase of 160 acres on Sect. 9 Rio Pedro was effected in 1960 by the H. I. Company who in Jan. 1975 transferred all their interests to Mr Helton by existing plans & records in the year of purchase. This freehold was allocated as shown by existing The Sect. proving to be 10.000 acres or 4.000 more than the acreage of a Section as prescribed by Ord. 4 of 1871 Mr Helton had to purchase a further proportion (over & above 160 acres) amounting alone to 107 acres which alone remains to be and will now be allowed alongside of the original 160 acres, which he is removed from any approaches to Bobs Island.

No. 35.

Government House
Stanley, 22nd April, 1897.

Sir,

With reference to your Circular letter dated the 25th of February received here on the 15th Instant I have the honour to inform you that steps had been already taken to decide upon the most suitable manner of commemorating the diamond Jubilee of Her Most Gracious Majesty.

I will communicate later the final decision which has been arrived at.

I have &c.
H. Craigie Halkett.
Ad administrator.

The Right Hon'ble,
J. Chamberlain, M.P. (Sd)
&c &c &c
Downing Street.

No 36

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Government House
Stanley, April 27th 1897

Sir;

I have the honour to report that His Excellency Governor Goldsworthy was pleased to recognise the necessity for further clerical help in the Colonial Secretary's Office by appointing my son Montague to be a writer therein.

This appointment may I trust meet with your approval.

I append copies of the Gazette and of Governor Goldsworthy's Minute to myself.

I have &c.
H. Craigie Halkett.
Ad administrator.

The Right Hon'ble,
J. Chamberlain, M.P. (Sd)
&c. &c. &c.
Downing Street.

on 12th april 1897 Sir R.G appt M. Halkett a 'writer' in C.S office at £60 by yearly increments of £5 to £85

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No. 37.

Government House
Stanley, 29th April, 1897.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit a reply dated the 6th Instant with a Postscript thereto dated the 9th Instant, from the Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council to your Despatch No. 7 of the 8th February.

2. The letter of the 17th November, 1896 quoted in the second paragraph was as follows.

"The arrival by the last mail of an "expert, who has already commenced the work "of taking soundings &c appropriates us that the" "project for the construction of a new jetty has" "been revived."

"This being the first positive information "we have had on the subject we have the "honour to request that His Excellency the Governor "will be good enough to furnish us with some "details of the proposed scheme, the mere "preliminaries of which must entail a considerable amount of expense to the Colony.

3. My reply dated 30th November to this letter was in these terms.

"This project has formed the of correspond" "ence for many years past and the construction" "of a pier has subject to a satisfactory survey" "been sanctioned by the Right Honourable the" "Secretary of State the cost to be defrayed from" "funds invested on account of land in the hands" "of the Crown Agents."

"Papers connected with this scheme will" "be laid before you at the next meeting of the" "Council when His Excellency will be pleased" "to furnish you with any information on the" subject you may desire."

4. The next meeting was held on the 13th December when the papers relative to the pier were laid before the Council, Mr. Hilton Travis asked for and obtained leave to take home for perusal at his leisure the précis referred to.

5. The Honourable Members appear to have misunderstood the application of the word offensive and to have taken it as bearing that construction towards yourself instead of towards the Governor at whom their Memorial was aimed.

6. The allegation in the 11th paragraph of their reply was brought up by His Excellency the Governor before the first meeting of Council, on the 14th Instant, held after its receipt.

Unfortunately neither of the Honourable Members found it possible to attend, and Official Members only were present.

Their recollection pointed to His Excellency the Governor having objected to Mr. Hilton reading a speech but on no occasion to his making reference to notes with which he was usually provided.

7. The statement that the Colonial Regulations were complied with plainly begs the question for the Memorialists had already sent a copy direct to the Colonial Office before they submitted the prescribed triplicate through the Governor.

8. The sixth, seventh and eighth paragraphs traverse the despatch without submitting any detail or argument of value

9. The succeeding paragraph (9) unlike the rest of the reply merits more than passing notice inasmuch as it touches upon a very real and considerable outlay which must be faced in the future viz. the erection of entirely new Government buildings in the temporary repairs to which a considerable sum has long been annually expended.

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New Govt offices

While the construction of a pier denotes progress (to which there appears to be studied aversion it secured at the expense of debt) and public improvement convenience and profit generally, the Government buildings represent a present necessity.

10. The concluding paragraph is to be regretted and it is to be hoped that the energies of Honourable Members may continue to be expended in the direction indicated.

11. The postcript is not wholly intelligible. There are no Customs duties on exports, nor is it probable that any will be created.

12. Reference is presumably intended to pier dues upon exports which could only obtain at the pier itself in Stanley and the remark alleged to have been made by His Excellency about Customs Officers at every Station in the Islands can have no force in relation to exports

I have &c.
H. Craigie Halkett.
Administrator.

The Right Honble,
J. Chamberlain, M.P. (Sd)
&c. &c. &c.
Downing Street.

No. 38

Government House
Stanley, 29th April, 1899.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward the quarterly Return of changes in Office &c for the Quarter ended 31st ultimo.

I have &c
H. Craigie Halkett
Administrator.

The Right Honble,
J. Chamberlain, M.P. (Sd)
&c. &c. &c.
Downing Street.

No. 39

FALKLAND ISLANDS

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 28th day of May 1897

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch	No. of Enclosures.
40.	1897 19 May	Vote for sea wall	1.
41.	20 "	Vote for fire hydrants.	1.
42.	27 "	Grant in aid West Falkland Health	2.
43	" "	Returns of Revenue & Expenditure quarter ended 31.3.97	2.
44	" "	Civil establishment — changes recommended.	
45.	" "	Canon Aspinall leave.	1.

No 39

Government House
Stanley, 20 April, 1897

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Sir,

Referring to your Despatches No 56. of the 11th of September 1896 and No. 4 of the 20th January of this year, I have the honour to subjoin an analysis of the replies received from the Sheep farmers of this Colony thirty two of whom were individually written to each being asked whether he did or did not wish for the enactment of a law empowering the Chief Inspector of Stock to require the erection of Fences.

It will be seen that the majority do not answer in the affirmative.

Total number of replies received 15

2 To Mr Monat personally

affirmative. 1. Should extreme necessity arise. 4.

That fencing should be erected between all Stations. 1.

Negative. 10

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To provide for recognition of fencing as an improvement in all cases it will be necessary to introduce an Ordinance to repeal those portions of Land Ordinances 4 of 1871 and 9 of 1882 which shut out suburban land from participation in their provisions.

I have &c.

H. Craigie Halkett.
Administrator

Right Honble,
Chamberlain, M.P. (3d)
&c &c &c
Downing St.

Government House
Stanley, 19 May, 1897.

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Sir, I have the honour to request your sanction to the expenditure from Crown Land Funds in terms of your Despatch No 25 of 27th April 1896 of the amount £350 unanimously voted by the Legislative Council for the repair

1 Enclosure

repair and rebuilding of the sea wall running in front of Government House.

2. The work is necessary and urgent in the sense that the existing road must get washed away unless protected by a proper Sea Wall.

3. In view of what has already been expended and the large outlay that must be incurred before the Stanley roads and drains can be pronounced in thorough order I would ask that the authority conveyed in your Despatch quoted above may be extended to cover not only sea walls and jetties but roads and drains and that the expenditure on the last of £250 sanctioned in your Despatch No. 64 of the 26th November 1896 may similarly to the £400 approved en the same despatch be charged against Land Sales ape and vpdised to General Revenue

I have &c.
H. Craigie Halkett
Administrator.

The Right Hnble
J. Chamberlain, M.P. (s-d)
Secretary of State
&c &c &c

No 41

352 b. gw.

Government House
Stanley, 20 May, 1897

Sir,

1 Enclosure

I have the honour to forward a copy of a Resolution passed unanimously by the Legislative Council at its last sitting which I earnestly trust may meet with your approval.

2. It is impossible to enlarge unduly on the imperative need for efficient protection of life and property in Stanley against fire.

3 The need has long been generally recognized and very frequently discussed

discussed but as too often happens continued immunity caused the matter to be lost sight of from time to time.

4. The attention of residents was forcibly directed to the risk they ran by a recent outbreak of fire in the Police Watch house which although practically on the water, and played upon by the only Engine in the Colony (a Manual which proved to be quite useless) was wholly consumed in a very few minutes.

5. Had this erection been contiguous or even near to other buildings a grave calamity must have resulted in the gale that prevailed at the time.

6. It is proposed to repay this advance (which will be at once laid out in the purchase of a powerful Steam Engine with hose and all requisite appliances) from a rate levied with that special object upon house property in Stanley and which will replace the tenement tax hitherto levied for fencing the Ordinance governing which will expire on the 31st of December.

7. By next mail I will be in a position to submit an Ordinance for establishing this rate.

I have &c
H. Craigie Halkett
Administrator

The Right Honble
J. Chamberlain, M.P. &c &c &c
Secretary of State.

No. 42

Government House
Stanley. 27 May, 1897.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit for the signification thereon of Her Majesty's pleasure authenticated copies in duplicate of Ordinance No 4 of 1897 entitled an Ordinance to amend the

2 Enclosures
1 "

the Public Health Ordinance of 1894 and to make provision for a Board of Health for the West Falkland Island.

2. This Ordinance was drafted in pursuance of your Despatch No. 63 of 24th November 1896 by Mr Thompson and passed the Executive Council presided over by Governor Goldsworthy

3. In Legislative Council it was opposed in toto by the Unofficial Members on the grounds that is was unnecessary and calculated to engender friction and liable to abuse in the hands of the Stipendiary Magistrate of West Falklands in whom they had no confidence

4. Personal feeling towards the latter Officer seemed to be the keynote to their opposition which was unsupported by a single valid argument.

5. This Ordinance will supply a distinct want in view of the limited existing means of communication with the W. Island and the impossibility of supervising its sanitary arrangements from Stanley.

I have &c
H. Craigie Halkett,
Administrator

The Right Honble
J. Chamberlain (sd) M.P.
Secretary of State
&c. &c. &c.

No 43

Government House
Stanley, 27 May, 1897

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit the Returns in duplicates of Revenue and expenditure for the quarter ended the 31st of March.

I have &c
H. Craigie Halkett.
Administrator

The Right Honble
J. Chamberlain, M.P. (sd)
Secretary of State
&c &c &c

No 44.

Government House
Stanley, 24th May, 1897

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Sir,

The existing vacancy in the Legal Department of this Colony permits attention to the need for reconstruction therein.

2. It is undesirable from every point of view that an Officer should be at one and the same time Police Magistrate and Judge of the Supreme Court where the presence of three Justices of the Peace inexperienced in law or procedure is little calculated to inspire confidence in cases of appeal when the appeal is practically Caesar to Caesar.

3. Two alternatives present themselves

(1) The combination of the Office of Judge with that of Governor as before by which allowing for salaries in addition to their ordinary pay of £50 per annum to the Registrar of the Supreme Court who would have charge of the records &c and £100 per annum to the Col. Secretary or other Officer appointed as Police Magistrate, an annual saving to the Revenue of £350 would be effected.

(2) The appointment of a distinct Officer as Judge and Legal adviser at a salary of £400 per annum as recommended by the late Governor in Despatch No. 123 of the 17th October 1893 and of the other Officer to be Police Magistrate as above.

4. While conferring no benefit on the Revenue this alternative would possess the merit of securing an independent constitution of the Upper and lower Courts.

5. The other recommendations put forward in the late Governor's Despatch quoted above and in his Despatch No. 25 of the 6th ultimo disclose matter deserving serious attention

6. The best interests of the public service require that the Officers at present acting merely

merely as general assistants to the Col. Secretary in the multifarious offices which centre in that Office should receive substantive appointments.

7. It is beyond reason to expect one Officer to carry on with entire satisfaction to himself and as they ought to be conducted the duties of so many diverse offices each requiring time care and attention

8. The following adjustment of Offices would ensure greater efficiency in every Dept.

The Col. Secretary to retain charge of the Department of Registrar General and to be Auditor, but to be relieved of the Offices of Treasurer, Collector, Postmaster, Harbour Master Receiver of Wrecks, Registrar of Shipping &c.

In place of the Office of Govt. Clerk which embraces Clerk of Councils, Shipping Master (to which fees are attached) and general assistant to the Colonial Secretary in all Departments there should be a substantive appointment of Collector & Treasurer and Postmaster with a seat in Council.

The Treasury Clerk who is general assistant in all Departments should be appointed substantive Clerk of Councils, and Harbour and Shipping Master including Registrar of Shipping and Receiver of Wrecks and to continue duty as Treasury Clerk.

9. No increase in the volume of work nor any additional expenditure would result from this distribution which would have the effect of transferring from the Judge to the Col. Secretary the allowance £20 attached to Audit, work, from the Col. Secretary to the proposed Treasurer the annual allowance £20. for Managing the Govt. Savings Bank and to the proposed Shipping Master of any fees as Receiver of Wrecks and from the Govt. Clerk to the same Officer the annual Shipping fees some £20. while the allowance of £10 per annum to the assist. Manager of the Savings Bank would be saved.

(the Shipping Master)

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10. It is inevitable that under existing conditions the Col. Secretary finds himself hampered and his time taken up by details of routine to the exclusion of matters of public importance which should properly engage his attention and that at the centralization of so many departments in one tends to spell confusion and indifference rather than efficiency and interest.

I have &c.
H. Craigie Walkett

Right Hon'ble
J. Chamberlain, M.P. (sd)
Secretary of State
&c. &c. &c.

No 45.

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Government House
Stanley, 27 May, 1897

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Sir,

I have the honour to report that I have upon the recommendation of the Col. Chaplain the superintending authority of the anglican Church in this Colony granted to the Revd. Canon Aspinall vacation leave for three months upon full salary with permission to apply to you for an extension of leave upon half salary.

1 Enclosure

Canon Aspinall who is proceeding to England has served since 1892 without any leave, and may I trust receive such consideration as he may request at your hands.

I have &c
H. Craigie Walkett.

Right Hon'ble.
J. Chamberlain, M.P. (sd)
Secretary of State
&c. &c. &c.

I do see how you should grant such leave on half pay as he asks
Secretary.

No 46

Government House
Stanley, 7 June, 1897.

Sir,

Under cover of Despatch No. 119 of the 9th December 1895 Governor Goldsworthy transmitted to you copies of the leases which had been issued to Messrs J. Robson & J. Mc Kay for Sections 38 and 35 respectively.

(2) Mr Robson applied in August 1895 for a reduction of rent on account of Stone runs and was informed that the Governor would lay the matter before executive Council

(3) Upon his renewed application last month I brought the matter up and now request your approval of the decision arrived at by the Council viz, a reduction of £9 per annum in the annual rental £79-10-0 paid by Mr Robson on 15143 acres at £5-5-0 per 1300 acres reducing it to £70-10-0 such reduction to be by way of allowance on account of Stone runs which cover some 4,000+ acres of the Sect. and for which of the neighbouring Section 35 the lessee Mr Mc Kay received an allowance of 2000 acres.

+ Robertson says 4000 acres Robinson says 5000

£50 per annum rent to be paid for ten years, after which the full annual rent of £70-10-0 plus the deferred arrears in equal annual proportions.

(4) This concession of deferred rent is with the object of securing to Mr Robson the opportunity of making the requisite improvements and of establishing his farm on a sound basis and follows the line conceded to the lessee of Sect. 35 (whose accepted Tender was £10 per 1000 acres who was allowed to pay rent of £100 only for the first 10 years & £150 during the remaining eleven years of this Lease.

I have &c.
(Sd) H. Craigie Halkett.
Administrator

The right Honble,
J. Chamberlain, M.P.
Secretary of State
&c. &c. &c.

FALKLAND ISLANDS

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 18th day of June 1897

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch	No. of Enclosures.
46	7 June	Robson's rent for Sec. 38	–
47	12 "	Detention Pass of Balmaha	–
48	17 "	Proposed Sealing Ordinance amend	1.
49	18 "	Steamer arrived	
50	" "	Ord 5-97. Fines rec'd.	2 6
		Order on Kellyvalter	1.
51	" "	Address to Her Majesty	1.

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Government House
Stanley, 12th June, 1897

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch No. 15 of the 12th of April requisting a report on the causes of detention of the British Ship "Pass of Balmaha" which stranded outside Port Pitt on the 31st January of this year.

2. Her continued presence in this port is a necessary consequence of the very serious injury she sustained.

3. Her stranding and the delay in ascertaining the true nature of her injuries is to be attributed to the incapacity and continued supineness of her Master Govan and to the mutinous and chaotic condition into which he had allowed his crew to drift, and in which he appeared content that they should remain.

4. Though suspended by the Court of Enquiry on the 12th February on which date new Masters were called for from England he continued in charge of the Ship and of his owners interests till the 13th of April when the new Master Seougal arrived.

5. Beyond procuring the services of divers from H. M. S. "Retribution to examine & repair the hull from the outside, no active steps were up to this date taken to facilitate a close examination of the interior of the hull.

6 After some delay owing to the disorganised state of the Ships company and then only after recourse to the Court Captain Seougal asserted his authority and work was proceeded with resulting in the discovery of damage sufficient to justify him in proceeding on the 9th ultimo to Monte Video to confer by cable with his owners.

7. Since that date as the work of shifting cargo.

cargo progressed further and more grave injuries to the interior were brought to light which it is feared cannot be repaired by local appliances.

8. I am indebted to Lloyds agent in Stanley under whose purview the vessel has been from the first for full particulars of the reasons of her detention which coincide with what was already with my knowledge and is embodied in this Despatch

9. The laws of this Colony do not require vessels leaving the Colony to carry certificated Officers.

I have &c.

The Right Honble.
J. Chamberlain, M.P.
Secretary of State
&c. &c. &c.

(Sd) H. Craigie Halkett
Administrator

48.

Government House
Stanley, 17th June 1897.

Sir,

I have the honour to request your approval to the introduction in Legislative Council of the accompanying proposed amendment to the local sealing Ordinance No 4 of 1881.

2. I have adopted this course in consequence of no signification having yet been received respecting the draft sealing Ordinance forwarded with my Despatch No 106 of 7th November 1895.

3. Ordinance No 4 of 1881 provides for the protection of Seal from 1st October to 1st April during the close season and licenses have been issued by the Government from year to year for taking a specified number of Seals during the open season one License that to Mrs Hansen of Carcass being inserted and forming part of her land lease.

4 The 1st clause of the proposed amendment is intended to ensure that the offer of a moiety of

moiety of what may be recovered upon proceedings in Court may not as in the case where a fine was inflicted but not paid be a dead letter, it being reasonable to assume that there would in all cases be skins to dispose of, half the proceeds of which would always be available.

5. The 2nd Clause of the proposed amendment now submitted has for its object (1) the protection of these Licensees who pay heavy royalties against poachers (2) a check upon the licensees themselves taking any larger number than may be specified in their Licenses and (3) an active prohibition against the public taking Seals in the open season without going through the formality of asking for a license.

I have &c.

(sd) H. Craigie Halkett
administrator

The Right Hon'ble
J. Chamberlain, M.P.
Secretary of State
&c. &c. &c.

49.

Government House
Stanley, 17 June 1897.

Sir,

The approaching expiration on the 27 October next of the Contract for the conveyance of Mails within the Colony affords an opportune time for the purchase of a Steam vessel for that as well as for the Pilot service touched upon by Governor Goldsworthy in his Despatch No. 22 of the 27 March, 1897.

As he has doubtless had the opportunity of placing before you in person the powerful arguments in favour of the possession by this Government of a Steam service, there remains little for me to add.

(2) As to the need for a Steamer there can be no two opinions from whatever point it may be viewed.

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The Government pay £450 for a service of mails every three weeks to outlying ports by a vessel, whose performances have continued to give universal dissatisfaction.

3. This subsidy is insufficient to retain her exclusive services with the result that her owner carries private freight at the expense of a regular & punctual delivery.

Moreover so uncertain is the weather in these parts that regularity by a sailing vessel can never be assured.

4. This subsidized vessel represents the sole means at the disposal of Govt with places beyond Stanley for communication

This in effect amounts to no communication at all so far as concerns the majority of the inhabitants who may justly feel themselves neglected, and out of touch with a Government which is contented to leave them thus

5. This Government is at present without the means of discharging the ordinary duties attached to the Pilot Service, to assisting Ships in distress, to the protection of the Revenue, to improving the condition of the people and facilitating the administration of justice throughout the Colony by a regular and constant communication with outlying parts.

6. A serviceable Steamer would go far towards supplying these wants while it would quickly build up a trade and a passenger traffic sufficient with the saving effected in the local mail subsidy to obviate any necessity for the imposition of fresh taxes

7. The cases of the "Orchid" and of the "Marthe Gale" cited in Mr Hilton's Memorial forwarded under cover of my Despatch No. 34 of the 21st April give forcible point to the necessity of relieving Government from its present isolation and of giving it the means of communicating without delay with places beyond Stanley

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6. A Steamer for service in these waters should not exceed 200 tons gross should be of staunch build to encounter very heavy weather and fitted with powerful engines to admit of towing a large Ship she should be capable of always steaming 10 knots and should possess cabin accommodation for at least a dozen passengers.

I have &c
H. Craigie Halkett
Administrator.

The Right Hon'ble
J. Chamberlain, M.P. (sd)
Secretary of State
&c. &c. &c.

Government House
Stanley, 17 June 1897

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Sir,

I have the honour to forward for the signification thereon of Her Majesty's pleasure authenticated copies in duplicate of an Ordinance No. 5. of 1897 to raise money on house property in Stanley and to provide for the application thereof as intimated in my Despatch No. 41 of the 20th ultimo.

2. This Ordinance is intended to take the place of Ordinance 7- 1892 which will expire on the 31st December, and for simplification embodies the 2nd clause of Ordinance 1 - 1893 which is repealed.

It passed the Legislative Council Nem con all the Members fully appreciating the extreme importance of the object in view.

3. The rate 9d in the pound decided upon will produce £110 per annum from which an annual sum of £50 would be devoted towards repayment of the advance of £1000 upon which interest at the rate of 3½ per cent per annum would be paid, the balance to be used for working expenses.

4. Anticipating in common with the other

other Members of Council your favourable consideration of their Resolution transmitted in my Despatch above quoted I enclose an order which I request may be sent to the Crown Agents and thus much valuable time will be saved.

I have &c.

The Right Hon^ble.
J. Chamberlain, M.P. (sd) H. Craigie Halkett.
Secretary of State Administrator
&c. &c. &c.

51

Government House
Stanley 18 June, 1897.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit for presentation to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen an address of congratulation from the Executive and Legislative Councils on their own as well as on behalf of all the inhabitants of the Falkland Islands upon the completion of the sixtieth year of Her Majesty's reign.

I have &c.

The Right Hon^ble.
J. Chamberlain, M.P. (sd) H. Craigie Halkett.
Secretary of State Administrator.
&c. &c. &c.

52

Government House
Stanley, 25 June, 1897.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit a report by the Acting Colonial Secretary upon the Blue Book for last year two copies of which are being sent to you by this mail.

I have &c.

The Right Hon^ble.
J. Chamberlain, M.P. (sd) H. Craigie Halkett.
Secretary of State Administrator
&c. &c. &c.

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Government House
June, 1897

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 July 1897

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch	No. of Enclosures.
	1897		
52	25 June	Forwards Blue Book Report 96	1.
53.	" "	Remit Seal penalties.	
54	2 July	Treasury quarterly Survey	4.
55	5 "	Wreck Local mail yard.	
56	7 "	Forwards quarterly charges	2.
57	" "	Council Minutes	2.
58	" "	Tussock seed	
59	" "	Volunteer drill hall.	
60	9 "	Alarm discharge	1
61	12 "	Mining Despatch No 23.	
62	" "	Licensed Victs	

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Government House
Stanley, 25 June, 1897

Sir,

I have the honour to recommend that the remissions of three fourths of the penalties inflicted upon four sheep farmers under the Seals Ordinance of 1895 approved in your Despatch of No. 16 of the 24 April may be granted unconditionally.

2. It was only upon this first practical application of the Ordinance that the magnitude of the penalties came to be appreciated and steps were at once taken by Governor Goldsworthy to mitigate their severity upon those already convicted by a promised remission and in relation to future cases by a radical alteration in the Ordinance fixing the minimum penalty at ½d for each infected Sheep.

3. The reason d'etre for the remissions admitted lay in the imperfect state of the Ordinance to comply with which the convicted farmers were proved to have spared no efforts.

4 If then the remissions are to be contingent upon having their flocks clean within six months after the date of conviction (which is already provided for by the 18th clause of the Seals Ord. 4/95) at least three out of the four farmers must through inability to comply with the condition find themselves by the accident of being dealt with under the former provisions of the Ordinance in a worse position than their fellows who may come under the amended Ordinance

5. In remitting 3/4 of the original penalty of 2d per Sheep Gov. Goldsworthy evidently intended that the substantive fine levied of ½ per Sheep should having regard to the merits of the cases coincide with the minimum penalty he was about to substitute in his amended Ordinance and desired rather to extend to those

those connected of an offence past and done with substantial clemency than to throw out a hypothetical mentive to enlarged efforts in the future.

I have &c.
(sd) H. Craigie Halkett
Administrator

The Right Honble
J. Chamberlain, M.P.
Secretary of State.
&c. &c. &c.

54.

Government House
Stanley, 2 July, 1897.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward copies in duplicate of the Report of the Survey of the Colonial Chest, & of the certificate of Survey for the Quarter ended the 30 ultimo.

I have &c.
(sd) H. Craigie Halkett
Administrator

The Right Honble
J. Chamberlain, M.P.
Secretary of State
&c. &c. &c.

No. 55

Government House
Stanley, 5th July, 1897

Sir,

In continuation of my Despatch No. 49 of the 1st ultimo I regret to report that the local Postal Contract became suddenly determined on the 24 ultimo by the total wreck of the contract yacht "Rebuke" off Port Harriett.

I have entered into temporary arrangements for the continuance of the Mail service between Stanley & outlying ports of the Colony, pending a definite decision being arrived at respecting the measures to be adopted in the future.

I have &c.
(sd) H. Craigie Halkett.
Administrator

The Right Honble
J. Chamberlain, M.P.
Secretary of State
&c. &c. &c.

56.

Government House
Stanley, 7 July, 1897.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit the quarterly returns of changes in Office and of unusual payments for the Quarter ended 31st March.

I have &c.

The Right Honble.
J. Chamberlain, M.P. (sd) H. Craigie Halkett
Secretary of State Administrator
&c. &c. &c.

57.

Government House
Stanley, 7 July, 1897.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith copies of the Minutes of the Executive & Legislative Councils during the quarter ended the 31st March.

I have &c.

The Right Honble.
J. Chamberlain, M.P. (sd) H. Craigie Halkett.
Secretary of State Administrator
&c. &c. &c.

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Government House
Stanley, 7 July, 1897.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch No. 2 of the 12 January, 1897 with its enclosures (3)

I shall have pleasure in forwarding for the Government of Canada a fresh supply of the seed of the Tussock grass so soon as it again becomes available in November.

I have &c.

The Right Honble.
J. Chamberlain. M.P. (sd) H. Craigie Halkett
Secretary of State Administrator.
&c. &c. &c.

59.

Government House
Stanley, 7 July, 1897.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch No. 9 of the 18 January 1896 a reply to which has been deferred in the hope that some definite action could be reported thereon.

From one cause and another the Volunteer movement has lacked vitality sufficient to follow up the original proposal which will I trust be properly appreciated and acted upon after the arrival of the new Governor.

I have &c.

The Right Hon'ble
J. Chamberlain, M.P. (&d)
Secretary of State
&c. &c. &c.

H. C. Halkett
Administrator.

60.

Government House
Stanley, 9 July, 1897.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Circular letter of the 13th April and to inform you in reply as follows:-

2. Seamen can only be discharged at one Port Stanley & then only by the Shipping Master who invariably acquaints himself beforehand with the reasons and the prospect of work in the Colony.

3. Where the latter is problematical and no wages are due, discharge is refused unless a deposit be made into the Treasury sufficient to defray the mans passage away from the Colony. This rule acts as a deterrent where Masters are disposed to discharge their worthless men, and protects the Colony from being flooded with paupers or waifs.

4. By Ordinance 2 - 1870 aliens of a

nationality having no local representative have to deposit a sum sufficient to obviate their becoming chargeable to the Colony.

5. Pursuant to the foregoing sanction is never refused to the discharge of crews whose agreement terminate at this Port.

6. The latter are practically confined to shipwrecked crews picked up and brought to the Colony and to crews of condemned vessels all of whom are looked after by the Shipping Master

7. There are no local Ordinances governing the conditions of sanction or refusal of discharge.

I have &c.
H. Craigie Halkett.

Right Hon'ble
J. Chamberlain, M.P. (sd)
Secretary of State
&c. &c. &c.

61.

316

Government House
Stanley. 12 July. 1897.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose a copy of Sir R. T. Glasworthy's Despatch No. 23 of the 27 March which does not appear to have been received by you although it was sent in the Governor's bag along with Despatches Nos. 20, 21, 22 which was taken by H. M. S. "Basilisk" on the 27 March.

I have &c.
H. Craigie Halkett.
Administrator

The Right Hon'ble
J. Chamberlain M.P. (sd)
Secretary of State.
&c &c. &c.

Government House
Stanley. 12 July. 1897.

62.

Sir, I have the honour to report that with consequence of the terms of bargain and agreement Despatch
dated

for carrying on the Pilot service, reported in Governor Goldsworthy's Despatch No. 17 of the 26th February having proved inadequate and unequal to meet any sudden strain I have decided in the public interest to avail myself of the sanction conveyed in your Despatch No. 88 of the 18 November 1893 but never yet acted upon and appoint licensed pilots under the Pilotage Ordinance 5 of 1871 pro. tem. and until Government finds itself in a position again to assume sole control of those most important duties.

The Government Pilot is not thereby relieved from any portion of his usual duty.

I shall take care that efficient precautions are taken for the protection of the Revenue danger of loss to which has I believe constituted the sole argument against the appointment of an open system of Pilotage.

I have &c
H. Craigie Halkett
Administrator

The Right Hon'ble
J. Chamberlain M.P. (sd)
Secretary of State
&c. &c. &c.

46 to 62 ✓ Tel: 13 Aug Rec 25th Aug:

No. 63.

Government House
Stanley, 14 July, 1897

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you in reply to your Circular Despatch dated the 26th of May received here on the 10th Instant that

1. No offer to purchase the Stamps postcards &c received from the International Bureau of the Postal Union has been made to this Government

2. The Postal Department of this Colony has invariably discouraged attempts at philatelic dealings.

3. The sale of specimens has always been prohibited.

4. This Government has no wish to retain more

more than one of each description of the space specimens in its possession.

The remainder so soon as they can be sorted & classified will be sent to the Sy. P. O. London

5. Only one specimen of each Stamp &c distributed through the International Bureau is required by this Government.

I have &c

(Sd) H. Louis Halkett

Administrator

64.

Government House
Stanley, 21 July 1897

Sir,

I have the honour to submit in reply to your Despatch No 19 dated the 5th ultimo, an explanation of the large excess £1131 of expenditure during 1896 over the ordinary amount scheduled in the Estimates for that year as required for Public Works.

2. Of that excess amount £903 was authorized as follows. £400, £250 by Despatch 64 of the 26 November, 1896 for special work Seawall & roads £103 representing the difference between the Vote £250 in the Estimates & £353 actually expended on the H. M. Government Buildings, by the Vote of Legislature for £800 approved in Despatch 1073 of the 11 Sept. 1895 against which nothing had hitherto been drawn;- £150 by Despatch No 10 of 23 July 1897 approving of Vote by Legislature for work on Government House. — £903.

3. The remaining ~~sum~~ of £228 though unauthorized is more than accounted for by the impossibility of estimating at this end the actual cost of and the charges & freights upon all the many articles procured from home & indispensable in the making & upkeep

upkeep of roads drains & fences and in the erection and repair of public buildings of every description.

4. I append a summary of the amounts expended during the year under each separate head of the Estimates for 1896, which are shown by the necessity for supplementary Votes to have been placed at too low a figure to meet the requirements of the town.

5. During the year it was found necessary to import road & building tools and Material furniture, carts &c, at a cost landed in Stanley of £493 and the following new and important works were completed: W.T. Wks Constitution (a considerable portion of which remains unexpended) viz: Stanley Sea wall. Main Road. Supervalta Cottage

6. The natural formation of its site and the nature of the ground (soft peat) on which the town of Stanley is built renders the making & upkeep of roads & considerable & constant drain upon the public treasury and similarly the maintenance & repair of public buildings & fences which are of great age & composed mainly of wood involve necessary continuous expenditure

7. Wages are high and labour so unskilled & dilatory as to call for the appointment from England of an efficient Overseer of Works.

I have &c.

(Sd) H. Bougie Halkett.
Administrator

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65.

Government House
Stanley, 26 July 1897

Sir,

I have the honour to forward a copy of an extract from the Minutes of the Legislative Council at its last sitting on the 21st Instant unanimously voting an appropriation of £301 to cover expenditure already incurred in excess of the amounts estimated for the current year for Public Works and a sum of

of £ 300 to meet the outlay involved in carrying on these till the close of the year.

The Estimates exceeded are Vote A Roads &c by 80-15-8

" " " " "B. Buildings 115-14-11

C. Furniture 89-17-3

Magistrate W.H. Quarters 14-6-1

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Local expenditure to 30 June under these heads fall within the Estimates by a sum of £ 217-2-5.

This with the sum now voted £ 300-13-11 or a total of 517-16-4 is shown by the Crown Agents accounts received to the latest date possible the 31st May to have been expended by them between Jan. & May in complying with Requisitions sent home towards the close of last & early this year.

The amounts so expended in purchase of material and expenses of freight &c were

Road Material	84-5-11
Building	282-2-10
Furniture Govt. House in anticipation of a New Governor	151-7-7
	£ 517-16-4

I do not anticipate that any further purchases of material will be found necessary and I consider that the further sum of £ 300 voted for the service for the remainder of the year should suffice for ordinary requirements.

I have &c.

SqS (Sd) H. Craigie Halkett
Administrator.

No. 66.

Government House
Stanley, 31 July, 1897.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose a copy of a cablegram which I have this day forwarded to you through H.B. Majesty's Minister at Monte Video.

I have &c.

SqS (Sd) H. Craigie Halkett
Administrator

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London

Referring to my despatch No

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67.

Govt House.
18 August 1887

Sir

I have the honour to enclose a certificate of leave which I have granted to Mr H. P. Millett Gaoler & Govt Printer for six months during the first three of which he will be entitled to full salary.

2. and during the remainder to half salary. Mr Millett visit England principally with the object of asserting his right to inherit valuable property from an uncle lately deceased, on the success or otherwise of which his return largely depends.

3. He was engaged by the Crown Agents as Constable & Printer & took up duty in this Colony in 1887 under an agreement which on the subsequent agreement into Constables engaged by

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 31 ~~30~~ day of July 1897

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch	No. of Enclosures.
	1897		
63	14 July	Postal Union Stamps	
64	21 "	Extraordinary expenditure 1896	1
65	26 "	Votes for £601 for Public Works.	1.
66	31 "	Copy of telegram	1.

Rec'd by C.O. Sept 3

the Comm Egnts omitted to leave any term, or a right to free return passage upon its expiration.

4. The States however that Govr Kerr in 1890 assured him that he would receive a free passage to England at any time he asked.

5. Mr Pollett's official record of service for ten years during which he has not had any leave is satisfactory.

6. I have understood the circumstances mentioned an advance being made to him of the fare second class £19-2-6 to England subject to your decision as to its repayment.

7. I would recommend however that repayment be insisted upon only in the event of his returning to the Colony to resume duty.

I have &c

J Craigie Halkett
Colonial Secretary

The Rt Hon
Secy of State.

68.

Govt House
18 August 1897.

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch No 269 of the 13th July and to thank you for directing my attention to an omission to comply with clause 125 of the Cd. Off. Regulations in the case of Canon Aspinall's leave. In future I expect & wish this shall be strictly observed.

I have

The Rt Hon
Secy of State

J Craigie Halkett
Colonial Secretary

69.

Gov Ho.
20 Aug. 1887

Sir

I have the honour to inform you that the Telegram, a copy of which was transmitted to you under cover of Desp: No 66 of the 31st ultimo was prompted by the impossibility of securing the services of any suitable craft to carry on the local mail service save under contract for at least twelve months.

2. Desps 26 Feb/87 177 " 27 Mar 22 " 21 Apr " 33 " 18 June " 49 "

Noticing the strong representation in favour of a Steam vessel for local Port & Mail Services now under your consideration an intimation of your decision upon which might at any time be received I did not feel justified, in the absence any expression of your wish in binding Govt for so long a term as one year.

3. I have found it essential to carry into effect the intention reported in Desp: No 62 of the 12th ultimo I have appointed temporary licensed Pilots who may while the Govt remains without a boat be called to render into the roads any sail timely valuable help to Ships putting into this Port.

4. The conveyance of mails to and from places beyond Stanley must however (saving such arrangements as may from time to time become possible) remain in abeyance pending your approval or otherwise of the purchase of a good Steam or Sailing boat.

5. although I cannot find it actually so stated it was I believe the intention of the late Governor to ask that the capital sum to be paid in purchasing a suitable boat

FALKLAND ISLANDS

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 20th day of August 1897

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch	No. of Enclosures.
	1897		
67	18 Aug[t]	Leave to Lt Willett Jades	1
68	.. ..	Commission & Oaths Regs 125.	
69	20..	Purchase of Steamer	

Rec by C. O. Sept 22
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authenticated copies of Ordinance No. 6 of 1897 entitled an Ordinance to amend the Fencing Ordinance No.

be borrowed from Crown land funds, which is a matter of such importance to the material well being & progress of the Colony apart from its humanitarian aspect in relation to distressed ships of all nationalities, I feel sure will meet with your approval.

I have &c

The Right Hon.
Sec of State.

H. Craigie Halkett
Admin.

No. 70.

Government House
Stanley, 23 August, 1897.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose returns in duplicate of receipts & payments for the Quarter ended the 30 of June.

2. I also transmit duplicate copies of the returns for the Quarter ended the 31st of December 1896, which I regret were overlooked while the annual returns for that year were being compiled.

I have &c.

The Right Honble,
J. Chamberlain, M.P.
Secretary of State.
&c. &c. &c.

(Sd) H. Craigie Halkett.
Administrator.

No. 71.

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Government House
Stanley. 9 September, 1897

Sir,

In pursuance of my Despatch No. 39 of the 20. April I have the honour now to transmit for the signification thereon of Her Majesty's pleasure, authenticated copies of Ordinance No. 6 of 1897 entitled An Ordinance to amend the Fencing Ordinance No.

No 6 of 1896.

2. This ordinance has been framed in conformity with the instructions conveyed in the 5th paragraph of your Despatch No. 56 of the 26 September 1896 confirmed by the 2nd paragraph of your Despatch No. 4 of the 20 January 1897 and recedes that fences on all land not betural town land shall be treated as improvements.

bl. 1 A.

bl. 2 B. Lessees erecting a dividing fence by arrangement, may claim for the improvement in proportion to amount respectively expended thereon

bl C. A lessee erecting a fence by necessity which does not follow the exact boundaries of a Section shall retain a right to compensation for the improvement.

I have &c.
(sd) H. Craigie Halkett.
Administrator

The Right Honble.
J. Chamberlain, M.P.
Secretary of State
&c. &c. &c.
Downing St.

No. 72.

346 / 402 W.P.W

Government House.
9 September, 1897.

Sir,

Encls. A. to I. I have the honour to transmit copies of correspondence following an application by the Rev. H. H. Hill for augmented State aid to the Baptist Mission in this Colony, and a copy of an extract from the Minutes of Executive Council upon the subject.

Encls. J.

2. The hiatus in the correspondence between the letters of the 9th of April & the 17th of July is explained by Mr Hills original letter dated the 9th of April dealing with in the following terms on the 13th of April by the late Governor who however omitted to write a Despatch before leaving the Colony on the 17th of April "Reply" "that I will communicate with the Secretary of" "State on the subject of his letter with which I am in

FALKLAND ISLANDS

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 13th day of September 1897

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch	No. of Enclosures.
70	1897 23 Aug.	Financial Returns 6 30 June 1897	2
	"	" quarter ended 31 Dec 1896	2.
71	9 Sept	Ordinance 6-1897 Fencing	2. 6,
72	9 "	Baptist application	10.

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3. My attention was called to this omission on the 10th of June by the Acting Colonial Secretary (who had acted as Sir R. T. Goldsworthy's private Secretary) whom I at once directed to ascertain from Mr Hill if he still desired that the subject of his letter be referred home.

4. Meanwhile Mr Hill had left Stanley and upon his return after the lapse of a month was interviewed on July 14th regarding his absence by the Acting Colonial Secretary who inadvertently omitted to touch upon his letter of the 9th of April the subject of which became merged with the question of Clergy in receipt of State aid withdrawing from their duties in Stanley without reference to the Government.

The Rev: Lnot the Treasurer. W.Sw.

I have &c

The Right Honble.
J. Chamberlain M.P. (3 d)
Secretary of State
&c &c &c.

H. Craigie Halkett
Administrator

P.S.

Since writing the above I have received a further letter copy enclosed marked K indicating a desire (not disclosed now I think shared in by Mr Hill) for further State aid in order to secure an extra man.

In an interview on the 6th Instant Mr Browning informed me that the Committee had neither asked for, nor knew anything of any application for increased Ministerial aid.

70 to 72 Rec by C.O. 14 Oct:

No. 73.

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Government House.
25th September, 1897.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward for your consideration and approval the Estimates for 1898 accompanied by a table of assets and liabilities on the 30th June

(2) The Revenue is estimated at £12737 or £317 more than was estimated for this year, in view of probable larger receipts from Port dues, Internal Revenue, Fees, Interest on Investments, and Increased rents.

(3) The Expenditure is estimated at £12248-8-8 being £257-12-8 in excess of that approved for 1897.

(4) This excess is made up as follows.

No. 3. Colonial Secretary's Dept. shows a net increase of £19. An addition is made to the item extra clerical assistance of £20, approved by the late Governor, as reported in my Despatch No. 36 dated the 27th of April.

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£32 has been added to the item for Printer in view of Mr Miller not returning to the Colony; when it is highly desirable that the Offices of Gaoler & Printer be separated

There is ample work to occupy the entire attention of an experienced printer whom it is proposed to import from England, at a commencing salary of £72 a year with quarters and fuel. £12 has been added to the item Office light &c, the present Vote having proved entirely inadequate

The additions thus made come to £64. On the other hand reductions have been effected to the amount of £45 in the items. Extra printing assistance. £25
Type &c. 5
Stationery. 15
£45.

(5) No. 6. Port & Marine. Vote shows an increase of £50 being the salary of the Health officer for West Falkland provided for by the Health Ordinance of 1897 which has been transferred from the Sub-head Inspector of Nuisances in the Medical to this Vote.

(6) No. 7. Legal. An increase of £10 is here caused by the second annual increment of £10 approved by the Secretary of State for the salary of the Stipendiary Magistrate of West Falkland becoming

becoming due.

(7) No. 8. Police. Shows a net increase of £ 92. The work of the Dept. under the existing system has proved so unsatisfactory that the necessity is urgently recognised of securing from England, to take charge of the Police a smart reliable Police officer, who will have the advantage of being untrammelled by the local ties which so seriously affect the efficiency of the present Constables. The salary proposed for this new chief constable is £ 144 with clothing quarters, and fuel as against £ 85, with quarters &c allowed to the present Senior constable. In lieu of one constable at £ 70. and 4 at £ 60 costing £ 310 it has been decided to have only four constables but at £ 84 a year each with quarters clothing and fuel as at present involving an increase of £ 16 By this arrangement will by this secure their entire services and time for their proper official duties. The system hitherto in force of paying Constables only £ 60 a year but permitting them to work at their trades, when off duty, has been found pernicious, resulting in very indifferent service. A nominal saving only was effected in the Police at the expense of the Public Works votes from which payment for this outside work was usually made. An Increase of £ 7 in the item light has been found necessary.

(8) No. 9. Prisons. Increase £ 63.

In view of the separation of the Offices of Gaoler & Matron and of the imperative necessity for an adequate and efficient prison Staff in the event of the committal of prisoners from H. Majesty's Ships the item £ 60 has been raised to £ 90 to provide for the salary of the Gaoler, to rise by annual increments of £ 5 to a maximum of £ 120, with quarters, Uniform, and fuel. It is proposed to import from England for this post a steady old soldier.

An amount of £ 27 has been added to the item for a Warder to provide a salary at the rate of £ 7 per month for the employment of an outdoor Officer during those months of the year when Her Majesty's Ships may be expected to be in port. £ 1 has been added for fuel &c and £ 5 for subsistence to meet further possible commitments.

(9) No. 11. The salary of the Schoolmistress Mrs Durose has been raised by £ 10 in recognition of the good service performed,

performed by her in the conduct of the Infant School.

Her fees are estimated at an increase of £5 as against a reduction of £6 in those of the Master.

The total net increase under this Vote is therefore £9.

(10) No. 14. Miscellaneous. shows an increase of £100.12.8.

To meet necessary outlay in the event of a Steam Fire Engine being acquired and a Fire Brigade incorporated a new item of £150 has been provided. This sum however is fully covered by estimated Revenue raised under the Local Tax and Fire Ordinances scheduled under the Head of Licenses and Internal Revenue. Twelve shillings and eightpence have been added to the item maintenance of Stall at the Imperial Institute.

On the other hand the items cutting peat and Volunteer capitation grant have been reduced by £30 and £20 respectively.

(11) No. 16. Survey. £4 has been added to the item forage which was found to be too low.

(12) No. 18. Savings Bank Increase £30.

In view of the grant of £15 per annum approved at the instance of the Auditor General for the annual audit of the Bank accounts, the approved remuneration of £30 for the current year for the management of the intricate and troublesome Bank business during the entire year was considered disproportionately low and it was decided to submit the suggested addition for your approval.

(13) Reductions have been effected in the following Votes
No. 10. Medical £50 transferred from item Inspector of Nuisances to Port & Marine Vote No. 6.

(14) No. 17. Public Works £70.

A new item of £150, has been inserted to provide for part of the salary of an Overseer of Works an appointment of the utmost importance, and one which was recommended by the unofficial Members of the Legislative Council early in 1895. It is proposed that a man be engaged in England who is a skilled mechanic experienced in Stone and carpenters work road making and drains and able to take charge of the Steam Fire Engine and the Telephone to Cape

Pembroke

Pembroke Lighthouse. The pay attached to be £200 (£50 as Inspector of Nuisances) with Quarters and fuel.

£50 has been added to Vote A which was too low.

On the other hand the items £200 for Government Buildings, West Falklands which are completed, and £70 part payment for fencing also completed no longer appear.

(15) The total additions then to Votes of expenditure as compared with the Estimates for the present year stand as follows:—

Colonial Secretary's Dept.		£19
Port & Marine.	"	50
Legal.	"	10
Police.	"	92
Prisons.	"	63
Education.	"	9
Miscellaneous.		100-12-8
Survey	"	4
Savings Bank.		30.
		£377-12-8

against these are reductions in the Votes.

Medical.	£50.	
Public Works.	70.	
	£120.	120-0-0
Net Total excess.		£257-12-8.

The Right Hon'ble, Joseph Chamberlain, M.P. Secretary of State &c. &c. &c. Downing St.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient, humble servant. (Sd) H. Craigie Halkett. Administrator.

Government House. Stanley, 27 Sept. 1897.

No. 94.

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Sir, I have the honour to enclose copies of correspondence that has passed between this Government and the Consul for the United States of America relating to the employment of divers for the purpose of ascertaining the name and nationality of the ill fated ship lost on the Billy Rock on the 14th of May last year, and

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and the reimbursement to this Government of the expenses thus incurred £ 75 seventy five pounds by the Government of the nation to which the vessel has been ascertained to belong.

(2) It is to be gathered from the reply from his Government communicated by Mr Miller in his letter dated 15th Sept. (enclosure II) that he had already raised the question of reimbursement in the event of the vessel's nationality being officially accepted.

(3) It remains therefore only to decide whether the matter is of sufficient importance to be carried further.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient, humble servant,
(Sd) H. Craigie Halkett.
Administrator.

The Right Honble,
J. Chamberlain, M.P.
Secretary of State.
&c &c &c
Downing St.

No. 95.
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352 Colonial.
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Government House
Stanley 30 Sept. 1897.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit for the signification thereon of Her Majesty's pleasure authenticated copies of Ordinance No. 7 of 1897 entitled an Ordinance to provide for the better protection of the Town of Stanley against Fire and for the establishment of a Volunteer Fire Brigade.

(2) The Ordinance has been necessitated by the absence of any local Fire law or organization, and it is intended to secure (1) the efficient custody and handling under Govt. supervision of all the Govt. Fire Engines and appliances (2) the due application of the rates specified in the Ordinance No 5 of 1897 and that now submitted (3) greater security against fire by the prohibition of inflammable roofs and by the inspection of dangerous premises (4) provision for measures found necessary to prevent the spread of fire and for compensation for damage occasioned by those measures.

I have the honour to be, Sir.
Your obedient, humble servant,
(Sd) H. Craigie Halkett.
Administrator

No. 76.

Government House.
Stanley, 30 September, 1897.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit for the signification thereon of Her Majesty's pleasure authenticated copies of Ord. No. 8. entitled an ordinance to amend the Pound ordinance 1893.

2. The amendments are directed towards the remedy of proved serious defects in the principal Ordinance.

3. The more effectively to protect the Revenue and to stimulate the Pound Keeper in discovering evasions of the law the fine for illicit grazing on the Common has been raised and one moiety declared payable to the Pound Keeper himself.

4 The definition of animals wandering in the town of Stanley was so vague as to require modification and provision is made for payment to the Pound Keeper for the special duties cast upon him by the Ordinance, of a salary in lieu of the fee of 5/- at present allowed for each animal impounded a system liable to abuse, and always open to misconstruction by the Public.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant.
(Sd) H. Craigie Halkett.
Administrator.

The Right Hoble.
J. Chamberlain, M.P.
Secretary of State
&c. &c. &c.

No. 77.

Government House
Stanley, 30 September, 1897.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit for the signification thereon of Her Majesty's pleasure authenticated copies of Ordinance No. 9 of 1897 entitled an Ordinance to amend the Scab Ordinance 1895.

The amendments deal mainly with,

clauses 17, 18 Ord. 4/95. cl. 1 - 1/97. 1. The penalties for neglecting to have sheep clean.

In cases already adjudicated under the ordinance of 1895, it has not been possible to ascertain with that exactness which is essential in sworn testimony upon which hinges a penal conviction the number of

of Sheep on which the penalties are to be vated.

These have now been altered to a stated maximum amount at the discretion of the Court.

2. The period within which after a conviction Sheep must be clean. The six months laid down in Clause 18 has been found by the application of the interpretation Clause 50 defining infected sheep to be practically reduced to 3 months which in a severe winter or a prolonged rainy season is not sufficient. Nine months are therefore now allowed in lieu of six.

3. Destruction of sheep by order of any two Justices even upon complaint by an Inspector is condemned as being liable to informality if not worse and not likely to inspire that confidence which should be placed in judicial decisions.

In Cl. 19 therefore the words any two Justices have been superseded.

Cl. 31, 32, 33 Ord 4/95. 4. The prohibition against landing Sheep before inspection is removed, subject to stringent conditions

In case of the Inspector being absent from Stanley when a ship arrived, much suffering might be experienced by the animals on board as well as grave loss by the importer.

5. The definition of infected Sheep in Clause 50 has been brought within more tangible limits.

6. The provisions of Clause 4 of Ordinance 12 of 1895 clashed with those of Clause 13 of the principal Ordinance and the former has therefore been modified to ensure that every every Station keeps sufficient dip and all requisite appliances.

7. A new provision has been added on the recommendation of the Inspector of Stock to Clause 2 of Ord. 1 of 1896 conferring upon Inspectors power to order clean sheep to be dipped where it appears to them advisable or necessary.

8. Branding of flocks of sheep in which Scab has made its appearance as laid down by Cl 4 of Ord 1/97 has been found to possess disadvantages far outweighing possible benefit, and has therefore been circumscribed to such flocks as are about to travel.

I have the honour to be &c. &c.

(Sd) H. Craigie Hd. Q. Administrator

The Right Hon'ble,
J. Chamberlain, M.P.
Secretary of State
&c. &c. &c.
Downing Street.

FALKLAND ISLANDS

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 1st day of October 1897

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch	No. of Enclosures.
73	1897 25 Sept	Estimates for 1898 & Tables of Assets & Liabilities	4.
74	27 "	Loss of "City of Philadelphia"	13.
75	30 "	Grain &c 7 - 1897 Fire Brigade	
76	" "	" 8 - " Pound and	8.
77	" "	" 9 - " Scab "	8
78	" "	" 10 - " Appropriation	8.
79	" "	Reorganization of Depart[t]	

I have &c
F. Craigie Halkett
Administrator

No. 78.

Government House
Stanley, 30th September, 1897.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit for the signification thereon of Her Majesty's pleasure authenticated copies of Ordinance No. 10 of 1897 entitled an Ordinance to provide for the Service of the Falkland Islands for the year 1898.

2. In a separate Despatch No 73 dated the 25th Instant I have embodied explanations of the various items of expenditure and have forwarded draft estimates in duplicate.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant.
(s d) F. Craigie Halkett.
Administrator.

The Right Hon'ble.
J. Chamberlain, M.P.
Secretary of State
&c. &c. &c.

No. 79

Government House.
Stanley, 30 September, 1897.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt yesterday per S.S. "Sakharah." now in port of your Despatch No. 35 dated the 21st August, and regret that time does not admit of the instructions conveyed therein being embodied in the Estimates for next year framed and passed prior to its receipt. Those instructions will be carried into effect forthwith.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant.
(Sd) F. Craigie Halkett.
Administrator.

Right Hon'ble
J. Chamberlain, M.P.
Secretary of State
&c. &c. &c.

73 to 79 Rec Nov 4th

Govt House
Stanley
11th October 1897

No 80

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Sir

I have the honour to enclose copies of Ordinance No 7 of 1897, which I request may be substituted for those transmitted with my Despatch No 75 of the 30th ultimo in which at the last moment a printer's error in numbering was discovered.

I have &c
F. Craigie Halkett
Admr

The Secretary of State.

No 81

Stanley 12th October 1897

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch No 38 of the 25th of August with one enclosure and to forward herewith a copy of the Report of the Court of Inquiry which investigated the circumstances attending the loss of the Pilot Schooner Victoria.

I have &c

The Right Hon^ble
Secretary of State

F C Hallett
Admr

No 82

Stanley 12 October 1897

Sir

I have the honour to forward copies in duplicate of the quarterly Survey of the Treasury chest and of the certificate of Survey for the quarter ended the 30th ultimo.

I have &c

The Right Hon^ble
Secretary of State

F C Hallett
admr

No 83

Stanley 12 October 1897

Sir

I have the honour to enclose duplicate returns of changes in Offices and personal Payments for the quarter ended the 30th ultimo.

I have &c

The Right Hon:
Secretary of State

F C Hallett
admr

N°84

352

Stanley 16th October 1897.

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch N°33 dated the 19th of August.

2. The Ordinance N°4 of 1897 to raise local rates &c has been amended as therein directed in Legislative Council, to which it was re committed under authority of the Standing Rules thus obviating the necessity of repeal and re enactment.

3. I have the honour now to transmit authenticated copies of the Ordinance as passed, for the signification thereon of Her Majesty's pleasure.

4. The Ordinance comes into duration on the first of next year and I therefore submit that a cable reply be sent in time to catch at Montevideo the Pacific mail timed to reach Punta Arenas on the 17th of December, from whence it can be brought home by the Homeward bound Steamer due in Stanley on the 24th December.

I have &c.

The Rt Hon:
Secretary of State

Governor
Commr

No 85.

Stanley 16th Oct 1897

Sir

I have the honour to request that the accompanying copies of Ordinance No 9 of 1897 entitled an Ordinance to amend the Peace Ord^ce 1895 may be substituted for the copies (in which in the second ~~clause~~ line of the second clause the word "imported" was by a printers error inserted in place of the word "imposed") transmitted with my Despatch No 77 of the 30th ultimo.

I have &c.

The Secretary of State

Craigie Halkett
Admin^r

No 86

Stanley 19th Oct^r 1897

Sir

I have the honour to forward a copy of a letter received from the Government clerk (at present acting as Colonial Secretary) in acknowledgment of the appointment conferred upon him in your Despatch No 35 of the 21st of August.

The Secretary of State.

I have &c

Craigie Halkett
Admin^r

FALKLAND ISLANDS

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 22d day of October 1897

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch	No. of Enclosures.
	1897		
80	11 Oct	Amended copies of Grants 8/97	8
81	12 "	Report of Court of Enquiry into loss of Victoria	1.
82	" "	Quarterly Survey Report	2.
83.	" "	" changes in Office	2.
84	16 "	Amended Grants 4/97	8.
85	" "	" copies of Grants 9/97	8.
86	19 "	Mr Hills appointed as Treas	1.
87	20 "	W. & W. assumes Govt	
88	20 "	30 provided for home audit	
89	21 "	fencing, compensation for	

The Right Hon'ble,
J. Chamberlain, M.P.
Secretary of State
&c. &c. &c.

I have &c. 80 & 89 Trans to C.O Oct 22d 1898
(sd) W. Grey Wilson. Rec'd by C.O 29th Nov:
Governor. W. & W.