Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
18th September 1848.

No 22.

My Lord

I have the honor to inform your Lordship that I have drawn the undermentioned bills on the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury

No Fourteen. The sum of Two hundred and fifty pounds drawn in favour of E. Hughes dated 28th August 1848. In exchange for Cash to be expended in the general service of the Colony

No Fifteen. The sum of Thirty three Pounds six shillings and eight pence drawn in favour of J. L. Moody Colonial Chaplain dated 1st September 1848. In payment of Salary for the month of August 1848.

No Sixteen. The sum of Twenty five Pounds drawn in favour of A. Bailey, Surveyor General, dated 1st September 1848: in payment of Salary for the month of August 1848.

No Seventeen. The sum of Eighteen

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Eighteen pounds drawn in favour of Hy. Hamilton Colonial Surgeon dated 1st September 1818: in part payment of Salary for the Month of August 1818.—

D. F. Leighton. The sum of Sixteen Pounds thirteen shillings and fourpence drawn in favour of J. R. Langdon, Chief Clerk, dated 1st September 1818: in payment of Salary for the Month of August 1818.—

I have &c.

(Signed)

George Hamilton

Governor.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
18th September 1848.

No 23.

My Lord

With reference to the directions forwarded by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to the Commander-in-Chief on the South East American Station, to send a Ship of War here "occasionally as the exigencies of the Service will permit," I have the honour to acquaint your Lordship that having now been nearly three Months here with the exception of the Sloop of War "Champion" which called on her way to the Pacific by order of Sir Thomas Herbert, I have not yet seen any of Her Majesty's Ships.

I have to acknowledge the very great courtesy shown to me by Sir Thomas Herbert during my stay at Monte Video, and I feel assured that if it were in his power, he would follow out the directions of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, but from the description of Vessels under his command I conceive that he will very seldom have the opportunity; his Squadron being composed

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posed of two heavy frigates, several Steamers, and the only class of Ships employed in the service of this station in the River Plate being engaged in the packet conveyance to Rio de Janeiro.

I have Yours, my Lord, but little prospect of a Ship of War sufficiently efficient to rely on, either for assistance, or the means of Communication and although the short experience I have had gives me no apprehension as to the maintenance of Order and tranquility in the Colony, not being entirely without a Naval force, I have no means of repelling (to any extent) attempts which might be made to plunder the public chest, or on the inhabitants of the Colony by the Crews of Whalers or other Vessels visiting the Islands who are often little better than Pirates when opportunities offer.

I have &c

signed

George Rennie

Governor

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Stanley Falkland Islands
18th September 1848

No. 21.

My Lord

It gives me great satisfaction to inform your Lordship that this Colony enjoys that most perfect tranquillity. The quiet orderly conduct of the inhabitants is shown by there not having been a single prisoner in Jail, nor has there been a case of outrage or disorderly behaviour brought before the Magistrates since my arrival.

I have the honor &c
(Signed)
George Rennie
Govr.

The Right Honble
The Earl Grey.

see page 5
see page 201

No 25.

Stanley Government House
Falkland Islands
19th September 1848.

Ans by Lord Grey's No 42
of 20 July 1849

My Lord

It was not until after the departure of the Nautilus Transport which conveyed my last despatches to your Lordship that I became fully aware of the really deplorable destitution of this Colony, more particularly as regards the supply of food which might be considered the staple article of subsistence with the majority of the Islanders.

During my stay at Monte Video, Mr Lafone mentioned that he had made arrangements which would secure a more satisfactory supply of Cattle, than what had hitherto been the case; but at that time I was not aware that any serious deficiency had taken place in that respect. On my arrival here I made enquiries, and found that considerable causes of complaint existed, but receiving the assurance of Mr Lafone's agent (Mr Williams) on the 11th of July that I might rely on a good supply for the future (and there being no object scarcely at that time) I took no further steps in the matter. The Nautilus sailed on the 11th and the

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Appendix P.

The very next day I received a letter from Mr Lawley the person employed by Mr Williams to supply the Settlements on his account with Stores stating that he declined to act any longer for Mr Lafone's agent.

To enable your Lordship fully to understand the effect of this sudden cessation of supplies, it is necessary for me to explain that, in this Settlement about one fourth only of the Inhabitants draw rations from the Government, the remaining three fourths being a mingled population, the majority of whom subsist on the casual profits of seal hunting and other desultory employments, and whose food is almost entirely confined to beef, or what wild fowl they are enabled to obtain, with occasionally a scanty addition of Fish.

Appendices B to O.

On receiving Mr Lawley's letter (Mr Williams having left the Settlement) I referred to the correspondence which had taken place between my Predecessor and Mr Williams and finding that Captain Moody's repeated and urgent remonstrances had produced no effect I looked over the various Contracts with Mr Lafone to see what powers I possessed of a summary character to put in force if necessary - to prevent, what at this season threatened to become, a state of famine.

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Appendix A.

The only contract which involved penalties of a similar kind to be put into immediate activity is one in which Captain Bloody made over all the horses formerly employed by the Local Government for the purpose of keeping the wild cattle, and which authorized the Governor for the time being to re-demand them, by giving a months notice under a penalty of Eighteen pounds a horse for any non-compliance.

Appendix Q.

Therefore immediately upon the receipt of Mr Williams's demand for the twenty Cattle and five more weekly until further notice, but, as the correspondence of Captain Bloody enclosed will shew that he had repeatedly failed to obtain the necessary supplies although most urgently required, I made the Navigator that until the Cattle were forthwith sent, I disembarked according to contract twenty horses per day, to expire at the end of a Month from the date of which my notice was delivered to Mr Williams.

Appendices B & O.

At this time that you Memorandum was at Hope Place, Mr Lafond's projected Settlement, and which is not less than 90 miles from here over an uninhabited waste in the middle of our country. It was consequently necessary that I should endeavour to make my Requisition in so decided a manner, that there could be no mistake as to the course I felt it my duty to pursue, and more over the expense as well as danger was considerable,

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Appendix B.

it being absolutely necessary to send two Messengers on horseback.

On the 24th of July previous to the return of my Messengers I received a Memorial signed by many of the principal inhabitants of the Colony, stating the extreme destitution they were in, and requesting that I would permit the Government Boat – Schooner "Sophy" to proceed to the old Settlement at Port Louis, 30 miles distant by sea, to endeavour to procure some supplies, to which I acceded and indeed at this time matters assumed so serious an aspect that I was obliged to order a small reserve of Salt Beef in the Government Store to be issued.

Appendix S and T

On the 25th I received an unsatisfactory answer from Mr Williams on which I called my Executive Council and made them fully acquainted with the steps I had taken and requested their advice as to the course it would be necessary to pursue – when it was unanimously agreed that, as Mr Williams in his letter to me repudiated on the part of Mr Lyons the obligation to comply with the conditions of his contracts, except as regarded the supply of beef until the result of his appeal to Her Majesty's Government was known and that supply having been always unsatisfactory and now totally failed, it was necessary that I

I should proceed against Mr Williams to compel the delivery of the Cattle I had demanded; or to supply the horses as required by his Contract. Two days afterwards the Vessel fortunately proving favourable, the boat returned from Port Louis bringing a small supply of Beef, Rolls &c.

Two weeks having elapsed since the receipt of my letter by Mr Williams and no Cattle having been sent, I again summoned the Executive Council and stated to them that I was extremely unwilling to take any steps which might have a tendency to injure Mr Lafone's interests, but that unless their concurrence I could dispatch notices from the Stipendiary Magistrate to assure Mr Williams that I should be compelled to proceed at law against him, unless he furnished me with the Cattle required and which notice with their entire approval were sent.

Appendix U.

On the 15th of August I received another letter from Mr Williams but no Cattle nor any satisfactory reason why they had not been sent. Mr Williams stated his intention of coming to Stanley in a few days.

Appendix V.

In the meanwhile although Mr Williams neglected to send me the Cattle required, I learned that he had sent supplies to Mr Bailey and to Mr Phillips in all amounting to nearly one hundred and forty.

See appendices Z, A, B, and C.

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These animals consisted of Bulls, and Cows near Calving and in the exhausted and wretched State they were in, the greater portion of them were unfit for human consumption.-

Mr. Mc Williams allowed the Months notice to expire without complying with my demand, and having sold Cattle to the Settlers I have purchased as well as driven them to their Stations close to this Settlement, I desired Mr. Moore to make him aware that he had become liable for the penalty of £360 for non-delivery of the twenty horses I had demanded, and that under the circumstances I did not feel it to be my duty to suspend proceedings to obtain Judgment against him.- To avoid the publicity of so unpleasant a Judgment on Mr Williams's part, I consented to his signing a plea of confession, as suggested by Mr. Moore, and suspending the enforcement of the penalty until I received your Lordships instructions; but requiring at the same time that he should immediately furnish me with 10 good Cattle, namely the original twenty I had demanded, and the arrears of four weeks. This was complied with by Mr Williams, and he at the same time made arrangements with Mr Phillips for supplying the Colony, which appear at present to be going on satisfactorily

Appendix X

A 4th August 1847
B 6th " "
C 17th September "
D 18th " "
E 1st Oct. "
F 24th January 1848
G 25th " "
H 25th February "
I 21st " "
J 20th March "
K 9th May "
L 15th " "
M 16th " "
N 20th July "
O 15th " "
P 15th " "
Q 21st " "
R 25th " "
S 25th " "
T 5th August "
U 11th " "
V 19th " "
W 21st " "
X 21st " "
Y 30th " "
Z 30th " "
A1 30th " "
B1 17th September "
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particularly. I gave Mr Williams however clearly to understand that, should there occur any further neglect or refusal to comply with the conditions of his original contracts, I would at once put in force the levy of the penalty of £360. which power the 9th Clause of Contract gives me for twelve Months.

I have enclosed copies of the correspondence to explain the proceedings which I regret to be under the necessity of bringing under your Lordship's notice, and which appear to have been going on to the serious prejudice of the Colony for at least twelve months, and ended the 6th of September last. Mr Sandes justifies the article which appeared in the Times newspaper of December 1847 and complained of by Mr Lafone of Liverpool. I think it right to mention that I am unable to explain the unwillingness of Mr Williams to supply me on fair reference to the Settlers or any other grounds than that he sells for money at all at three months, whereas on furnishing the Government he only receives credit for two months on the next instalment due by Mr Lafone which is not payable until 1st January 1851.

A circumstance came under my notice lately which I felt it my duty to mention to your Lordship, & in fact in the very first manner. Mr Lafone's agent

Enclosure C

conducts himself. It appears that the Government possessed about 500 poles at Fort Louis suitable for constructing fences, and having occasion for some. Mr Williams mentioned the subject to Captain Moody, but as Mr Williams made no application for, the negotiation ended. I was about to send for them, when I learnt that Mr Williams had carried them all off, without even asking permission, to a place about ten miles from Fort Louis for the purpose of constructing a Corral. Mr Williams having some wood here of a character suited to the purpose I had in view I consented to accept them in exchange, warning him that in future I should not permit a similar proceeding.

Being the paramount necessity for any lasting the most effectual steps to restore confidence to the Settlers, as well as to satisfy the Shipping touching here, that no delay will take place in them obtaining Beef to any extent for the future, I looked around for a situation which I might enclose at small expense so as to enable me to keep a reserve herd always ready, in case the Settlers with whose dealings I will never interfere unless absolutely necessary should be unable to meet the demand, and a Peninsula, the isthmus of which is only 200 yards across and at 3 miles

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from the Settlement, offering all the facilities required, and on behalf of Captain Grey, of about 1200 acres, I immediately ordered a ditch to be dug and a fence to be erected around it, and I have now the forty cattle procured from Mr Williams, ready at an hours notice to meet what may be required on an emergency.

In a former despatch I informed your Lordship that I had brought a small stock of garden seeds with me for my own use here, and finding a disposition on the part of some of the Inhabitants to accept such portion as I could spare I conceived that it might be desirable to institute a Society for the general improvement of such products as this climate and soil of this Colony were adapted for. I therefore drew up a few suggestions to that effect offering at the same time to contribute annually 2£ for premiums, and it gives me great pleasure to communicate to your Lordship that all the Government Officers and principal Settlers have joined heartily in the proposal, the former subscribing among them 21£, and the Colonists about as much more. We thus have above £60 applicable to the encouragement of the raising of Vegetables, Dairy produce, pigs, poultry &c; and it is so far gratifying that although until now only 2 Acres have been for Vegetables cropped in this Settlement

I have had applications for Leases from 13 different parties, all of whom have actually commenced or made enclosures. It may appear also strange that, on a Colony supposed to abound with Cattle, I was unable to procure either milk or butter for nearly 6 weeks after my arrival. I have now purchased a Cow, and for the first time in the Falkland Islands treated her successfully in a domesticated manner, viz, tied up and feeding her on cut Furze.

Two Cows have since been purchased by the Settlers to try in the same way.

It would be premature to offer any opinion as to the certainty of success in the movement which I have detailed. The steps are however in the right direction, and I trust your Lordship will not think this account of the commencement altogether an intrusion on your valuable time.

As soon as the weather permits, I shall make the tour of the Islands to enable me to draw up a general report on their prospects and capabilities.

I have &c

Signed

George Rennie

Governor

For enclosure	A	do	Genl Instructions	Book	Vol.	1	pages	157-8.
"	"	B	"	Mis Letters & Genl Instructions	"	3	"	198
"	"	C	"	do do do	"	3	"	271
"	"	D	"	do do do	"	3	"	273
"	"	E	"	do do from Genl	"	3	"	109
"	"	F	"	do do & Genl	"	3	"	345
"	"	G	"	do do from Genl	"	3	"	152
"	"	H	"	do do do	"	3	"	153
"	"	I	"	do do do	"	3	"	155
"	"	J	"	do do do	"	3	"	157
"	"	K	"	do do do	"	3	"	178
"	"	L	"	do do do	"	3	"	185
"	"	M	"	do do do	"	3	"	246
"	"	N	"	do do & Genl	"	3	"	451
"	"	O	"	do do from Genl	"	3	"	259-60
"	"	P	"	do do & Genl Circular	"	1	"	20
"	"	Q	"	do do from do	do	1	do	9-10
"	"	R	"	do do & do	do	1	do	26
"	"	S	"	do do do	do	1	do	27-8
"	"	T	"	do do do	do	1	do	29
"	"	U	"	do do from do	do	1	do	29
"	"	V	"	do do & do	do	1	do	47-8-9-50
"	"	W	"	do do from do	do	1	do	41-2
"	"	X	"	do do & do	do	1	do	52
"	"	Y	"	do do from do	do	1	do	415.
"	"	Z	"	do do do	do	1	do	49
"	"	A'	"	do do & do	do	1	do	57
"	"	B'	"	do do from do	do	1	do	49
"	"	C'	"	do do & do	do	1	do	61
"	"							

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No 21.

My Lord

The information I have obtained here leads me to believe that Ships going from the Australian Colonies, and generally from the Pacific are frequently liable to touch here for supplies or repairs, from the want of Charts indicating sufficiently the harbours of this Settlement. I would therefore most respectfully request your Lordship to move their Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to cause the detailed sailing directions which have been drawn up by Mr Phillips an experienced and careful Pilot to be printed on the complete Chart of the Falkland Islands, and that their Lordships should transmit to the Commander-in-chief of the Pacific Station a sufficient number to distribute among the different Consuls in the South Seas.

I would also suggest that in the next edition of South Atlantic Sailing directions the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty should cause Mr Phillips directions to be inserted.

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Should your Lordship approve of it, it might be desirable to forward a few Copies of the Falkland Islands Charts to the Governors of the Australian & New Zealand Colonies to facilitate the above object.

I have &c.

Signed

George Grey
Governor.

Falkland Islands.

Sailing Directions for entering Stanley Harbour, Port William Stanley being now the seat of Government.

Ships coming the Southward, sight Cape Pembroke the Eastermost point of the Falkland Islands, on which there is a wooden beacon, which may be seen 6 or 7 miles off; with the wind any thing South of West and a commanding breeze keep to seaward of the "Hole rock" and pass between the "Seal-rocks" and Cape Pembroke, and between the "Jolly-rock" and "Seal rocks" plenty of water and no danger that is not visible; having passed the "Jolly rock" haul up, and, if in doubt, for the Pilot has not come off, anchor abreast of the "Williamites": but in daylight there is no danger in standing on to the entrance of "Stanley Harbour". The above directions are for Westerly winds which generally prevail - When the wind is Easterly keep outside of the "Seal rocks" Entering the Northward with Westerly winds make Cape Bougainville - or with Easterly Volunteer point - on passing which steer in the direction of Cape Pembroke, on which

Coverack the Beacon will be seen, until Fort William opens to Starboard, when run in, and anchor, or wait for a Pilot according to the above directions.

In case of Southerly winds, Ships may anchor in the Mouths of Dunkeley Pool or Fort William, or stand off and on, as may be expedient - there being no danger that is not buoyed by the Ship.

General Remarks.

The Wolf Rock bears from Cape Cornwall S.S.W. ½ W. by compass distant nearly 3 miles. It is of triangular shape each side being about 3 Cables lengths. The Seal rocks lie about ¾ of a mile from Cape Cornwall, are clean on all sides. The tide runs North & South about 3 knots an hour Cape Cornwall and the Seal rocks. The Race sets North and the ebb set South

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21st September 1848

No 27

My Lord

I have the honor to enclose for your Lordship's consideration my Estimate of the Sum required for the service of this Colony for the year 1849.

As despatches informing me of the amount voted by Parliament for the current year having reached me, I am unable to ascertain whether the Estimate sent home by my Predecessor has been adopted. Should that have been allowed, the new Regulations prescribed for Colonial Estimates, making the commencement of the financial year on the 1st January instead of the 1st April, would render it necessary to deduct one fourth of the grant for the current year from the Sum required for the ensuing.

The total sum proposed for the Parliamentary Grant for the year 1849 is £5,700 being a diminution of £300 on the last Estimate. This diminution arises chiefly from the withdrawal of the detachment of Royal Sappers and

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Moneys, and the consequent discontinuance of their existing pay which was defrayed by the Colony. I &c.

I further beg leave to observe to the Government of this Colony, although not defrayed by the local Treasury, exclusive of the Regimental pay and Allowances of the above Officers and Troops, the Charges to which are paid by the Board of Ordnance but not no longer on duty in the Colony.

I beg to assure your Lordship that I shall endeavour to restrict the sum required for the public service here to the lowest possible amount, but until some local & industrious occupations have been established, any attempt to diminish employment extensively would be attended with much distress & would as be the means of driving away the few settlers now in the Colony.

I cannot conceal from your Lordship that there is still much to be done to make this Settlement sufficiently convenient to induce persons of a desirable class to emigrate to or remain in it. The Farm, constructed on the slope of a flat ridge with an impervious subsoil of clay has had no efficient drains constructed to drain off the superficial flow of water during the heavy rains which renders the whole area a complete quagmire during the wet season, engendering colds, rheumatisms &c,

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as well as being a great discomfort to the inhabitants. Nor are there with one exception any roads or streets made from one part of the Settlement to another, and the Wells hitherto sunk are unsuccessful.

There being no printing Press in the Colony I am unable to comply with the Instructions regarding Printing of the Estimates.

An opportunity to send Despatches to England direct having occurred since that Nautilus sailed on the 14th of July, and being uncertain as to the speed which may offer, I take advantage of the "Sarpedon" Transport bound to Gibraltar, to forward this Mail by the Cape and West India Steamers.

I have &c

signed

George Rennie

Governor

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Falkland Islands.

A and B.

Colonial Estimates – Falkland Islands

A.

Abstract of the Probable Revenue of the Colonial Government of the Falkland Islands for the year 1849 shewing also the Revenue received under the similar heads in the year 1847-8 being the year previous to that in which the Estimates are prepared.—

	Estimate for 1849 £	s	d	Revenue of 1847-8 £	s	d
Land Sales	"	"	"	"	"	"
Land Revenue	10	0	0	6	10	0
Rents exclusive of Land	"	"	"	"	"	"
Sale of Government Property	100	0	0	70	0	1½
Reimbursement in aid of expenses incurred by the Government	550	0	0	337	12	5¼
Miscellaneous Receipts	40	0	0	32	7	6½
Special Receipts	"	"	"	1	3	11½
Total £	1000	0	0	1081	14	0¾

The aid by Grant of Parliament for the year 1847-8 was £3500. 0. 0 in addition to which a portion of the first instalment of Mr Lafone's purchase-money (namely £1000) was appropriated to the general service of the Colony.

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Revenue Detailed

			Estimated Income for 1848	Income of 1847-8	Reference & Remarks
Sale of Land			Nil	Nil	
Land Revenue					
Rent of Land			10.0.0	6.10.0	
Rents exclusive of Land			Nil	Nil	
Sale of Government Property					
Sale of Stores		100.0.0		310.5.3	
Do by Do by auction		100.0.0		180.8.6	
Sale of Gaucho Establishment and animals received from Mr Lafone					
Cattle	150.0.0			113.0.0	
Horses	50.0.0			31.10.0	
Beef		200.0.0		18.4.3	
		400.0.0			
			400.0.0		
Reimbursements in aid of expenses incurred by the Government					
Rations Payment of full value of Rations issued from Store to Officers & others and Gratuitous supplied to Charter Vessels			350.0.0	33.12.5	
			10.0.0	32.7.6	
				1.13.11	
Miscellaneous Special Receipts					
		Total £	1000.0.0	1081.14.0	

For Remarks see next page

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It is almost impossible in the present unsettled state of the Colony to estimate what may be the Revenue derived for the Colony in the year 1849. If Mr. Lafone's operations continue and he delivers the Cattle and Stock to which he is bound by his agreement the Government will probably derive a greater Revenue from sales of Stock than what has been estimated but as there is at present very little prospect of the delivery of all the Stock due by Mr. Lafone it would not be well to rely on receiving a larger sum than £200 from this source. A sum of £100 is entered as the product of the sale of unserviceable and waste Stores, as broken tools unsound wood damaged clothing &c: a like sum of £100 may probably be received for Stores on hand it may be necessary to supply to Settlers in need from the Government Store. The sum entered for Labour is considerably increased in consequence of the new arrangement made regarding the Road Workmen whose pay is debited in full on the expence side of the Estimate (page 8) and the deductions to be made for their labour added to the other receipts of this Item. No sum is entered for the sale of land as it is utterly impossible to rely on receiving any Revenue from this source. A sum of £10 for Rent of land and £40 for Miscellaneous Receipts comprise the amount of Revenue which can be in any measure relied on. The whole expenditure is estimated at £6700 from which the estimated Revenue of £1000 being deducted, there is left £5700. which is proposed as the Parliamentary Grant for the year 1849 being a decrease of £300 on the Estimate of last year. A further deduction from the actual expense of the Colony arises from the withdrawal of the Military Force hitherto stationed at the Islands the amount of which Regimental Pay, defrayed by the Board of Ordnance, amounted to £230 per annum in addition to their appointments.–

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B.

Abstract of the Public Expenditure of the Colonial Government of the Falkland Islands for the year from 1st January to 31st December 1849 shewing also the Sums actually expended in the year previous to that in which the Estimates are prepared namely 1848.

Page of Book	Item No.		Estimate for yr 1849	Expenditure of yr 1848
			£ s d	£ s d
		Salaries		
		Allowances		
		Other Charges		
		For the Governor & Colonial Secretary		
		Permanent		
		Temporary		
7 to 10	1	Establishments	25 1 0 / 191 10 0 / 11 / 12 0 0	377 0 0 / 319 3 3 10
15	2	Pensions, Retired Allowances & Gratuities	"	"
15	3	Income Taxes, exclusive of Establishments	50 0 0	10 16 2½
15	4	Municipalities of Public Do	20 0 0	15 14 11
11	5	Ecclesiastical Do	"	4 5 0
11	6	Charitable Allowances	"	"
11	7	Education, exclusive of Establishments	"	"
11	8	Hospitals Do	30 0 0	17 0 9
11	9	Police and Jails Do ‡	300 0 0	235 9 4
11	10	Rent	"	"
15	11	Transport	100 0 0	"
16	12	Conveyance of Mails	10 0 0	"
15	13	Roads and Buildings	250 0 0	743 3 7½
19	14	Roads, Streets and Bridges	800 0 0	193 2 3
			5293 0 0	1951 7 6½

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B.

Page of Book	Item of Estimate		Estimate for year 1849	Expenditure for year 1847-8
			£. s. d	£ s. d
		Brought forward	3293. 0. 0	951. 16. 3½
20	15	Miscellaneous services	15. 0. 0	53. 9. 0
20	16	Interest		
20	17	Civil Store Department C	120. 0. 0	105. 12. 0
21	18	Government Vessels	50. 0. 0	6. 1. 5½
		Total £	6700. 0. 0	517. 10. 5½

A. The expenditure of 1847-8 is stated under the new Regulations but the Accounts for that period were drawn up on the old system. The expenditure does not include the Agent Generals expenditure in England as his accounts have only been received for ¾ of the year. Up to that time his expenditure for the Colony amounted to £1835. 18. 6 stated under the following heads. Item 1. Establishments – Salaries £37. 10. 0 Stationery £9. 0. 9 – Item 5. Ecclesiastical. Purchase of Chapel Plate £7. 10. 0 – Item 8. Hospitals £12. 12. 6 – Item 11. Transport £620. 18. 1 Item 13. Works and Buildings – Purchase of Materials £24. 3. 8. Item 15. Miscellaneous services £11. 11. 4 – Item 17. Civil Store Department Purchase of Furniture &c £112. 11. 3.

B.

Colonial Estimates – Falkland Islands.

Establishments Detailed.

Civil	Force Establishment	Provisions and Stationery	Total
	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d
The Governor			
Salaries			
The Governor	800.0.0		
Chief Clerk	200.0.0		
Second Clerk	150.0.0		
Storeman		48.0.0	
Gardener		48.0.0	
Office keeper and Messenger		12.0.0	
	1150.0.0	108.0.0	
Allowances			1258.0.0
Nil			
Contingencies			
Purchase of Stationery			12.0.0
Total the Governor £			1270.0.0

B. In each expenditure under this head that become necessary in consequence of the only Military Force in the Colony having been withdrawn with the former Governor Captain Moody.

C. The expenditure of 1847-8 does not include the cost of the provisions purchased by the Government by the Admiralty in that year. The cost of provisions as estimated for the year 1849 at £750 vide page 97. In addition to the £105.12.5 included in the expenditure of 1847-8. The Agent General expended upwards of £400 on this item (vide remark **A**).

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Establishments Detailed.

Civil	Head Establishment	Provisional or Temporary	Total
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Surveyor General.			
Surveyor General	300. 0. 0	"	
Surveyors Labourers and Workmen viz		nil	
1 Foreman of Carpenters at 7/ per day for 300 days	"	105. 0. 0	
2 Carpenters at 6/6 each per do	"	195. 0. 0	
1 do. at 5/ " "	"	75. 0. 0	
Boy 1 do. at 3/ " "	"	45. 0. 0	
Boy 1 do. at 2/ " "	"	30. 0. 0	
1 Bricklayer at 6/ " "	"	90. 0. 0	
1 Foreman of Labourers @ 5/	"	75. 0. 0	
6 Labourers at 3/6 each	"	315. 0. 0	
Sappers and Miners	"	nil	
Allowances nil.			
Contingencies			
	300. 0. 0	930. 0. 0	
		1230	1230. 0. 0
Total £			1230. 0. 0

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Establishments Detailed.

Civil.

	Fixed Establishment	Provisional & temporary	Total
	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d
Boat Establishment			
Salaries			
Man in charge of Government boats, sails and other appurtenances. *		48.0.0	
		48.0.0	48.0.0
Allowances Nil.		Total £	48.0.0
Contingencies Nil.			

* This is not a new appointment but the expense was formerly borne on the item "Incidental Services" and the Man's pay included in the same pay-list as the Gardener, Office-keeper and others.

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Establishments Detailed.

	Fixed Establishment	Provisional and Temporary	Total
Judicial			
Salaries			
Magistrate	£100.0.0		
Head Constable		* £18.0.0	
Office Keeper		£16.0.0	
Allowances	Nil		
Contingencies	Nil		
	£100.0.0	£64.0.0	
			£164.0.0

* In consequence of the withdrawal of the Sappers and Miners who formerly did the night police duty of the Settlement; additional services have been required from the Head Constable who is now charged with the superintendence of the night as well as day police, and his yearly salary has been increased 8£ in consequence.

Total Judicial £ £164.0.0

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Establishments Detailed.

Ecclesiastical	Great Britain Establishment	Provisional and Temporary	Total
	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d
Salaries			
Chaplain	400.0.0		
Parish Clerk	"	4.0.0	
Bell-ringer and Church-cleaner	"	6.0.0	
	400.0.0	10.0.0	
Allowances Nil			410.0.0
Contingencies Nil			
Total Ecclesiastical			410.0.0

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Establishments Detailed.

	Fixed Establishment	Provisional & Temporary	Total
Education	£ s. d	£ s. d	£ s. d
Salaries			
Schoolmaster	20.0.0	"	
	20.0.0	"	
			20.0.0
Allowances Nil			
Contingencies Nil			
Total Education £			20.0.0

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Establishments Detailed

	Regt Establishment	Provisional and Temporary	Total
	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d
Medical			
Salaries			
Surgeon	300 0 0		
Dispensary Keeper		6 0 0	
	300 0 0	6 0 0	
			306 0 0
Allowances			
&c.			
Contingencies &c.			
Total Medical £			306 0 0

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No. 1. Recapitulation of the foregoing Establishments

	Salaries		Allowances	Office Contingencies	Total
	Fixed Establishment	Provisional and Temporary			
Civil Establishments.					
Governor	£ 150.0.0	£ 138.0.0	"	£ 12.0.0	£ 300.0.0
Surveyor-General	£ 300.0.0	£ 930.0.0	"	"	£ 1230.0.0
Boat Establishment	"	£ 48.0.0	"	"	£ 48.0.0
Judicial	£ 100.0.0	£ 6.0.0	"	"	£ 106.0.0
Ecclesiastical	£ 100.0.0	£ 10.0.0	"	"	£ 110.0.0
Education	£ 20.0.0	"	"	"	£ 20.0.0
Medical	£ 300.0.0	£ 6.0.0	"	"	£ 306.0.0
Total Establishments	£ 970.0.0	£ 1196.0.0	"	£ 12.0.0	£ 3778.0.0

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No 2. Pensions, Retired Allowances & Gratuities

	£ s d
Nil.	
Total Pensions, Retired Allowances and Gratuities	

No 3. Revenue Services (exclusive of Establishments)

	£ s. d
Commission on Sales by auction	5. 0. 0
Total Revenue Services exclusive of Establishments	£ 5. 0. 0

No 4. Administration of Justice (exclusive of Establishments)

	£. s. d
Fees to Registrar Sheriff and Crier from the Government for summoning Jurors and other services	15. 0. 0
Witnesses' expenses	5. 0. 0
Total Administration of Justice (exclusive of Establishments)	£ 20. 0. 0

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No 5. Ecclesiastical (exclusive of Establishments)

	£ s d
No	
Total Ecclesiastical (exclusive of Establishments	—

No 6. Charitable Allowances.

	£ s d
No	
Total Charitable Allowances	£ — "

No 7. Education – Exclusive of Establishments

	£ s d
No	
Total Education	£ — "

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No 8. Hospitals (exclusive of Establishments)

	£	s	d
Purchase of Medicines	12	0	0
Do 6 dozens Blankets at 6/ each	12	12	0
Do Rugs and Sundries	5	8	0
Total Hospitals (exclusive of Establishments)	30	0	0

No 9. Police and Gaols (exclusive of Establishments)

	£	s	d
100 days employment of a Jailer at 3/ and 1 Turnkey at same rate and 100 nights at 6/ each night	30	0	0
Employment of Special Constables on Night and other duty	180	0	0
Purchase of Articles required for Constables	50	0	0
Total Police and Gaols (exclusive of Establishments)	£300	0	0

No 10. Rent

	£	s	d
Nil			
Total Rent £		"	

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No. 11. Transport

	£ s d
Freight of Stores required for use of the Colonial Government (50 tons at 40/- per ton)	100. 0. 0
Total Transport £	100. 0. 0

No. 12. Conveyance of Mails.

	£ s d
Conveyance of Letters from the Governor by Messengers to persons residing at a distance from the Town and Conveyance of Mails arriving by Vessels not touching at Port Stanley	50. 0. 0
Total Conveyance of Mails £	50. 0. 0

No. 13. Works and Buildings.

	£ s d
New Works	
Government Buildings The labour will be performed by Convict Workmen (vide page 8)	Nil
New Building Materials	
Purchase of Materials required from England	250. 0. 0
Total Works & Buildings £	250. 0. 0

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No 11. Roads Streets and Bridges.

Roads		
	Completion of Ross Road and roads, bridges and drains in the Settlement, draining land in and round the town, and repairing Roads already constructed	1000.0.0
	Deduct for part of the Work to be executed by Convicts provided for as Civil Workmen	200.0.0
	Balance to be provided for Contract Labour	800.0.0
Total Roads Streets and Bridges £		800.0.0

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No 15. Miscellaneous Services

	£ s d
Landing Government Stores going on board Whale and other services not otherwise provided for	150 0 0
Total Miscellaneous Services	150 0 0

No 16 Interest.

	£ s d
Nil	
Total Interest	£ — —

No 17. Civil Store Department

	£ s d
Purchase of Liquors required for the Government Establishment for the year 1869	750 0 0
Purchase of other Stores required	150 0 0
Cattle — for Consumption and fresh meat Expenses of taking Care of Government Stock	300 0 0
Total Civil Store Department	£ 1200 0 0

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No 18 Government Vessels.

Repairs and painting to Government boats	£ 50 . 0 . 0
Total Government Vessels	50 . 0 . 0

Summary of the Foregoing Estimates – Showing the total charge of each Department so far as the same can be apportioned.

	Establishment	Pensions	Allowances	Superannuations	Hospitals	Roads	Transport	Convicts	Ecclesiastical Buildings	Public Buildings	Bridges and Ferries	Miscellaneous	Civil Store Department	Road Tolls	Total amount Estimated for 1849 – £.	Amount expended in 1849 £.	References
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	
Governor	1300.0.0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1300.0.0	1370.18.3¾	A
Surveyor-General	1230.0.0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1230.0.0	1192.15.3½	B
Boat Establishment	48.0.0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	48.0.0	"	A
Judicial Department	464.0.0	"	20.0.0	"	300.0.0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	784.0.0	685.7½	A
Ecclesiastical do	410.0.0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	410.0.0	389.14.1	A
Education do	20.0.0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	20.0.0	10.0.0	C
Medical do	306.0.0	"	"	30.0.0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	336.0.0	342.13.3	A
Transport	"	"	"	"	"	100.0.0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	100.0.0	"	D
Works and Buildings	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	250.0.0	800.0.0	"	"	"	"	"	1050.0.0	936.10.6½	
Civil Store Department	"	5.0.0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	120.0.0	"	"	125.0.0	120.8.7½	E
Miscellaneous	"	"	"	"	"	"	10.0.0	"	"	15.0.0	"	50.0.0	217.0.0	129.2.1½			
Total £	3750.0.0	5.0.0	20.0.0	30.0.0	300.0.0	100.0.0	10.0.0	250.0.0	800.0.0	15.0.0	120.0.0	50.0.0	6700.0.0	5177.10.5½			

Column of Estimated Expenditure and Amount Expended in 1849

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A. The reduction is owing to a portion of the expenses incurred under this head having been transferred to other Departments namely £418 to the Royal Establishment, £44 to the Judicial, £16 to the Ecclesiastical, and £6 to the Medical Establishments.

B The expenditure of 1847-8 does not include any portion of the salary of the Surveyor he not having arrived The estimate of 1849 is calculated to include this sum.

C. The Schoolmaster only received 6 months salary during the year 1847-8.

D The amount expended on Transport during the year 1847-8 was paid by the Agent General in England and is not shown in the Expenditure of 1847-8 - vide remark A page 6.

E The preceding remark applies to the Civil Service Establishment also, but in addition to the sum paid by the Agent General, there is the cost of the Vessels furnished to the Government by the Admiralty which is estimated for in the year 1849, but not included in the expenditure of 1847-8.

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies by the Barque Canopus Lovett Master via Panama on the 22nd of September 1848.

Number of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	Number of Enclosures
15	1848 7th August	Reporting having drawn Six Bills on the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury	None
16	8th "	Enclosing a List of Boys required for the Service of the Colonial Government	One
17	8th "	Forwarding Accounts of Stores of all descriptions for the Quarter ended 30th June 1848.	Eight
18	7th Sept.	Forwarding Cash Accounts for Quarter ended 30th June 1848.	Three
19	13th "	Forwarding a Copy of the Minutes of the Executive Council of the Falkland Islands	One
20	11th "	Forwarding a Copy of the Minutes of the Legislative Council of the Falkland Islands	One

Number of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	Number of Enclosures
	1845		
21	18th Sept.	Relative to the Accounts of the Falkland Islands with the Treasury, Admiralty and Home Office Departments in England	One
22	18th "	Reporting having drawn for £ 1000 on the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury	None
23	18th "	Reporting that no Ships of War belonging to the South East American Station had visited the Colony since the Governor's arrival	None
24	18th "	Reporting the perfect tranquillity of the Colony since the Governor's arrival	
25	19th "	Reporting an interruption in the supply of Beef Cattle to the Settlement by the Natives with the Governor's remarks on that subject and also an advance pay making towards the Construction of the Jetty at the Falkland Islands	Twenty nine
26	20th "	Requesting that the engraved sailing Directions might be printed on the Admiralty Charts of the Falkland Islands and that some of them might be sent to the Australian Colonies and the West Coast of South America.	One

Number of Dispatch	Date of Dispatch	Subject of Dispatch	Number of Enclosures
	1845		
27	21st Sept.	Forwarding Estimates for the year 1846.-	One.

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Stanley Falkland Islands
25th September 1848.

No 28.

My Lord

13th Sept 1848.

I have the honor to transmit to your Lordship for Her Majesty's confirmation an Ordinance for regulating the admission and settlement in the Falkland Islands of persons not being British subjects.

I have been induced to propose the enclosed Ordinance by perceiving the increase of foreigners which now prevails to a considerable extent from the importation of persons engaged by the overchants necessary to enable them to obtain a livelihood in this climate. The principal Harbour in the West Falk having diminished employment, there a considerable number of Dutch Mechanics, Spaniards, Negroes and others have come here, some sent over by Mr Lafone and others to find employment on their own account. The greatest portion of Mr Lafone's immigrants desire to work with him on the terms he pays his engaged them, and have left him. Mr Lafone here lately and carried off at higher wages than those paid by the Government about ten Labourers leaving about as many inefficient foreigners to supply their

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their places and one of them (Mr. Legros) died lately under very deplorable circumstances.

I have also the honor to inform your Lordship that my Legislative Council have re-enacted without amendment five Ordinances for establishing Courts of Judicature in this Colony viz. No 1 Supreme Courts Ordinance – No 2. Jury Ordinance – No 3 Constables Ordinance – No 4. Stipendiary Magistrates Ordinance – No 5. Summary proceedings Ordinance.

Previous to my proposing the re-enactment of these Ordinances I requested the Stipendiary Magistrate to inform me whether in the two years experience he had had of their working, he found that they required any amendment but having none to suggest they were passed without alteration.

The above five Ordinances having been transmitted at full length to your Lordship by my Predecessor enclosed in his despatch No 165 dated December 2nd 1816 and there not being sufficient time to copy them again without detaining the ship by which I send this I trust for your Lordships indulgence if I am guilty of transgression.

I have &c

(signed)

George Rennie

Governor

The first Enclosure was the "Aliens Settlement Regulation Ordinance" - for which see "Laws of Ordinances Vol 1 pages 101-2 - and 103 —

Copy

Government House
Stanley 7th September 1848

Sir

The duration of the Supreme Courts Ordinance and other Ordinances for the administration of Justice in the Falkland Islands being about to expire, I have to request that you will report to me, from the experience you have had of their working, whether you consider them as unobjectionable as, under all the circumstances of the limited population and other present exigencies of the Colony, can be devised; or whether you have any modifications or improvements to be suggested for your or their being submitted for consideration for removal by the Legislative Council.

I am Sir

(Signed) George Rennie
Governor

Hon.ble
W. H. Moore M.C.
Stanley

Copy

Stanley 8th September 1848

Sir

In reply to your Excellency's letter of yesterday I beg to say in my experience of the working of the five Judicial Ordinances shortly about to expire, I report that I have found them work well since they were passed and at present have no modifications or improvements to suggest therein previous to their being taken into consideration for renewal by the Legislative Council.

I have &c.

(Signed)

Wm Henry Moore.

His Excellency

Governor Fenwick.

Schedule of Despatches

transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies by the Schooner "Swift" Whyte, Master, via Monte Video, the 25th of September 1848.

Number of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	Number of Enclosures
	1848		
28	25th Sept.	Enclosing a copy of an Ordinance passed by the Legislative Council for regulating the admission of Aliens to the Falkland Islands and reviving some Judicial Ordinances which have been re-enacted by the Council for five years from 1st November 1846.	Three

Government House
Stanley, Falkland Islands 13th October 1848.

No 29

My Lord

I have the honor to enclose herewith my Cash Abstracts for the Quarter ended 30th Ultimo, accompanied by the necessary vouchers and authorities.

I have &c.
signed
George Stanley
Governor

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Earl Grey

See "quarterly Cash Accounts" Vol 3 pages 2 to 9 inc.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
11th October 1848.

No 30.

My Lord

I have the honor to transmit herewith the Accounts of Stores of all descriptions in charge at the Falkland Islands during the quarter ending 30th September 1848.

I have &c

Signed George Rennie
Governor.

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Earl Grey.

See Stockbook Vol 4 pages 126 to 165 inclusive

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Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
11th October 1848

No 31

My Lord

I have the honor to enclose herewith the required Return of all new Appointments, and all alterations in the Salaries of the Officers of this Government, and also all payments of an unusual description, made during the quarter ending 30th September 1848.

I have &c

Signed

George Rennie
Governor

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Return of all new Appointments and of all additions to, or reductions from the Salaries of all public Officers in the Falkland Islands, during the quarter ending 30th September 1848: as also of all Payments of an unusual or special description made during the same period, which are not specially described in the Estimate for the Year 1848.

Office	Name	Annual rate of pay or Salary	From what Date paid	Date and description of the authority or Sanction thereon from His Majesty's Government in consequence of which the Appointment was made.	Date of the Governor's Letter to His Majesty's Secretary of State in England, reporting the Appointment or Increase or Decrease of Salary or Allowance as the case may have been	Remarks
New Appointments						
Man in charge of Government Horse Herd of Cattle and of Government Horses	Sergeant Charles Daly	£ 52	9th September 1818	Nil	9th October 1818	Made in consequence of the necessity of Government keeping in reserve a herd of Cattle, the former Gauchos Establishment having been entirely discontinued.
Man in charge of Government Boats Gear &c. &c.	Charles Melville	£ 18 5	1st August 1818	Nil	21st Septr 1818	A man has always been employed to take charge of Government Boat &c. but he was formerly employed by day at 3/ per day. This appointment consequently effects a saving to the Government of above 15£ per
Additions to former Allowances						

		£	s	d				
Head Constable	James Henry Parry	10	5	15	1st August 1818	Nil	21st Sept 1818	The addition was made in consequence of the extra duty which devolved on the Head Constable, on the withdrawal with the forces, of the Soldiers usually employed on that duty
Keeper of Magistrates and Surveyor Generals Offices	Daniel McLeod	16	5 10	22.10	18th July 1818	Nil	9th Octbr 1818	An additional allowance was made to the keeper of the Magistrates Office for the additional services required of him by the new Deputy Surveyor Genl when his Office
Church Cleaner and Bell-ringer	James Watson	3	5 3	6	1st August 1818	Nil	9th Octbr 1818	held as compensation for the additional duty of cleaning the Church.

Reductions from Pay or Allowances

		Pay from Establishment	Reduction	Pay after Reduction			
Foreman	James Rolfe	60	12	5 18	8th July 1818	Nil	9th Octbr 1818	Reduced on the appointment of a new Foreman who is provided with lodging in a Government Building.
Gardener	James Watson	18	6	12	1st September 1818	Nil	9th " "	Reduced on change of Gardener.

Payments below 10£ not otherwise sanctioned than by the Governor

Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
18th November 1848.

No 32.

My Lord

My despatch having passed an Ordinance for establishing a Militia here in the Falkland Islands and there being now a sufficient supply of Arms and Ammunition, I deemed it expedient, on the total absence of other Military or Naval force here, to call out for one month's drill from the 6th to the 11th Instant inclusive - All the eligible British subjects of the township and suburbs of Stanley. The officers as well as every person whose services are claimed by the Government have been allowed no pay, and the former furnished at their own expense the simple uniform required. The only charge therefore has been for the days pay £1 2s each for 30 Privates who were provided with the use of the necessary Muskets and Scotch Caps at the moderate charge of £1 each including the purchase of the Muskets which remain for future use, has been £39 - 15 - 0

I was induced more particularly at this time to make the demonstration I have explained on account of the disturbed state of Europe during the foreign Whale Fishery a considerable proportion of which are therefore to consider the possibility of forming hostile proceedings should war unfortunately

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fortunately result between France and England.
The orderly and general good conduct of
the Militia have however entirely obviated
as to any power to maintain profession and
good order as far as yet may be observed from
[illegible] now in the Colony.

When I arrived there were 15 or
16 Frenchmen most of whom were con-
sidered to the labour required in the Colonie
and were reported to be as [illegible] thieves,
and of the most desperate characters. I there-
fore embraced the opportunity of H.M.S.
Champion which called there on her way to
the Pacific Station to write to Admiral Hamby
requesting that he would move the Lieut. Gov.
Commander in Chief to desire a French ship
which might be in her passage to France to
call and take them Countrymen away. This
request was most promptly responded to by
both Naval officers and on their arrival in
a French frigate entered into Military the Cap-
tain calling on me to say that he was ready
to embark his fellow subjects. On my sending
to inform them of the opportunity I learnt
that only one remained in the Settlement,
the others the moment the ship was discov-
ed to be a French Vessel of War purchased
some necessaries and decamped into the
interior from whence they returned only after
the departure of the ship. The one who remained
returned to France in the Frigate.

I have &c

(Signed) George Bonnie
Governor

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Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
20th. November 1848

No 55.

My Lord

Since I last had the honor to address your Lordship I have given my serious consideration to the most expedient to be adopted for the abolition of the system of provisioning this Colony by Government stores.

In a small community where there is only one Individual of sufficient Capital who keeps a Store of Provisions and other necessary articles for the Settlers, and where by the communication which can be relied on for replenishing the commodities required, it becomes a matter of prudence to decide carefully as to the means by which the supply hitherto furnished to so large a proportion of the Colonists from the Government Stores may be kept up.

Believing however that so long as the Government undertakes the victualling of the Settlers, it would act as a prohibition to Traders coming here, from their inability to compete with the low prices charged in the Annually Invoices, I determined at once to stop on the 1st Instant the issue of items in the rations which may be considered in the nature of superfluities - viz. Tobacco, Currants, Raisins, Pepper, Mustard, Salt, Vinegar, Candles, &c, and

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and in order that persons disposed to purchase the articles I have enumerated, should have the opportunity, as well as that they shall be no loss to the Government, I caused such a quantity, as I thought could be sold, to be put up by auction at the same price formerly charged in the ration, which with the exception of the Tobacco and Mustard (both very bad and damaged) were all sold at a trifling rise on the Issue price.

I anticipate that the effect of this commencement will be advantageous in so far as to give confidence to the present private Storekeeper, and perhaps induce others to commence business, and I propose as soon as practicable to reduce wine and other articles such as Spirits, Coffee, Soap, peas, pork &c but as regards the total cessation of the issue of flour, biscuit, sugar, and some other essential necessaries, I cannot venture on the responsibility without previously securing a means of communication with ports from whence a supply can be regularly derived and I have most particularly to request your Lordships favourable consideration of the following plan as presenting a really necessary means of arresting the pilfering system which has been going on in this Colony for at least two years, and to enable it to develope its capabilities.

At this present time the Falkland Islands are - with the exception of the Store ships bringing provisions from England here every nine or ten months - entirely without communication with any other part of the world which can be depended upon, nor is there a vessel belonging

belonging to the Colony which could on an emergency be safely sent to the nearest South American Port. The Transport or Store Ship employed on this Station is the Sarah of 400 Tons chartered by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty at an expence of £400 per month besides the pay of the Agent in charge, and her ordinary duty is to carry provisions and other Stores required for the Ships of War on the South East American Station, and to the Falkland's. When this Ship has reached Monte Video, there remain only the Stores &c for the Government amounting in all to less than 100 Tons, consequently the voyage from Monte Video to this place, the detention here, and return to the same latitude occupying on an average six weeks to two months, costs the Admiralty from £600 to Eight hundred Pounds.— To this must be added the proportionate charge for Falkland Islands Store tonnage from England to Monte Video, which at one fifth of the Transport's charter cost for three to four months occupied in the voyage and detention) will amount to at least Two hundred and fifty Pounds.

What I have to propose to your Lordship is that this Ship's voyage here should be discontinued altogether, that is to say after she has brought the provisions which have already been required, and that a small packet Schooner of about a hundred Tons should be appointed to

to run regularly every two months between the Falkland Islands and Rio de Janeiro. The vessel besides carrying the mails ought to have accommodation for cabin and steerage passengers, and the officer commanding her should be directed to bring or take away goods or emigrants to and from Rio de Janeiro to this place at a fixed price. In addition to the saving in the transport charge, I may add nearly £200 a year which occurs yearly in the fabrication of provisions for supplying the rations, - and the freight which would be received for goods either forwarded from England or put on board at Rio de Janeiro would, I should think, make it quite possible to defray the costs of the vessel required at a less amount than is now chargeable on account of the transport hitherto given to the Colony.

With this accommodation (should your Lordship sanction it) I would have no hesitation in stopping entirely the issue of rations after Christmas 1849 now having been required for the usual consumption of the Colony only to June 1850, a portion of them would remain applicable to the supply of British Ships of War in need of them.

I have proposed that the communication should be with Rio de Janeiro instead of Monte Video on account of the voyage being made with nearly equal facility - the packets from England reaching there every month and that by offering the means of supplying all kinds of fresh fruit and tropical colonial produce as well as English manufactures of every description. The mail packet

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from Falmouth is due about the 15th of every month at Rio de Janeiro and if a packet of that sort for the Falkland Islands the following day, the passage here being about 3 days, she would have sufficient time to return for the second mail's departure from Rio for England, and when I state to your Lordship that I am nearly at the conclusion of the financial year without being in possession of any despatch of a later date than the 30th of March, and consequently I am ignorant of the amount of the Vote of Parliament for the service of the Colony, - that I have been five months here without having seen a ship of War belonging to the Naval Station in which the Falkland Islands are included - and lastly that the place from England or elsewhere is quite unapproachable from the want of conveyance, at all as that the Colonists never hear for that they are to a certain degree imprisoned, and shut off from all reasonable frequency of intercourse with Europe; - I trust that your Lordship will sanction the plan I have proposed and give the necessary directions to have it carried into effect by the 1st July of the ensuing year 1847

This would enable parties to make arrangements in time to supply the deficiencies which would occur in the Settlers Stores of rations at Christmas of the same year.

Another serious and also a very expensive evil attends the absence of regular Communication with the Ports of South America.

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A considerable portion of the labouring classes now on the Falkland Islands are a mixed race of Spanish Indians the only case of crime committed since my general knowledge has been a theft by one of them. I should willingly send him back to Monte Video from whence he came, having been brought here by Mr Lafone) had I the opportunity of doing so. I find also that in the years 1839 and 1840 an expenditure exceeding two hundred Pounds has been incurred by my Predecessor for detaining three men of the same description for whose charge as well as the case which has since occurred, might have been obviated by sending them to their native place in the packet on her voyage to Rio de Janeiro.

Notwithstanding the circumstances of the Falkland Islands at this moment are in a very unsatisfactory state, I see no good reason to doubt that they are quite capable of my soon becoming a most useful and accepting possession to the Naval and Mercantile Service of England, but as I am on the point of commencing my tour of the Islands to enable me to report more fully, I will defer any further general remarks until my return.

If I may be permitted to offer a suggestion I should recommend (if your Lordship should sanction the above plan) and the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty should have no objection) that properly adapted to the purposes required the Falkland packet agent at Rio de Janeiro should (under the direction of the Senior Officer there) charter a suitable packet, and thereby with

with an English Officer in charge would properly answer the object intended, as I entertain strong hopes that this conveyance might be dispensed with altogether on the part of Government, in two or three years.

I have &c.

(signed) George Rennie

Governor

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
2nd Dec. 1848

No 31

My Lord

I have the honor to inform your Lordship that I have drawn the undermentioned Bills on the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

No. Nineteen. The sum of Fifty Pounds drawn in favour of H. J. Wade, dated 23rd September 1848, in exchange for Cash to be expended in the general Service of the Colony.

No Twenty. The sum of Sixty Pounds drawn in favour of H. J. Wade, dated 26th September 1848. In exchange for Cash to be expended in the general service of the Colony.

No Twenty one. The sum of Fifty Pounds drawn in favour of C. Dennis, Governor, dated 1st October 1848, in part payment of his salary for the month of September 1848.

No Twenty two. The sum of Thirty three Pounds, six Shillings and eightpence, drawn in favour of H. H. Moore Stipendiary Magistrate, dated 1st October 1848, in payment of his salary for the month of September 1848.

No Twenty three. The sum of Thirty three Pounds six Shillings and eightpence drawn

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in favour of J. L. Moody Colonial Chaplain dated 5th October 1848 in payment of his salary for the Month of September 1848.

No Twenty four. The sum of Five Pounds drawn in favour of J. Edmonds, Clerk, dated 2d October 1848; in part payment of his salary for the Month of September 1848.—

No Twenty five. The sum of One hundred Pounds drawn in favour of J. M. Dean dated 1st November 1848. In exchange for Cash to be expended in the general service of the Colony.

No Twenty six. The sum of Twenty Pounds drawn in favour of C. Hamnett, Governor dated 2nd November 1848. In part payment of his salary for the Month of October 1848.

No Twenty seven. The sum of Thirty three Pounds Six Shillings and eight pence drawn in favour of J. L. Moody Colonial Chaplain, dated 2nd November 1848 in payment of his salary for the Month of October 1848.—

No Twenty eight. The sum of Twenty five Pounds drawn in favour of W. H. Mobil Stipendiary Magistrate, dated 2nd November 1848. In part payment of his salary for the Month of October 1848.

No Twenty nine. The sum of Fifty Pounds drawn in favour of J. M. Dean, dated 11th November 1848. In exchange for Cash to be expended in the general service of the Colony.

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No Thirty. The sum of One hundred and twenty pounds drawn in favour of C. Murray dated 1st December 1818 in exchange for Cash to be expended in the general service of the Colony.

No Thirty one. The sum of One hundred Pounds Stirling in favour of J. H. Dean dated 1st December 1818 in exchange for Cash to be expended in the general service of the Colony.

No Thirty two. The sum of Thirty three Pounds six Shillings and eight pence drawn in favour of W. R. Moore, Stipendiary Magistrate, dated 1st December 1818; in payment of his Salary for the Month of November 1818.

No Thirty three. The sum of Thirty three Pounds, six Shillings and eight pence drawn in favour of L. Wood, Colonial Chaplain, dated 1st December 1818, in payment of his salary for the Month of November 1818.

No Thirty four. The sum of Seven Pounds Thirteen Shillings and four pence, drawn in favour of R. Langdon Chief Clerk, dated 1st December 1818 in payment of his salary for the month of November 1818.

I have &c

(signed)

George Rennie

Governor

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
2nd December 1848

No 35.

My Lord

Since I closed my despatch of the 30th Ult. the Dido Sloop of War on her return voyage from New Zealand to England, has touched at Port Louis the site of the former Settlement. Captain Mayne the Commander not being aware that the seat of Government had been changed to this place no indication of its existence being noted on the Admiralty Charts to that effect.

By Captain Maxwell's courtesy in sending a Boat to the Country to offer a conveyance to England I am enabled to have the honor of forwarding my despatches to your Lordship.

I have &c.

Signed

George Rennie
Governor

The Right Hon.ble
Earl Grey

Schedule of Despatches

Transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies by H.M.S. "Dido" Captain Maxwell R.N. dated the 5th of December 1848.

Number of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	Number of Enclosures
29	15th October 1848	Enclosing Cash Abstracts with Accounts and vouchers for the quarter ended 30th September 1848.	Three
30	11th " "	Enclosing Accounts of Fees of all descriptions in charge during the quarter ended 30th September 1848	Five
31	16th " "	Enclosing return of Rent Appointments, Alterations in Salaries, and unusual payments, made during the quarter ended 30th September 1848	One
32	18th November "	Reporting that the Governor had called out for drill the Militia of the Colony and his reasons for so doing.	None
33	20th " "	Reporting the Governor's views respecting the abolition of the Government Ration system.	None

~~Number~~ of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	Number of Enclosures
34	2nd Dec. 1818	Reporting having drawn for Loan for £ of Bills on H. M. Treasury	None
35	2nd. " "	Reporting that the Dido Sloop of War had touched at Port Louis on her return voyage to England.	None

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
26th December 1848

No 36

My Lord

I have the honor to inform your Lordship that I have drawn the following Bill on the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury:-

No 1 Thirty five Pounds drawn in favor of J. B. Whitington dated 12th December 1848 in exchange for £ to be expended on the general service of the Colony

I have &c

(Signed)
George Rennie
Governor

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Earl Grey

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
26th December 1848

No 57

My Lord

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordships despatches and circulars enclosed noted below.

No 15. dated 26th April 1848 with one enclosure
No 16 dated 25th May 1848 with one enclosure
No 17 dated 1st June 1848
No 18 dated 3rd June 1848
No 19 dated 21st September 1848 with one enclosure
No 20 dated 23rd Sept 1848 with two enclosures.
Circular dated 26th May 1848
Circular dated 1st June 1848.
Circular dated 26th September 1848 with one enclosure
Circular dated August 1848.

I have &c
signed
George Rennie
Governor

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Earl Grey

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
9th December 1848

No 38

My Lord

I have the honor to inform your Lordship that I have received by the Brig Albany the Ships Progress and Specie (£100) enclosed in the enclosures to your Lordships Despatch No 6 of the 25th September last.

I have &c
(signed) George Rennie
Governor

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Earl Grey

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
27th December 1848

No 39

My Lord

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordships despatch No 16, dated 25th May 1848, informing me of the amount proposed to be submitted to Parliament for the service of the Colony of the Falkland Islands for the year 1848-9.

The non-reception of your Lordships despatches on the above subject until yesterday has occasioned me great anxiety. For although I endeavoured as far as practicable to avoid expence, any considerable reduction in the employment given hitherto by the Government to the labouring classes here, would be productive of great distress to the people and serious injury to the Colony. The Treasury having established the sum required for the expence of the year 1848-9 at £6000 and not having any notice of your Lordships decision, I perceive to find that although your Lordship has reduced the Parliamentary vote to £5000 the bills I have drawn and including the sum of £1000 in specie just received, will not, as far as I can ascertain the claims on the Crown Agent for Colonies for Stores supplied, exceed

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ceed the balance in his hands and the sum to be drawn from the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury.

The balance I now have in the Colonial Chest will, I have every reason to believe, be quite sufficient for the expense of the quarter unexpired.—

I have &c
signed George Rennie
Governor

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Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
27th December 1848

No 40.

My Lord

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's despatch, No 18, dated 23rd June 1848, regarding the informality of Mr James Edmonds communicating directly with your Lordship, instead of sending his statements as customary to my Predecessor to be transmitted to your Lordship.

27th December 1848

I have the honor to enclose a letter from Mr Edmonds, in which he states that he is not desirous of occupying your Lordship's attention further on the matter.

I have &c
(signed)
George Rennie
Governor

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Earl Grey

Copy

Captain Sullivan's House
Stanley 26th December 1848.

Sir

I beg to inform your Excellency that yesterday I had the honor to receive a letter from Benjamin Hawes Esquire Under Secretary of State for the Colonies by direction of the Right Honorable Earl Grey informing me that my letter of the 13th inst. to Lt. Col. Lest on the subject of the Government Store which I addressed directly to the Secretary of State had reached the Colonial Department; but as I had not pursued the regular course in making such communication it would be necessary I wished to have the subject considered & to make a fresh application to be forwarded by your Excellency. I am also informed that your Excellency had received instructions to acquaint me with the same information and which I had the honor of receiving from your Excellency to-day.

In reply I respectfully request that a copy of the letter may be forwarded to the Secretary of State as I am not desirous of occupying his Lordship's attention further in the matter particularly as I was to be exempt from all responsibility connected with the Stores on the 1st of February last by Governor Moody who has now left the Colony and I have had nothing to do with them since.

His Excellency
Governor Pennie

sence, and also as the proceedings of the
enquiry can before the Executive Council have
been forwarded to the Colonial Office by your
Excellency perhaps had not terminated at the
time that I felt myself urged to make my
retraction known to Lord Grey.

I beg to offer my grateful thanks
for the condescension which Your Lordship has shown
in kindly directing my letters to be answered by
Mr Hawes and trust that I shall be pardoned for the informality I committed by
forwarding them in the manner referred to.

I have &c.

(signed) James Edmonds
Clerk

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
27th December 1848

No. 211.

My Lord

One of the conditions of the agreement between Her Majesty's Government and Mr Lafone reserving to Her Majesty the right to choose the site of a town on any of the lands sold to Mr Lafone, I thought it advisable to take advantage of my tour to inspect the sites and harbours in the Southern portion of this Island.

2. This duty might more properly have devolved on Mr Bailey the Surveyor General but the state of his health having hitherto been such as to make it inexpedient for him to undertake the fatigue and exposure necessary in a journey which must necessarily last from a fortnight to a month and during which the ground could be frequently traversed, I continued to make a selection of a harbour and situation for a town at a place called South Head in the Bay of Harbours. This place is described by Captain Strong in his recently published South American Sailing directions printed for the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty as By far the most convenient anchorage in the Southern part of East Falkland's Sd (vide page 103.)

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3. The condition with Mr Lafone reserving only two square miles on a country purchased to be made over entirely to him, I satisfied him that Her Majesty's Government could only intend that a good and easily accessible Port should be secured, and the site I have chosen, if approved of by your Lordship, will when it shall be accomplished, divide the distances between the Settlements of Sunbury, the Bay of Harbours, and Mr Lafone's Settlement at Hope Place, and the Second Town nearly equally. The Bay of Harbours has also the advantage of having the shortest sea communication with the Seat of Government.

I have &c.

Signed

George Bonner

Governor

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Stanley Falkland Islands
7th December 1848

No. 42.

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No 42 of 20 July 1849

My Lord

7th December 1848.

I have the honor to enclose a copy of a letter which I have received from Mr Lafone in which he expresses his regret at the serious inconvenience the Colony suffered in July and August last year for want of a sufficient supply of cattle for consumption.

I am unable however to obtain from Mr Lafone or his Agent any satisfactory answer respecting the first instalment of sheep, cattle, horses &c now due to the Colonial Government in part payment of his lands and privileges.

My Lords have authorized me if I should see fit to postpone the delivery of the above from the year ending 31st December 1847 to the same date 1848 and although the same cause to the prohibition of the Plate in the river exists which was urged for the last year's postponement, I cannot without your Lordships permission agree to an indefinite procrastination in the fulfilment of the conditions particularly as the war in Mr Lafone's Country was being carried on at the time the contract was concluded between Her Majesty's Government and him.

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I have hinted to Mr Lafone and his Agent at the necessity I might feel under to stop all their Operations here, in the event of some reasonable proposition not being made to me in default of the delivery of the Stock due; but as in some way the measure would be most injurious to Mr Lafone, and one that I shall not resort to until every other means have failed.

It is so far satisfactory to me to observe that the strongest measures I formerly took against Mr Lafone and his Agent Mr Williams, have been viewed by them as the necessary performance of a public duty, and that not led to any interruption of Civilities between us. Inasfar as that the military was on duty Mr Williams joined the corps as a Lieutenant and dined at my table with the other Officers, and during my tour round the Island I experienced much obliging attention from him.

I have &c

Signed

George Rennie

Governor

Copy

Montevideo
7th December 1818

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's despatch dated 30th September 1818 together with Copies of a memorial from the inhabitants of the Colony, shewing the state to which they had been reduced by the failure in the supply of the Cattle requisite for the consumption of the Settlement, and copy of ordinance dated 23rd September 1818 regarding the admission of Aliens into the Colony.

The failure in the supply of beef has been to me a matter of deep solicitude. It has been, I beg to assure your Excellency from no want of precaution on my part, but has been a subject which I, as well as Mr Duncan when he was at the Islands last summer, constantly urged upon the attention of Mr Williams.

He (Mr W) writes me that the failure rests with Mr Bailey; with whom he had contracted for the regular supply of the settlement, and who stopped without alledging any reason, or giving any previous notice.

I feel, however that unfortunate affair has passed, I am much annoyed that any such thing should have taken place, and hope again that

Mr Thomson

To His Excellency
Governor Rennie
Stanley Falkland Islands

written to Mr Williams, strictly enjoining him to take efficient measures to prevent its recurrence in future.

With regard to the regulations for the admission of Foreigners, I beg to be permitted to offer your Excellency the following remarks. During the present State of the Colony, it is absolutely requisite to employ foreigners for the subjugation of the Cattle. Not only on account of the difficulty of obtaining Burgher companies, but also because they are absolutely useless for the purpose above mentioned. When the Cattle are once subdued, the necessity will, in a great measure cease.

I have &c.

Signed

Jam.s F. Lafone

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
28th December 1848

No. 43

28th December 1848

My Lord

I have the honor to enclose a few remarks on the general capabilities and resources of the Falkland Islands.

After a fortnights absence I found on my return H.M.S. Inconstant lying in the Harbour from Monte Video on her passage to the Pacific, bringing me your Lordships despatches and as it is uncertain when a more direct opportunity of addressing your Lordship may occur than that afforded by sending for Valparaiso, I have drawn up briefly the substance of the opinions I have formed respecting the Falkland Islands to prevent unnecessary detention of Her Majesty's ship. I shall feel grateful that your Lordship will view indulgently the hasty arrangement of my report.

I have &c.

(Signed) George Rennie
Governor

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General general geog. of the Islands with remarks on the Soil, Grass, Plant, cattle, Wild ducks etc

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Falkland Islands
28th December 1845

My Lord

1. In compliance with your Lordships desire, previously expressed to my Predecessor, and renewed to myself, to report on the general capabilities and resources of the Falkland Islands I have the honor to submit to your Lordship the following observations.

2. To form a just estimate of the value and importance of a distant Insular possession to a great Naval and Commercial Nation it appears to me that the question should be viewed first — The geographical position of the dependency in such as to make it a necessary object to be maintained as a Naval Station, or as a Port of refuge, repair, or refreshment for the increasing shipping of the country to which it belongs — the next points to be considered are the climate, soil and natural resources of the place — the most expedient manner of developing them, and a practical and reasonable estimate of the probable returns.

3. The successive occupation of the Falkland Islands by England, France, Spain and the Republic of Buenos Ayres, at different periods since

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since the year 1764, would seem to imply an early recognition of their geographical importance; and in fact their position as regards the coasts of North and South America and the islands of the Pacific ocean, make them to the Spanish empire nearly what the Cape of Good Hope is to the Indian and Asiatic. There being no harbours on the Coast of Chile or the Patagonian Coasts to be compared with those on the Falklands, nor would the climate or the occupation of those countries by Aboriginal races, make it desirable to establish settlements in them. I am therefore of opinion that it is desirable for Great Britain to hold the Falkland Islands where her numerous ships carrying on commercial intercourse with the South Seas and the rapidly increasing trade with our Australian and New Zealand Colonies may be enabled to find ports of refuge with the means of refit, and refreshment, so frequently and urgently required in doubling the stormy Headland of Cape Horn.

4. In offering for your Lordships consideration the following remarks on the natural resources, and capabilities of these Islands, my desire has been rather to report my views of what is really practicable and attainable within a reasonable period than to indulge

indulge in anticipations of what may possibly be accomplished after a considerable lapse of time.

The present depressed and backward condition of this Colony may be accounted for by its having forbed frequent subjects of dispute with the great maritime powers, which led to its abandonment, and subsequently its occupation by the republic of Buenos Ayres until finally taken possession of by England in 1833. This possession being limited to an Officer with a Corporal's party in charge of the flag up to 1841, when my predecessor was nominated Lieutenant Governor, could of course do little to promote the advancement of the Islands, and the change of the seat of Government from Port Louis to Stanley four years since has I may say been the real date of the foundation of the settlement, and ever since that time the very extensive transactions of the Government with Mr Lafone who holds one third of the whole Island of East Falkland has been put on the profession as well as the entire property and control over the wild cattle and stock of all the Islands, has again unhinged the system commenced by my Predecessor, without as yet proving a satisfactory and efficient substitute. Amidst the unfavourable

favourable effects produced by these repeated changes it must however be confessed that the wild cattle the staple produce of the Islands have gone on increasing in numbers entirely in a state of nature and having now attained according to various estimates from 35 000 up to 100,000 or more, (and this from a very few animals landed at different times, first it was said by de Bougainville, and afterwards by the Buenos Ayreans) gives good reason to believe that the climate, soil and pasturage are well adapted for extensive cattle grazing. I have just returned from a tour round nearly the whole of this Island (East Falkland) and having visited the old settlement of Port Louis and all the establishments of Mr Lafone, I was enabled to collect information and observe personally on the nature of the country and its capabilities. The information I derived from the person in charge of Mr Lafones second establishment appears very satisfactory. This man (a Spaniard from the River Plate of great experience in the management of Cattle farming on the largest scale) being in the employment of Mr Lafone, has little motive (considering the views of his principal) any not likely to be exaggerated in favour of the Falkland Islands. In reply to my questions this person informed me that he estimated the wild cattle at from 35 to 40,000 in this Island, East Falkland - that the race and quality of the

by animals in the northern part of the Island are not equal to those in the Monte Vedean and Buenos Ayrean territories, but that those in the Southern Peninsula, already occupied by Mr Lafone are far superior. I rode on horseback in company with this Spaniard, into the midst of a herd of 350 Cattle not one of which had been caught more than a month many of them not more than ten days, and I can answer for the tameness and docility they had acquired in this short time, being such sufficient for every reasonable domestication. From my own personal experience in this case I know that those animals previously to their subjugation are not to be approached without some danger. Indeed in two instances I was charged by Bulls who exceedingly jealous of travellers crossing their pasturages, and no force in all, when irritated, change their purpose — a quick retreat or a successful shot are therefore the only means of safety.

The wild horses of the Island are also highly thought of by this Gentleman, and although many of the districts are of too sandy and swampy a character for sheep, still there are sufficient quantity of land on which flocks could be kept to advantage. The best information was given to me at the settlement called the Second Coral in the Northern part of this Island, and in the

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course of my tour I had an opportunity of satisfying myself as to its correctness regarding the improved breed of cattle in the Southern Peninsula. Indeed I have seen extensive herds numbering each from 20 up to 70 or 80 Cattle of a description as to size, symmetry and colour much resembling the improved short horn cattle of the North of England. Until extended operations have however been put into activity to kill off the numerous Old Bulls, reserving the best, and consequently giving greater range of pasturage to the former, the full capabilities of increase can scarcely be known. But as regards the value of wild Cattle in their beef, hides & their dairy produce & the use of your Oxen and comfortable of the inhabitants in the Inner State, afford the best and most practical proofs.

6. The general aspect of the Highland Glens presents Cattle pasture beyond the navigation of streams of the mountains, and the numerous arms of the sea, which form more excellent harbours in the same space than perhaps are to be found in any country in the world. Notwithstanding the entire destruction of trees throughout almost without considerable interest to the planter, and the numerous sweet scented flowers which in some places during the months of November and December cover the ground whilst in bearing favours the many bees nearly every one of which shows a golden-

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cal enigma of streams of Stones descending into the valleys, the numerous troops of wild cattle the flocks of wild fowl &c &c. I have not yet learnt the necessity of being cajoled, make travelling in this Country not altogether destitute of interest to a common observer.

7. The numerous creeks abound at this season with a description of fish resembling a grey mullet, weighing upto 8 or ten pounds which may be caught in very large quantities by a common net put across at high water and when the tide ebbs the fish are left dry. This fish is easily cured and sells readily to the shipping frequenting the ports. I have little doubt that a variety of deep sea fish might be found but there are not at present any persons provided with the proper boats or nets for that purpose.

8. The soil of this Island is generally peat from one to ten feet thick on the surface mostly of a good description for fuel below that a stiff clay. In some places there are however considerable tracts of dry gravelly land without peat. The peaty soils produces the largest growth of grass, but there seems to be on the stunted herbage on the gravelly soils some feeding which attracts the herds of cattle in greater numbers. The nutritious quality of [illegible] by the Falkland grasses is surprising and

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In evidence the fact that the horses I have sold with had no corn, being simply turned out after their days journey to pick up what they could find, and for a fortnight they continued to do their work, nearly every day from 25 to 30 miles, through streams, swamps, and over hills without suffering materially. So much has been said at different times about the Surface grass of the Falkland Island that I can not pass it over without being mentioned. My present experience however supported by the opinion of Mr Lafone's principal agent (Mr Williams) is that too much importance has been attached to it. With two or three exceptions the grass is confined to small Islands inaccessible to the Cattle, and on the experiments I have made for the Colonial reserve herds, where there is a luxuriant growth of Grass, I have observed that the Cattle are more generally found crossing the small herbage found on the dry soils.

As regards the capability of the Falkland Islands climate for raising different descriptions of corn and vegetables I have not yet had sufficient experience to justify me in offering a decided opinion as to the former. My impression however is that it might lead to disappointment to attempt to cultivate wheat, and indeed I doubt the policy of doing so at present were the climate found equally favourable. As regards all the useful kinds of vegetables

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There can be no doubt, on the 29th Sept. of this date corresponding to June I have cabbages, turnips & radishes now ready, and peas beans potatoes &c are looking very promising With so valuable and certain a produce as may be derived from Cattle, the cultivation of green crops vegetables and the fisheries I would not wish to depict the industry of emigrants by raise whole crops, all kinds of grain being easily procured, and at much cheaper rates than they could possibly be grown here, from the United States of America. The nature of the Falkland Islands climate, is little known in England and will I have reason to believe be found on experience to be much less severe than is generally supposed. - It seldom exceeds one & two inches depth in the earth here and never lies more than a day or two, nor are the frosts intense, the thermometer seldom falling more than 2 or three degrees below the freezing point. The general character is that of great variability - whether it be a gale of wind or rain, in a very few hours change - Perhaps the principal defect of climate, is in the absence of great intensity of heat in the summer, and the ground being of a very drying nature, vegetation suffers sometimes from want of moisture

I am not aware of any good grounds to look for mineral productions, nor is the guano

guano which is found in some places of sufficiently good quality to bear the cost of freight I take for granted on the natural pasturage of the Island for producing Cattle and horses and probably sheep. I see no reason to doubt that the whole may be supplied to any extent with fresh, and salted meat, vegetables, butter cheese &c that a considerable quantity of hides, tallow salted fish &c may be ready in a very short period, but I will frankly confess to your Lordships that I see no prospect at present of being able to derive any considerable amount of assistance in aid of the Parliamentary Grant beyond the establishments of Cattle Sheep &c &c &c &c. Mr Lapone and which is required by the Local Government and therefore I found the means of disposing of them might be applied during the four years of liquidation by aid of the Imperial Grant. But should the remarks I have made as to the value of the Colony from its geographical position be exceeded by your Lordships and the natural resources of the Island be sufficient to justify the support of Her Majesty's Government I am quite of opinion that it will not be necessary for the ~~for the~~ developpe ~~++++++~~ those resources that the Government should be called on for any material assistance of grant than what has been asked for the service of this year, as I would rely on the application of the Local proportion of the purchase money, which may be derived from the sale of lands in the Colony, for defraying any extraordinary

dinary expences of public works &c.

11. I have referred to my Predecessor's remarks to your Lordship in which he suggests a scheme for a species of joint stock farming of the Colonial Government with Emigrant Farmers. I think it most desirable that emigration of small capitalists acquainted with the management of stock should be facilitated to this Colony whose I think industrious families of that description could establish themselves advantageously with little labour or expence, but I cannot recommend that the Colonial Government should undertake operations which can only be carried on profitably by Individuals directly interested. Nor can I explain my present experience that it would be advisable for the Local Government to go more than I have already secured for the general interests of the Colony and the supplies required for the Naval and Military Steam Shipping resorting to the Islands — viz that at all times there shall be an unlimited supply of good fresh meat and water. The means detailed by your Lordship in my despatch No 25 dated 19th September last will I hope add shortly an equally liberal supply of vegetables fish and dairy produce.

12. From the information I have been able to procure I have no reason to believe that the Island of West Falkland differs materially from

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East Falkland either with respect to climate soil or other capabilities, and as it is at present entirely uninhabited, I have not thought it advisable to prolong my absence from my official duties by visiting it, and indeed having no suitable vessel at my disposal, it would scarcely have been in my power to have done so.

I have appended to these remarks the Report of the Colonial Surgeon W. Hamilton, on the general state of health in the Colony for the last 3 years.

16th September 1845.

I have &c

Signed George Rennie
Governor

Copy

Stanley Falkland Islands
September 16th 1848

Sir

I have the honor to submit according to your Excellency's desire a report of the general health of the Colony; and I take occasion to express my opinion on some points which I think will be confirmed by your Excellency's own observations after a continued residence in these Islands.

2. Since the date of my last report 1847 no circumstances have arisen to induce me to alter the opinion I then expressed as to the extreme salubrity of the climate of these Islands but on the contrary the experience of five years residence here has only served to confirm that opinion. It is however my duty to state that a mild form of Influenza has been extremely prevalent during the past months of June July and August, and up to the present time. Almost every individual in the settlement has suffered from it while those persons in the service employment residing at a distance and on a comparatively dry soil have entirely escaped. I am however happy to state that in one instance only has it proved fatal and that in a man of colour advanced in years and very infirm

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confirm.

The circumstance of the Lafonia men escaping first attracted my attention and I have since learned that when any of them come into the settlement they are immediately attacked with it. The land of Stanley is built upon the wettest land in the Falkland Islands the peat being from two to seven feet thick with a subsoil of clay; added to this a very unusual quantity of rain fell during the months of last autumn & Winter, which owing to the nature of the soil, was unable to escape: Consequently the inhabitants of the Settlement have been more exposed to the effects of damp than during the preceding winter & this to the cause I attribute the prevalence of Influenza lately.

3 The drainage now being carried on under your Excellency's directions in and around the town, will however I am convinced in future operate most powerfully in preventing this evil and stopping the unwholesome exhalations from having existed ever since the removal of the settlement that where ever we have been going on expect cases of the disease make to become completely cured of the persons residing in those neighbourhoods were in good health while others living on the damp parts of the settlement have been occasionally

1 His Excellency
Governor Kennedy

occasionally attacked with colds and rheumatism during the winter months I therefore think I am justified, notwithstanding the little information which has to do with place on the generally robust health of the settlers in coming to the conclusion that this is one of the most healthy places in the world. Several surgical cases resulting from accidents have come under my notice during the last twelve months but the following alone is worthy of mention.

Amidu by trade a painter and glazier of very consumptive habit left the settlement last Autumn accompanied by a friend for a days shooting when about eight miles from the settlement he, the painter was chased by a wild bull he fired several times wounded and goaded on a slight hill swam over and reloaded, after a stream of water which he was obliged to swim the bull left him for the time he was insensible. His companion was fortunate enough to reach in safety he was kept at bay by the bull who however at length left them, quite exhausted and unable to assist the painter, with the assistance of his companion reached the settlement when I immediately saw him and found him very severely injured the particulars of which I cannot detail here, it will be sufficient to say that for some weeks I

feared

regard the result as independently of the lacerations which required my most careful attention he had discharged the severe intestinal symptoms about the chest producing scarcely any remarkable recovered. It is a singular fact that in this and all other surgical cases that have occurred in the course of my practice here no violent inflammatory or febrile symptoms have supervened and this I think the more remarkable as the people subsist entirely on animal food and are mostly of a corpulent habit which might be supposed to predispose them to these symptoms.

In closing my first report to Government I only wish to remove if possible the prevalent but unfounded idea of the severity of this climate an idea which has so gratuitously retarded the progress of the Colony and I shall feel extremely pleased if any experience of mine as a medical man should lead to the removal of the error.

I have &c.

(signed) H J Hamilton
Colonial Surgeon

Schedule of Despatches

Transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies by H.M.S. Satellite Captain Shephard R.N. (via Panama) the 27th day of December 1848.

Number of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	Number of Enclosures
36	1848 26th December	Reporting having drawn one set of Bills on Her Majesty's Treasury	None
37	26th "	Acknowledging the receipt of despatches and enclosures	None
38	27th "	Reporting having received by the Brig Velocity, Provisions Stores, and Specie	None
39	27th "	Reporting the condition of the finances of the Colony	None
40.	27th "	Enclosing a Letter from Mr James Edmonds to the Governor regarding certain Communications addressed by Mr Edmonds directly to the Secretary of State	One

Number of Dispatch	Date of Dispatch	Subject of Dispatch	Number of Enclosures
41	1848 27th January	Reporting that the Governor had selected the site of a town to be reserved from the Lands to be granted to Mr Dufour	None
42	27th "	Enclosing a copy of a letter from Mr Dufour to the Governor and remarking on the liberality with which he made in delivering the Stock due by the former to the Government.	None
43	28th "	Enclosing the Governor's Report on the Salt Lands Islands and Shore capabilities &c and also a Report of the Colonial Surgeon on the Health of the Colony.	Two.