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DESPATCHES
TO SECRETARY
OF STATE FROM
GOVERNOR

4 December 1903
to 14 August
1905

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Cost 12/6
W. G. W.

4th December 1903.No 97
Lyttelton

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your circular despatch of the 9th of October intimating that this Majesty has entrusted to your care the seals of the Colonial Department.

The Right Honourable
Alfred Lyttelton M.P.

I have.
W. Grey Wilson

T. com: 137/02

84/03 naval advances

Book 24 p. 419

5th December 1903.

Sir

In reply to your despatch No 62 of the 14th of October I have the honour to inform you that Mr. Hayes proposed that wages in connection with the reconstruction of the Dockyard jetty should be paid direct by the Colonial Government. This was not carried out.

2. When I returned from leave last year I found that the workmen had been paid by the Naval Works Department, and I suppose Mr. Harli Bennett sanctioned the alteration upon representations made by Mr. Hayes. The Treasurer reports that he knows nothing about the matter.

I have.

The Right Honourable
Alfred Lyttelton M.P.

W. Grey Wilson

No 98.
jetty

C.S. 145/03

7th December 1903N^o 99.Imperial
Postal orders.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Chamberlain's circular despatch of the 18th of August with reference to the extension of the Postal order system.

2. It does not appear possible to adopt at present that part of the Postmaster General's suggestion which entails keeping Postal orders on sale in this Colony, but, as it would tend to uniformity and probably be a convenience to other Colonists, arrangements can be made to cash Postal orders in this Colony. The loss entailed by accepting counterfeit orders being shared as suggested by the country of origin and this Colony.

3. Mr. Thompson as Postmaster opposes the adoption of any part of the Postmaster General's proposals, calls attention to the risk, without a proper check, of false notes being cashed, and is of opinion that a proper check is not possible without increasing the staff of the Post office.

The Right Honourable.
Atty. Gen. Lyttelton, M.P.

I have

N^o 90 to 99 by "Orissa" Dec: 8th, 1903

Rec: by C.O.

Jan 5th 1904

15th December 1903

N^o 100

Sir,

J. Watt.
Volunteer
Instructor.

ans by N^o 10 of Feb: 17th

I have the honour to transmit to you a Resolution, with reference to Sergeant Instructor J. Watt, moved by Mr Harding and seconded by Mr Felton at the last meeting of the Legislative Council when the appropriation ordinance 1904 was under consideration. —

2. Mr Watt is beyond question a very efficient drill Instructor but I must admit that the office holds do not make a satisfactory combination and the demands upon his time and energy in the Volunteers leave an inadequate balance for the duties of clerk to the Col. Secy:.

3. It is moreover an anomaly and far from satisfactory that Mr Watt at present receives more pay than the Colonial Treasurer and will eventually, if confirmed in his present appointment, receive the equivalent of £349 a year

4. It would in my opinion be of advantage to the Colony, if provision can be made for Mr Watt elsewhere — to appoint a Volunteer Instructor and storekeeper as suggested in my despatch N^o 45 of the 20th of May 1900, such an appointment would be for five years and any Volunteer Instructor that puts real heart and energy into his duties, in the Falklands, stands greatly in need of a change at the end of that time —

I have

W. Grey Wilson

R^{ty} Honorable
Alfred Lyttelton M. P.

	Now	maximum
As clerk to C.S. 100 to 150 by £5	115	150
Volunteer Instructor	100	100
Can of arms	18	18
House	25	25
Fuel	10	10
	268	303
Pension	46	46
Total. £	314.	349

in addition % from Wt canteen.

25 p 436

307/01
18th December 1903

N^o 101
Land
ordinance

ans by N^o 8 of 11 Feb: 1904

Sir,

With reference to my despatch N^o 95 of the 2^d of Dec^r. I have now the honour to submit for the signification of H. His pleasure "an ordinance relating to land" which received my assent and came into operation this day.

2. I intimated in Legislative Council that I proposed to issue a circular letter explaining the objects and intentions of the Government with reference to this ordinance and Mr Filson pressed for an assurance that my successors would not wade any explanation given and seek to apply the letter of the ordinance without its spirit.

In the course of my reply I stated: -

"I would say that if any Governor gives an
"undertaking or makes a promise which
"is contrary to the provisions of any ordinance
"such undertaking or promise is of no value;
"but if a Governor indicates the action that
"it is proposed to take under any ordinance
"and such action is not repugnant to
"the provisions of the ordinance, and
the

N^o 9 of 1903
8 copies

"the announcement has the sanction & approval
"of the Secretary of State it is binding upon
"the Government". -

3. I would therefore suggest that the last para: of
the circular letter submitted for your consideration
in my previous despatch should have the words
"with the approval of the S of S." added, and
the paragraph would read: -

"The Governor expresses the earnest hope
"that the explanations now offered, with
"the approval of the S of S. etc "

4. If the circular to Farmers has been dealt
with before this reaches England I would
ask that I may receive telegraphic instructions
as to the words now suggested.

I have

W. Grey Wilson

R^t Honourable
Alfred Lyttelton M.P.

C.S. 21/01

21st Dec: 1903

Book 25 p 437
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ans by N^o 20 of 7 April 1904

N^o 102

Titles to Land
ordinance

Sir,

In continuation of my despatch N^o 96 of the
3^d of December I have now the honour to submit
for your consideration the draft of an ordinance
relating to titles to Land "

Draft

I have

W. Grey Wilson

book 25 p 390

177/03

22^d December 1903.

103

municipality

Draft

Sir,

ans by N^o 21 of 7 april 1904

I have the honour to ack: the receipt of your despatch N^o 65 of the 28th of October, and beg to submit for consideration an amended draft of an ordinance relating to Municipalities.

2. For convenience of reference and examination I have, for the present, numbered the clauses as in the previous draft.
3. Your despatch particularly invites my attention to sections 9. 10. 14. 15. 17. 19. 52. 66. 67 and 68 of a Grenada ordinance and suggests that clause 12 should be split up as in sections 6 and 7 of that ordinance.

Your suggestions have been dealt with as follows:-

Grenada ordinance

Section	6	is provided for in clause	12 A
"	7	" " " "	12 B.
"	9	" " " "	12 C
"	10	" " " "	12 D.
"	14	" " " "	24 C
"	15	" " " "	24 D
"	17	" " " "	48 A
"	19	" " " "	30 D
"	52	" " " "	48 B
"	66	" " " "	39 A
"	67	" " " "	50 B.

Section 68 is not dealt with in the draft because provision is made in clause 32 for treating fines fees and other casual revenue as part of the "Municipal fund" and I submit with reference to jurisdiction that all offences will and should be dealt with under the summary jurisdiction ordinance (N^o 5 of 1902)

4. at your suggestion I have (clause 4) constituted the Council partly to be elected partly to be nominated but I have taken power for the Governor to transfer to the Electors his right of nomination in respect of one or more seats and I hope that it will be found possible to make a liberal use of this power which can only be used in respect of the elections next following the delegation. -
5. Many of the provisions of the Grenada Ordinance are provided for in the Interpretation and Gen law ordinance No 3 of 1900 and it appears inconvenient to reproduce them; e.g. that rules etc have the same force as the ordinance
- 6 I admit that the 5% rate for which I had made provision is too high - but it appeared expedient to have something to give away in Legislative Council. -
7. In clause 50A I have conferred upon the Supreme Court very general powers for disposing of points which will doubtless require adjustment.

I have

W. Grey Wilson

The Right Honourable
Alfred Lyttelton M.P.

N^o 104

T.O

138/03

book 25 p 420

26th December 1903³N^o 104Thompson
complaints

Sir,

in conf. same date.

ans by N^o 9 of Feb: 12th 1904

I have the honour to ack the receipt of your despatch N^o 66 of the 12 of Nov: 1903 requesting me to report fully upon the statements made by Mr Thompson in the papers which formed the enclosures to my despatch N^o 80 of the 5th of October last.

2. Mr Thompson's statements are: -

(1) That there are no local instructions for the guidance of accountants. Mr Thompson was requested to draw up "short rules as to the limit to be kept in the hands of the Treasurer and clerk and as to the custody of the keys of safes and vaults" after some months he submitted 118 rules copied verbatim from the British Honduras Civil list 1897 (superseded by the Financial Instructions issued by the C.O in 1900) but none of the rules deal with the point of reference

(2) That the duties of colonial secretary and Treasurer have "become frightfully mixed" Mr Thompson complains that certain questions relating to his debts were dealt with by the Col: Secy: without reference to him. Mr Hart Bennett made some arrangements with reference to the local mail service. -

(3) "That the assistance received by the Treasurer from his clerk Mr Halkett cannot be compared to that received by him prior to 1899". - I am unable to endorse this. Mr Halkett is quite as efficient as his predecessor and

and there are now at mail times two lady P. O. clerks. It is however true that the work of the Treasury, Post Office, and Savings Bank has grown and is growing very much, and additional assistance will no doubt shortly be necessary.

(4) That the Treasurer wishes to be relieved of the services of this clerk owing to discrepancies which are thus enumerated:—

"the ~~disappearance~~ amount of shortage
 " found after Mr Halkett had gone on leave
 " amounting to £6. 15:— being £3
 " deducted from admiralty pension and
 " not paid into the Treasury, and £3. 15
 " other errors."

" The missing money order on India £3

" The disappearance of £14. 10 of 1st stamps
 " for which the acting Treasurer had to pay up."

3 " The shortage of £6. 15

(a) on the 14th of Aug: 1900 the admiralty directed the Treasurer to see that £3 was deducted from Pensioner Donnelly and refunded to admiralty. In the margin of that letter is a note "deducted M. C. H" (Halkett) on the 16th of July 1901 the Accountant General wrote again to the Treasurer claiming this £3 and on the 16th May 1902 he again addressed the Treasurer.

These letters were all on record in the local Treasury.

This correspondence was transmitted to me in Lord Ouslows despatch N^o 77 of

5 Dec 1902 & my N^o 23 of the 21st March 1903.

Mr Halkett was in England at this time and wrote out that to the best of

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of his belief the amount was paid to the Treasurer (Mr Appleyard) and in face of the note on the original letter (Admiralty) to the Treasurer that the amount was deducted I am more inclined to blame the Treasurer more than the clerk for the omission to adjust and report the matter.

(b) The next item of the "shortage" is a sum of five shillings. Shortly before Mr Halkett went on leave in 1902 a P.O.D. was drawn for 25/- and entered on the advice list as one pound. The G.P.O. called attention to the error which was adjusted in the following list.

(c) The last item of the "shortage" is a sum of £3.10 paid to one of the lady clerks to enable Mr Halkett to take leave in 1902. Mr Halkett asked on the Minute paper that this might be met from his half pay. It was not done until June 9th after Mr Halkett's departure and on June 24th that is while Mr Halkett was on his way home it was paid into the Treasury by Mr Thompson and treated as a "shortage" for which Mr Halkett was responsible and described by Mr Thompson in his letter of 29th of Sept 1903 as "other errors" —

all the foregoing sums (£6.15) were recovered from Mr H. in 1902

4. "The Missing M.O. on India. £3"

In Sept or Oct 1900 a M.O. Requisition was

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was sent in as follows:—

" Payable at Saint Thomas Mount, India (sic)
 To Sarah Good or her son Johnnie
 Sent by Mary Ann Smith
 Residing at Johnsons Harbour.

Mr Halkett's explanation is that the money for this order was sent in by hand and the "Requisition" not being sufficiently explicit as to the office of payment - Mrs Smith was referred to. In Sept 1901 Mrs Smith came into Stanley and at her request he repaid her the £3. Mr Halkett states that he had forgotten all about the matter until Mrs Smith reminded him of it. In the meantime Mrs Good who had been advised by Mrs Smith that a money order had been sent applied to the G. P.O and considerable correspondence passed. —

Mr Halkett's action in this matter was grossly careless.

In this colony much of the procedure is very primitive. It has been a common practice for people in the camp to send - by a shipboard - a schooner Captain - or other casual passing messenger - sums of money with a request that Post office orders may be added to letters forwarded under flying seal, and perhaps some cash deposited in savings bank and some used to execute commissions.

The late Treasury clerk (Mr Coulson), by his extreme good nature, developed this system to a dangerous extent and very frequently had to make up shortages in his cash or stamp account.

The P.O. orders to the United Kingdom exceed £10,000 a year and the stamp sales £900 a year - a considerable sum for the Treasury clerk to be wholly responsible for in conjunction with a multitude of other duties.

5. "The disappearance of £14. 10. Value of 1st stamps"
 When I came to the Colony the whole stock of stamps of the face value of £5000 or £6000 was in the hands of the Treasury clerk.

I directed the Treasurer to take charge of the main stock and issue to the clerk

The Treasurer to keep the stamp stock book
 the clerk the stamp sellers book.

On Jan 1st 1901 the main stock was correct and when stock was taken on July 1st fifty eight (58) sheets of 1st stamps were short. The Auditor certified that the receipts of the Treasury clerk and the stipendiary Magistrate agreed with the issues and after a very careful personal investigation I failed to throw any light upon the deficit and directed the Acting Treasurer to pay in £14. 10 the value of the missing sheets.

The Acting Treasurer was unable to offer any explanation or suggestion as to the cause of the loss —.

6 As regards my charge of "gross carelessness" in respect of the ship "Thiémère".

The Pilotage ordinance No. 6 of 1902 was passed while Mr Halkett was in England and it is not unreasonable to acquit him of neglect in not ascertaining immediately on his return that whereas under the old ordinance the Pilotage was fixed at "6/- a foot" under the new ordinance it is fixed at "6/- a foot or part of a foot".

Early in 1903 I called attention to a loss the Revenue had sustained owing to the short collection of Pilotage on a vessel and when two more cases ^{occurred} I declined to accept Mr Thompson's attempt to shift all responsibility for the collection of the correct revenue on the ground that the Treasury Clerk was responsible.

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 12 6/03

Even if Mr Thompson is not concerned as Treasurer as to what revenue is paid in - he should as Harbour Master see that the fees paid in are correct.

Mr Thompson accepts "insufficient" revenue and submits to me and certifies to inaccurate payment vouchers and multi my complaint with the plea that it is the Treasury clerk's fault & that he is not responsible. -

7. Had there been any justification for the sweeping charges made by Mr Thompson as to the manner in which his predecessors kept the Treasury books, I feel sure that Mr Wingfield or Mr Appleyard, both of whom were sent out by the C.O., would have invited my attention to the fact.

Personal observation justifies me in doubting Mr Thompson's strictures and in believing that he too often confuses "upheaval" with "Reform."

I have

Right Honourable
Alfred Lyttellton M. P.

W. Grey Wilson

Re 104 see Conf: of same date.

Nº 105. Turn over

188/03

Book 25 p 347

28 December 1903

N^o 105Savings Bank
Report.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you copies of the Treasurers report on the Savings Bank for the year ended on the 30th Sept 1903. —

2. The number of Depositors has decreased by fifteen; the amount due to them has decreased £2931.

3. The total Investments held on account of the Savings Bank at the end of the year cost £2663 more than the sum due to Depositors but the market value of those Investments was only 1499 in excess of the sum due to Depositors. —

4. The profit of the Bank was £377 and its condition though thoroughly sound can hardly, in the present state of the money market be regarded as satisfactory.

I have

W. Grey Wilson

Right Honourable

Alfred Lytton M. P.

N^o 106Rev. & Ex^{ts}: Q^{rs}Book 25 p 419
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Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you the usual statement of the Receipts and Payments of this Colony for the Quarter ended on the 30th of Sept 1903

I have

W. Grey Wilson

c.s. 202/01
31st Dec: 1903

N^o 107

Changes etc

Sir,

Book 25 p 420
431st January 1904

I have the honour to transmit to you the usual Returns of changes in appointments etc for the Quarter ended on the 31st of December 1903

I have

W. Grey Wilson

N^o 2Treasury
Survey

Sir,

Book 25 p 421
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192/03

2 January 1904

I have the honour to transmit to you the Report of the Board appointed to survey the Treasury chest, stamps etc on the 2^d of January

I have

W. Grey Wilson

Survey held part on 2^d part on 4th
found £ 2438. 15. 6.

N^o 3Ex: Council
Minutes

Sir,

4th January 1904

I have the honour to transmit to you a copy of the Minutes of the Executive Council for the half year ended on the 31st of Dec 1903

I have

W. Grey Wilson

5 January 1904

N^o 4
Leg. Council
minutes

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you a copy of the minutes of the Legislative Council for the half year ended on the 31st Dec 1903

The Right Honourable
Alfred Lyttelton M.P.

I have
W. Grey-Wilson

194/03

5th January 1904N^o 5
Overdraft - C.A.

Sir,

I have the honour to ack the receipt of your despatch N^o 67 of the 25th of November with reference to the Colony's overdraft on the Crown agents on October 31st of seventeen hundred and seventy nine pounds

£1779

2. The balance in the Treasurer's hands on the 1st instant was £2438 and it is estimated that the Savings Bank account is, at the present time, overinvested about £2200 if the cost price of the securities be taken and about £1200 at their present market price.

3. In my despatch N^o 77 of the 1st of Sept: I asked that the Admiralty might be invited to deposit money with the Crown Agents to meet the advances which the Commodore requested me to make on account of Naval Works.

Those advances (about £700) have not equalled his anticipations (£400 a month)

but we had to keep money in hand to make, if required, the advances we guaranteed.

4. I am endeavouring to obtain a draft on London and hop. that our account with the Crown Agents will shortly be in a more satisfactory condition

I have

The Right Honourable
 Alfred Lyttelton M.P.

W. Grey Wilson

N^{os} 100 to 106 and 1 to 5. by "Oropesa"
 6th Jan 1904

Rec: by C.O. 1st Feb: 1904

C.S. 14/03

book 25 p 400
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7th January 1904

N^o 6

Floggings

Sir,

In compliance with the instructions given in Mr Chamberlains' circular despatch of the 25th of May 1897. I have the honour to transmit to you a Return "N^o 2" of floggings, for the year 1903

I have

The Right Honourable
 Alfred Lyttelton M.P.

W. Grey Wilson

N^o 6 by "Brage" on Jan 9th - Rec by C.O. 15 Feb:

book N^o 25 p 434

C.S.M.P. 20/00

1904.

N^o

#

Sir

By S.S. "Magellan" Jan 23^d

Chapulvies London

Dated Referring to my despatch N^o

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Logarvillad

29th Nov:

no

promise

given.

£1. 13. 5

Paid by cheque on counts 19 Feb.

Dated from N.V.
28 Jan.N^o

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Seal Raiders

Sir,

p 246 book 25.

C.S.M.P. 12/03

11th January 1904

I by this reference may be made to my despatch No. 27 of the 28th March 1903. and with regret report that the Jaros Islands have, there is little doubt been again laid on two occasions.

2. In consequence of rumours which reached me from the West Fahlad as to the appearance of a strange schooner Captain. Jervoise, of H.M.S. "Hyphre" left Stanley at my request on Nov: 18th and passed round the Jaros keeping well in shore but as the weather was extremely bad no landing was effected. Captain Jervoise returned to Stanley on Nov 21st and reported that he had seen nothing to cause suspicion.

3. It is unfortunate that no landing on the Jaros could be made for it appears from the letter of Scott, and extract from the diary of Stanley Hansen, which I enclose that at that very time, there were no animals

C.S.M.P.
12th Dec.copy of Stanley
Hansen's diary
19th to Dec 12th.

men on the Jaraos.

4. Upon the receipt of these reports I immediately requested Captain Elliott of H. M. S. "Bongla" to visit and thoroughly search the Jaraos, and on the 9th of January he left Stanley but will not return here until about Feb: 21st via Monte Video.

5. Two courses appear to be possible for dealing with this matter, either to induce the Governments of Chili and Argentina to agree to prohibit or heavily tax skins shipped from their ports, while hawks ~~be~~ taken in the breeding season, or to maintain on the Jaraos from the 1st of October next an armed party of Bluejackets. If the Government send one man, the raids would probably cease for a very long time.

6. The *modus operandi* of the raiders is to land a large party on the lookouts and for the Schooners to return in a month or six weeks, and pick up the men and the salted skins. The question as to the possibility of the capture of the Schooners as well as the raiders and all details as to the measures to be adopted must be left to the officer selected for the interesting enterprise.

The Right Honourable,
Alfred Lyttelton M.P.

I have.

W. Grey Wilson

Capt. Elliott
12 Jan 1904

Diary
12 to 26 Dec:

P. S. I have today received, and beg to enclose a copy of a report from Captain Elliott, and further extract from the Diary of Stanley Hansen announcing the departure of the raiders

W. G. W.

1st Feb: 1904

C.S.M.P. 152/03

Book No 25 p 425

22nd January 1904.No. 8.
Coal from
Admiralty

Sir.

In reply to your despatch No 72. of the 17th December, I have the honour to ask that the Colonial Government may be authorised to obtain on repayment such quantity of steam coal, not exceeding ten tons annually as may be required.

The Right Honourable
Alfred Lyttelton M.P.

I have.

W. Grey Wilson

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C.S.M.P. 99/02
and 14/0328th January 1904No. 9.
Flogging
Ordinance

Sir.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Chamberlain's despatch No 48. of the 29th of July, 1903. and now beg to submit to you for the signification of "His Majesty's pleasure" an Ordinance to regulate the law relating to sentences of flogging; a model copy of which was transmitted to me in Mr. Chamberlain's Circular despatch of the 13th of August 1902.

1. of 1904
8 Oct 1904

The Right Honourable
Alfred Lyttelton M.P.

I have.

W. Grey Wilson

book N: 25 p 410

c. s. m. p. 404/00

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29th January 1904.

No 10.

Warlike stores
ordinances

Sir,

I have the honour to submit to you
for the ratification of His Majesty's pleasure
"an Ordinance to amend the law relating to the
exportation of Arms and other Military Stores"
which has received my
assent and come into operation this day.

The Right Honourable.

Alfred Lyttelton. M.P.

I have.

W. Grey Wilson

see Conf: same date.

book 25. p 202

c. s. m. p. 11/04

30th January 1904.

No 11.

Harding
German Consul

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the
receipt of your despatch No 68. of the 5th
December 1903, and to report that there is no
objection to the appointment of Mr W. A. Harding as
Consul, for Germany and that he has been duly recognized
in that capacity.

The Right Honourable
Alfred Lyttelton. M.P.

I have.

W. Grey Wilson

book 25. p 231

c. s. m. p. 6/04

30th of January 1904

No 12.
Printer

Sir.

With reference to your despatch No 59
of the 4th Sep. 1901. I have the honour to
report that the contract made by the Crown
agent

Agents with the present Printer (Gibbert) expires on the 3rd of October next and that he will not extend it.

2. The time has now arrived when we can commence to uproot the laws of the Colony and in order to make a good start with this and dispose of arrears in the printing office. I would ask you to sanction the immediate engagement of another printer and if I sanctioned to cause the Crown Agents, to whom the Colonial Secretary is sending full instructions, to be advised.

3. The satisfactory financial condition of the Colony justifies me in inviting your approval of this additional expense.

The Right Honorable

Alfred Lyttelton. M.P.

I have,

W. Grey Wilson

P.S. When Gibbert leaves we shall revert to one Printer.

c.s.m.p. 47/03

1st February 1904

N^o 13

Col: Surgeon's
Fas for Lighthouse.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 57. of the 17th September with reference to the permanent arrangements to be made for medical attendance on the light keepers at Cape Pembroke.

2. I am of opinion that a fee of ten guineas a year is reasonable remuneration for the obligation to undertake the fourteen miles ride to Cape Pembroke at any hour of the day or night.

The Right Honorable
Alfred Lyttelton M.P.

I have,

W. Grey Wilson

N^{os} 7 to 13th by "Orita" 3^d February 1904

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Rec: by C.O. 29th Feb.

C.S. 213/01

20th February 1904

ans by 22 of 8 april, 1904

N^o 14

Maral Range
acquisition
of Land

plan with
certificate thereon

Sir,

I have the honour to ack the receipt of your despatch N^o 75 of the 31st Dec: and to transmit to you a certified copy of the Registration of the certificate given under the hand of the Colonial Secretary, that the 13 suburban lots of land on the north shore of Stanley Harbour, acquired under the Public Lands Ordinance, 1902 by warrant bearing date the 1st day of February 1902, published in the Gazette of that date had been acquired for the service of the colony.

I have

W. Grey Wilson

C.S.M.P. 91/03

22nd February 1904

No 15.

Malaria

Sir,

In reply to your despatch General of the 1st ultimo, I have the honour to express my regret that your predecessor's Circular despatch of 28th May 1903 relating to malaria, should have remained unanswered, but, as the rigorous climate of the Falkland Islands provides complete immunity from the ravages of tropical diseases I do not feel justified in recommending

any contribution be made from Colonial Funds in aid of the object in view.

The Right Honourable
Alfred Lyttelton M.P.

I have.

W. Grey Wilson

N^o 16

T. Adams
a Printer

C.S. 12/02
23rd February 1904

Sir.

In reply to your despatch No 4 of the 13th ult., I have the honour to report that Mr. Adams' father - the late Senior Constable committed suicide here in February 1902 - and that, as Mr. Adams was left in destitute circumstances, I provided him with temporary employment in the Printing Office and elsewhere, until March 1903, when he was sent to England at his own request and at the Public expense. During his Father's lifetime he has been employed at times in the Printing Office under the supervision of the Printer, and I am now aware that his work was other than satisfactory. But neither his mental capacities nor his health are strong enough to justify his re-employment under this Government.

The Right Honourable
Alfred Lyttelton M.P.

I have

W. Grey Wilson

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C.S. 101/02

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24th February 1904.

No 17.
Bonds, Officers
List of.

Sir

I have the honour to transmit to you a Return of Officers who have given Securities for the due performance of their Duties

2. The Annual Inspection of Securities held on the 24th February, and nothing appears to have affected the validity of their bonds.

The Right Honourable
Alfred Lyttelton, M.P.

I have

W. Grey Wilson

Book 25 p 274

C.S. 25/04

25th February 1904

No 18.
Companies
leg. affecting

Sir.

In reply to your circular despatch of 28th December 1903. I have the honour to transmit a copy of Ordinance No 8/98 which is the only Local Enactment dealing with companies.

The Right Honourable.
Alfred Lyttelton, M.P.

I have.

W. Grey Wilson

No 19.

and exactly similar reply with a copy of the ordinance (8 of 1898) was sent in my despatch No 18 of the 22nd of Feb: 1902

W.G.W.

c.s. 23/04

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WAR

Russia, Japan

Sir,

In relation to the War between Russia and Japan I have the honour to transmit to you copies of a Proclamation which I have issued in conformity with the instructions contained in your telegraphic despatches of the 10th and 13th of February.

The Rules, Regulations & procedure which you direct to be observed shall receive my careful attention.

I have

The Right Honourable

Alfred Lyttelton M.P.

W. Grey Wilson

Book 25 p 408

c.s.m.p. 28/04

27th February 1904ans by N^o 23 of 13 April 1904N^o 20Leases, mode
of dealing with

Sir,

Now that the Land Law has been enacted it is very desirable that leases issued prior to 1904 shall whenever the opportunity arises be replaced by new ones so that the obvious danger of the nominal transfer, for the purpose of purchase, of the leases of small water frontage "sections" may be guarded against by the consolidation of existing leases into holdings of such sizes and configurations as will form workable stations of adequate dimensions even if isolated; and at the same time render no hinterland valueless.

2. As Mr J. J. Filton's holding of 85,655 acres (nominal) offers a good

5. By the surrender of the present leases and proposed readjustment Mr Felton stands to lose

Lease N^o 1 sections 9 & 10 lease expired nil

Lease N^o 2 { sections 11, 10, 10, 11 for 12 years £126. 11. 0
 " 49 £ 5. " 8¹¹/₂₄ " 42. 5. 10
 " 55 £ 5. " 11¹/₂ " 57. 10. 0 226. 6. 10

Lease N^o 3 { " 12 £ 6. 13. 4 for 12 years £80. 0. 0
 " 54 £ 5 " 8⁵/₆ " 44. 3. 4
 " 56 £ 5 " 12 " 60. 0. 0
 " 69 £ 17. 10. " 12¹/₃ 215. 16 8. 400. 0. 0

£ 626. 6. 10

6. The average life of the existing leases is rather over seven years and I propose that on Lease N^o 2 the sum of £22. 12. 8 and on Lease " 3 " " 40. 0. 0 shall be refunded annually for ten years

Provision for this would be made as one of the "conditions" in the second schedule of the lease

7. The inducement to Mr Felton to accept this adjustment is that he obtains a new lease of sections 9. and 10, an extension of his other leases and for the next ten years the payment of rather less than he would do if his existing leases survived and a new lease of sections 9 & 10 were granted. The advantage to the Govt. is that we simplify the Treasury transactions secure all these rents at the time of year we require most money and secure protection for the hinterlands.

8. It must also be remembered that the rent the Government will immediately receive exceeds by £8. 14. 11 (£294. 5. 3 as against £285. 10. 4) the rent it would receive had Mr Felton claimed the renewal, to which he was entitled under the old law, of sections 9 and 10. —

9. — In addition to the annual return of Rents for two years above detailed there will be certain refunds to be immediately made in respect of rent paid in advance under the cancelled lease.

10. I shall interpret your confirmation of my proposals in this case as a general approval of the principle involved

I have

W. Grey Wilson

New lease issued Folios 9. 10. 11. Book 3.
dated 14th May 1904

The Refunds due to Mr Felton under
paras 6. 9. of above despatch made
June 1904.

viz £62. 12. 8 (para: 6.)
£72. 10. 11 (para: 9)

27th February 1904N^o 21

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you the usual statement of the Receipts & Payments of this Colony for the Quarter ended the 31st of December

I have

R^t Honourable
Alfred Lyttelton M.P.

W. Grey Wilson

Book 25 P 359

C.S.M.P. 146/02

29th February 1904N^o 22

Sheep Export
alfalfa Proc.

Sir,

I beg that reference may be made to my despatch N^o 13 of the 28th March 1903 detailing the measures adopted to protect this Colony under the diseases of animals act and have now the honour to transmit to you a copy of a Proclamation I have made continuing the prohibition to import cattle, sheep or alfalfa into this Colony from any part of South America.

Proc:
27 Feb:

2. I beg that this Proclamation may be communicated to the Board of Agriculture and express the hope that the importation of sheep into England from this Colony will continue to be allowed.

I have

W. Grey Wilson

Book 25 p 364

C.S.M.P. 101/02

32

1st March 1904

N^o 23
col Surgeon's
Report

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you a copy of a report by Dr Hamilton on the health of this colony for the year 1903.

2 — Although Dr Hamilton was not in the service of this Government on 31st Dec: 1903, he did not retire from his post of Colonial Surgeon until the 26th of November, and I therefore asked him to compile the annual report instead of Dr Keay who has been much pressed in taking over the duties by and by reason of exceptional sickness in the colony.

The Right Honourable
alfred Lyttelton M.P.

I have

W. Grey Wilson

N^{os} 14 to 23: by "Panama" 2^d March
Rec: by C.O. 29th March.

C.S.M.P. 31/04

3^d March 1904

N^o 24
Mrs Jones
claim

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you a copy of a letter, with enclosure, from the Rev: C.K. Blount with reference to the claim of Mrs Jones, a widow, against the owners of the United States schooner "Enola C".

2. In 1899 in consequence of the grave irregularities of Capt West the Master of the "Enola C", Mr J. E. Rowan the United States Consul in this colony engaged the late Captain

1st March 1904

Captain Jones (John) a Falklander, as mate of that vessel and gave him a letter to be used in certain eventualities, empowering him to take command of that vessel.

Captain Jones, acting upon the letter, took command of the vessel in Punta Arenas and shortly afterwards she was driven on shore and sold as a wreck by the American Consul there.

Captain Jones returned to Stanley in a state of collapse on the 20 Sept 1899 and died two days later.

3. as Mr Rowen, on appointment by telegraph, acted as agent for the owner Mr Richard T. Green of East Boston U.S.A. I venture to express a hope that the U.S. Foreign Office will be willing to interest themselves in obtaining justice for this destitute widow who has made repeated efforts to recover money to which she appears to have a strong claim

The Right Honble
 Alfred Lyttelton M.P.

I have

W. Grey Wilson

Book 25 p 388

c. 12 P. 19/04

14th March 1904

N^o 25

Sir,

I have with regret to report that I have suspended Dr McWilliam Keay, Colonial Surgeon

2. In consequence of Dr Keay neglecting to visit the Gaol on March 7th and failing to reply satisfactorily to a communication made to him late that night, or to come

Dr Keay
 suspended

and see me, as directed, on the morning of March 8th; — I took the Colonial Secretary and Dr Hamilton to Dr Keay's house at 11. a.m. on the 8th. Dr Hamilton then pronounced Dr Keay to be "saturated with liquor and in the incipient stages of D.T." I immediately interdicted Dr Keay and sent him a formal notice charging him with alcoholic excess, intimating my intention of taking proceedings for his suspension and calling upon him to state by the 11th instant any grounds upon which he relied to exculpate himself —

3. — on the 11th inst: Dr Keay wrote saying he had been furried and asking that Surgeon A. G. W. Bowers of H. M. S. "Beagle" might visit him. I requested Surgeon Bowers to do so and at the same time sent Dr Keay a formal notice that I should bring the question of his suspension before the Executive Council on the 14th instant. —

4. — on the 12th inst Surgeon Bowers came to see me and reported that Dr Keay's illness was the result of drink.

5. — at the sitting of the Executive Council (the minutes of which I inclose) this morning a letter from Dr Keay, tendering his resignation, was handed in.

6. on account of Dr Keay's long and trying service under extremely severe conditions in the West Falklands the Council concur with me in supporting the acceptance of his resignation in substitution for dismissal. —

7. I transmit to you the usual particulars of the appointment and urge that

14th March

14th March

that the vacancy, if confirmed, may be filled with as little delay as possible. In the meanwhile D^r Hamilton will discharge the duties.

The R^t Honble
Alfred Lyttelton M.P.

I have
W. Grey Wilson

NOTE.
Not in
Dispatch

D^r Keay, wife and two children were got on board the "California" at 8 P.M. on 14th & she left at daylight on 15th March, bound direct for London. Not being a mail steamer having recently been on shore at Bahia Blanca

see Confidential of this date

D^r Keay landed in Colony 15th Feb: 1894 sub G.O. disp. 20/94

N^o 24. 25 by "California" March 14th

Rec. by C.O. April 14th

Book 25 p 387
44

202/01

21st March 1904

N^o 26

annual account

desd. by 36.7/june 04

annual account
Form A

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you the annual statement of the Revenue and Expenditure of this Colony for the year 1903 which marks the extinction of the long standing and for years increasing floating debt arising from the excess of Expenditure over Revenue

2. In the following summary, the Revenue from Land sales and seat rate

is included; but a sum of £832. 1. 6 has, under the authority of Lord Knutsford's disp: No 48 of the 27th of August 1891, been transferred from the Land sales fund to General Revenue to defray the cost of reconstructing in stone, the Dockyard jetty.

Revenue			Expenditure	
Estimate	Actual	Excess	Estimate	Actual.
£14,950	£17,393	£2,443	£14,119	14,346

There was consequently a surplus of £3047

3. It will be necessary to make provision by supplementary appropriation for the following items:

Colonial Secretary	£30. 1. 7
Transport	81. 13. 8
Mis-cellaneous	204. 11. 9
Works.	687. 6. 2.
	<u>£1003. 13. 2</u>

4. It was not contemplated that any expenditure upon Government House would be incurred in 1903 and although no provision was made a sum of £244. 11. 5 was expended under this head in completion of sanctioned work.

On the other hand it was contemplated that the greater part of the sum of £850 sanctioned by Mr Chamberlain's despatch No 36 of the 12th of June 1902 for the repair of gables would have been brought to account in 1902 and consequently only £300 was provided in the 1903 Estimates. Mr Hayes, the Admiralty Engineer could not, however complete the accounts in time for inclusion in 1902 and nothing was expended in that year—

The Dockyard jetty has been completed and a considerable portion of

of the stone for the Town jetty has been delivered & paid for

To render regular this Expenditure the Leg. Council on the 3^d of July last voted £700 for jetties and £400 for Government House.

These works have already been approved in 1903

5. I transmit the usual returns with some explanations as to the over and under Estimates

6. The statement of assets & liabilities shows that the floating debt has at last disappeared

7. The following table exhibits the financial position of the Colony at the end of each of the last ten years save that now coal and oil and other stores are not treated as assets

Assets

	Surplus of	Deficiency of
1894	£1040	nil
1895	£392	nil
1896	nil	£1043
1897	nil	£1761
1898	nil	£2918
1899	nil	£3143
1900	nil	£3413
1901	nil	£4226
1902	nil	£2750
1903	£115	nil.

Surplus in year Revenue £3047

C. Advances

D. Deposits

E. Overpayments

F. Investments

G. Revenue

H. Expenditure

I. Interest

K. Investments realized

assets

Form B

8 The Falkland Islands Company made an intemperate attack upon the Government in their letter of the 16th of October 1901 (enclosed in Mr Chamberlain's despatch N^o 86 of 27 Nov: 1901) and in the 15th para of my despatch N^o 16 of the 6th of February 1902 I said "1901 will not exhibit satisfactory results but the truth of my main contention that the position is sound I am content to leave to the financial results of 1902 to indicate and to those of 1903 to demonstrate". —

a surplus of £1279 in 1902 and £3047 last year are the answers to the company's envenomed impeachment.

I have
affd Lyttelton W. Grey Wilson

C.I.M.P. 40/04

22^d March 1904

N^o 27
P.O orders
increased to
£40

Sir,
In reply to your circular despatch of the 21st of January last, I have the honour to inform you that my Government favours the raising of the Post Office order limit from £10. to £40 both in respect of orders drawn on the United Kingdom and on other countries.

It is however proposed that the existing rates of commission charged in this Colony shall for the present be retained.

The Right Honourable.
Affd. Lyttelton. M. P.

I have.
W. Grey Wilson

c.s. M.P. 35/04

N^o 28Dean Brandon
Leave

Sir,

22^d March 1904

I have the honour to report that I have in Executive Council granted to the Very Reverend Dean Brandon, in a Colonial Chaplain, four months leave of absence on half pay in extinction of three months vacation leave dating from 1st April 1904 and to enclose the usual certificate.

The Right
Honourable

Lyttelton. M.P.

I have.

W. Grey Wilson

210/01 Ecclesiastical grants
104/03 Masters.

No 29.

Education

Two more travelling
Masters

Sir

23rd March 1904.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No 5. of the 14th of January on the subject of education

2. My proposal with reference to travelling schoolmasters was that two additional ones should be appointed, one for the North Camp of the East Falkland and one for the West Falkland, which will raise the number of Government itineraries to five, that is three on the West and two on the East.

3. In view of the satisfactory financial condition of the Colony I brought this matter before the Legislative Council and the addition of two masters was sanctioned.
rev. con.

4. In the event of your approving of

of these appointments, I would ask that the Crown Agents may be instructed to select and appoint two masters on the usual five years agreement, upon salaries of £60. to £80 by £5. annually, and furnish them with second class passage to the Colony.

5. The question of the Stanley Schools deals with in your despatch. I will report in a later despatch.

The Right Honourable
Alfred Lyttelton. M. P.

I have
W. Grey Wilson

c.s.m.p. 184/15

24 March 1904

N^o 30

Blue Book
Report 1903

2
Geese
wild

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you the Blue Book for 1903 and the Colonial ^{Secretary} report thereon.

2. The financial position disclosed is satisfactory - the year under review showing a large surplus and the extinction of the long standing floating debt.

3. The year was a good one for farmers as the winter was mild. The lambing excellent and the price of wool well maintained.

4. An interesting agitation with which I do not sympathize, is on foot to induce the Government to undertake on behalf of the Farmers the diminution of the "wild", so called but in reality much too tame food.

5. The price at present paid by the Farmers for the upper beaks of geese, as

as evidence of their slaughter, is ten shillings per one hundred and it is represented that from one to one hundred and fifty thousands (representing grass for 20,000 sheep) might with advantage to the sheep farmers be destroyed annually.

6 The Falkland Islands Goose is excellent eating, being preferred by many to the Domestic variety, and it is remarkable in these utilitarian days that no scheme has been devised for preserving the three quarters to one million pounds of food, and marketing the high class down which this so called bluish-like scum is rendered available.

7. In addition to the present destruction of birds - vast quantities of eggs are broken

8. Perhaps a ventilation of the subject may result in some relief to Farmers without entailing deplorable waste

The Right Honourable
Alfred Lyttelton, M.P.

Leave.

W. Grey Wilson

No 31.
Cancer
Research

cl. 90/03
M.P.
25th March 1904

Sir.

I have the honour to acknowledge your receipt of your circular despatch of the 13th of January 1904 with reference to Cancer Enquiry and in reply to inform you that no case of death from Cancer has been recorded in the Colony for very many years.

2. We are at present awaiting the arrival from England of a Colonial Surgeon and your circular despatch under reply and Mr. Chamberlain's of the 29th of May 1903. will be brought to his notice on arrival.

The Right Honourable
Alfred Lyttelton M.P.

I have,

W. Grey Wilson

C.S.M.P. 20/03 Financial Instructions
138/03 Thompson
26th March 1904

No 32.

Financial
Instructions

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No 9 of the 12th of February 1904, with reference to certain irregularities in the Treasury of the Falklands, and to the Model Financial Instructions which accompanied Mr. Chamberlain's Circular despatch of the 9th of June 1900.

2. The suggested Financial Instructions involved no very material change of our mode of account keeping and as far as possible the necessary alterations have from time to time been made subject to modifications incidental to local circumstances and conditions.

3. The Model Financial Instructions have now been formally adopted so far as they are applicable suitable and appropriate and subject to such qualifications as local circumstances render necessary, and the Auditor General, alone for the present, the Calendar year remains the year of account and unless uniformity be deemed essential the alteration would be without benefit.

I have.

The Right Honourable
Alfred Lyttelton M.P.

25th March 1904

£1. 6. 3

Paid
as below

Chapelries London

hyperoxide
lambative
Isagon.

Fistulides.

£3. 1. 7

Chapelries London

29th March 1904Paid by cheque
on 14 April
£4. 7. 10

12 words in cypher

Fistulides.

N^o 26 to 32 by "Oruba" 29th March 1904Rec by C.O 25th AprilN^o 33

Changes etc

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to
you the usual Return of changes in
appointments etc for the Quarter
ended 31st March 1904

I have

W. Grey Wilson

16

2nd April 1904 ^{36/01}

78/02

44

13th April 1904Book 25 p 274N^o 34Licensing. O.
Drunkards

Recd. by 31.1 June 04

30th 1904

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you for the
signification of his Majesty's pleasure copies of an
ordinance to amend the Licensing ordinance,
1882 which has been enacted in the hope of
increasing the obstacles in the drunkards' path
and intimidating his abettors

I have

W. Grey Wilson

35

202/01

14th April 1904N^o 35

Sup: appro:

Recd. by 33.7 June 04

4th 1904

Sir,

In cont: of my disp N^o 26 of 21st March
(para 3) I have the honour to transmit
to you copies of an ordinance, to
which I have assented to provide for the
Sup appro: 1903

I have

W. Grey Wilson

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47/03

15 April 1904

N^o 36Medical Fees.
Lighthouse

Sir,

I have the honour to ack the receipt of your desps N^o 17 of the 16th of March relative to the medical attendance at Cape Pembroke Lighthouse.

2. The fee of ten guineas, which I named was intended to include medical attendance on the families and servants of the lightkeepers and in my desps N^o 25 of the 14th of March I suggested to insertion of this duty in the particulars of the Office of the New Colonial Surgeon.

The Right Honourable
Alfred Lyttelton M.P.

I have
W. Grey Wilson

C.S.M.P. 283/01

16th April 1904N^o 37Queen's Head
Stamps

Amd. by 34.7/June.04

Sir,

With reference to your predecessor's circular despatch of the 4th Sept 1901, I have the honour to invite you to sanction the concurrent sale of Queen's & King's head stamps until the stock of the former is exhausted.

Q's head.

34560. $\frac{1}{2}$ stamp
18600. 1^d "
13800. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

2. Your despatch contemplated a difficulty in disposing of the old issues at their face value, but in this Colony no such difficulty will arise. The only King's head stamps at present in stock are of the face value of $\frac{1}{2}$ 1^d and 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1^d.

I have

W. Grey Wilson

c.s.m.P. 59/04

46

18th April 1904

N^o 38

Veterinary
College

Sir,

In reply to your air despatch of the 4th of March, I have the honour to report that I see no prospect of any officer from this Colony attending the post-graduate course of Veterinary pathology at the Royal Veterinary College this year.

I have

W. Grey-Wilson

c.s.m.P.

166/03

52

19th April 1904

N^o 39

Wilmer
Pension

Decd. 29.3.1894

Sir,

I have the honour to report that, with the advice of the Ex Council, and subject to your sanction, I have granted to Mr B Wilmer, Government Pilot, on his retirement from the service, a pension of £42. 14. 0 per annum, dating from the 4th inst.

The usual Paper of Particulars is enclosed.

I have

W. Grey-Wilson

c.s.m.P. 192/03

21st April 1904

N^o 40

Survey

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you the Report of the Board appointed to survey the Treasury chest, stamped etc on the 2^d of April.

I have

W. Grey-Wilson

5

C.S.M.P. 64/04

Book 25 page 17125th April 1904.N^o 41.
C.S. Quarters

Sir.

I have the honour to transmit to you an application from Mr. Hart Bennett, the Colonial Secretary, for a house allowance in lieu of the quarters assigned to him.

2. I am of opinion that until quarters suitable for the Climate can be provided for the Colonial Secretary it is desirable that further appointments to this office should be without house or fuel, and that the salary should be increased.

3. If this view be accepted I strongly support Mr. Hart Bennett's application and suggest that it should take effect from the date on which your sanction is received.

4. It is not desirable to separate quarters and fuel because the Colonial Secretary may be located in a quarter of the town which it would not be practicable to sever from the Government post bags.

5. The accommodation and the value of the Colonial Secretary's quarters are dealt with in Mr. Chamberlain's Despatches No 35 of 23rd Oct: 1895 No 13. of 20th February 1896 and No 41 of 4th July 1896. and the post allowance of 100 pounds is of the value of £16. 13. 4. Mr. Hart Bennett has been allowed to occupy the whole of the houses assigned to the Colonial Secretary, and the Governors as they are very unsuitable for more than one family.

The Right Honourable
Alfred Lyttelton M.P.

I have
W. Grey Wilson

C.S.M.P. 19/04

48

51

26th April 1904.

Sir,

No 42.

Dr Born asks
for: Surgeoncy

C.S.
4 April

Mod. by 30.
31 May 04

In continuation of my despatches
25 of the 14th of March. I have the honour
to transmit to you a copy of an application
which reaches me to day from Dr. Edward Born
Born for the vacant appointment of Colonial
Surgeon of this Colony.

2. Dr. Born was appointed Assistant Colonial
Surgeon last year and landed in the Colony on
the 17th of April. I hear good accounts of
Dr. Born but I have not sufficient information
to justify me in recommending him.

The Right Honourable.

Alfred Dutton, M.P.

I have.

W. Grey Wilson

I enclose particulars of the office of assistant
Colonial surgeon. see Governor's Notes p 280

C.S.
57/1904

26th April 1904

No 43
School House
NEW.

Sir,

In the final paragraph of my despatch
No 62 of the 13th of July 1903 transmitting
the estimates for 1904, I invited you to sanction
the insertion in those estimates of a sum of
£400 to raise a consideration of the question
of providing a new school in Stanley.

This sum was taken to represent the cost
of dry stone foundations and floor made
of hard Sandy Point wood.

Mr Harding strongly opposed the
undertaking until the colony was out of
debt, but this opposition now falls to
the ground for in my despatch No 26 of the
21st

21st of March last I reported the extinction of the floating debt.

2. There are at present in Stanley two Government elementary schools; the Infants adequately housed in the old Marine Barracks and the senior school housed in a building originally constructed as a coal shed.

3. In 1886 a stone building then used as a church and school was very seriously damaged by a vast peat slip and was in consequence abandoned and pulled down (Governor Barkley's despatch N^o 81 of 16th Aug 1886)

In January 1887 (dup N^o 16) Gov. Kerr reported that a new school was urgently required and Sir Henry Holland approved a tender submitted by the Crown Agents

In April 1887 Gov. Kerr reported that he had converted an old coal store into a school room "as it appeared suitable in size and situation for," "at least a temporary schoolroom" and the contract entered into by the CAs for a new school was cancelled by Sir Henry Holland (dup N^o 25. of 21st May 1887)

4. I enclose a rough sketch ground plan, and West elevation of the building I propose, showing the fall of the ground and the position of the heating chamber and if it meets your approval I would ask that the Crown Agents may be requested to obtain a tender therefor.

I enclose also a memorandum of points that suggest themselves to me

5. as funds are available I would convert the South East and South West corners of the building into class rooms, leaving a central Hall and wings. This work will be done locally

6. The size of the suggested school $80' \times 30'$ is larger than would be necessary in other climates but it is intended to afford adequate space for physical training for which shelter is needed in this bleak climate. -

I have

W. Grey Wilson

School should also be large for examinations when the children from all the schools are collected under one roof. hitherto the Assembly Rooms. —

		Boys	Girls	Infants	Total
On Rolls	1886	60		69	129
	1904	68		69	137

The coal shed now used as a school was erected in 1850 and measures $30'-6" \times 25'-8"$

The one proposed by Governor Kerr and sanctioned by Sir Henry Holland was to be $80' \times 25'$

The one I now propose is $80' \times 30'$

W. G. W.

see Gov. Kerr to Lord Knutsford No 102 of 13 aug 1889

Telegram sent 27 april

D^r Borns
inhabits
chantings
Dargid
twentyfive
interloper

Doctor Borns
makes application for
Colonial surgery
refer to my despatch
Twentyfive 25
14th March.

cost £2-1-9

Paid 14 May
by cheque on courts.

ans May 1st approving

N^o 33 to 43 by "Oravia" 27th april
Received by C.D. 24 May 1904

Dated 7th May

~~N^o 44~~ Sir, By "Panama" via Punta Arenas
sent off. May 13th

chapultries London

Serrulate rupturing arbiter my leaving
Hagow appulsion heartily courbaril

12 words

Fistulodes

I understand your telegram of 21 april
my leaving May 25th not approved
mistake instructions as to date of embarkation

46
63

166/03

52

20th May 1904

Sir.

No 44.
Wilmer's
Pension

Amended by
8 July 04
42.

Since writing my despatch No 39 of the 17th April submitting for your approval the grant of a pension to Mr Bedford Wilmer, he has represented that no recognition has been made of the fact that he has not been granted an allowance in lieu thereof - and on looking into the matter I find that he has throughout his service been entitled to free quarters.

2. The Quarters available have never been adequate to meet the requirements of Government and it has been the practice to pay to those who do not desire to occupy Government Quarters an allowance of £12. a year.

3. The amount owed by the Government by reason of Mr Wilmer's quarters now is $12 \times 12 = £252$ without interest, and with the advice of the Executive Council, I confidently recommend that his pension be increased by three quarters of the amount which that sum would represent, if invested in a Post Office Government annuity for a male of 21st July. - viz £16.8.11 a year.

The Right Honourable.
Alfred Lytton, M.P.

I have.
A. Grey-Wilson

Wilmer's father was a distinguished cavalry officer who served in Afghanistan & in the great battles of the Punjab, Goojerat, Chilian Wallah, Maharaj-pore etc. & died just before the Indian mutiny.

Telegram sent by Victoria 25 May

Chapelries London

4 words cypher.

fistulides

7 words.

Paid see
below

\$6.79

chapelries London.

Paid
by cheque in
court
9th June

Docophore
homebound
fistulides

Leave for England on
June 22^d

£2.10.1

\$4.85

N^o 44 and two telegrams by Victoria 25th May 1904

Received by C.O.

No account need
by mail (Victoria)
which arrived here
today

h.m.
2 Aug. 04

6th June 1904N^o 45 Sir,Trespass &
Pound5 of 1904
8 copies

I have the honour to transmit to you, for the signification of H. His pleasure, copies of "an ordinance relating to trespass and big that reference may be made to Mr chamberlain despatch N^o 52 of the 17th of November 1897. -

2. - The increase of the maximum fine, for having an unlicenced animal on the common, from two to ten pounds, does not, in view of the slender chances of conviction, appear excessive, but nothing but a nominal fine has been or would be allowed to stand unless there was strong evidence of systematic fraud.

3. - I have taken the opportunity to amend the ordinance generally upon the lines suggested in your predecessor's despatch, and beg to report that in my opinion the payment of a salary to the Poundkeeper is not necessary.

4. - Complaint has been made that the practice of searching for removing sheep, said to be stragglers from flocks, previously driven over the land, leads to irregularities and it is hoped that the provisions of section 7 may put a stop to any such possible mistakes by enabling the owner of the land to be represented at such searches. -

5. - I regret the delay that has taken place in dealing with this matter, but there has never been a time when it could be said that there was not something else of

of a more pressing nature awaiting the Printer.

6.— The arrears are now well in hand and with the aid of the second printer, whose arrival by the last mail doubles the Establishment until October next, will now be disposed of as regards the quantity of work we may not have progressed, and it will be admitted that we could hardly do so concurrently with the very striking advance made in the quality of that work by Mr F. L. Gilbert

I have

The Right Honourable
Alfred Lyttelton M. P.

W. Grey Wilson

" " "

213/01

24
7th June 1904

N^o 46
Naval Range
acquisition of
Land.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch N^o 22 of the 8th of April, and to report that in accordance with your instructions, I have made an order under "The Public Lands Ordinance 1902" conveying the Land in question to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty in trust for His Majesty the King, his heirs and Successors, for the Public service

2— I enclose as requested two certified copies of the gazette containing the order.

I have

W. Grey Wilson

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202/01

56

8th June 1904

N^o 47 Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you a statement of the Receipts and Payments of the Colony for the Quarter ended 31 March 1904

The Right Honourable
Alfred Lyttelton M.P.

I have

W. Grey Wilson

N^o 48 Sir,

With reference to your despatch N^o 20 of the 7th of April I have the honour to transmit to you certified copies, in duplicate of ordinance N^o 6 of 1904, relating to Titles to Land, to which I have assented in the name and on behalf of His Majesty.

N^o 6 of 1904

R^t Honourable
Alfred Lyttelton M.P.

I have the honour to
W. Grey Wilson

Telegram by "Oruba"
via Sandy Point. 8th June

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C.S. M. P. 91
61.9th June, 1904

No. 49.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch no. 10 of the 17th of February last with reference to Sergeant Instructor Watts

2. I fear that my previous despatch may have given rise to the impression that the manner in which he has performed his work was not satisfactory and it is therefore right that I should state that it was the combination of duties and not their performance which I deemed unsatisfactory and that I have no desire whatever to dispense with Mr. Watts' services.

3. The duties of Storekeeper are at present performed by the Chief Constable and I hope that upon the retirement of the Pilot in about two months time it will be possible to combine the office of Pilot and Storekeeper with every prospect of satisfactory results.

I have
(Signed) W. Grey - Wilson
Governor.

No. 50

39

C.S. M. P. 210/01 10 June 1904

Sir,

In continuation of my despatch no. 29 of the 23rd of March, I have the honour to offer some further remarks with reference to my recommendation that a grant in aid of £80 a year should be made to the Roman Catholic School until the

the Government is in a position to open a second senior elementary school.

2. The questions of education and religious endowment are interwoven and my proposals were based upon the views expressed by the Chamberlain in his despatch No. 36 of the 6th of June 1901 expressing his approval of the continuance of religious endowment. Of the peculiar circumstances of this Colony adduced in my despatches noted in the margin do not justify the continuance of such endowment it will hardly be equitable to continue to the Roman Catholic Priests a grant nominally educational but in reality religious.

3. The second senior school which on the assumption that religious endowment is to cease, I recommended should in about X. 1906 be opened by the Government would be in the building now owned by the Roman Catholics which the Government should either rent or purchase at a liberal figure.

4. If religious endowment is to continue the present contribution to the Roman Catholics of £110 a year which more than represents the share to which their numbers entitle them - should be continued.

I have

(signed) W. Grey-Wilson
Governor.

X.

Dear Brannon on whom State endowment of religion hence will be 60 in 1906

C.S. M. P. 263
01.11th June 1904

No. 51.

Sir:

I have the honour to transmit to you a copy of revised notes on Customs, Port and Harbour ordinances which have been made in conformity with Lord Onslow's despatch no. 13 of 4th March 1903. The matter was held over until the new Customs Ordinances should be passed.

I have etc

(sd) W. Grey-Wilson
Governor.

* Printed copy
sent in 3 h.m.
6/July 04

No 52

C.S. M. P. 74
04. 13th June 1904

Sir.

I have the honour to report that on the 29th of May, Mr George Greenshield's addressed a communication to the Government asking that the Deed of Sale of Wellington's Kineon might be cancelled and that he might be allowed to purchase the property under the land ordinance 1903.

I caused him to be informed that I could not entertain his application, and he has now desired me to forward the enclosed memorial which he has addressed to you on the subject. The original sale by auction of this land was in my opinion harsh because it practically compelled the tenant to buy and I think it would not be inequitable to afford some relief

relief, which might take the form of a remission of 6^d an acre upon the completion of the payment of the remainder of the purchase money.

I have

(signed) W. Grey-Wilson
Governor.

No. 53

C.S.M.P. 70/04 14th June 1904.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that under section 5 (1) of the Falkland Islands Currency Act Ordinance of 7th March 1899 the Commissioners of Currency have, subject to your approval, fixed the amount of notes of each denomination as follows:—

£5	---	£5000
£1	---	4500
5/-	---	500
		<u>£10,000</u>

I concur in the recommendation of the Commissioners. It is thought probable that this will represent the final limit of notes in circulation.

The notes, the requisitions for which have received the sanction of the Secretary of State, at present amount to

£5	---	£5000
£1	---	2000
5/-	---	500
		<u>£7,500</u>

and the Commissioners find it necessary to call at once for £2000 worth more £1 notes, some of which are required to replace notes withdrawn from circulation.

I have etc.

(Sd) W. Grey-Wilson.
Governor

No 54

C. S. M. P.
69/0415th June, 1904

Sir,

With reference to Mr Chamberlain's despatch to 65 of 17th October 1902 and to previous correspondence, I have the honour to report that Mr C. Benser has applied for a renewed lease of Moody Valley Farm under the Land Ordinance 1903, and that I have in Council authorised the issue of a new lease of this suburban land valid for three years. The rent payable under the ordinance would be £58-2-6 and Mr Benser has asked that a refund may be allowed so as to bring the figure down to £25 a year, the rent he at present pays.

2. When the question of a refund was considered by the Legislative Council on 26th March 1903, the unofficial members expressed the opinion, in which the rest of the Council concurred, that the reduction should be made permanent as it was quite impossible for the present lessee otherwise to make both ends meet, and I have the honour therefore to support the application.

I have etc
(signed) W. Grey-Wilson
Governor.

No. 45 to 54 to S. of S. by S.S. "Unisa"
21 June 1904. Recd by C. O. on

C.S. 83
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No 55

22 June 1904

Charrman's Admin

Sir,

I have the honour to report that, as Senior member of the Executive Council, I have today assumed the administration of the Government on Governor Grey Wilson's departure.

The Right Hon
Alfred Lyttelton M.P.

I have &
(Signed) W Hart Bennett
Actg. Gov.

No 56

1 July 1904

Ex. Co. Minutes

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith copies of the Executive Council minutes for the half year ended 30th June.

The Right Hon
Alfred Lyttelton M.P.

I have &
(Signed) W Hart Bennett
Actg. Gov.

No 57

2 July 1904

Leg. Co. Minutes

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith copies of the Legislative Council minutes for the half year ended 30th June.

The Right Hon.
Alfred Lyttelton M.P.

I have &
(Signed) W Hart Bennett
Actg. Gov.

No 58

C.S.
1903
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4 July 1904

Board of Survey

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you the Report of the Board appointed to survey the Treasury Chest Stamps & on the 1st instant.

The Right Hon.
Alfred Lyttelton M.P.

I have &
(Signed) W Hart Bennett
Actg. Gov.

C.S.
36
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No. 59

5 July 1904

Quarterly Return Sir.

I have the honour to transmit to you the usual Return of Changes in Appointment, during the Quarter ended 30 June 1904

The Right Hon.
Alfred Lyttelton M.P.

I have &
(Signed) W Hart Bennett
Actg. Gov.

No. 60.

C.S.
F3
04

6 July 1904

Transfer for Thompson Sir.

At the request of Mr. W.A. Thompson, the Colonial Treasurer, I have the honour to transmit a memorial he has addressed to you in which he requests that he may be transferred to another Colony.

The Right Hon.
Alfred Lyttelton M.P.

I have &
(Signed) W Hart Bennett
Actg. Gov.

No. 61.

C.S.
96
04

7 July 1904

Preferential Trade Sir.

In reply to your Circular of 4 May, I have the honour to report that no Resolutions relating to preferential trade relations between the Colonies and the United Kingdom have been passed by the Legislative Council of this Colony.

The Right Hon.
Alfred Lyttelton M.P.

I have &
(Signed) W Hart Bennett
Actg. Gov.

No. 62.

52

C.S.
186/03

8 July 1904

Wilmer's Pension Sir.

In reply to your despatch No 29 of the 31st May, I have the honour to transmit to you the statement required in reference to Pilot Wilmer.

The Right Hon.
Alfred Lyttelton M.P.

I have &
(Signed) W Hart Bennett
Actg. Gov.

No 63

Meteorological data Sir
Swedish Antarctic
Expedition

C.S.
98/04

64

12 July 1904.

I have the honour to transmit to you a copy of a letter from the Swedish Consul here requesting to be furnished with certain meteorological data for the Nordenskjöld Antarctic Expedition, and to suggest that the Board of Trade and Meteorological Office be invited to forward the requested information direct to Dr Bodman.

The Right Hon
 Alfred Lyttelton M.P.

I have to
 (signed) W Hart Bennett
 Secy. Gov.

No 64

National Antarctic Sir
Expedition

C.S.

04

19 July 1904

I have the honour to report that the "Terra Nova", "Discovery" and "Morning" of the National Antarctic Expedition arrived here from New Zealand on the 20th June, 12th July, and 17th July respectively for the purpose of coaling.

2. The "Terra Nova" left for England on 25 June. Capt Scott R.N. M.P.O. of the "Discovery" informs me that he will leave on 20 July and reach England in about two months time, and the "Morning" will probably leave in 4 or 5 days time.

The Right Hon
 Alfred Lyttelton M.P.

I have to
 (signed) W Hart Bennett
 Secy. Gov.

Nos. 55 to 64 (a week late) by S.S. "Orphea"
 27th July 1904 Received by C.O. on 22 August 1904

No 65

C.S.
94/04

12 Aug. 04

Sanitary Convention

Sir.

In reply to your Circular despatch of 28 May I have the honour to state that this Government desires to become a party to the International Sanitary Convention signed at Paris on 3 Dec. 1903.

The Rt. Hon.
Alfred Lyttelton. M.P.

I have the
(signed) W. Hart Bennett.
Acting Governor

No 66

C.S. 93/04

13 Aug. 04

Customs duties
paid by Governor

Sir.

In reply to your despatch marked Separate of the 8th of June. I have the honour to report that, under the Tariff Ordinance (No 1 of 1900) all articles imported or taken out of bond for the use of the Governor are exempt from duty. The same Ordinance provides for the refund of the duty paid on any article purchased by the Governor.

2. It is only recently that Customs Duties have been passed by the Governor for goods imported by him, and I am therefore unable to give accurate information, but, after examination of the ships' manifests, the Collector of Customs calculates that the duty which would have been payable was approximately -

in 1902. £13. 2. 0

- 1903. £20. 0. 0

- 1904 (to date). £4. 0. 0

3. I cannot trace any instance of refund of duty on articles purchased locally.

4. The Treasurer states that a sum of £12. 11. 0 was refunded by the late

Governor representing the amount of duty
on certain wine, spirits & sold by him.

The Rt. Hon
Alfred Lyttelton M.P.

I have &
(Signed) W. Hart Bennett
Acting Governor

Book No 25 p 417

12/03

15 Aug. 1904

No. 67
Export Tax
on Seal Skins

Sir

In reply to your despatch No. 39 of 21st June, I have the honour to report that an Order in Council under the provision of Ordinance No. 4 of 1903 - "An Ordinance to amend the Tariff Ordinance 1900" - has been made by Governor Frey-Hutson, with the advice of the Executive Council on 13th June, and I enclose a copy of it for your information.

2. Mr Frey-Hutson will no doubt have explained to you the circumstances in which the Order came to be issued.

3. As no seal skins have been imported into the Colony for purpose of transshipment or exportation (since the date of the Order in Council), and none can be until next year, I refrain from repealing the Order in Council until your further instructions are received.

Ward in red
hatched
by 3 p.m. 18 Aug
W.H.B.

The Rt. Hon
Alfred Lyttelton M.P.

I have &
(Signed) W. Hart Bennett
Acting Governor

No. 68

Book No 25 p 434

12/04

16 Aug. 1904

Estimates 1905.

Sir
I have the honour to transmit to you for your consideration the draft Estimates of Revenue & Expenditure for 1905. The Revenue

is put at £15170 and the Expenditure at £15407.

2. The Estimate of Revenue calls for no special remarks. The large receipts in 1903 under the heading of 4. Supreme Court fees - were due to estate duty paid by the execution of the late Mr. C. M. Dean and Mr. E. M. Dean.

3. Expenditure. 1. Pension. The pension recommended for Mr. Wilmer in Governor Grey-Wilson's despatch no. 44 of 20 May 1904 is inserted pending the reply to your despatch no. 42 of 8 July 1904.

The increases under 3. Colonial Secretary and 4. Treasury are due to authorized increments.

The Trained Nurse Guarantee (Vote 10. Medical) disappears, the nurse having left the Colony, and there being no immediate prospect of obtaining another.

Under 11. Education I have included provision for the two additional Travelling Schoolmaster advocated in Governor Grey-Wilson's despatch no. 29 of 23 May 1904. £900 is placed on the Estimate

under 12. Public Works for the new School house pending reply to Governor Grey-Wilson's despatch no. 43 of 26 April 1904.

4. These Estimates have received the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

The Rt. Hon
Alfred Lyttelton M.P.

(Signed) I have to
W. Hart Bennett
Acting Governor

Nos 65 to 68 to S. of S. by R.M.S. "Onita". 17 Aug. 04
Received by C.O. on 28th September 1904
1904

No. 69.

C.S.
202/01.

26 Aug 04

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Sir.

I have the honour to transmit to you a Statement of the Receipts and Payments of this Colony for the Quarter ended 30 June 1904.

The Rt. Hon.
Alfred Lyttelton. M.P.

I have to
(Signed) W. Hart Bennett
Acting Governor.

No. 70

C.S.
112/04

29 Aug. 04

Harding. M.L.C.

Sir.

I have the honour to inform you that, under the Additional Royal Instructions of 28 Nov. 1895, Mr W. A. Harding, on the 19th instant, vacated his seat in the Legislative Council.

2. I have, under the authority of Sec. 12 of H.M.'s Instructions of 25 Feb 1892, re-appointed that gentleman to be provisionally, a member of the Council, and I beg to recommend the appointment for confirmation.

The Rt. Hon.
Alfred Lyttelton. M.P.

I have to
(Signed) W. Hart Bennett
Acting Governor.

No. 71.

C.S.
166/03.

29 Aug. 1904

Wilmer. Decd.

Sir.

With reference to your despatch No. 42 of the 8th ultimo, I have the honour, with much regret, to report that Mr Wilmer died suddenly on the 27th instant.

The Rt Hon.
Alfred Lyttelton. M.P.

I have to
(Signed) W. Hart Bennett
Acting Governor.