Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
5th January 1849.

No. 1.

My Lord

I have the honor to enclose herewith a copy of the Minutes of the Legislative Council for the six months ending 31st December 1848.

I have the honor to be
your Lordships
most obedient
humble Servant
Signed George Rennie
Governor

The Right Honble
Earl Grey

Enclosure, see Misc. Leg: Col: Vol: pages 167 to 174 inclusive

Government House
Van Diemen's Land Islands
6th January 1849

No 2.

My Lord

I have the honor herewith to transmit a copy of the Minutes of the Executive Council for the last month which will be the 31st Ultimo.

I have &c.

(Signed)

George Arthur
Governor

The Right Honble
Earl Grey
&c &c &c

For Enclosure see Aust. Desp. Col. Vol. 1 pages 168 & 193 inclusive

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
15th January 1849

No 3.

My Lord

I have the honor to enclose herewith the Return of Ordnance Stores in my charge for the year ended 1st January 1849. and I respectfully request it may be forwarded for the information of the Honorable Board of Ordnance.

I have &c.
(signed) George Rennie
Governor

The Right Honble
Earl Grey

Enclosure see Store Book Vol 4 pages 205 & 208 inclusive

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
18th January 1849

No 11

My Lord

I have the honor to enclose the required return of all new Appointments Alterations in Salaries and Allowances, &c &c made during the quarter ending 31st December 1848.

I have &c
(signed)
George Rennie
Governor

The Right Honble
Earl Grey

Return of all new Appointments and of all additions to or reductions from the Salaries of all public Officers in the Public Lands, made during the Quarter ended 31st December 1848, as also of all payments of an unusual or special description made during the same period, which are not specifically described in the Estimate for the year 1848.

Office	Name	Annual rate of Pay or Salary	From what Date	Date and description of the authority or instruction from H.M. Government in consequence of which the appointment was made	Date of the Governor's despatch to H.M. Government in England reporting the appointment in cases where previous authority may have been required	Remark

No Appointments

Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Additions to Pay or Allowances.

		Additional Allowance per month.				
Person in charge of Government Boats	C. Melville	£ 11. 6.	Same as 1/1845		Same as 1/1845	These parties received this additional as a portion of their remuneration from Government
Pr. Do. Govt. horses	J. C. Dethloff	11. 6		Same		
Sherman	J. Rolfe	11. 6				
Schoolmaster	W. B. Brown	11. 6				

Gardener	J. Watson	11. 6					and the allowance of 11. 6 a month has been granted in consequence of the fine of certain Rooms of those whose long stay at the Bengrove account for this grant see pages 64 and 65.
Chief Constable	E. J. Cuby	11. 6					
Head Constable	H. Parry	11. 6					
Jailer	J. V. Jeffs	11. 6					
Office keeper and Messenger	J. Johnson	11. 6					
Keeper of Wages Books and Surveyor General's Office	J. Garrett	11. 6					

Appointments vacated

1. 1	1. 1	1. 1	1. 1	1. 1	1. 1	1. 1

Payments above 100 £ not thereon included than by the Governor

1. 1	1. 1	1. 1	1. 1	1. 1	1. 1	1. 1

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
20th January 1849

No 5

My Lord

I have the honor to enclose herewith the Accounts of Stores of all descriptions in charge of the Falkland Islands during the year ended 31st December 1848

I have &c
(Signed) George Rennie
Governor

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Earl Grey

For Enclosure see Stock book Vol. 4 pages 166 to 204 inclusive

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
22nd January 1849

No 1

My Lord

I have the honor to enclose herewith the Cash Abstract for the year ended on 31st Ultimo, accompanied by the necessary remarks, vouchers and authorities.

I have &c

(Signed)

Governor Fitzroy
Governor

The Right Honble
Earl Grey

For Enclosure see "Quarterly Cash Accounts" No 1.
3 pages 40 to 42 inclusive

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
26th January 1849

No 7

My Lord

I have the honor to explain herewith the Cash Book, and Journal of this Government for the period ending 31st December 1848.

2. The Instructions regulating the new system of Colonial Accounts having only been received here on the 12th of February 1848 the new system could not be practically and effectively put in force before the 1st April and the enclosed accounts are consequently for the nine months from that date to the 31st December last.

3. The Colony being as Treasurer and there being no Auditor yet, has been impossible to comply with the regulations respecting Cheques and Warrants and requiring Abstract Books from the Auditor.

Regulations pp 18 and 19.

4. The Vouchers have been forwarded with the yearly Cash Abstracts in accordance with the Supplementary Instructions of the Commissioners of Audit. No 2 of 2nd

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2nd September 1819.

5. The Parliamentary Grant for the Colony extends from 1st April 1818 to 31st March 1819 but the grants to counties include only so much of it as has been received in the Colony or drawn for during the period contained in the Accounts.

I have &c
signed
George Lowe
Governor

To Vouchers see following books
"Cash book" pages 1 to 46 inclusive.
"Quarterly Cash Accounts" pages 93 to 95 inclusive
"Journal" pages 159 to 177 inclusive.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
27th January 1849

No 5.

My Lord

I have the honor to transmit to your Lordship the annual Blue Book filled up as correctly as it has been in my power.

2. Having in my Report to your Lordship, enclosed in my Despatch No 43. 28th December 1848, stated generally my views on the prospects and capabilities of the Colony, I will only request your Lordship's confirmation of the estimate of disproportion which exists between the sexes in this Island. Of European Males there are 91 while but there are only 56 females. Of Strangers and aliens there are 58 males and 25 females, of Coloured race 5 males and 4 females. — By encouragement on a liberal scale this proportion might soon be rectified. By the healthy arrival of single men from the Pacific Ports, or of sailors shipwrecked or leaving their ships which are I may say the only description of Emigrants that come here. Independently of the moral and physical evils attending the

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that unequivocably prevents those of the population who are unmarried and of industrious habits from identifying themselves with the Colony, and thereby securing a moderate sum of money than they could elsewhere.

3. I would therefore most earnestly request your Lordship to direct the Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners to send out 10 or 15 young women in addition to 10 or 15 married families for all of whom there is sufficient employment; more particularly for those acquainted with market gardening dairy premises, and care of Cows the expence of which

4. I feel perfectly aware that for the affairs of so unimportant a possession as this in its present state, I have already since my arrival, more frequently your Lordship's attention than it has been either my wish to be or my expectation would have been required. I can only in justification state that it has been to relieve Downing Street more immediately from the perpetual messages and expostulations which so frequently threatened the present population with famine and that of a few colonists of a useful class could be sent out I have good grounds to believe it would be beneficial to the Colony and profitable to themselves. It is scarcely possible to conceive a greater state of misery

apathy, dissipation and dejection of spirit that is found among the lower classes more particularly the English than Scotch. The Irish and Foreigners are less addicted to intemperance but equally devoid of industrious habits generally. Favourable examples are, however, to be found and it is upon this small minority with fresh emigration I must rely.

5. Upon the other hand the climate and soil of the Falkland Islands did not in my opinion merit Colonization, I would at once recommend that they should be held merely as a Naval Station or abandoned as Her Majesty's advisers might deem expedient. My views being however favourable, I have with an anxious desire to impress upon an energy when it is most urgently required here, I dread to urge on some occasions various requests which I consider necessary to enable me to perform my duty efficiently to the Colony and to Her Majesty and which I hope your Lordship will favourably consider.

I have &c.
signed
George Rennie
Governor

For Enclosure see Blue Book for 1848.

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Governor's Memo
Stanley Falkland Islands
27th January 1849

My Lord

ans by Lord Grey's
No 428 20th July 1849

I have the honor to enclose
copy of a letter addressed to me by Captain
Moody of Her Majesty's Brig Sharpshooter
praying that he may be relieved from the
charge of the Falkland Islands, also copy of the
reply which I have returned to it, before the
receipt of which he had removed himself from
his neglect of communication with the Colonial
Government.

I have requested the Captain of
the Sharpshooter to attend the Council
holden this day, but he has declined doing so
on the ground that he has received no instructions
from Her Majesty's Government to that effect.

I cannot however recommend that
the Sharpshooter should be withdrawn from
these Islands at present, as I am of opinion
that the presence of a Ship of War is necessary
for the protection of the Settlement.

I have &c
(Signed) Alexander Callander

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shall therefore, in the absence of instructions from your Lordship or some reasonable proposition from Mr Lafone, at the expiry of the three months, forbid it to be my duty to take some decided but deliberate steps to convince Mr Lafone and his Agent that contracts with the British Government must be observed in a very different manner from what I fear, from their experience in the River Plate, they have been taught to consider necessary.

I have &c

Signed

George Rennie

Governor

(Copy)

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
1st January 1849

Sir

The period of postponement accorded to you by Her Majesty Queen Victoria for the payment of the first instalment of Stock becoming to the Crown of Her Majesty contract with you having now elapsed without your having complied with your obligation to deliver at the expiry of the year 1848 to the Colonial Government as stipulated by two hundred Cows, five Bulls; Four thousand Sheep, Forty Rams, and Twenty horses or any portion thereof. It becomes my duty to intimate to you that by this failure you have forfeited all the rights and privileges conceded to you, according to the terms of your original Contract with Her Majesty bearing date the Sixteenth of March 1846.

I have therefore imperatively to call your most serious consideration to the above, which I am unwilling to hope may have occurred from circumstances over which you have had no control, but which if not satisfactorily adjusted within three months from this date, either by the full payment of the specified instalment, or by an equivalent at the marketable value in money, it will become my duty to take the necessary

Samuel L. Lafone Esqre
Monte Video

necessary steps to reinstate Her Majesty in the occupation of the land and other privileges, agreed to be ceded by you for certain conditions which by your failure to perform, have lapsed again to Her Majesty.—

I enclose the usual legal notice of forfeiture, and although I have no special authority from Her Majesty to postpone its execution, I will undertake the responsibility of suspending proceedings for three months in order that you may have a reasonable time to take measures for fulfilling the obligations you have heretofore failed in performing.

I am &c.

(signed)

George Rennie

Governor.

(Copy)

Whereas by Indenture bearing date the 16th of March 1846, made between Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria of the one part, and Samuel Lafone of Monte Video in South America Merchant of the other part. It was amongst other things covenanted and agreed by the said Samuel L. Lafone that the Cattle therein specified should be delivered to the Governor at the respective periods therein mentioned. And Whereas by Indenture bearing date the 29th September 1847 made between the said parties after recting that in consideration of the interruptions to commerce in the River Plate, arising out of the then Civil War in Buenos Ayres, and the Banda Oriental, and the Blockade established in the said River by Great Britain and France and of the delivery of the Cattle specified in said Indenture of 16th March 1846, to the Governor at the periods therein specified. Her said Majesty did by said Indenture of the 29th September 1847 at the request of the said Samuel Lafone covenant that notwithstanding the non-delivery of the Cattle stipulated by the Said Samuel Lafone in said Deed of 1846, on the 31st December 1847 the time for delivering same should be extended for the space of one year only to the 31st of December 1848 and so on for the three remaining years therein mentioned.

And

And Whereas the said Samuel F. Lafone has again made default by the non-delivery of the said Cattle on the said 31st December 1848 - you are therefore requested to take notice that in consequence thereof, the said recited Deeds of the 16th March 1846, and the 27th September 1847 are now rendered null & void in Law -

Dated at Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
this 2nd day of January 1849

(signed) George Rennie
Governor

To Samuel F. Lafone Esqre
Monte Video

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
9th January 1879.

No. 10.

My Lord

1.- Shortly after my Predecessor received the new Instructions of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury respecting the mode of receiving Colonial Accounts, he addressed me a Circular, dated 24th March 1878 stating the information of having all the Instructions in accordance of the dealings of the Establishment and also recommending to your Lordships favorable consideration the claims of Mr James Langdon Chief Clerk to promotion and an increase of Salary.

2. The present duties being more of a supervising character than those of a mere Storekeeper and Accountant, and the working as a Custom House also to a certain extent obliged to audit every day receipts given and cash collected.

3. The incompatibility of these various duties is so manifest as to require elucidation. At the same time it is not my intention to propose to your Lordships any addition to the number of persons borne on the Establishment, but it is necessary to call attention to the fact that during my Predecessor's time, and I may say my own, there have been considerable sums of money received for which I am really responsible and have been for three years past, but which I am duly relieved of by Mr Langdon. I allude more particularly to the Store Fund Department over which Mr Langdon acts as Accountant. Mr Langdon acts as

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Clerk of the Executive and Legislative Councils, and besides may be considered as performing nearly all the duties of a Colonial Secretary. What should therefore prompt a Governor's Ship is not to be forgotten should be appointed Colonial Secretary and Storekeeper performing who now does the duties of both these, and that his salary be made £600 instead of £200.

4. I have ventured with much confidence to make this recommendation as it has been always made to your Lordship in my Despatches in which encomiums on the undoubted ability, zeal, and general qualifications of Mr Green, and indeed it is but an act of justice to say, that, without the valuable assistance I have received from him since his arrival, the difficulties I have experienced would have been greatly augmented, and I say without hesitation that his present remuneration is quite inadequate to the value of his services.

I have &c

(Signed) George Bowen
Governor.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
31st January 1849

No 11.

My Lord

I have the honor to inform your Lordship of the continuance of tranquility in the Colony. Only one case of crime (petty theft) has occurred since my arrival, committed by a Spanish Indian, I had entered, I reported to your Lordship in my despatch No 33, 20th December 1848. The man having been convicted more than once during the Independence administration of Spanish authority of the offending offence, to send him to Monte Video, whence he came.-

2. The entire absence of outrage and violence of every kind which has hitherto characterized the conduct of the settlers here has far exceeded my expectations, and I trust that your Lordship will see the precautionary steps I felt it my duty to make on my arrival, regarding the double object I had in view to maintain good order and tranquility, without the assistance of either Naval or Military force at a time entirely free from the responsibility of my situation as guardian of the

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the public property, and of the safety of the lives of the British Colonists, and their effects, living as they do with a mixed population, the majority of whom are congregated here from different parts and under circumstances (to say the least) exceedingly equivocal. Upon these accounts, the experience I may have had, leads me to believe that I can conduct all the ordinary duties of this Colony entirely by moral influence, and the Civil power. The property of the Government however as well as that of every individual, is undefended against any sudden aggression which might occur, beyond the resistance which I could make personally with the assistance of from 30 to 40 individuals composing the Police force, a considerable portion of whom could scarcely be relied on, for any serious emergency: nor can I calculate what the dispositions of the Native population might be.

3. Should your Lordship find it inconvenient or unexpedient however to make any alterations in the arrangements now existing here, your Lordship may rely on the interest I feel and my best exertions to prove the possibility of conducting a Government (on a small scale) entirely by the Civil authority.

I have &c.

(signed)

George Rennie

Governor

Schedule of Despatches.

Transmitted to H.E. Governor of the Falkland Islands by the Secretary of State for the Colonies by the Steam Vessel Vigilante Lieut. & Master, Mr Henry Felce R.N. 31st Jan. 1849.

Number	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	Number of Enclosures
1	3rd January 1849.	Enclosing Copy of the Minutes of the Legislative Council for the 6 months ending 31st December 1848	One
2	9th "	Enclosing Copy of the Minutes of the Executive Council for the 6 months ending 31st December 1848	One
3	15th "	Enclosing Return of Schooners &c. under Sail for the year ended 1st January 1849	One
4	18th "	Enclosing return of alterations in the Establishment for the quarter ending 31st December 1848.	One
5	20th "	Enclosing return of Stores &c. Descriptions in charge of the Falkland Islands for the quarter ended 31st December 1848	Eight
6	22nd "	Enclosing Cash Abstracts with Accounts & Vouchers for the quarter ended 31st December 1848	Three
7	26th "	Enclosing Cash Book and Journal for nine months ending 31st December 1848.	Two
8	27th "	Enclosing the Blue Book for the year 1848, and remarking on the Population, the Stock and the great disproportion of the Sexes with Suggestions for remedying the evils	One
9	27th "	Reporting the non-fulfilment by the Captain of his Contract with the Government, and enclosing the Correspondence relative thereto	Two
10	29th "	Recommending the Establishment of a Coal Depot at Port Louis, and stating the Quantity of Coal which will be required for the Steamer employed by the Government	One
11	31st "	Reporting the Continued Tranquillity of the Islands, and enclosing Returns of the Militia Force of the Islands	One

George Rennie
Governor

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
April 1st 1849.

No 19. My Lord

I have the honor to enclose herewith the usual Quarterly Return of New Appointments &c &c for the quarter ended 31st Ultimo.

I have &c

Signed, George Rennie
Governor

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Earl Grey

Return of all new appointments, appointments vacated, and of additions to the salaries of all Public Officers in the Falkland Islands, made during the quarter ended 31st March 1849, as also of all payments of an unusual & special description made during the same period which are not specifically described in the Estimate for the year 1849.

(see page 253.)

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
19th April 1849

No 13

My Lord

I have the honor to enclose herewith the Coll. Accounts for the quarter ended 31st March 1849 with the necessary vouchers and authorities.

I have &c
(Signed) George Rennie
Governor

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Earl Grey

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
25th April 1849.

No 11.

My Lord

I have the honour to inform your Lordship that the General Improvement Society which I recommended to the Colonists here to institute, and communicated to your Lordship in my Despatch No 25 of 19th September 1848, held their first Show on the 17th Instant.

2. The preparations having commenced early in the season (owing to the middle of September corresponding to the middle of March in the Northern Hemisphere) and most of the vegetables having been grown on land much cultivated for weeds, made the experiment hazardous. It gives me great satisfaction therefore to state that the attempt succeeded beyond my expectations and I can now with confidence say that every useful kind of grain crop or garden produce can be raised of unexceptionable quality.

3. Potatoes of various kinds Turnips (Swedish, Dutch, Scotch etc) Cabbages of several sorts, Savoys, Carrots, Cauliflowers

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Beans

Beans, Onions, etc were shown all of excellent quality. I had very good garden peas, some were ripe previously. A few English flowers were also shown, viz Carnations, Stocks, Mignionette etc. Several Milch Cows, bullocks & poultry were exhibited of a very superior description. The premiums were limited to the actual produce of the Islands, and it is very encouraging to observe that several persons of the Labouring classes who had not sufficient confidence to venture last year have now commenced preparations for the ensuing season. Captain Sullivan and his people arrived a few days previous to the exhibition and expressed themselves much gratified at the result of the past year's proceedings.

4. I sowed three small patches of Wheat, Barley, and Oats; but from the seed either having been injured by the voyage here, or (as the Gardener assures me) they were pecked by a very beautiful bird called the scarlet breasted Starling, the two former never sprang. The Oats grew remarkably strong, several of the Heads exceeding six feet in height. With the exception of a little irregularity in the ripening they are good enough for ordinary purposes. From the best information I am able to obtain the season was a very favourable one for the average, and promises, giving therefore good encouragement for further operations.

I have &c

(Signed) George Ronne
Governor

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Name	Remarks

New Appointments

Steerman and Quarter Master	C. Jones	34	21st June 1848	Evil	April 1849	This man was employed temporarily to assist in guarding the prisoners at Battle. His appointment ceased in February 1849.

Additions to Pay or allowances

Evil	Evil	Evil	Evil	Evil	Evil	Evil

Appointments vacated

Steerman	J. Mc Fie	43	11th March 1849	Evil	April 1849	The Steerman's appointment should have been filled up consequent upon the Prisoners having rendered further assistance unnecessary.
Steerman and Quarter Master	C. Jones	34	25 Feb 1849	Evil	"	This appointment vacated only 3 months and ought to have been filled up from the Prisoners, remarked in the Return of New Appointments
Paid off	A. Williams	47	7th Jan 1849	Evil	"	Left recommended for promotion (Gone into the Navy)

Payments above 100 £ not otherwise sanctioned than by the Govt

Evil	Evil	Evil	Evil	Evil (Gone)	Evil	Evil George Pennell Secretary

No 15.

No 15.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
21st April 1849.

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the undermentioned despatches and Circulars -

No 26, dated 22nd December 1848
No 27, dated 28th December 1848 with one enclosure
No 28, dated 1st January 1849 with two enclosures
Circular 28th December 1848 with one enclosure

Your Lordships despatches No 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25 have not yet reached me, nor any circulars since the 25th September last except that I have acknowledged.

Your Lordships despatch of the 22nd December 1848, No 26, states the sum of 2000 £ in specie has been forwarded to the Falkland Islands by the Peterly Govt Ship - But by that conveyance I only received one thousand Pounds and the bill of Lading accords with the Invoice and Bill of Lading sent with the specie, and with your Lordships despatch of 23rd September 1848 -

I have &c

Sigd

Geo. Rennie
Governor

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Stanley Falkland Islands
30th April 1849.

No. 16.

My Lord

I have the honor to forward herewith the usual Returns of Government Stores in charge at the Falkland Islands during the Quarter ended 31st March 1849.

I have &c

(Signed) George Rennie
Governor

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Earl Grey

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
30th April 1849.

No 17.

My Lord

I have the honor to inform your Lordship that I have appointed pro tempore Captain Richard Sullivan Royal Navy to be a member of the Executive Council of the Falkland Islands, and respectfully beg to recommend him to your Lordship's favourable consideration for the confirmation of his appointment.

I have &c

Signed

Geo. Rennie

Governor

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Earl Grey

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
1st. May 1849.

No. 18.

My Lord

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's despatch No 25 of 1st January 1849 delivered to me by Captain Sykes who arrived here with his party on the 6th Ult.

2. In conformity with your Lordship's wishes I have put Captain Sullivan in temporary occupation of the land required by Government and funds according to my Predecessor's Proclamation of 2nd July 1842 until the Surveyor General can survey the portions of land desired to be purchased. After which they will be put up by auction and should Captain Sullivan become the purchaser the Leases will be concluded which shall be specially reported to your Lordship.

3. In the preliminary arrangements I have endeavoured as far as practicable to comply with the recommendations of the Land and Emigration Commissioners.

4. It gives me satisfaction to be able to state that considerable advances are now making in

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on the general prospects of the Colony. Provisions of every kind (with the exception of Mutton) are abundant - the Colonists are generally sober, and neither crime nor public disorder has occurred since I last addressed your Lordship, whilst the arrival of Immigrants and the re-immigration of those who had left the Colony, is beginning to produce a favorable effect which I hope will continue.

I have &c.

(signed) George Kerne

Governor.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
2nd. May 1849.

No. 19

My Lord

I regret to have to communicate to your Lordship that I have been under the disagreeable necessity of suspending W. Moore, Stipendiary Magistrate, from his official duties, & from his seat in the Executive Council.

2. In your Lordship's despatch addressed to me No 3. of 5th January 1848, I was instructed to acquaint W. J. Moore, that his continuance in the office held by him would depend upon my report as to his future conduct. Your Lordship having thus peculiarly directed my attention to J. W. Moore I have felt (to the full extent which my duty would require) a desire to view his Conduct favourably, under the impression that your Lordship's instructions tended to confide to me in this instance a power the responsibility of which I fully recognize.

3. For some months after my arrival in June last nothing occurred of any great moment to make it necessary that

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I should admonish Mr. Moore beyond a general unnecessary disposition he thought to look upon persons for the most trivial offences and which when heard next morning were usually dismissed as such.

4. In the Month of January however a case occurred in which Mr. Moore gave a decision when sitting as a Judge in the Sheriffs Court, the Sheriff being an uneducated man who also acted as City Constable of an extraordinary nature, and when brought before the Executive Council on an appeal, Mr. Moore concurred in the entire reversal of his own judgment without any fresh evidence having been brought forward. This forms the great charge I prefer against Mr. Moore not on account of what he stated as to the Law of the case (for I do not profess to judge of that) but I bring it under your Lordships notice as an example of other cases in which the discrepancies and irreconcilable differences of opinion of Mr. Moore, have led to a total want of confidence in him as a Lawyer or Judge and to my frequent embarrassments when acting with him in Council.

5. I regret to say however that the second and third charges which I have preferred against Mr. Moore, particularly the

last

A 22nd July 1849

last, are of a kind which do not rest on difference of opinion. The second charge is that of unlawfully encroaching on land belonging to the Crown by building his garden wall 3 feet 6 inches long, his own boundary in the front of his dwelling house on the principal street of the Settlement, notwithstanding that the Bricklayer warned him that it was better to keep off Government Land. The circumstance being seen at hand so much notoriety that I directed the Surveyor General to have the encroachment portion of the wall taken down. I cannot believe it to be possible that a trespass of so gross a character could be made with any criminal intention, but an example of this nature by the Chief of Police administering the Laws, without even the presence of ignorance, has been most prejudicial to that respect and confidence without which Mr. Moore's duties in the Colony cannot be performed with the personal moral influence essential to the administration of Justice.

B 9th March 1849
C 25th April 1849
D 26th April 1849
E 25th April 1849
F 26th April 1849

6. The third case in which the enclosed plan will more particularly show it to be a very much more serious nature being an exchange by deed by Mr. Moore to [illegible] Man (M.C.) foreman of Government Labourers) "his heirs and assigns forever" of a portion of an allotment of land belonging

to

to the Crown and now occupied by Mr. Moore at a yearly rent of £2. 10. 0 by permission of Lord Stanley signified in a letter dated by my predecessor 14th May 2nd June 1844. The deed Mr Moore calls a Memorandum and admits that he himself destroyed it.

7. The discovery of this circumstance has been was only made by me a few days subsequent to the second charge, and at the time of suspending the Supreme Court's Ordinances explained in my despatch No 20 dated 3rd May 1849, when the exaggerated reports (as they ultimately proved to be), which had reached me regarding the disorders in the Colony, made it very imprudent to delay even for one day the investigation of them.

8. The property belonging to the Crown, being made over by deed to J. Wilks for a labourer (Martin Welbrook) for £3. 10. 0; this man, having at this time (about the middle of March) collected a quantity of stone on the land to build a house, demanded payment and also compensation for his labour, and as from the circumstances I have also alluded to regarding the disorders in the Colony I could not at once commence a full investigation of the part Mr Moore had taken in it, I requested them to settle with Welbrook and compel him

Sir

him for his labour in collecting stones, as also to give time for the excitement produced by the occurrence to subside; believing it to be quite impossible that Mr. Marshe could have done what was represented without having sufficient justification to offer, and that a few days delay was required in so serious a case.

9. The Supreme Court Judgments having been suspended and the Executive Council constituted (ad interim) a court of Justice, and the reported delinquencies disposed of, I was on the point of proceeding to enquire into the transactions of Mr. Marshe when I was seized with a severe illness which confined me to bed and the house until the second week of April, when Captain Sullivan and party arrived on the morning of Good Friday and were so urgent to commence unloading the Ship in consequence of the sickly state of some horses and sheep they had brought with them, that every person on the Settlement who could be procured on that day were employed by him. This was followed up by the demands for Land, and for Cattle which were due by Mr. Lafone, in order that he (Captain Sullivan) might commence operations without delay. There arose many points involving serious differences with Mr. Lafone's agent, occupied me until the 23rd of April;

when

when, although far from being entirely recovered in health I immediately commenced the investigation of the charges which have been preferred against Mr. Moore. I have troubled your Lordship with the above explanation to account for an apparently greater delay in entering upon the charges against Mr. Moore than I could have wished.

10. The Royal Instructions prescribing that besides the Governor it is necessary that there should be at least two other Members present before the Executive Council can proceed to business, and there being only Mr. Moore, Mr. Hamblin, and myself at that time Members of the Executive Council, - I appointed Captain Sullivan to act until His Majesty's pleasure shall be signified. The Council composed of myself, Captain Sullivan, and Mr. Hamblin severally concurred that the charges were proved against Mr. Moore. The only difference of opinion regarding the conduct I have felt it my duty to pursue was that Captain Sullivan who thought that if Mr. Moore not having embarked by me to him, no very flagrant neglect a charge was to be brought against him, it was inexpedient to suspend him now.

11. The Minutes of the Executive Council

Enclosed

G 30th April 1849
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J. 30th " "

enclosed in my dispatch No 23 of the 5th instant) Above the evidence in support of the charges which are annexed thereto, and I trust they will show that I have to the best of my judgment taken the course necessary in these unfortunate circumstances.

12. Having detailed the above to your Lordship, I wish to convey the impression of the Executive Council and in which I concurr, that the acts of Mr. Moore are more attributable from a deficiency in his perceptions of right and wrong than from any criminal intentions, and from anything which has passed before me or which has been reported to me, I have every reason to suppose that if he ever was addicted to habitual intemperance as formerly was brought under your Lordship's notice, he has now abandoned it.

I have &c

(Signed) George Rennie

Governor

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(Here follow the undermentioned)

"Memorandum."

"A meeting of the Executive
"Council (the minutes of which are enclosed
"in original despatch p. 23) took place on the
"28th April, the result of which was the fol-
"-lowing letter to Mr. Stone."—

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(Here follows the undermentioned)

"Memorandum."

"A meeting of the Executive
"Council (the minutes of which are enclosed in
"original despatch p. 23) took place on the 28th
"April at which Mr. Stone was present, — the fol-
"-lowing letter contained the result."

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Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
13th. May 1849.

No 20.

My Lord

I have the honor to inform your Lordship that the difficulties which your Lordship anticipated in the working of the Supreme Court Ordinances here have been fully proved to be insurmountable in the present state of this Colony.

2. Upon my arrival on the end of last June the long vacation had commenced and as these Ordinances would have expired on the 1st. of November without my having any personal experience of their working I decided to allow the Stipendiary Magistrate to know whether he had found any difficulties and on his assurance that he knew no obstacle which ought to prevent their enactment I proposed their renewal for two years, as communicated in my Despatch to your Lordship of the 25th. September 1848, No 18.

3. During Michaelmas term a case of rather a complicated nature occurred between the representatives of a Merchant at Rio de

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Jamero claiming a considerable balance of a debt due by this Settlers here. It being first necessary to prove Co-partnership, and liabilities, it was with great difficulty that the requisite number of British subjects to form a Jury could be found (the proper qualifications being entirely overlooked), and their proceedings extending to a length most injurious to the welfare of the Colony.

4. After a length of time a decision was obtained recognizing the Partnership and liability of Messrs. Mebbe and Faulkey to pay to the Merchant a sum exceeding £1300 on out of execution and sale of Faulkey's Goods was made, which realized only about £900, the other partner having no effects of value.

5. Mr. Faulkey at this time was proprietor of a Settlers farm (the partnership with Mebbe having ceased); a few miles from Faulkey's farm there is a Malay occupied by a man named Brushe. These two premises have for some time been the rendezvous of many of the idlest and most disreputable characters in the Colony, and from having long been in suspicion of a short period of the sale of Faulkey's effects all depredations had been

Committed

committed to a large extent and that the goods were concealed on Bushe's premises, several of the men frequenting Bushe's and Duffy's houses having served on the Jury alluded to. That besides a valuable Ringlet pig had been stolen from a settler named Rolfe, — which information having obtained currency in the settlement very few of that had occurred for years past and imputed to this party, whose numbers created considerable alarm to many of the more timid Colonists.—

6. It being impossible to form Juries to try these Matters without implicating the persons implicated, I assembled the Executive Council and speedily summoned into the Jury List, when all being agreed to that a Jury could not be formed impartially who depended on it adjudicate a case fairly, I resolved to suspend the Supreme Court Ordinances for three months and in the emergency to Constitute the Executive Council as a Court of Justice which being agreed to, was immediately proclaimed.—

7. The Executive Council met next day and tried the Case of Dy Stealing, there being no direct evidence, the accused was acquitted. A great variety of goods were found on the premises of Bushe which were claimed by several parties as their own and that they

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had received portions of them in payment for services performed by Bailey and Bush and by Bush to Bailey, the proclamation and exposure of the rebels having led to no proofs to the contrary, the Chief Justice dismissing other cases, acquitted all the parties implicated of cumbering ally, and I concluded the proceedings by admonishing all concerned of the duty and impropriety of such conduct which nothing but their ignorance could extenuate - but reprehensible to the extent of many of them not only being unable to read or write but not knowing their own ages or the year of Christ in which we now live.-

8. The admonition and advice which I gave them was well received, and nothing further has since occurred, and I have every reason to believe that the suspension of the Ordinances has led to general satisfaction in the Colony.-

9. Two days after the Executive Council agreed to the steps I proposed, the Legislative Council was assembled (it being impossible to collect the Members sooner) and approved unanimously their approval of the course taken.-

10. I cannot see a probability of removing the Ordinances now suspended

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without disadvantage to the Colony, unless a very considerable body of respectable Colonists were to arrive. I have therefore under my immediate consideration a proposition to submit to my Legislative Council to provide on such liberal basis as the situation of the Colony will permit, for the administration of justice until your Lordship's decision shall be announced to me regarding the case of Mr. Moore, or the appointment of a successor to him and I will transmit to your Lordship by the next opportunity the ad interim Ordinance which may be adopted by the Legislative Council.

II. Should any case occur requiring to be adjudicated on immediately Captains Sullivan, and Hammond, Mr Bailey and Mr Hamblen have been sworn in of the Peace and will act accordingly.

I have &c

(Signed) George Rennie

Governor

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
4th May 1849

No 21.

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 Thirty six, dated 2nd April 1849.
The sum of Five Hundred Pounds drawn in favour of J. M. Dean, in exchange for cash, to be expended in the general service of the Colony.

No Thirty seven, dated 2nd April 1849
The sum of Fifty Pounds drawn in favour of C. Rennie Governor, in part payment of his salary for the month of March 1849.

No Thirty eight, dated 2nd April 1849.
The sum of Fifty five Pounds drawn in favour of H. J. Hamilton Colonial Surgeon, in payment of his salary for the month of March 1849.

No Thirty nine, dated 2nd April 1849
The sum of Thirty three Pounds six shillings and eight pence drawn in favour of J. S. Moody

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Colonial

Colonial Chaplain; in payment of his salary for the month of March 1849.

No 39 dated 3rd April 1849. The sum of Thirty three Pounds six Shillings and eightpence drawn in favor of the Hon. Stephen Hagley. Magistrate, in payment of his salary for the month of March 1849.

No forty one dated 2nd. May 1849. The Sum of Two Hundred Pounds drawn in favour of J.B. Wellington; in exchange for cash to be expended in the general service of the Colony

No forty two dated 3rd. May 1849. The Sum of Thirty three Pounds six Shillings and eightpence drawn in favour of J. L. Mackay Colonial Chaplain in payment of his salary for the month of April 1849.

No forty three dated 3rd. May 1849. The sum of twenty five Pounds in favour of H.J. Hamblin Colonial Surgeon, in payment of his salary for the month of April 1849.

No forty four dated 3rd May 1849. The sum of fifteen Pounds thirteen Shillings and fourpence drawn in favour of J. R. Doughty Esq. Sheriff in payment of his Salary for the month of April 1849.

No forty five dated 3rd. May 1849. The sum of Twelve Pounds ten Shillings drawn in

in favour of Edmonds & Co. for payment of his Salary for the month of April 1849.

No Sixty six, dated 2d May 1849. The Sum of Twenty five Pounds drawn in favour of George Penny Governor in part payment of his Salary for the month of April 1849.

I have &c

(Signed) George Penny

Governor

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Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
4th May 1849.

No 22.

My Lord

A 26th April 1849
B 26th "
C 26th April 1849

I have the honor to enclose a Memorial from Mr R. H. Williams agent of Mr Lafone, complaining of my unjust and illegal treatment of him. When Mr Williams's Memorial reached me I apprized him at once that the proclamation he alludes to had been omitted, which communication he did not receive, but left the settlement next morning. The opportunity of addressing your Lordship having occurred by the change of destination of a vessel which will shortly sail homewards I can only forward Mr Williams's Memorial in the state I received it.—

2. In my despatch, No 25 of 19th September 1848 I explained to your Lordship the steps I had been compelled to take against Mr Williams in consequence of his refusal to the supply of cattle to the Colony, and that to guard against the state of famine we were nearly reduced to, I demanded twenty bullocks for slaughtering in case of necessity, which with other stock had been supplied by my predecessor to agent Mr Williams on his own terms.

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5. M'Williams having failed or refused to comply with my demand for Cattle and also for the return of the horses according to his contract with the Colonial Government (namely at the expiration of 9 months hereafter or paid the sum of £18 a horse for such non-delivery) I directed Mr. Noyes to take prompt measures to enforce the penalty of £6 £. the effect of this brought the question to an arrangement which Mr Noyes suggested, that Lord Goderich M'Williams should sign a plea of confession for the amount of £6 6 £. and consented not to enforce it until your Lordship's pleasure should be signified, subject to the meantime should commit any fresh breach of contract.

6. — A few days afterwards M'Williams refused to sign any plea of confession that had not also the option of substituting the delivery of the horses in lieu of money. That I declined to agree to, as in my opinion it exceeded my powers — and M'Williams being about to leave the Settlement I stood ready to give him notice that I could not consent to his departure until an arrangement was made, or I had suspended proceedings against him only on the assurance that he gave me that he would sign the Plea of confession. — On this being intimated to M'Williams he

acquiesced,

requested, and I heard nothing further from him on the subject until the 17th April last.

5. Shortly after the above occurred I was made fully acquainted with Mr Williams' great objection to supply cattle to my Predecessor and (in my annual) to myself. By Her Majesty's Contract of 16th March 1846, with Mr Lafone it is provided that he shall supply such cattle to the Governor as he shall require and that he (Mr Lafone) shall be allowed credit at the rate of £8 per head in the payment of his next instalment of wages due 1st January 1851. According to that arrangement Mr Lafone's agent received no money as long as the Government undertook the sale of beef, and he being most inadequately supplied with funds to carry on their establishment determined to absent himself if possible of that more immediate profit. Mr Williams having applied to me to allow a respectable settler (James Phillips) to retail the beef required, daily, I consented to it, by which means Mr Williams receives through Mr Phillips the money instead of a credit at a long date. Since that was permitted, and my keeping a small reserve herd no failure has occurred, and a full supply always now available for the Settlers and Shipping, as well as that the Colonial Government is relieved from an unpleasant duty,

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without loss or risk.

6. In my despatch No 91 of the 27th January 1819, I apprized your Lordship that being unable to procure from Mr Williams any satisfactory assurance that he would supply me with the whole or any portion of the instalment of Stock by him on the 1st January 1819 and that persons having engaged without the delivery of the Stock I was conformably with Mr Jones obligations to Her Majesty asked a notice of forfeiture on him. Mr Jones came home intimated to Mr Williams that on my own responsibility I would suspend proceedings for thirty days before the expiry of which time I hoped to receive instructions from your Lordship on the subject. At the expiry Mr Jones came home Surety to Mr Jones for giving him either to supply the Cattle and Sheep or to propose to me an equivalent in money. Mr Jones has not thought fit to answer my official letter to him of the 1st January the latter acknowledges however the receipt of a private letter I wrote to him at the same time; in which I apprized him that I must take measures of a decided character to enforce his contract. Mr Jones's private letter gave me no hopes of his having any intention to deliver what he clearly had on his farm. His agent having at this moment upwards of 2,000 Sheep & Cattle 500 of which were due to the Colonial Government on the 1st January last. About the end of March I received

D. 8th March 1819
E. 7th " "

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Mr Lafone's Private letter regarding his contract, but being unable personally to attend to business at that time no measures were taken until some days afterwards.

17. My position at this period was thus. Having served a Notice of forfeiture of Mr Lafone's contract with Her Majesty on him I could not consistently with that notice, enforce the delivery by the contractor of stock due, or even a portion of it. From the terms of that contract I think Mr Lafone might claim all the same Cattle to hold as private property I completed what I had in my power to do in the event of Captain Sullivan and party's arrival (having been previously in communication with these Gentlemen) as to providing them with Cattle to commence. A few days afterwards Mr Williams called on me to know if I intended at once to stop his operations. I replied that I expected every hourly the arrival of an important Body of Settlers and that until he was prepared to petition Her Majesty to first remit the forfeiture of Mr Lafone's contract and to tender to me at the same time such portions of the contingent as he had in his power to offer, I should be under the disagreeable necessity of levying on the plea of confiscation Cattle to the Amount of 360 £. To this Mr Williams

replied

reflected that he had instructions from Mr. Lafone to show that he was in communication with His Majesty's Government, and that, until the stipulations in the terms of contract (which he felt sure would be made) were secured, he positively declined to fulfil the obligations of the contract - and that he Mr Williams was prepared to sell Cattle himself to any settlers who might arrive. - I told him that in that case I should take such measures as I thought were required to guard the interests of the Crown. -

8. On the next day Captain Sullivan and I had a conference which lasted a few days afterwards at my Office between Captain Sullivan Mr Williams and myself. This conference led to no result, but Mr Williams expressing a desire to speak privately with Captain Sullivan. I distinctly warned him that I could allow of no arrangement for him to sell Cattle to Captain Sullivan until the Stock due to the Government had been delivered or the Fine he had incurred paid to me. On the same evening I received a letter from Mr Williams stating "I respectfully beg to "state in reply that I have agreed with Cap- "tain Sullivan to sell him the 500 Cattle he "required and at a price which makes it very "doubtful whether I shall decline to lodge the purchase "money in your Excellency's hands as I had

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"to apply it in a shilling to defray our expences
"on these Islands, Should however your Excel-
"lency after this intimation think it advi-
"sable to stop Mr Lafone's proceedings and
"seize his property I shall then act in confor-
"mity with my instructions from Mr Lafone

(Signed) R Williams

Q. Believing it to be quite impossible that Captain Sullivan would purchase Cattle from Mr Williams after the expressions used in his presence, I immediately communicated with him and found that it was pressed on him, but that he had not consented. Seeing that no arrangement could be effected with Mr Williams and that he was determined to proceed in opposition to the rights of the Crown, I published a proclamation warning all parties in the Colony that notice of forfeiture for breach of Contract with Mr Lafone had been given on Mr Lafone, and that purchasing Cattle or other property from Mr Williams might be held liable for a second payment. The effect of this Proclamation was virtually a suspension of Mr Lafone's operations without resorting to any harsh measures.

10. In order that Captain Sullivan should notwithstanding be supplied with Cattle I direct-

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ed. Mr Moore to take immediate steps to enforce the plea of confession, when he in my surprize he told me that the Supreme Court Ordinances having been suspended, it could no longer be acted on, although the Executive Council had by the constitution been constituted with full powers to act in all matters which formerly came under the jurisdiction of those Ordinances, and acted upon by him, in trying several cases of misdemeanour — taking up, at the point where they were left by the Supreme Court, the cases not adjudicated on, &c.

H. 26th Augt 1848

J. 16th April 1849

J. 9th March 1850

H. On the 8th Inst. Mr Williams sent me a packet against the Sea of confession he had signed on the 21st August last year and also a copy of an opinion and protest drawn up by Judge Lange at Monte Video, and sent here by the Defendant, the last paragraph of which I thought probably to have under your Excellency's consideration. Having thus placed my rights under the protection of the Laws by which I have to maintain them, I must to inform you in accordance with what I have stated to the Government that it is not my intention to make any alteration in the style of the speech I intended to address to the Colony on the occasion of your Excellency's leaving the present Settlement of Sierra Leone.

What the legality may mean is doubtful. It has however the appearance of a threat that should I feel it to be my duty to take stringent measures to compel Mr Defoe to comply with his obligations

gations that he will contest them by stopping the supplies. I have not thought it necessary to reply to this document further than to acknowledge its receipt.

12. The effect of my proclamation induced Mr Williams to propose terms for paying 360£ on his Plea of Confession but of so unsatisfactory a nature that on the same day more than one he declined in the evening to agree to what he proposed in the morning - and finally in his letter of 21st. inst. And after acknowledging that he had not sufficient money, he intimated to me that if I would allow him to pass the Cattle through my hands to Captain Sullivan he could pay the money immediately (under protest for the fine he had incurred. Captain Sullivan having consented to this arrangement I saw no objection to it, and a temporary conclusion has been made of this question.

K. 21st April 1840

13. I have also to communicate the business of the Colonial Government with the Defaulters demanded all the horses, bridles &c sent by my Predecessor to Mr Williams and which I am assured will be repaid at the end of this month. — Captain Sullivan has also I hope secured a fair reasonable price all the Cattle he immediately required, but in the event of other settlers arriving before I receive instructions from your

Lordship

Lordship on the principal contract, they must purchase from Mr Williams at any price he may choose to demand. Captain Pulteney Sandilands has agreed to pay 15 Dollars a head (the usual selling price in the Colony) Mr Williams having declared me before his arrival that he could not furnish them at less than £1.10.0 — By availing myself of the powers & authority of enforcing the rights of the Crown, I gave to Captain Sandilands to obtain his stock at a reasonable price.

Sa. 17th

14. — His principal plunder that arises from his having purchased to himself so many of the best lands in the Islands should they fall into petty attempts on the part of Mr Lafone to evade his just engagements — he can satisfy that he has never lost sight of the capabilities or the value of his property here — Still the exception of inducing 30 or 40 Spanish Indians to absent as many horses for his own use — the purchase of a very few head of cattle and the cutting of some logs 3 or 4,000 call 2000 of which are burned — I am not aware of anything he has done — His agent Mr Williams is kept without the pale of the lands & proceed to any extent and, in the negotiations Mr Lafone & the Governor of all the rights and privileges he would be entitled to if he complied with his contracts

15. — I do not feel myself sufficiently authorized to take the measures that will be ultimately

ultimately necessary (if the present aspect of affairs should continue) to compel Mr Lafone to act as he ought, and I would therefore most respectfully beg of your Lordship to take into consideration the question of settling Mr Lafone's contract definitively in England, or to confide to me the power of compelling Mr Lafone to do his duty under pain of actual ejection.—

No.— The circumstances I have detailed to your Lordship shew that Mr Lafone either has not the means or that he has not the inclination to comply with his obligations in whole or even in part. If it be the former we that he has not the means, a mutual suspension of contract or forfeiture seem to be the only courses open.— Even if the absolute monopoly and dominion over the only means by which these Islands can be colonized be left in his hands without his complying with the conditions for which he had those privileges allowed him, and the Wild Cattle are left in their savage state, I cannot recommend that Settlers should be encouraged to come here.— To give the Colony a fair chance, it is necessary that Emigrants should be able to rely on Cattle and Sheep being supplied by them at a reasonable rate on their arrival, and they cannot be under the sole privilege of Mr Lafone to capture the Wild Cattle be suspended or forfeited, or that he

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be compelled to pay the instalments punctually to the Colonial Government.

5th. I have seen nothing to change the views I suggested to your Lordship in my despatch No 3, 4th July 1848 when I recommended that if any concession or exemption from the Land Regulations should be entertained it ought to be only respecting the Land or money payment. But as regards the Cattle Land I thought it would be generally necessary for the interests of the Colony that the Stations should be allowed.

18. Mr Williams' complaint of my treatment of him, seems to be that I directed Mr Moore to give him to understand that he was not absolutely bound by the Settlement until he signed the plan of conversion for the purchase which he had applied for by way of contract, and after I had received his letter agreeing to sign it and in the meantime stopped suspected proceedings against him. What passed between Mr Williams and Mr Moore in the first instance I know not but if any illegal or exceeding my powers under the circumstances I have been prepared to prevent. Mr Williams having the settlement in a desirable state for him having the power to remedy it I have recommended to

to offer, nor was there (as far as I know what took place between him and Mr Moore not having been present) any thing more required of Mr Williams than to give his parole that he would stay to abide the termination of proceedings or sign the Bill.—

19. Should your Lordship think proper to remit the fine and accept the twenty pounds in lieu of it, provided no more breaches of contract be replaced I see no objection.— It is a general rule however with Mr Lafone, and his Agents to have found that the more shall is conceded to them the more they require.—

20 I conclude this long call on your Lordships patience by earnestly requesting that definite instructions for my guidance be communicated to me at the earliest period on this important question involving the welfare or advancement of the Colony, & my experience confirming me in the opinion that with proper management and judicious treatment the Islands may become in many respects a most useful appendage to the British Empire.

I have &c.

(Signed) George Romney

Governor

(For Enclosures see page 292.—)

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
5th May 1840.

No 23.

My Lord

I have the honor herewith to transmit the Minutes of the Executive Council up to the 4th Instant with an index of their contents.

The subjects brought under discussion at those Meetings have been fully detailed in my Despatches to your Lordship Nos 19, 20, and 22, dated respectively the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th of May 1840.

I have &c.

(Signed) George Rennie

Governor

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Earl Grey

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Schedule of Despatches

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Number of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	Number of Enclosures
	1849.		
12	5th April	Enclosing Return of Sheep Impounded &c &c for the quarter ended 31st March 1849	One
13.	19th "	Enclosing Cash Account with Vouchers and authorities for the quarter ended 31st of March 1849.	Five
14	23rd "	Reporting the first "Show" of the "General Improvement Society" and the capabilities of the Islands for raising vegetables and other produce.	None
15.	26th "	Acknowledging the receipt of certain Despatches and Circulars, and reporting that some mentioned do not have not arrived.	None

Number of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	Number of Enclosures
16	30th April 1849	Forwarding Store Accounts for the quarter ended 31st March 1849.	Eight
17.	30th "	Reporting having provisionally appointed Captain Sullivan to a seat in Executive Council, and requesting he might be confirmed therein.	None
18.	1st May	Reporting the arrival of Captain Sullivan and party, and the measures taken by the Governor to assist them.	None
19	2nd "	Reporting that the Government had been obliged to suspend Mr Moore the Stipendiary Magistrate, and his reasons for so doing.	Eleven
20	3rd "	Reporting the temporary constitution of the Supreme Court of Judicature and the selection of the Executive Council as a Court of Justice, with the Governor's reasons for taking these measures.	None
21.	4th "	Enclosing a Memorial addressed by Mr Lafone's agent here to the Secretary of State together with Copies of Letters addressed to the Governor by Mr Lafone and reporting generally on the claims of Mr Lafone and the nature of his proceedings on the Islands.	Eleven

Number of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	Number of Enclosure
	1849		
23	5th May	Enclosing the Minutes of the Executive Council up to the 1st instant, with an index of their contents.	Two.

Signed

George Rennie
Governor.

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Falkland Islands
Stanley 26th April 1849.

My Lord

I respectfully beg to lay before your Lordship the nature of an unfortunate and unlooked for question which has arisen between H.E. Governor Fennie and myself as agent for Samuel Fisher Lafone Esquire in these Islands which in consequence of H.E. Governor Fennie instituting the Executive Council of the Falkland Islands as

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The Right Honorable
The Secretary of State
for the Colonies
&c &c &c

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
22nd. May 1849

No. 24.

My Lord

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the undermentioned despatches and Circulars:-

Despatches No. 21, dated 1st. October 1848 with two enclosures;
No 22, dated 23rd. November 1848 with one enclosure;
No 23, dated 30th. November, 1848;
No 24, dated 30th. November 1848;
No 25, dated 2nd. December 1848, with two enclosures;

The above despatches were reported to your Lordship in my Despatch No. 15 of the 20th Ultimo, as not then having reached me.

By the opportunity H.M. Steam Ship Sapphire, Captain Sinclair R.N. I have also received your Lordship's despatches enumerated below:

No 29, dated 16th January 1849 with one enclosure

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No. 30.

No. 30, dated 30th January 1849

No. 31, dated 9th February 1849 with one enclosure

No. 32, dated 14th February 1849 with two enclosures

Military, No. 1, dated 31st January 1849.

Military, No. 2, dated 21st February 1849 with three enclosures

Circular, dated 16th October 1848.

Circular, dated 20th January 1849 with enclosure

And Copy of Papers relative to emigration in the Lombardo Venetian Provinces.

I have &c.

(Signed)

George Rennie

Governor

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
23rd. May 1849

No 25

My Lord

With reference to your Lordship's despatch of the 23rd November last, No 22, apprizing me "that directions have been given for the consignment of a further sum of one thousand Pounds for the service of this Government," - I have the honour to state that I have received from Captain Smith commanding Her Majesty's Ship "Daphne" the above sum, in the Coins mentioned in the enclosure to your Lordships despatch above referred to.

I have &c
(signed)
George Rennie
Governor

The Right Honble
Earl Grey

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
23rd. May 1849.

No 26.

My Lord

In reply to your Lordship's dispatch No 33, of 22nd February 1849 I have to the occupation of Land in this Settlement by Government Officers, at a rental of 5 per Cent on the value with the option of at any time redeeming the rent at 20 years purchase, and adverting to the circumstance of this arrangement by my predecessor (namely that such rental should be calculated as part of the 20 years purchase), I have the honor to state that in the transactions of this nature which have occurred since my arrival, I have taken the view which appeared to me the correct one viz. that the rental of 5 per Cent simply placed the Officers in occupation of the Land until they were in a situation to purchase it by paying the full price, of 5£ a acre; only this and I am happy to find your Lordship confirms.

2. Three instances only have occurred of Officers availing themselves of this indulgence, viz. Mr Moore late Stipendiary Magistrate

The Right Honble
Earl Grey

Irish Fair who redeemed his land by paying the full price of Fifty pounds; Mr. Edmonds, Clerk in my Office, who pre-empted a lot on Rent Hill; and Mr. Slaughter, Late Clerk, who rented an allotment in the year 1824 which he purchased in the following year for £4 10.0 being a deduction of one year's rent from the purchase money. Mr Slaughter having resigned his situation and left the Colony upwards of two years and a half ago, I set it out of my power to recover from him the balance of £2.10.0 as directed by your Lordship.

3. I have, however, caused it to be distinctly understood that in all future transactions of this nature the full sum of 50 £ a section (being 20 years purchase at the rate of £2. 10. 0 a year) is to be paid before the conveyance is put in absolute possession of the Lot, and that no deductions from the purchase money will be allowed on account of rent previously paid by the occupier; and no further misunderstanding of this kind can, I think, now take place.—

I have &c.

(signed)

George Ronne

Governor

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
25th May 1849.

No. 27.

My Lord

In my despatch of the 3rd Inst No. 20, I informed your Lordship that I had under consideration an Ordinance of a temporary nature which it became necessary to institute in consequence of the Supreme Court's Ordinance for the administration of Justice having been found unsuited to the limited Community of this Colony.

2. I have now the honor to enclose an Ordinance which passed my Legislative Council unanimously, and which I hope will meet all that may be required until I shall have the services and advice of a competent legal adviser.

10th May 1849.

3. I have therefore to beg your Lordship's lenient consideration of my humble attempt to construct an Ordinance which I am aware must be full of irregularities and imperfections, and which unless your Lordship thinks it necessary I do not desire to have laid before Her Majesty for confirmation.

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Earl Grey
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4.— Mr. Moore's suspension and immediate departure for England having left the Colony entirely without a Lawyer, I have been unable to fill his situation temporarily, but the hearty and obliging manner in which all the Government Officers and Gentlemen Settlers of the Colony came forward to offer me their assistance in any way that they could be useful in the administration of justice leads me to feel assured that however the forms may be imperfectly complied with, the spirit and intention of substantial justice according to the English laws shall be most scrupulously attended to.

5.— In selecting the most qualified of these gentlemen I have found it necessary to re-construct my Legislative Council and to nominate new Magistrates. The former is now composed of three Colonists, one Government Officer, and myself; of the Magistrates there are three Colonists and two Government Officers.

6.— The duties specified in the enclosed Ordinance requiring considerable calls upon the time of the Magistrates and of the Government Clerk, Mr Longden, (who in addition to his various duties has also undertaken to be Clerk of the Court) I beg very respectfully to submit

to

for your Lordship's sanction and approval whether I may be permitted in this case to appropriate such portions as may be legally the salary which Mr. Moore would have had, praying that your gentlemen, whose hours and leisure will be much encroached on, until your Lordships pleasure is made known to me regarding Mr. Moore or a successor to him. I have the right that I should add that this proposition has originated entirely with myself nor am I in any way connected to the parties in the event of your Lordships declining from my offer.—

I have &

Signed

George Rennie

Governor.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands.
26th May 1845.

No 28.

My Lord

I have the honor to acknowledge your Lordship's despatch, of 2nd December 1845. No 25, informing me of your Lordship's having, in compliance with my request (12th July last No 12), addressed to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to provide a vessel for the defence of this Colony until some other force should arrive, and enclosing a copy of their Lordship's directions to Sir Thomas Herbert to detach a vessel for that purpose. No Vessel of War has ever been sent here for that object, although two, the "Inconstant" and "Daphne" have touched Island despatches on their way round Cape Horn since the date of your Lordships despatch.

2. The hitherto peaceable conduct of the inhabitants has not however led to any inconvenience from the absence of all regular organized force.

3. From private information I am led to believe that small pox broke out on board the Vessel intended by Sir Thomas Herbert

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for

for the protection of this Colony, and which he would duly judged to be a good reason for not detaching them here, and the speedy expected arrival of Seamen which your Lordship has announced will enable me. I hope to be prepared for any probable contingency.—

I have &c.

(Signed)

George Rennie

Governor.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
26th. May 1849.

No 29.

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge your Lordship's despatch of 21st February 1849, "Military" No 2, informing me of your Lordships decision to send out a small body of Military Pensioners as Settlers here, and enjoining me to pay scrupulous attention to the conditions of the respective departments of Government concerning those Pensioners, and I have to assure your Lordship of my earnest endeavours to comply with those conditions to the best of my ability.—

2.— By the instructions contained in your Lordship's despatch the Pensioners must be located on the most advantageous for the security of the Town of Stanley. This of course requires that they should have their houses either on Town allotments or on the near suburban lands. The value of those lands being so very different from those in the rural districts, I scarcely feel that I understand whether

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whether your Lordship's instructions imply the grant of two acres to be attached to the houses, or that as reasonable a distance as may be practicable on the rural lands.

3. Should therefore the Settlers arrive without bringing with them or my receiving further directions for my guidance, I shall select a site on which their houses and barrack may be erected so as to form a kind of Military village apart from the Settlers, providing attached to each house, a small garden the cultivation of which will be the management of their Wives till such time as they become entitled to your Lordship's instructions regarding the grant of two acres to each person shall be received. I do not apprehend that any inconvenience will attend this arrangement, as no cultivation of any kind can be attempted here until after fences or other enclosures have been made, and these quite impracticable to the extent of the grass for perhaps some years, and the large portion of uncultivated land in the neighbourhood of Stanley forms in the meantime a common available for Cows or horses grazing.

4. I respectfully ask also to be instructed

Attached as to the rights of the Proprietors to sell or dispose of their Lots and Land or Leases without restriction as to the purposes for which they were originally granted.

I have &c

(Signed) George Bowen

Governor.

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as a bond of Justice to obtain judgment in said question, I objected to the case being thus referred that point on the grounds that Mr Attorney would be judge in his own case and has ultimately ruled in submitting the decision to your Lordships as will appear on reference to the Minutes set at length of said Council of 20th and 23d April 1849, details publick, I trust your Lordships will find fully detailed in the correspondence I have requested Mr Attorney under date of this letter to forward to your Lordships — viz.

1st Governor Bonnin's letter to myself dated 15th July 1848.

2nd Copy of J. W. Dudley's letter to H. E. dated 15th July 1848.

3rd. My letter to H. E. dated 25th July 1848.

4th Copy of my letter to Mr Dudley inclosed to H. E. July 25th 1848.

5th Governor Bonnin's letter to myself dated 5th of August 1848.

6th. The Honble W. H. Moore's letter to myself inclosing minute of Council of 3rd of August and Notice dated 4th August 1848.

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7th. Governor Kemmis's letter to myself dated 7th of August 1848.

8th. My letter to H.E. dated 11th. August 1848.

9th. Governor Kemmis's letter to myself 19th. August 1848.

10th. My letter to H.E. dated 21st. August 1848.

11th. Governor Kemmis's Note to myself dated 21st. August 1848.

12th. Copy of Plea of Confession signed by me on the 23d. Aug. 1848.

13th. The Hon.ble W.H. Moore's letter to myself dated 24th. August 1848 with copy of summons attached to appear before the Judges of the Supreme Court of the Sandwich Islands on Friday 1st day of September 1848.

14th. My letter to H.E. dated 24th August 1848.

15th. The Hon.ble W.H. Moore's letter to myself dated 24th. August 1848 delivering me of my Commission of the Peace and Seal of L. Court.

16th.

16th. My letter to H.E. dated 24th. August 1848.

17th Governor Pennis's letter to myself dated 25th. August 1848.

18th Governor Pennis's Note to request interview dated 26th. August 1848.

19th Copy of second Plea of Confession signed by me at Govt House the 26th of August 1848.

20th. My letter to H.E. dated ~~14th April~~ 4th January 1849.

21st. My letter to H.E. dated 14th April 1849.

22nd Governor Pennis's letter to myself dated 14th April 1849.

23. Copy of Proclamation 14th April 1849.

24. My letter to H.E. dated 16th April 1849.

25. My letter to H.E. dated 16th April 1849.

26th Governor Pennis's letter to myself dated 17th April 1849.

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27th. Copy of Governor Pennie's letter to the Agents to the Hon.ble H.M. Ware-house Co. dated 18th. April 1849.

28th. My letter to H. E. dated 19th. April 1849.

29th. My letter to H. E. dated 19th. April 1849.

30th. Copy of my Protest against plea of Confession dated 26th. August 1849.

31st. My letter to H. E. dated 19th. April 1849.

32. Governor Pennie's letter to myself dated 19th. April 1849.

33rd. Governor Pennie's letter to myself dated 20th. April 1849.

34th. Governor Pennie's letter to myself dated 20th. April 1849.

35th. Governor Pennie's letter to myself dated 20th. April 1849.

36th. Governor Pennie's letter to myself dated 20th. April 1849.

37th. My letter to H. E. dated 21st. April 1849.

38th.

38th. My Letter to H.E. dated 21st. April 1849.

39th. Governor Young's letter to myself dated 23rd. April 1849.

40th. Governor Young's letter to myself dated 23rd. April 1849.

41st. Extract of Minutes of Executive Council of 20th and 23rd of April 1849.

42. Copy of Contract for Horses dated 1st May last 1849.

It is very much against my good & humble self Lordship with this communication, but for the sake of my character, and my Principal Employers interests, I ought to state, that I have been urged to it in consequence of what appears to me, the unjust manner I have been treated by His Excellency Governor Young, and I trust that my long silence, in not moving against him (if unhappily forced by circumstances) will fully prove to your Lordship, that my disposition is not that of a censorious man.

Hoping that this communication and the documents alluded to may meet your Lordship's attention.

I have &c

(signed) R. Williams

Schedule of Despatches

transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies by Her Majesty's Ship Daphne Captain Sanshaw R.N. via Valparaiso, on the 26th of May 1849.

Number of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	Number of Enclosures
	1849		
24	22nd May	Acknowledging the receipt of Despatches and enclosures.	None
25	23rd "	Reporting having received the sum of One Thousand Pounds sterling from Captain Sanshawe R.N. commanding H.M.S. Daphne	None
26	23rd "	Replying to the Secretary of State's Despatch No. 33 of 23rd February 1849, relative to the occupation of Town allotments of Land by Government Officers.	None
27	25th "	Enclosing an Ordinance passed by the Legislative Council for the Administration of Justice in the Colony and reporting the measures taken by the Governor to carry it into	One

Number of Dispatch	Date of Dispatch	Subject of Dispatch	Number of Enclosures
	1850		
28	20th May	Reporting that no vessel of War has as yet been stationed here for the benefit of the Colony.	None
29	21st "	Requesting further instructions relative to the Body of Military Passengers about to be sent out to the Colony.	None

(Signed)

George Rennie

Governor

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
26th June 1849

No. 30.

My Lord

I have the honour to forward herewith the Queries of the Commissioners of Audit on the Accounts of my Predecessor for the years 1845 & 1846, and also Preliminary Queries on my own Accounts for the quarter ending 30th September 1848.

11th September 1848 and 25th June 1849
" and 25th "
11th "
19th February 1849 and 25th "

2. The amounts of English and Spanish money with their current value in this Colony were stated in my despatch to your Lordship, No. 9, of 12th July 1848, and a detailed list of every item was attached to the Accounts of the quarter ending 30th June 1848. The additional Copy required by the Commissioners of Audit, has now been forwarded to their Queries.

3. To all the queries answers and explanations are attached,

and

The Right Honble
Earl Grey

and, I respectfully request that the
warrant may be forwarded to the Com-
missioner of

I have &c.

Signed

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Audit Office, Somerset House,
11th Sept. 1848.

Further Queries and Observations on the Account of Capt. R. C. Moody. R.E. Governor of the Falkland Islands for the year 1845/6.

In which it is desired that Answers and Explanations may be returned within a month of the Reception in the Colony.

By order of the Board,

(signed) Tho W. Hamilton

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The Accountant is requested to write separate Answers to the Queries and Observations in the blank spaces left for that purpose, and to sign his name with the date at the Conclusion of his Answers.

Capt. Moody R.E.

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Falkland Islands.

Description of the Vessels
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Description of the Goods	Observation or Query	No. of the Query
Quarter ending March 1846		
Receipts		
January		
Cash received from Capt Balfour, for 54 gallons of Rum supplied to him at 4/ per gallon £10.16.0	The instructions of the Secretary of State were that the goods of Stores to be delivered upon the previous payment of the full value, if the Stores, might be made under peculiar circumstances.	
February		
Cash received from Mr Dany for 101 Barrels of Peas at 3/4/8 per Barrel £17.6.8	Explanation is requested whether, in fixing the prices at which public sales might be made, the cost of each article, with all charges added, were ascertained; no certificate that the full value of the Stores was received, in each case, is annexed.	15
March		
Cash received from J. M. Longden for Stores supplied him £4.8.4	Such certificate is requested in support of Receipts from public sales.	
Cash received from J. Saulsbury for 20 Tons of Old Iron 30/ per Ton £30.		
Cash received from J. C. Dalbiac for 40 feet of Timber at 4 per square foot £6.13.8		

Answer or Explanation of the Accountant.

In making sales to individuals of Government Stores the total actual cost to Government is estimated as nearly as possible. The charge for freight (in the case of articles not purchased in the Colony) is always added, and on those articles on which it would be impracticable to ascertain the exact amount of freight, a per centage is added to the original price which always more than covers the total cost to Government of the articles supplied.

Captain Moody the late Governor having left the Colony nearly a year ago, it is impossible to obtain at present the explanation required from him as to the above particulars

Description of the Vouchers	Observation or Query	No. of the Query
Proceeds of sale of Lots £ 7 " 18 1/2 " — " — " 98 " " — " — " — " — 114 " 6 " 6 " — " — " — Sal 30 " " — 320 " 4 " 8	A Declaration is also requested that these were the whole proceeds of the sales during the year 1845/6	16
J. Hearnden for grazing licence from 1st April 1846 to April 1847.- £10.	A Declaration shewing that £10 was the whole amount received in the Quarter has not been sent. Such Declaration is requested.	17
Disbursements. January 1846 Voucher 90. Paid C. J. Anderson for furniture for Government House and Offices £109 " 15 " 4 includes 22 2/3 yards of Hor Cloth Sal 3/. £3 " 19 " 4	Explanation is requested respecting the following errors of Computation. Computes to £3 " 8 " 0 Appt overcomputation 11 " 4	18

Answer or Explanation of the Accountant.

These declarations cannot be made here as Captain Moody left the Colony some time ago. The above answer.

The flour cloth was charged 3/6 per yard, not 3/0 as appears from a clerical error in copying the voucher.

Description of the Voucher	Observation or Query		No. of the Query
Voucher 91.			
Paid C. J. Anderson for Building Materials £196.10.1			
includes, 3 Dg Drawer Knobs at 1/ £1.4.0	Computes to	£2.14.0	
	Appt under comput.	1.10.0	19
Vou 93.			
Paid C. J. Anderson for Stores £13.12.0			
includes, 6 Cooking Kettles 2 at 7/. 2 at 5/. and 2 at 9/ each £2.9.0	Computes to	£2.8.0	
	Appt overcomput.	1.-	20
March 1846			
Voucher 99.			
Paid J. Colquhoun for Work performed £15.18.9			
includes, 12 days at 5/ per day £3.12.0	Computes to	£3.10.0	
	Appt overcomput.	2.0	21

Answer or Explanation of the Accountant

These drawer knobs were 8/. per dozen the mistake must have arisen in copying the bill.

In the duplicate Voucher the 2 largest Kettles are charged 9/6 each which makes the sum mentioned in the bill correct.

This must have arisen from an oversight. The amount is returned to the chest.

Description of the Voucher	Observation or Query	No. of the Query
Voucher 108. Pay List of Civil Work men for the Quarter to March 1846 £173. 2. 9¼ includes Stephen Chatfield 61 days at 6/6 & 3 days at 16/ per day £21.	computes to £20. 16. 9 App.x overcamput. 5. 3	22
January 1846. Voucher 89. Paid C. I. Anderson for 30 Tons of Coals at 75/ per Ton £112. 10. 0	This appearing very much higher than some other charges for Coals (March 40 per Ton voucher 94). Explanation is requested	23

Answer in Explanation of the Accountant.

By the Diary of Works kept by Sergeant Hearn Royn R.E.S.M. late Superintendent of Works here, it appears that Stephen Chatfield works 61½ days at 6/6 and 3 at 6/9 which amounts to the sum mentioned in the voucher the packon must have been omitted by mistake.

The Coals mentioned in voucher 94 were of a common anthracite quality from the United States, and were not offered to the Government at this price until the Captain found that they could not obtain a higher price. The Coals mentioned in Voucher 80 came from England and were of a very good description and consequently much dearer. Occasionally vessels arrive here with an overloaded cargo of Coals, and they will then part with a portion at any price they can obtain to ease their ship in going round Cape Horn.

Description of the Vouchers	Observations & Query	No. of the Query
March 1846.		
Voucher 99.		
Paid J. Colquhoun for work performed viz		
11½ days at 5/ per day		
£3. 12.6		
29 3/4 days at 6. 8.18.6	The Accountant is requested to explain the cause of these differences in the Rates of Pay charged for the same individual.	24
10½ " at 6/6 3.. 8.3		
15. 18.9		
Quarter to Dec: 1845		
October Vou. 70		
Paid J. Robertson and Party for making Roads £26.19.9		
November 1845	All these payments being described as made to the Individual and Party the under receipts of the Parties for labour performed should have been produced.	25
Voucher 70		
Paid J. Phillips and Party for Incidental Services getting up a boat which had been swamped £4.		

Answer & Explanation of the Accountant

When subjects of Labourers are taken on the Government Works it is a rule that they commence with the Lowest class pay, until it is seen from their work whether or not they are expert in their trades. This man being found to be a good tradesman his wages were raised accordingly.—

In contracts of this nature with Mr Phillips and others the Head man was responsible to the men whom he employed. The Government merely took care that the then charges for work actually and bonâ fide employed and that the charges were moderate and reasonable.—

Description of the Vouchers.	Observation or Query	No. of the Query
Voucher 64. Said J. Phillips Esq. for Salary performed £29. 2. 7½		
December 1815		
Voucher 65. £96. 3. 0. also includes 33½ days at 6/ per day extra for cooking for a single man of the Corps of Sappers and Miners in Barracks. £1. 6. 9	This charge being of an unusual nature requires explanation	26
Voucher 75. Said L. A. Mogdy Colonial Chaplain Salary due to him up to 31st December 1815. viz Half Salary from 20th Sept. to 22d October inclusive 2 Full Salary from 23d October to 31st Dec. inclusive £6. 1. 10 3/4 Income Tax deduc. 2. 1. 3 1/2 £4. 0. 5 1/4	This Salary has been computed by the days in the year, it should have been computed by the days in the Quarter giving £4. 0. 10. 3 1/2 Difference 11 7/ over computed	27

Answers & Explanations of the Accountant

Charles Jolliffe was employed by cook for the single Officers in the Barracks in order to avoid the detention of one of them to perform that duty.

Being all Officers the daily detention of one man from his work would have caused a much greater loss to the Government than the pay of the two Men employed when duked, his bringing the Cook bill to, &c.

The period for which this salary was paid embracing only 2 quarters it was computed by the number of days in the Year as ordered by the Commissioners which gave the sum mentioned in the Voucher. In consequence however of their regarding the over computation has been returned by the Revd. Mr. Moody

Description of the Voucher	Observation or Query	No. of the Query
Voucher 81. Paid M. Colonel for attendance on Horses during October. November and December 1845 £ 6. 19.	An agreement was entered into with M. Sulley on 15th November 1845. whereby J. M. Sulley covenanted to take the whole management of the Government Stable of horses and play by assistants in consideration of the payment to him of a salary at a rate depending upon certain contingencies mentioned in the agreement which salary continued in the 15th Nov. Explanation is therefore requested as to payment for attendance in horses from 15th Nov. to 31st Dec amounting to 19/ 6.	28
Voucher 82. Paid Civil Workmen & others Employed on piece work. £ 150. 18. 4 includes J. Miller £ 2. 10. 0	William Brown gives a receipt by work for J. Miller, for the amount charged, enabling him to receive that money as stated.	29

Answer & Explanation of the Accountant

The horses here reported to vary those kept for the "general service" of the Colony and entirely distinct from the Gangs of Cossong horses which were in the charge of J. M. Barclay. The horses kept for "general service" comprised those used for draught, carriage, and for sending Special messages into the Country &c &c.—

Notwithstanding authority was given to Brown to receive this money, the pegs &c work for which it was due, was executed by Brown & Webb together, as shown by the diary of the Late Superintendent of Works, Sergeant Macarden R.E. & M.

Description of the Vouchers	Observations on Vouchers	No. of the Query
Voucher 86.		
J. Scudley for "Expenses attending passage of Vouchers, J. K. Neill, A. Vidal & C. Gomez to Monte Video £17. 6. 8	As no receipt of the Master of the Vessel for these passages is produced, there is no Evidence of the service charged for having been performed, & which should be transmitted. Explanation is also requested as to the charge of £6. 10. - for Neill, the other passages being £5. 8. 4 each.	30.
29th October 1845		
Cash received from J. K. Slaughter in redemption of 19 years rent of N. 18 Allotment in the town of Stanley Falkland Islands £47. 10.	The term for redemption of rent are seen to be for 20 years purchase, the present receipt being for 19 years rent only explanation is requested whether this allotment was let to Mr Slaughter for one year before he purchased it. Mr Lenthy is found for receipt of rent of allotment N. 18.	31.
	Explanation is requested whether this allotment was let to Mr Slaughter before he purchased it.	

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Answer or Explanation of the Accountant

Mr Scully acted as Agent for the Vessel. The men were landed at Monte Video. Mr O'Neill for whose passage £6.10.0 was charged was the head of the Party and lived in the Cabin as had been the case in his voyage from Monte Video to the Islands. The other Gentlemen lived with the Seamen. The agreements were attached to Captain Mundy's Answers to the Queries on his account for the year 1842-3.

His allotment was let to Mr Naughton on the 20th October 1845 at which time he paid one Years rent in advance: the rent was reduced by the payment of £11.10.0 instead of £50 £, under an erroneous interpretation of Lord Stanley's despatch No 38 of the 2nd June 1844. The Fijian Chiefs were pensioned on Governor Fenner's despatch to Earl Grey No 26 dated 23rd May 1849. in reply to Earl Grey's despatch on the subject No 33 of the 23rd February 1849.

Description of the Voucher	Observation or Query	No. of the Query
	A return of all allotments is requested, distinguishing Town from Suburban, & shewing how disposed of whether by letting or sale, & the date in each year commencing with No 1 & continuing on to the last allotment made.	
13th December 1845		
Cash received from W.H. Mayne for No 3 suburban allotment in the environs of the town of Hanley £47.18.0	It appears from the extract from Lord J. Russell's Despatch to Governor Mody 23d August 1841 referred to in the Accounts that suburban allotments of 25 acres each were to be offered to the public "at the rate of £2 per acre or 50£ for each section" Explanation is requested as to the disposal of No 3 suburban allotment for £47.10. only	32

Comparison

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A / The required return of all allotments sold or let, with the dates, is annexed hereto.

In consequence of an irregularity in the form of the ground the area of No 6 suburban allotment was only 23 acres, 3 roods, and 32 perches instead of 25 acres, the usual size. The price was calculated at the fixed rate of Two Pounds per acre, at which price it amounted to £47.7.18.0, and was bought for that sum by W. Moore.

Description of the Vouchers	Observation or Query	No. of the Query
	Comparison of Cash Acct with Boggis's accounts of works – 1845/6.	
Voucher 82. Lyd Civil Workmen £150.18.4 includes J.C. DeMoff 12.14.	On referring to the Boggis Report of Works for Roads and Excavations, the following entries of expenses under the name of J.C. DeMoff are found Roads 9.16.6 Excavation 2.13.3 12.9.9 Difference 4/4 to be explained	33
D. D. D. £150.18.4 also includes, J Watson – £12.4.6	The Boggis Report shews as follows Government Offices 2.0.0 Roads 6.8.0 Incidental services 7.10.0 10.18.0 Difference 1.6.6 to be explained	34
Voucher 83. Civil Officers & Labourers employed on piece work £28.3.6½ includes J. Chatfield £6.3.3½ Carpenter's work	In the Boggis Report is placed only Government Offices 16.3 Incidental services 13.0 Difference £4.14.0½ explained 1.9.0	35

Answer or Explanation of the Accountant.

The difference of £ s d
£ 4 was paid to J. C. Delaff
for attending to bring stand in bonds to the settlement, as appears by voucher 82, which charge is not included separately in the Progress Rolls.

The difference of £16.6.6 appears by the voucher to have been expended on Work in John Street which is not entered in the Progress Rolls for that quarter.

I Chatfield and J Lilly inspect this time paybook, and the work done by them is entered in the Progress sometimes under the name of one and sometimes of the other. The whole work done by both, but paid for to Chatfield alone, appears by the

Description of the Vouchers	Observations on Query	No. of the Query
December 1845		
Voucher 82. Civil Workmen and others employed on Seawork £150. 18. 4		
Voucher 83. Civil artificers and labourers	No part of these appear to have been charged to any head of work in the Wages Report for the corresponding Quarter	36

Jas. Phillips for fringing 18 Tons of Sand for Mortar in boat &c. £5. 19.

Answer or Explanation of the Accountant

the Progress Return to be as follows:-

Government Offices { in the name of J. Chatfield £ " 16. 3
in the name of T. Tilly 1. 2. 9

Barracks - in the name of T Tilly - £3. 4. 9½ of which 19/6 etc paid for in Sept. 1845, see voucher 50. " - 2. 5. 3½

Call Bell - in the name of T Tilly 1. 6. 0

Incidental services - (Repairs) in the name of J Chatfield " 13. 0

£6. 3. 3½

The sand brought by Mr Phillips was charged to the different buildings where it was used. In the Progress Return for the quarter to March 1846, 24 tons of sand are accounted for under the head of Government House

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Description of the Vouchers	Observation or Query	No. of the Query
Labourers employed in piece work £28.3.6		
includes J. Robertson £6.1.0		
Crown Lands Revenue		
1844/5 408.13.6	Referring to Query No 33 on the 2d point. March 1845, in which it was observed, with reference to the sum of £408.13.6 for which credit was claimed for Land Revenue, paid over to a separate Fund, that the Accountant must remain charged with the same in this Account made up at this Office, & referring also to communications on this point which have since been received from the Treasury with the Governor's Despatch of Earl Grey of the 26th April 1847 it appears desirable to make some remarks in the nature of Instructions to prevent misconception on the part of the Accountant as to the manner of dealing in his Account with the	37
1845/6 257.18.0		
1846/7 2.10.0		
£669.1.6		

Receipt

Answer or Explanation of the Accountant

The work performed by J. Robertson is also included in the return to March 1846 under the head of "Roads", as follows;

J. Robertson - John Street	£	2.17.0
J. Robertson - N.J. Road		3.14.0
	£	6.1.0

These regulations will be attended to in future

In consequence of the Commissioners Observation, No 33, on the Accounts to 31st. May of 1845 the amount of Crown Lands Revenue at that time held in a distinct fund (amounting to £66.1.6 was re-entered into the Account Current. See account for quarter to 31st. March 1846 - 25th. February - By Crown Lands Revenue &c. £66.1.6

Since that time a bill for £6.15.11.6 (being the above named sum with additions subsequently received) was drawn upon Her Majesty's Treasury in favor of the Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners and forwarded to them. This bill was paid over to the Exchamber Treasury for the Colony for the current year, the cash received in the Colony being at the same time no longer required for the Reserve list appropriated to the

general

Description of the Voucher.	Observation or Query	No. of the Query
Receipt and appropriation of the Casual & Territorial Branch of Revenue		
The Colonial Estimate required to be prepared annually under the new Instructions of 1847 should, as therein provided, include anticipated Receipts of "Crown Lands Revenue" although the same are solely applicable to Emigration Services & not to general Colonial Expenditure.		
The head of Entry in the Estimate F. A should be "Crown Lands Revenue applicable to Emigration Purposes"; & in the details of this Estimate the words, "Crown Lands Revenue applicable to Emigration Purposes" should be given as a heading, "Sales of Land" & "Land Revenue" being sub-heads to be included in one Total instead of being separately carried out in the Estimate Columns.		
In the Estimate of Expenditure B. the remittances by Bills for Emigration Purposes		

will

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general service of the Colony. This was done by the directions of the Secretary of State contained in his despatch No. 10 of the 2nd February 1848.—

4. By the annexed return required by the 3rd of these queries) the total amount of Crown Lands Revenue received in the Colony up to this date is shown, as well as the sums transmitted to the Land and Emigration Commissioners.—

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
25th June 1849.

Description of the Voucher	Observation or Query	No. of the Query
	will be set down in the Estimate under the 19th Head. The account will contain a similar Classification & a proof will be opened in the Ledger of Crown Lands Revenue applicable to "Immigration Purposes" to which the several Receipts will be posted on the one hand, and payments & Bills on the other. (signed) [illegible]	

Answer & Explanation of the Account.

Query No 31.

A

Return of all sums received on Account of Crown Lands Revenue up to the 1st June 1849, distinguishing town allotments from rural and suburban lands, and shewing how disposed of, whether by sale or letting with the dates of the transactions, and numbers of the allotments, shewing also the sums received for rent of Stock rocks and Fisheries

Date	Name of Party	Description of Transaction
3rd. August 1842	John Scully	Purchase of town Lot. No 1.
29th. "	Charles Melville	Do Do No 3.
29th. "	Richard Penny	Do Do No 2.
7th September	John Bull Whitington	Do of rural Lot No 1.
7th. "	John Bull Whitington	Do of town lots Nos 33 & 34
23rd. "	John Culey	Do of town Lot. No 35.
27th. October	Charles Melville	One years rent of seal rocks
29th. November	Christopher Thomas Anderson	Purchase of town Lot No 9.
28th. December	Agustan. Acla	One years rent of seal rocks
31st. "	Antonina. Roca	One years grazing lease
14th. January 1843	Bartholomew James Sullivan	Purchase of town Lot. No 8.
14th. "	William Richardson	Do Do Do No 7

Contents Acres	roods	perches	Where situate	Price £	s	d	Remarks
"	2	"	Anson	50	0	0	Afterwards exchanged for No 13 town allotment at Stanley by permission of Lt Governor on the removal of the Seat of Government to the
"	2	14	Anson	55	15	0	Afterwards exchanged for town Lot No 89 at Stanley
"	2	"	Anson	50	0	0	Afterwards exchanged for town Lot No 8 at Stanley.
389	0	0	Port Salvador	233	8	0	Afterwards exchanged for rural Lot No 1 near Stanley by special permission of Lt Governor
1	0	7	Anson	104	7	6	
"	2	"	Anson	50	0	0	Afterwards exchanged for town Lot No 26 Lot Stanley.
"	"	"	Berkeley Sound	80	0	0	according to contract
"	2	"	Anson	50	0	0	Afterwards exchanged for No 13 town Lot at Stanley.
"	"	"	Jason Islands	50	0	0	according to contract
"	"	"	Port Salvador	10	0	0	
"	2	"	Anson	50	0	0	Afterwards exchanged for town Lot No 17 at Stanley
"	2	"	Anson	50	0	0	Afterwards exchanged for town Lot No 89 Lot Stanley.
Carried forward				£836	10	6	

Date	Name of Party	Description of Transaction
		Brought
1843		
14th January	Thomas Reardon	Purchase of town Lot. No 88.
31st March	Charles Melville	Grazing Licence
30th September	Charles Melville	One years rent of Seal rocks
30th "	Augustan Abila	Do. Do. Do.
1844		
1st January	Antonina Race	Grazing Licence
18th May	John Scully	Do. Do.
18th "	Thomas Reardon	Do. Do.
10th July	John Scully	Purchase of town Lot. No 14
30th September	Augustan Abila	One years rent of Seal Rocks
29th October	John Hamilton Slaughter	Rent of No 18 Allotment (town)
2nd November	Henry Joseph Hamblin	Purchase of town Lot. No 1.
2nd "	Bartholomew James Sullivan	Do. of Suburban Lot. No 2
2nd "	Muriell Robinson	Do. of Do. No 1
2nd December	Robinson John Markham Dean	Do. of town Lot No 8.

Contents Yard Yards Feet	Where Situate	Price £ s d	Remarks
	Forward	836 10 6	
" 2 "	Anson	30 0 0	Afterwards exchanged for No 10 town allotment
" " "	Port Salvador	10 0 0	
" " "	Berkeley Sound	80 0 0	According to Contract
" " "	Jason Islands	50 0 0	According to Contract
" " "	Port Salvador	10 0 0	These Lots £ were made and the sums received before the receipt of Instructions, allowing all sums received on account of Crown Land Rents to be set apart for special services that have appropriated by the general Legislature of the Colony as they were received.
		£ 1036 10 6	
" " "	Port William	10 0 0	
" " "	Port William	10 0 0	
" 2 "	Stanley	30 0 0	
" " "	Jason Islands	30 0 0	According to Contract
" 2 "	Stanley	2 10 0	This allotment was number'd 25 in the copy sent to England but the allotment altered in every book see below.
" 2 "	Stanley	30 0 0	These allotments were purchased at public auction according to the Royal Instructions.
25 0 30	Allotments of Stanley	52 0 0	
25 0 30	Allotments of Stanley	53 0 0	
" 2 "	Stanley	30 0 0	
	Carried Forward	£ 364 0 6	

Date	Name of Party	Nature of Transaction
1844		Brought forward
31st December	Antonina Rosa	Grazing license
1845		
19th January	Samuel Lapone	Purchase of suburban Lot No 4
31st March	John Sculley	Grazing license
31st "	Thomas Hearden	Grazing license
30th June	William Henry Moore	Rent of No 4 town allotment
29th October	John Hamilton Haughton	Redemption of 19 years rent of No 18 town allotment
15th Dec:	William Henry Moore	Purchase of suburban Lot No 3
15th "	Frederic Boardman	Do of town Lot No 28
15th "	Revd James Leith Macdy	Do Do No 3

Contents			Where situate	Price			Remarks.
Acres.	roods	perches		£.	s.	d	
				136	10	6	
"	"	"	Port William	10	0	0	
25	2	14	Suburbs of Stanley	51	3	6	The upset price at £2 per acre.
"	"	"	Port William	10	0	0	
"	"	"	Port William	10	0	0	
"	2	"	Stanley	2	10	0	By permission of Lord Stanley contained in his Despatch No 32 of 22nd June 1844.
"	2	"	Stanley	11	10	0	This is the allotment agreed to by the Commissioners in their Report No 31. the Attorney General as also Governor Rennie's Despatch to Col Gov. No 26 of the 25th May 1849.
23	3	32	Suburbs of Stanley	47	18	*	* The upset price at £2 per acre.
	2	0	Stanley	50	0	0	
	2	0	Stanley	50	0	0	
Carried forward				£16	43	2 10	

Date	Name of Party	Nature of Transaction			
1845					Brought
15th Decr	John Hamilton Haughton	Purchase of town lot No 2			
1846					
31st March	Thomas Reardon	Grazing Licence			
30th June	William Henry Rose	Rent of town lot No 4			
1847					
30th June	William Henry Rose	Do	Do	No 4	
3rd July	Revd James Leith Moody	Temporary permission to occupy vacant Lot			
15th "	John Tulley	Do	Do	Do	
13th August	William Rust	Do	Do	Do	
1848					
19th January	James Phillips	Do	Do	Do	
2nd May	John Bell Wellington	Do	Do	Do	
15th June	Richard Almond Williams	Do	Do	Do	
15th "	Richard Almond Williams	Do	Do	Do	

Contents Acres	roods	perches	Where situate.	Amount £	s.	d.	Remarks
Forward				163	2	0	
"	2	0	Stanley	50	0	0	
"	"	"	Port William Georgetown	10	0	0	
~~"~~	~~2~~	~~0~~	~~Stanley~~	~~50~~	~~0~~	~~0~~	
"	2	0	Stanley	2	10	0	
~~"~~	~~2~~	~~0~~	~~Port William~~	~~10~~	~~0~~	~~0~~	
"	2	0	Stanley	2	10	0	
"	"	"	Port Pegasy	1	0	0	This temporary occupation of Naval Reserves was granted in consequence of the absence of a Surveyor and the consequent inability of the Government to make selections by grants of land at this time. It was only a temporary measure and was approved of by Lord Grey at this date Patent only taken 30th June 1848.
"	"	"	Spanish Cove	1	0	0	
"	"	"	West Creek	1	0	0	
"	"	"	Port Harriet	1	0	0	
				112	2	0	
"	"	"	Port Louis	1	0	0	The sums herein enumerated as having been vested on account of Crown Lands Revenue, will be transmitted to the Land and Emigration Commissioners as soon as they amount to £100, according to the direction of the Right Honble Earl Grey. At present the amount in hand amounts only to £64.0.0
"	"	"	Port Pegasus	1	0	0	
"	"	"	Bluff Cove	1	0	0	
Carried forward				£175	2	0	

Date	Name of Party	Nature of Transaction
		Brought
1848		
27th. August	William Bush	Temporary permission to occupy Jurial Land
5th. Septem.	William Henry Moore	Rent of town Lot. No. 4
1849		
2nd. January	John Bull Whitington	Temporary permission to occupy Jurial Land
21st. April	Barthelomew James Sullivan	Do. Do. Do.
26th. "	Barthelomew James Sullivan	Do. Do. Do.
26th. "	Philip Raymond	Do. Do. Do.
26th. "	John Jacob Vaillant	Do. Do. Do.
4th. May	William Henry Moore	Purchase of town Lot. No. 4
5th. "	James Edmunds	Rent of town Lot. No. 5

Acres	Roods	Perches	Where situate	Amount £	s	d	Remarks
Forward				715	2	0	
"	"	"	West Creek	1	0	0	
"	2	0	Stanley	2	10	0	
"	"	"	Port Louis	1	0	0	
"	"	"	Port Harriet	1	0	0	
"	"	"	Port Pleasant	1	0	0	See remark on preceding page relative to the temporary occupation of Rural Lands.
"	"	"	Kelp Lagoon	1	0	0	
"	"	"	Swan Inlet	1	0	0	
"	2	0	Stanley	50	0	0	Paid for the allotment which Mr. Moore had previously rented from the Crown but which he now purchased at the price of 50£ according to the Instructions.
"	2	0	Stanley	2	10	0	
			Total	£ 776	2	0	