

Port Luis 3 February 1848

To His Excellency  
Governor Moody

Sir,

I received yours of the 1<sup>st</sup>  
ult. & beg to state that I cannot accommo-  
date you with the number of cattle you de-  
manded until my return from the Camp,  
in the mean time I send you Eight of the  
fattest that I have on hand. - Will you  
please be so good as to see into the cause of  
Complaint that the Cap. of the "Paloma" has  
against us & oblige

Your Most Obedt. Servt  
P. Juan J. Lafone  
(Signed)  
Martino Martinez

Duplicate

No<sup>o</sup> 5, Cannon Row,  
Westminster, 15<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1847

Sir

I have the honor to enclose, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, a copy of my Account with the Government of the Falkland Islands for the Quarter ended the 30<sup>th</sup> ultimo.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient  
humble Servant

(signed) G. Baillie

The Colonial Secretary

Falkland Islands

The Government of The Falkland  
Agent General for Crown

		<u>Receipts.</u>	L	s	d
1847	July 30 <sup>th</sup>	Received of the Paymaster of Civil Services as an advance for the service of the Colony	1500		
	Aug 20	Received proceeds of 1 Exchequer Bill dated 15 June	£ 1000.---		
		Interest 6 days @ 3	8.5.		
			1,008.5.		
		Deduct Commission 10	1.10.	1006	15
		Discount 2/100			
			£ 2,506	15	

Stands in Account with George Baillie, Esquire  
Colonies for the Quarter ending the 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1847.

		Payments	Income Tax	£	s	d
1847	July 1 <sup>st</sup>	Balance unpaid 30 June		1,369	12	5
	Aug 12 <sup>th</sup>	Paid H. M. Stationery Office for Stationery required to make up Store Accounts		9	9	9
	" 27 <sup>th</sup>	" Messrs Kirk for Medical Instru- ments		12	12	6
	" 28 <sup>th</sup>	" Mr Tully for Cal &c		49	8	0
				1,440	13	8
Balance in hand 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept				1,066	1	4
				£ 2,506	15	0

(Signed) G. Baillie  
15<sup>th</sup> Oct 1847.

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Duplicate

St. Cannon Row.  
12<sup>th</sup> August 1847

Sir

I have the honor to enclose a copy of  
my Account with the Government of the  
Bathurst Islands for the Half year ended  
on the 30<sup>th</sup> June last.

I have &c

(signed)

G. Baillie

His Excellency  
Governor. Moody  
Y<sup>rs</sup> H<sup>ble</sup> S<sup>vt</sup>

The Government of the Falkland Islands  
Agent General for Crown Colonies

	£	s	d
1817 Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> Balance in hand 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec. 1846	367	5	5
June 16 <sup>th</sup> Received interest on £5000, Exchequer Bills dated 15 <sup>th</sup> June 1846. 2/3 days at 1/2 and 9/ days at 2 p diem Income Tax	141	3	5

Carried forward

£ 508 8 10

Accounts in Account with George Baillie Esq<sup>re</sup>  
 for the Half Year ending the 30<sup>th</sup> June 1847.

		£	s	d
1847				
July 16 <sup>th</sup>	Paid Mrs. Norbury for Bills & Prayer Books	12	18	-
" 18 <sup>th</sup>	" Mr. Seaton for Groceries & Iron &c	35	11	6
" 19 <sup>th</sup>	" Mr. Stephenson for Advancements in The Liverpool Alliance respecting J. Holt	"	6	-
Mar 20 <sup>th</sup>	Administrators of George Pike being the amount realized by the sale of his effects	36	18	10
"	Administrators of Thomas Aggett Esq	38	6	5
Apr 1 <sup>st</sup>	Hon. Mr. Paymaster General for Ordnance Stores supplied for the service of the Colony	"	10	3
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Mr. J. Edmunds 3 mo. Salary in advance as Government Clerk	1	1	10
" 7 <sup>th</sup>	Mr. Beck for Building Materials, Stores &c supplied for the use of the Colony	539	9	10
" 8 <sup>th</sup>	Mr. Honeybone for Plated Communion Service &c	7	11	-
" 12 <sup>th</sup>	Messrs. Colnaghe & Co. for a Portrait of Her Majesty	12	10	-
" 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Messrs. Holland for Furniture	347	1	2
June 15 <sup>th</sup>	Mr. Arnould Packing & Shipping Acts of Parliament	2	2	-
" 16 <sup>th</sup>	for " Nautical	135	5	10
" 16 <sup>th</sup>	Mr. Manning for Iron Handles			
Carried forward		1	1	10
		1204	19	-



Brought forward £	508	8	10
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Balance overpaid 30 <sup>th</sup> June	508	8	10
	1369	12	5

£	1878	1	3
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	Brought forward	1	1	10	120	19	.
1847 June 8	Paid Mr Winkley freight and shipping expenses on 2 Cases of Stationery and Building Materials, Stores, Furniture & 1/2 p <sup>o</sup> "Vaughan".				6	18	9
"	Do. on a case containing a Portrait of Rev. Mr. Jesty p <sup>o</sup> de.				2	9	.
30	London Assurance premium on £2,220 insured on 2 Cases of Stationery & Building Materials, Stores, Furniture & a Portrait of Rev. Mr. Jesty p <sup>o</sup> de.				50	18	1
"	Postage of letters to mo: to 30 <sup>th</sup> June						44
		1	1	10	187	6	19 5
							1 10

(Signed) G. Baulhe  
12<sup>th</sup> August 1847

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J. C. Kempe's Cottage  
Stanley 7<sup>th</sup> February 1848.

Sir

I beg to report to your Excellency that I have had the Boiled Linseed Oil re-measured as accurately as possible with an imperial Gallon measure (which has been but seldom used before) by the Storeman J. M. O'Brien assisted by J and G. Murry and a prisoner in my presence and the actual remaining quantity is only  $84\frac{3}{4}$  gallons being a still greater deficiency than the Storeman's first report to me who then stated that there were 97 gallons in the cask as I have before informed your Excellency. The whole of it I have had put into three casks which I numbered 1 - 2 - and 3 each containing  $24\frac{1}{2}$  -  $35\frac{1}{2}$  -  $24\frac{3}{4}$  gallons amounting in all to  $84\frac{3}{4}$  gallons.

This result renders me still more anxious to ascertain the present contents of the Store which I think should be done without any delay. Having been very frequently interrupted on Saturday while attending to this matter and particularly by your Excellency sending for the Storeman within half an hour from my interview with you about 3 o'clock to attend upon you at Government Lodge which caused some delay I was not discharged from the Store until nearly 7 o'clock although I had been there from 6 o'clock in the morning. Before I locked the Store I saw the  
Storeman

Storeman issuing 6 galls of Rum to Co. Marvin the  
 turnkey for himself and two others which is  
 their ration allowance and there were 36 galls  
 of Rum issued to Corporal Watts as rations for  
 the Royal Sappers and Miners. I directed the  
 Storeman to write down the quantity issued  
 and then I locked both stores after him.

I beg to inform your Excellency that until  
 the stores have been thoroughly looked through  
 I shall not be satisfied to allow any article  
 to be issued in my absence by any one and I  
 trust your Excellency will allow me to perform  
 this important duty. I am the more particu-  
 lar now upon this necessity on account of being  
 told that there were several keys about which  
 would open the padlock fastening on the store.  
 I received the information from the storeman  
 a few weeks ago and immediately reported it  
 to Mr Longden who I believe communicated  
 the report to your Excellency as in a few days  
 after a new and proper store key was made  
 by the storeman in the blacksmiths shop  
 near the store. This key has been in his custody  
 entirely as he states, for at night he puts it un-  
 der his pillow when he retires to rest at Govern-  
 ment Lodge. It was only on Saturday mor-  
 ning last that this key came into my possession  
 and I think I am the only person who ought  
 to have had the care of it hitherto and from this  
 period in future as I now perceive from your  
 Excellency's letter which I had the honor to  
 receive that I am Clerk in charge of the stores.  
 In replying to your Excellency's letter just  
 received

referred to which was delivered to me by Johnson the Office Manager on my return from the Store on Saturday evening I respectfully beg to say that my opinion was otherwise to the one expressed by your Excellency as to the result of the investigation to which allusion is made for my impression was that the answers given were quite complimentary of the statements in my letters to which I strictly adhere. And with respect also to your Excellency's remark that I appeared desirous to have more time given me to make good my statements &c I beg to state that I repeatedly said I was not desirous of having the business deferred but that I did not approve of being called into your presence before three persons without due notice having been given me and then to have a letter written by Mr. Longden to yourself read to me which I was called upon to answer at the instant as your Excellency deliberately read the remarks made in it I think it would have been but fair towards me to have previously received a copy of it with a letter from your Excellency in reply to mine of the 15<sup>th</sup> inst. especially as mine was received by your Excellency 27 hours before the investigation was commenced.

I have no other remark to make upon your Excellency's letter than this. I believe it to be absolutely necessary to have an investigation before the Executive Council which I observe your Excellency intends and in the meanwhile I shall make arrangements for taking the whole of the present stock of the Store and other articles

articles of Her Majesty's property minutely.

As I have not yet received a copy of Mr Longden's letter above referred to but which I may probably have today I feel it my duty now to make some remarks upon my position in Government Office under your Excellency and especially on account of the particular steps your Excellency seems to lay upon the date from which you have considered me responsible in charge of the stores namely 30<sup>th</sup> November 1817. But I consider to be most unjust towards me and I am confident it cannot be supported considering the particular duties that were constantly required of me at Government House in my capacity as Clerk to your Excellency previous to and from the period just mentioned and having no information from your Excellency or Mr Longden the Chief Clerk of many issues of stores - orders for which were written by both occasionally without my knowledge and when I have upon some occasions heard of or seen these orders it has been a considerable time afterwards. At other times I have obtained the information by mere accident. It is for these reasons I differ from your Excellency's view of my position as I think I have been placed by your Excellency in the situation of a junior Clerk you having permitted Mr Longden to have really the management of the stores and I have been in charge but nominally which is my firm belief reasons for which I take the liberty of stating.

The first reason is that numerous written orders

orders for Stores signed by Mr Longden by your  
 "Excellency Command" and issued by the Store-  
 man quite unknown to me and yet frequently  
 on the same day I have been required to write  
 an order for Stores in the Magazine book of  
 issues. Others have been written by your Ex-  
 cellency with which I have not been made  
 acquainted and then it has been when I have  
 made some enquiry of other orders in like  
 manner written. When I have remarked  
 upon these independent orders to Mr Long-  
 den he has repeatedly answered me thus "Oh  
 I and the Governor attend to these things, in  
 point of fact you will have very little to do  
 with the Store". Upon other occasions I have  
 enquired of him before I wrote an order at his  
 request whether I was expected to know could  
 the amount of Stores required be spared as  
 I had not the books and accounts to attend to.  
 The answer to this has been several times "No,  
 I and the Governor attend to that - you have  
 only to make copies of what is placed before  
 you, the entry of letters &c. This has been the  
 mode from the 30<sup>th</sup> November without inter-  
 ruption. At other times many orders for Stores  
 have been written in the form of a Note addressed  
 to me desiring me to issue the Articles therein  
 mentioned and signed "J. R. Longden Private  
 Secretary" or "J. R. Longden Chief Clerk" and  
 invariably addressed "J. Edwards Esqr" but these  
 orders or notes have been delivered to the Store-  
 man J. M. Owen whom your Excellency ap-  
 pointed on the same day that I was announced  
 to

"to have the charge and management of the Store" - he has constantly opened the Store required without my knowledge except when I have called at the Store on my return from the office and then discovered that many similar ones were acted upon in the same way.

I immediately objected to this mode of opening Stores when Mr Longden's answer has been repeatedly "oh Brien enters all these things, which come under the head of Building Materials and Sundry Store and a Capital Matter will render an account of their disposal which I shall attend to all is quite right and the plan saves time". A large portion of these I have drawn from time to time have not been entered in my Store book though many articles did not belong to Building Materials and the whole management of these orders also has been by Mr Longden - Also when draft copies of the Accounts have been prepared by him and all calculations made & they have been placed in my hands to make fair copies from. This is the utmost knowledge I have obtained at various times of the particulars of the Store which I do not think satisfactory when I am told that I am responsible - otherwise I should not express any disapproval of the capacity in which I act.

I have now to enquire of your Excellency whether you authorized 300 bricks to be taken from near the Store on Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> instant for the use of Mr Hamblin at Stanley Cottage as the Storeman has reported to me they were being taken by



by those persons under the orders of Corporal Watts  
 who had charge of them. Feeling very anxious  
 to know the exact deficiency of the oil I without  
 any intimation to any one arrived at the Store  
 unusually early on Saturday morning last  
 the 5<sup>th</sup> inst., expecting to find the Storeman  
 at his forge who act as blacksmith also, and to  
 commence the remeasurement, but I waited  
 there alone until nearly eight o'clock before he  
 arrived. A little while before, I was surprised  
 to have a note put into my hands by a man  
 named Reilly of which this is a copy -

5<sup>th</sup> February 1848

"S. C. the Governor desires you will  
 issue an order to issue to Mr. Marshall  
 500 bricks."

"By order of S. C. the Gov.  
 J. P. Longden  
 The Secretary"

Considering that attention to the Queens  
 Stores that impelled me to be on the spot  
 to look after them 3 hours before the Office  
 business began - of paramount importance  
 dictated writing a temporary order until I had  
 finished my present business and beside was  
 desirous of again asking your Excellency whether  
 these repeated orders were by your authority.

I also wish to know whether your Excel-  
 lency authorized Mr. Longden to select several  
 large Government Casks to contain water for  
 your Excellency use on your voyage to England  
 which were taken without any order from or  
 intimation to me. The Storeman has reported  
 to



such an arrangement.

I must also observe that the accounts put into my hands to copy during last week being the half yearly returns of Stores provisions &c that in the account of "provisions" there is an actual return of all articles of provision up to the 31<sup>st</sup> December 1847 but according to the Colonial Regulations this particular return should be verified. Now I am not aware that it has been - certainly I have not been consulted on the subject and yet I have been daily at Government House from 2 past 9 in the morning until 4 in the afternoon engaged in my office duties and with your Excellency and Mr Longden in our separate offices.

When I saw the copy I enquired why that had not been done - Mr Longden answered "it was not always done regularly" - This is the singular position I have been placed in.

But with respect to the Russians I think it is of the utmost importance to ascertain the agreement between the calculated totals immediately up to the present time.

With respect to other stores such as Stationery, Sundry Matches &c I have noticed that the issue of their issue has been without any order whatever but taken by Mr Longden as they were required for the use of the office and I have been desired to deliver such things without taking any account of them as the actual remain would be sufficient to show the quantity consumed. - As the cupboards in which these things are deposited are without lock or key and I am compelled to reside at the distance of a mile from Government House I think the system

system is far from being satisfactory when I am informed they are in my charge.

Adverting to your Excellency's observation on Saturday that the Stores were satisfactorily given over to me as shown by my signature to the Certificate in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Volume of the Store Account I support the objection I have stated in my second letter by only referring to the Cask of Col'd Lincsed oil which if "I had taken over all the Stores by count, weight, measure &c" it is evident that that Cask was delivered over to me as containing 120 gallons of oil whereas it contains but the quantity I shew in report to your Excellency which is far from being accurate and in like manner many other Stores were "counted" of which I did not know the contents - therefore I think I am justified in maintaining that I have not received the Stores in an accurate and satisfactory manner.

Although I have prolonged the relation of the foregoing circumstances much beyond an ordinary communication I yet feel myself entitled to this defence as I think there is an appearance of charge brought against me by some expressions in your Excellency's letter and as I sincerely think that I am blameless and being also desirous to show by vindicating myself that I am not unworthy of the approval and confidence of the Able man who has conferred the appointment upon me under your Excellency's direction the duties of which as you may point them out to me I will with alacrity faithfully discharge.

I have &c.  
(signed) Jas. Edmonds.

J. Co. Tottleff's Cottage  
Stanley 8<sup>th</sup> February 1848.

Sir

I beg to inform your Excellency that having received a message from you last evening by P. Heacorn Government Butcher and Jailer to be at the Corral this morning at 6 o'clock and witness the cutting up and weighing of the beef for rations. That I have performed the duty and I give a statement of its distribution on the other side.

Additional weights being required by the Butcher to be accurate in the weights of each ration I permitted him to select the following weights in my presence as the Storeman was not there to deliver them. They were 2-4-14 & 28 lbs taken from the lower store and a 56 lb weight from the Store which he will return when applied to.

The Butcher has requested me to apply to your Excellency for leave to purchase 50 lbs of salt from the Government Store and to have the loan of a large cask that he may salt any surplus beef on hand. I beg to be favoured with your Excellency's Command respecting this.

I wish to suggest to your Excellency the difficulty in which I may be frequently placed by being detained at the Corral upon certain rations days away from my office and Store duties as upon the first occasion (Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January) I remained there from 10 o'clock A. M. until 6 in the evening and during that period I wrote several temporary orders or leaves of my Metallic Memorandum

Your Excellency  
Governor. Moody

random look for stores by your Excellency's desire which were issued in my absence.

I have the honor to be  
 Your Excellency's  
 Obedient humble Servt  
 Jas Edmonds  
 Clerk in charge of the Stores.

Account of the distribution of beef  
 by T Heavenden, Government Butcher  
 at the Canal 8<sup>th</sup> February 1848.

Weight of 2 hind and 2 fore quarters 330 lbs

Distribution		Wt.	
Government House	165	-	1 hind and 1 fore quarter
Mr Edmonds	10	-	off fore quarter
Campbell Pitt R. D. M.	17 1/2		do hind do
Herkes do do	25		" " "
Yates do do	32 1/2		" fore do
Non-journal Watts do	40	}	do and hind
& party			
Wm Biggs	27 1/2		" " quarters
Tucket	10		" " "
Cauchis	42		" hind "
Mr Phillips	10		" " "
T Heavenden (butcher)	10		" " "
J. Perry	10		" " "
Mr Brown	10		" " "
Coats	60		Waste pieces chiefly
Jail	6		" hind quarter
	<u>175 1/2</u>		

Weight of the two remaining  
 fore and hind quarters 161 lbs

Weight of 1 hind and 1  
 fore quarter 151  
330  
 151  
 do deduct 175 1/2  
5 1/2

J. C. DeMeffe Cottage  
 Feb<sup>y</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 1848  
 9 o'clock A. M.

Sir

I have to report to your Excellency that about 8 o'clock this morning a messenger brought me the following order which your Excellency will perceive is similar to some that I allude to in my letter addressed to your Excellency dated the 7<sup>th</sup> Inst. -

" Feb<sup>y</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1848  
 "I request two Gallons of Rum for Oatians  
 at the Race Course

(signed) "Robt Hearnston"  
 "Serg<sup>t</sup> R. L. Minnis"

"J. Edmonds Capt<sup>n</sup>"  
 "ve ve ve"

On the receipt of this I desired the messenger to be at Government House about 9 o'clock when I would attend to it - he begged of me to let him have it then as it would save him a long journey to the Race Course and he mentioned that the Storeman O'Brien had sent him to me.

For his accommodation I immediately followed him towards the Store and called upon the storeman to issue the Rum required but he instantly refused - answering "I will have nothing to do with it" - he was then in his blacksmiths shop near the Store. I think it proper to mention that he issued the usual quantity of Rum to C. Murry one of the Turnkeys yesterday without making any objection, shortly after your Excellency desired me to attend

Yours Excellency  
 Governor Moody

to it, and I am not aware why he has refused this morning.

I therefore must wait for your Excellency's instruction as to the above Order and the Storeman's disobedience to mine. It is the more necessary to know your Excellency's commands as there are some Government Articles which have been lent by your Excellency's direction about to be returned which will require the Storeman's assistance to replace whence he took them. I allude particularly to the leading harness which the Rev. J. J. Moody has had the use of for a considerable time and who informed me on the 6<sup>th</sup> inst. that he should return it the following day.

I am also anxious to receive an answer from your Excellency respecting certain enquiries which I have made in my letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> inst. above referred to.

I have &c  
 (signed) Jas Edmonds  
 Clerk in charge of the Stores



Government House  
 Stanley 11<sup>th</sup> February 1848

Sir

I have received a letter from your Excellency in my office this morning handed to me by Mr. Longden on which is written a memorandum by your Excellency informing me that you have twice given instructions to me as to the assistance I may for the present receive in place of O'Brien who refuses to obey me.

I beg to inform your Excellency that you have neither mentioned the Christian or surname of any individual to me to aid me in attending to the Public Service although I have written two letters and otherwise applied to your Excellency upon the subject. I therefore request that I may now be informed who the individual or individuals are that it may be your pleasure to appoint for that purpose as many persons are now waiting for the issue of their patents.

I shall feel obliged by your Excellency giving me general instructions as to the immediate discharge of all my duties which I am desirous of performing with despatch.

This mode may also save your Excellency that inconvenience to which you allude.

I beg also to state that I am not willing to return the letter requested of me

I am Sir

(signed)

Jas. Edmunds  
 Clerk.

His Excellency  
 Governor. Meade

J. C. Gottschall's Cottage  
 Stanley 12<sup>th</sup> February 1848.  
 Saturday Morning 9 o'clock

Sir

I beg to inform your Excellency that I have received a note from you dated Thursday evening 11<sup>th</sup> inst! brought to me by Corporal Watts about 2 past 6 o'clock this morning in which you offer me his assistance with that of O'Brien to serve out the rations the following day though due on Friday.

I must here explain with your Excellency by observing that it is utterly useless to attempt harassing me in the performance of my duty. By this mode of proceeding for I have repeatedly noticed the management of dates in your Excellency's letters conveying instruction to me. Upon this occasion I can point out to your Excellency one of these remarkable facts.

I have made repeated application for assistance since O'Brien refused to do so and your Excellency will perceive my referring to my letters dated the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> inst! and to which I have not received and yet I have been sitting with your Excellency in the Executive Council for the last two days viz on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> inst! for several hours investigating the circumstances relating to Her Majesty's Stores which I have declared and do now believe to be greatly deficient and I demand an enquiry respecting them and the accounts on behalf of the Queen for I have strong suspicions great loss and inaccuracies will be discovered.

Your

His Excellency's Governr. Moody

Your Excellency may rely upon my transmitting every letter and document upon this subject to the Right Honble Earl Grey in vindication of my character from your Excellency's studied insinuations conveyed in various remarks before the Executive Council and to myself.

However I beg to report to your Excellency that I immediately obeyed your instruction by attending at the Ration Store within half an hour after its receipt but no persons having applied for rations none have as yet been issued.

Corporal Walth appears to me to have received verbal directions to suggest to me that a notice should be posted to inform all persons that the rations will be issued to-day (Saturday) which your Excellency in an instruction to me desired to be done, though without naming any persons to assist me.

I beg to have your Excellency's authority to post the notice and

Remain &c  
(signed) Jas Edmonds  
Clerk in charge of Stores.

J. C. DeWitt's Cottage  
July 12<sup>th</sup> 1848.  
Saturday 6 o'clock P. M.

Sir

Since you have taken forcible possession of the Government Stores this day at 2 past 3 o'clock P. M. in the presence of the Honble William Henry Moore Suspendary Magistrate, H. J. Hamblin Esq. Colonial Surgeon J. H. Longden Esq. Chief Clerk Mr J. Moore W. Brinn Foreman and Corporal Watts of the Royal Sappers & Miners I hereby acknowledge resigning the custody of the keys, that they may be in your possession one of which I have just placed in the lock of the large store which contains the casks in which is placed the remeasured gallons of "Lined Linseed oil" - I also hereby declare my irresponsibility of all stores from this moment.

I shall feel obliged by your Excellency informing me what my duties will be on Monday morning next.

I am &c  
(Signed) James Edmonds  
"Clerk in charge of Stores"

His Excellency  
Governor Moody  
At the Large Government Store  
Stanley.

Port Luis 20<sup>th</sup> February 1828

To His Excellency  
Governor Morrey

Dear Sir,

I received your letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> Inst. requesting me to send you more cattle; I have now to inform you that by this opportunity I send you six Animals which I hope you will find to your satisfaction; they are the fittest we have. I have to return you my thanks for the trouble you have taken in respect to the Capt. of the "Paloma" & remain

Dear Sir

Your Obedt. Servant  
Samuel J. Lafone  
(signed) Marroquina Martinez

J. C. Tuttleffs Cottage  
 Stanley 6<sup>th</sup> March 1848  
 (Monday)

Sir

I have had the honor to receive  
 a letter from your Excellency dated the 4<sup>th</sup>  
 inst<sup>l</sup> requesting me to inform you what  
 quantity of Coal I shall require for the Cur-  
 rent year (not exceeding 6 tons) allowed me  
 as a ration. -

In reply I beg to inform your Excel-  
 lency I shall not require any portion of them  
 as I shall have a sufficiency of fuel for my  
 consumption during the period specified.

I have &c

(signed,

Jas. Edmonds

Your Excellency

Governor. Moody

School House Stanley  
March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1848.

Sir  
I have the honor to request that your  
Excellency will be pleased to give me informa-  
tion on the following points

Whether the Govt are able to procure for  
me fifty head of Cattle for consumption in the  
Colony?

If so what will be the price per head  
and what notice shall I be required to give?

I have &c  
(signed) James Leith Moody

His Excellency  
The Governor

Montevideo  
23<sup>rd</sup> December 1847.

Sir

In the communication I had the honor of addressing to Your Excellency dated 12<sup>th</sup> October ultimo, I anticipated the pleasure of a personal interview, and feel extremely sorry that matters of business of an urgent nature compel my delay here for some time to come; and lest your Excellency should leave the Islands in the mean time, my Brother-in-law, Mr. Quevedo, is fully empowered finally to settle the affair of the land and cattle.

I would respectfully urge upon the attention of your Excellency several points touched upon in my Memorial to the Right Honourable the Secretary for the Colonies, also some parts of the negotiation in England.

My Brother in Liverpool informs me that he thankfully accepted the conveyance of the land in question without entering into further discussion, as it was immaterial whether the grant were made freely or as a matter of right, and I conceive that his so accepting of it could not alter the real bearings of the transaction.

No one better than Your Excellency is capable of judging of the merits of the case, and of estimating the serious injury to my interests caused by this unfortunate error in the computation of the land - an error prejudicially influencing the whole negotiation.

1<sup>st</sup> During the preliminary conversations with  
M. Martiny

To His Excellency  
Governor. Moody  
Stanley



Mr. Martinez no doubt was raised as to the peninsula containing little more or less, 200 square leagues, and it was affirmed to contain, and actually does contain, a much larger proportion of good land than any other part of the Island, therefore league for league, in any other part, would not compensate for the difference stated; independent of the many other disadvantages which would accrue from having my grants separated.

2<sup>ndly</sup> Since it appears that the peninsula contains but one half of the quantity estimated, the whole supposed extent of the Island is proportionally decreased, and, by a natural inference, the number of Cattle calculated.

3<sup>rdly</sup> The main advantage held out by Her Majesty's Government was the Land, which, being estimated at 8/- per acre, was ceded at about 12/- in benefit of the enterprise - This fact alone affords a wide basis for objections on the part of Her Majesty's Government.

The grand drawbacks which result from the incorrect data furnished by your Excellency appear to be, the diminution of the supposed extent of East Falkland, and the consequent diminution of the number of Cattle calculated to exist.

The indirect drawbacks are more numerous for, the future well-being of the undertaking chiefly hinges on the general progress of the Colony, and its resources are considerably curtailed by the very small extent of the Island in proportion to what was anticipated which will prevent it from ever being of the importance it might otherwise have reached: - the more so as mountains occupy

so large a portion of the surface of East Falkland.

The recapitulation of these facts is sufficient to carry conviction to the mind of any impartial person, and it appears to me evident that the welfare of the present enterprise is so bound up with that of the Colony that it cannot but be the interest of Your Excellency to come to an early settlement, as the failure of the present undertaking would endanger the prosperity of the Islands.

I think it advisable to make no proposal by letter, but leave the whole affair to the judgment of my Brother-in-law in whom I have the most implicit confidence.

I need not inform Your Excellency of the disheartening intelligence received from the Islands, which renders me unwilling to express myself more than is absolutely necessary, and I trust that the strenuous exertions I have made and am still making will meet with the decisive cooperation of Her Majesty's Government.

I have &c

(Signed)

Saml. J. Paine

Montevideo  
24<sup>th</sup> December 1847

Sir

I would beg to recommend to the favorable notice of Your Excellency my Brother-in-law, Don Juan Quevedo, who is the Deacon of full powers finally to arrange the matter of the land and cattle, and I trust there will be no difficulty in bringing the whole affair to a speed and satisfactory termination.

Referring to my communication of yesterday's date.

I have &c

(Signed) Saml. F. Payne

To His Excellency

Governor Morby  
& &c

Le 22 Mars 1848

Monsieur Le Gouverneur

je viens encore me présenter à vos genoux pour implorer votre clémence, et votre miséricorde voilà le sixième mois, que je travaille pour le Gouvernement, j'ai travaillé pendant cinq pour ma nourriture, ne devant que dans les priances, que vous m'avez promise de me faire relâcher de cette île. Aujourd'hui une belle occasion qui se présente voilà un navire de guerre. si vous auriez la bonté, Monsieur le Gouverneur de bien vouloir parler, au commandant pour. Moi, je suis en service. Recommandant s'il pouvait me prendre en gagnant mon passage, soit à travailler sur le pont ou bien pour domestique, il peut m'employer aux travaux qu'ils voudra. Car comme sous le coup, avec toute ma conduite je ne me vois pas partir, devant moi. si les travaux me manquaient aujourd'hui - pour demain qu'il se trouve austrage, il faudrait donc, voler pour pouvoir vivre. C'est une position très affreuse sa me fait beaucoup de peine de vous interrompre tout de suite.

Ce que je vous prie en grâce de faire votre possible pour me faire relâcher d'ici. je vous prie Monsieur Le Gouverneur de bien excuser la liberté que j'ai prise de vous écrire je suis attendant un Réponse par monneur votre commis votre très humble serviteur

(Signé)

Celestin Lemire

H. M. Sloop "Griffin"  
 Stanley Harbour 28<sup>th</sup> March 1848

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date with an enclosure from a Frenchman named Lemerle, and I beg to inform you that I should feel inclined to render him the assistance he requires, but it is entirely out of my power and at variance with my instructions to give passage to any one without the sanction of the Commander in Chief.

I have &c

(Signed)

James P. Thurburn } Lieutenant &  
 Commander

His Excellency

Lieutenant Governor. Moody  
 East Falkland.

School House Stanley  
 Mh 31<sup>st</sup> 1848

Sir

I shall feel obliged by your Ex<sup>ty</sup> rec<sup>d</sup>  
 Toolscap paper seeing directions for my having a supply of  
 Pens Stationery as per Margin I have not used my  
 Ink last issue of the other articles sealing wa<sup>rs</sup>.  
 Lead pencil

I have &c.

(Signed)

J. L. Moody  
 Col<sup>l</sup>. Chaplain.

This copy  
 of The Governor.

School House Stanley  
March 31<sup>st</sup> 1848.

Sir

I have the honor to inform your Exc<sup>ty</sup> in reply to your letter on the subject of Rations that I wish to draw rations for myself and two servants making three in all at the same time I cannot help expressing to your Exc<sup>ty</sup> my regret at that part of your order which states that Officers must draw all the articles contained in the scale or none as I consider such an order most prejudicial to the interests of the Colony as it prevents my giving encouragement to the Store-keepers in the Colony for the half year last past. I have had no difficulty in purchasing at fair rates the articles mentioned in the Margin - The flour and sugar is much superior to that issued from the Govt Store.

I have &c

(Signed)

James Leith Moody  
Col. Chaplain

Flour  
Rice  
Sugar  
Rum  
Candles  
Soap  
at present  
there is a fair  
supply of  
Biscuit.

His Exc<sup>ty</sup>  
The Governor.

Malvina Cottage  
 Stanbury  
 31<sup>st</sup> March 1848.

Sir

In reply to your Excellency's Communication of the 28<sup>th</sup> Instant respecting Rations, I have to inform you that I wish to draw Rations for Two persons for the ensuing Quarter

I have &c  
 (Signed) Wm. Hay. Moore

To His Excellency  
 Governor Mundy



Stanley. April 1<sup>st</sup> 1818

Sir

I have the honor to request that  
I may be allowed to draw Rations for two  
persons

I have &c

(Signed)

H. J. Hamblin  
Colonial Surgeon.

His Excellency

The Governor

Stanley 1<sup>st</sup> April 1848

Sir

I have the honor to request I may be allowed to draw one ration during the ensuing quarter at the rate specified in the New Regulations.

I have &c

(Signed)

J. H. Langden  
Chief Clerk.

His Excellency The Governor.

Police Office  
 Stanley  
 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1848.

Sir  
 Herewith I beg leave to present  
 your Excellency the Amount of pay claim-  
 ed by Special Constables for the Month of  
 March 1848, signed by myself and the  
 Head Constable

I have &c  
 (Signed) Wm. Hy. Moore

To His Excellency  
 Governor Moody.

Government House  
Stanley April 14<sup>th</sup> 1848.

Sir  
I have the honor to request that  
I may be supplied with rations for one  
person during the ensuing quarter accord-  
ing to the new regulations, which I have just  
received.

I have &c  
(Signed) J. Edmonds  
Clerk

To His Excellency  
Governor. Moody.

April 11<sup>th</sup> 1848  
School House.

Sir

I have the honor to call your Excellency's attention to the following case between Henry Hall at present in my employ and the Colonial Surgeon.

Henry Hall early in May 1847 was employed by Charles Coffin a Contractor under cutting away the Government and while working at a Govt job bank in front under his orders he had the misfortune to break of the barracks his leg. The Govt Surgeon was sent for to attend him the Colonial Surgeon being absent cutting musac for his horses and after some time he was able to return to light work but reduced to the state of a pauper or in fact worse being in debt there debt he has been gradually paying off. Mr Hamblin has now sent him in a bill which he is totally unable to pay but I know that Mr Hamblin intended to send him in a bill for Medical attendance included in what I consider the discharge of his duty as a Colonial Officer I should then have preferred the question to your Exy and in case of your Exy deciding that the Colonial Surgeon was justified in charging a man injured while actually labouring for a Govt job and that man a pauper I should have raised a subscription to defray his bill pending the reference of the Secretary of State

As I stated to your Excellency in a private

vate conversation that I should not be obliged  
 to bring this subject before your notice should  
 count of Mr Hamblen's Wife being or having  
 been your house keeper his brother in law your  
 Secretary and he himself your A. D. C. I  
 must inform your Excellency that I have  
 been driven to adopt my present course by  
 Mr Hamblen having sent over your private ser-  
 vant "Bond" with an order to Henry Hall. I must  
 therefore request your Excellency to give to me as Colo-  
 nial Chaplain and therefore by office the na-  
 tural guardian of the poor your opinion as to  
 whether you consider the demand a just one un-  
 der the circumstances. - The fact of Mr Ham-  
 len's employing your private servant as his own  
 induces me to suppose that his demand has  
 already secured your sanction and renders me  
 more anxious to leave the question to Mr Penne  
 as a person more likely to pass an impartial  
 judgment. -

I have V<sup>r</sup>

(Signed)

James Smith Moody  
Col. Chaplain.

His Excellency  
The Gov<sup>r</sup>

J. C. Tuttle's Cottage  
 Stanley Falkland Islands.  
 April 5<sup>th</sup> 1848.  
 (10 clock P. M.)

Sir

In reply to your Excellency's note which you favoured me with on the 1<sup>st</sup> inst. since requesting me to perform the duties of Sheriff for the County of Ross and to enter on them to day I beg leave to decline accepting the office.

I have received a full explanation from Mr. Moore's extraordinary Magistrate as to what will be required of me at different times during the year which has but confirmed me in my objection to the office besides seeing it would cause a frequent interruption in my duties as Clerk to your Excellency. I therefore prefer holding but one office.

I have &c.  
 (signed) Jas. Edmonds.

His Excellency  
 Governor. Moody

Puerto Luis Ore W. 1847 \*

Exmo. Sr. Gobernador.

\* This letter and the two following I discarded were not entered in their due order - one is pasted in the original letter book the other two were placed according to dates in same -  
Jas. Reynolds  
19th June 1848  
Govt House.

Sr.

En este instante que son las once del dia, he sido informado que como heya hombres se han presentado a V. C. de las prisiones del lado del sur. Sin equivocarme, y acompañado de los mas nobles sentimientos al orden Publico de esta noriente Colonia, como a la persona de V. C. me han impedido a recibirle mis servicios si los considera el Gobierno que poudan ser de alguna utilidad en qualquier caso.

La linea de conduita que he adoptado para todas las perunas que vinieron en la B<sup>ca</sup> Noruega Napoleon, me han colocado en buen punto de vista con todos los hombres.

Puego a V. C. tenga la bondad de dispensarme la compienza que se ha tomado en muy atento sero <sup>for</sup> B. L. M.

(signed) Cirilo Almeida

M.

His Excellency  
Governor Moody  
Stanley



School House  
November 1<sup>st</sup> 1817

Sir

I have the honor again to call your Excellency's attention to the state of the burial ground in this Colony which in my opinion is a disgrace to a Christian God. It remains exactly in the same state in which I found it without mound ditch or anything to distinguish it from the ground it.

The burial ground at Anson owing to the Khan feeling of Sir J. Ross and the Officers belonging to the Anarchic Expedition has been decently enclosed. As the Race course and other works of a similar nature are now finished I trust your Excellency as soon as you have completed your arrangements for your private convenience around Govt. House will give your attention to this subject the neglect of which I can attribute to but one cause.

I have &c

(Signed)

J. L. Moody  
Colonel Chaplain

His Excellency  
The Governor

Anson Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> / 84

Sir  
I remit to Bearer William Low  
more the Mail bag brought by the Nautilus  
in the same order as I received it from Capt.  
Stockdale.

I remain  
signed, R. A. Williams

To J. R. Longden Esq<sup>r</sup>  
P. O.  
Stanley

Stanley Jail  
19<sup>th</sup> April

Sir

Having received a letter from  
J. B. Langdon Esqre Chief Clerk rela-  
tive to my selling spirits &c and inform-  
ing me that I could not hold my appoint-  
ment as Turnkey of the Jail at Stanley  
and at the same time sell spirits I beg leave  
to inform your Excellency that I have alto-  
gether renounced the former.

I have &c  
(Signed) G. Murry.

To His Excellency  
Gov: J. Moody.

Stanley April 11<sup>th</sup> 1848

11<sup>th</sup> April 1848

Sir

I have the honor to forward a letter which I have received from the Storeman.

Mr O'Brien - enclosing one addressed to your Excellency complaining of the Conduct of the Def. J. W. Meedy in interrupting him in the execution of his official duties in the store this afternoon.

I take the liberty of observing that the Storeman has received orders to serve all individuals, who are allowed to draw rations, as they arrive in the store for them.

I have &c

(signed)

J. R. Longden  
Chief Clerk.

Your Excellency  
the Governor.

April the 14<sup>th</sup> 1848.

For the Rev. Mr. Moody having interrupted  
with me today in the discharge of my duty  
I enclose a complaint of His Conduct to His  
Excellency and I shall feel very much obliged  
to you if you lay it before him.

I remain V<sup>r</sup>

(Signed)

J. M. O'Brien.

April the 14<sup>th</sup> 1848.

Sir

I beg most respectfully to lay before your Excellency the following Complaint  
 { While Issuing Rations to day the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. Moody came up to me and asked me why I did not issue Mr. Brown's rations I answered that when it came to his turn I would issue them but there were other People before them he then told me that when Mr. Brown sent for them the last time I sent him a Verry Impertinent Answer and called him Solly Brown I told him I did not send an impertinent answer He then said will you serve him to day I said yes Sir if the people that are before him are served. Mr. Moody then said will you serve him tomorrow I answered yes Sir he then said appoint an hour I answered that is more than I can do He then asked if it would be at ten or Eleven o'clock I said it might, according to the people that were there He then shook his finger in my face Verry Anguily and said I'll take you in hand one of those days and surprise you I answered Verry good Sir - on this He went away - several persons were present and heard all that passed.

I hope your Excellency will do me the favour to prevent my being interrupted while doing my duty I have V

(Signed)

J. M. Owen

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Stanley. April 11<sup>th</sup> 18.

To His Excellency  
Governor. Moody

Sir  
I regret very much to have an  
occasion to apply to Your Excellency for  
your advice & protection under the following  
circumstances.

I was employed by a man the name  
of John Kully as a labourer who formerly  
resided in this town, & who now resides at  
Sparrow Cove, for which labour he refused  
to pay me, I applied, to the Sypendiarly  
Magistrate for redress & he, after preparing  
the necessary documents, asked me if I had  
the date, I said I could not tell the date  
then till I went home he then made an-  
swer that it was chucked & threw. He said  
documents aside I then said as he had  
chucked the case without hearing it, I  
said I'd apply to Your Excellency, for re-  
dress, the said Sypendiarly Magistrate follow-  
ed me out of the Office, & said he would  
give me any information that I required  
without going to your Excellency as You  
had nothing to do with the affairs of Law.  
Mr. Moore the said Sypendiarly Magistrate,  
told me I could recover my wages in the  
Soleis Court. & that it would only cost me  
2/6 So I paid it & called for the documents

It was if more I went home for the Money  
 & when I came back his Clerk told, that  
 my case could not be tried in the Police Court  
 and it should go to the Sessions. I asked  
 what was the Expense of that Court & the  
 Clerk said 12 Shillings. The Clerk came the  
 same Night & said I had to pay 2 Shilling  
 for defending my own case. I paid it like-  
 wise, the Clerk came to me again & demand-  
 ed 16 Shillings more & I paid it & signed  
 the necessary documents all the mention-  
 ing at the time as to the Allegation of it.

At about 6 of on Friday Evening Mr. Cull,  
 (the said Clerk) called me and wanted  
 me to take back the 16 Shillings which re-  
 ferred to do, until, I should ask your Excel-  
 lency's advice on the Subject, as I considered  
 after paying Money into public Offices It  
 had no right to be returned if there was  
 not some great neglect of the public duties  
 I therefore humbly Solicit Your Excellency's  
 advice on the subject, & my principal object  
 in thus intruding on your Excellency is to  
 show that throughout the whole proceedings  
 is he put me to all the inconvenience possi-  
 ble. Another reason I had for considering  
 it unjust, was thro, a man named Bush  
 under similar circumstances being only charge  
 12 Shillings & I being charged £1. 8. 0

To under all these differences, I shall  
 feel grateful for your advice on the subject, &  
 shall wait your Excellency's pleasure before  
 I proceed any further in my case against  
 Scully. I have &c  
 (signed) Charles Marsh Supple.



Stanley April 14<sup>th</sup> 1848.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> Inst. enclosing one from the Rev. J. L. Meedy in which you require any observations or explanations I may have to make. In the first place, I cannot help being much surprised that Mr. Meedy should have interfered in a matter which it appears to me is wholly confined to my department but I attribute such interference to the animosity which Mr. Meedy has so long manifested towards myself and family, rather than to a zeal for the discharge of what he conceives to be his duty; this will appear clearer from the following statement.

In May 1847 I fell, the person alluded to in Mr. Meedy's letter, had the misfortune to break both bones of his leg with nearly a total division of the tendon of the semitendinosus muscle. At the time the accident occurred I was absent cutting Turpac, but a boat being sent for me I immediately returned, this remark Mr. Meedy introduces as if to imply a neglect of my professional duties which is ridiculous, considering the circumstances and that I was at hand I refrain from following his example in the respect otherwise I might add to his recollection went connected with this almost very painful case to allude to. You are besides aware Sir, that I have never quitted the settlement

even

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even for a day without your permission. - I shall  
remain under my care nearly two months and on  
my taking leave of him he asked me how  
much he was indebted to me I told him £2.2.0  
he then said he should go out sailing, and  
if he had good luck would pay me on his  
return. - In December last I met him near  
Government House when he informed me  
he should not be able to pay me then but would  
do so next quarter: this remark was volunteered  
as I had never asked him for the money. -  
Since that time he has been in constant employ-  
ment on the Works receiving good pay till en-  
gaged by Mr. Moody as his servant. A few  
days since I took the liberty of asking your  
servant Bond to deliver my bill to Hall  
which I had not previously done he imme-  
diately replied that as soon as he should receive  
his wages from Mr. Moody he would call and  
pay me, some days after I again asked Bond  
to remind Hall of my account upon he again  
stated he had not yet received his wages. I  
thought it but right to add that Hall has  
never expressed the slightest objection to pay  
me for my attendance but on the contrary  
has always appeared grateful to me for the  
entire recovery of the use of his limb: had  
he not been in the receipt of good pay for  
some months past I should not have asked  
him for payment altho' a year has nearly  
elapsed since the accident. Many persons  
receiving good wages from various sources  
have

have at different times required my services and have afterwards never offered to pay me one Mr. Moody's servant previous to Hall left the Colony without settling with me for setting his arm, and there are many other similar cases.

I have therefore resolved on demanding payment from all those not entitled to gratuitous attendance: such attendance has hitherto been required for all persons borne on the different fixed establishments of Government in addition to the Royal Tappers & Miners and their families neither of Mr. Moody's servants were in that position when I attended them professionally.

Mr. Moody next alludes to the situation I and other members of my family have had the honor of filling in your Excellency's establishment and infers that on that account your Excellency's decision in this matter would not be impartial. - In making these observations Mr. Moody is evidently actuated by the same animosity which prevails throughout his letter and which has on former occasions so frequenly caused him to conduct himself towards me and my family in a manner wholly unbecoming his office as well as his position and the being aware you have never sanctioned such improper conduct must I conceive have given rise to the intemperate expressions I regret to see he uses towards your Excellency. The above remarks are I trust sufficient to satisfy your Excellency that no ground existed for Mr. Moody so warmly advocating the cause of

of a man partly under the pretence that  
 he was a pauper who has never expressed  
 himself aggrieved by me but that he has  
 seized upon the circumstance as an oppor-  
 tunity of indulging the extreme ill-will not  
 to say spite of Mr. Moody feels to me and which  
 impels him on this occasion as on others  
 totally to disregard the duties incumbent  
 on him in his sacred profession. As you  
 are however about to leave us shortly I should  
 wish if your Excellency thinks proper that  
 the whole matter may be referred to Mr. Thum  
 as I shall of course hold myself ready to fol-  
 low his directions with regard to my duties in  
 the same manner I have hitherto done to  
 yours. This arrangement might probably  
 prevent a renewal of the unpleasant alterca-  
 tions which have so frequently arisen in conse-  
 quence of Mr. Moody not confining his atten-  
 tion to his own duties.

I have &  
 (signed) H. J. Hamblin  
 Colonial Surgeon

School House  
April 15<sup>th</sup> 1848.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from your Ex<sup>ty</sup> containing enclosures with every feeling of respect to your Ex<sup>ty</sup> as a Governor O'Brien's complaint has much amused me as it was my intention to report him when I considered the proper time had arrived.

O'Brien commences by stating that I asked him "Why he did not issue Mr. Brown's rations". This is an error I asked "Why Mr. Brown had so much difficulty in drawing his rations" or words to that effect - as this has been the case ever since Corp<sup>t</sup> Watt was removed from the Store dept. He said something about "that all must be served in turn - This appeared to me but just - so I asked him whether he could issue that day he most positively said he could not say but muttered something about "in turn".

I then asked well can he have them tomorrow he said "yes" I said well at what hour he said between ten and eleven. It is absurd as well as false for O'Brien to say that I paid those hours as they happen to be the most inconvenient hours of the day - I then asked ~~if~~ <sup>whether</sup> it was certain he could have his rations between those hours he said he could not say and returned to the old story of serving in turn - This terminated

10<sup>th</sup> 11.

Res<sup>t</sup> of  
the Governor.

terminated the business about rations.

I am much amused at O'Brien's attempt to equivocate about his impertinence to Mr Brown. I said nothing about sending "answers" but an impertinent "message" calling Mr Brown Mess Brown & the Schoolmistress. The "Sally Brooker" I find was added by a mistake.

This impertinence I believe can be fully proved before any impartial enquiry and I think even your Ex<sup>ty</sup> must admit such messages are most improper especially when sent by a man who although newly employed under Govt and living in the same house with your Ex<sup>ty</sup> has been already dismissed from Govt employ for reasons best known to your Ex<sup>ty</sup> by a respectable man like Mr Brown against whom no charges have been brought. However much he may have been slandered behind his back.

I take no notice of O'Brien's hint that I had lost my temper for I believe your Ex<sup>ty</sup> must give me credit for possessing a most perfect command of my temper under really trying circumstances.

My words previous to leaving the Store and after O'Brien had denied his impertinence were "Take care if I have to take you in hand I will surprise you and perhaps ere long he will find I spoke the truth. Should your Ex<sup>ty</sup> make any further enquiry into this matter I trust I shall be allowed to be present at every examination of witnesses."

I have also to request authenticated copies  
of the letters I return verbatim et literatim  
as copies which I may have made by such  
truly original documents may be liable to  
suspicion.

I have &c  
(Signed)

James Lath. Mundy  
Coll. Chap. 1

School House  
Stanley April 17<sup>th</sup> 1848

Sir

With respect to the letter which I have received from your Ex<sup>ty</sup> dated April 17<sup>th</sup> I beg to say that my duties during the ensuing week prevent my replying to it further than to acknowledge its receipt.

I take this opportunity of informing your Ex<sup>ty</sup> that I have not been furnished with a copy of the Store Clerk's letter enclosing O'Brien's complaint as I had been led to expect by your Ex<sup>ty</sup>'s letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> inst. correct copies of all the original documents which you requested me to return I shall expect to have to which I attached most value.

I have &c

(Signed)

J. Leith Moody  
Col. Chaplain

His Ex<sup>ty</sup>  
The Governor.



Police Office  
5<sup>th</sup> April 1848

Sir

Enclosed I send Your Excellency  
a List of British Subjects forwarded to me  
by the Head Constable, selected by him for  
Constables duty at the Supreme Court next  
Easter Term.

As they, are the only British  
Subjects not on the jury, and available,  
I have been compelled to acquiesce in the  
selection, though if the Colony afforded it  
I should have chosen other more Eligible  
under clauses eleven to Thirteen of the  
Constable Ordinance 10<sup>th</sup> Vict. P. 3.

I have &c

(Signed)

Wm Henry Moore  
Spendary Magistrate

To His Excellency  
Governor Moody

5<sup>th</sup> April 1848

Constables for Supreme Court  
for Easter Term 1848.

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- 1 James Gasset
- 2 William Clayton
- 3 Peter McQuire
- 4 Martin Huley
- 5 John Graham
- 6 William Barret
- 7 George Robinson
- 8 Charles White
- 9 John Quin

Stanley 5<sup>th</sup> April 1848

Sir  
The Above are the Names of the  
Men I have selected to act as Special Constables  
at the Supreme Court on the 15<sup>th</sup> Instant  
subject to His Excellency the Gov<sup>r</sup> and your  
approbation

I have &c  
(signed) J. H. Parry

To W. H. Moore Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Spendary Magistrate

Anson April 11<sup>th</sup> 1845.

Sir

I have been informed by the person who took the last delivery of Cattle to Stanley that the Butcher desired by orders of your Excellency five animals for Saturday last. which should have gone had I known in time. - I will send them to Beaver and beg your Excellency will advise me when other Cattle may be required and the number

I am &c  
(signed) R. A. Williams.

To His Excellency  
Governor. Moody.

O Son Excellence Monsieur Le Gouverneur

Carдон mil fois si nous sommes si sou-  
vent a vous importuné mais La misaité nous  
yoblige yeviens vous reiterer La demande que  
je vous avez faite il va quelque jour pour me  
donner du travail Car je ne puis pas vivre  
sans rasons vous mabrez dit desputer quelque  
jour leur tacher deranger les affere avec don  
Ricard mais il me parais quel ne vent pas  
venir il est ariver quatre homme du Salatin  
qui raporte que La Vigilante estaux Port Louis  
et quel raporta aucun vivre je ne sait pas  
maintenans quel arangem ent Pour recon-  
nous faire avec un homme qui na pas de  
vivre a nous donner je crois farait mieux  
de nous reconduire ou il nous aprus (car la  
Vigilante il nous disait toujours que don mar-  
celine aportrait des vivre et de largant pour  
nous paye maintenans il est aux Port Louis  
et il n'apas aporé de vivre je crois que cest  
un fautive Croire que nous pouvions vivre de  
leur mauvaise parole

Je suis avec le plus  
Grand respect votre serviteur  
(Signé) Baptiste Orme

11<sup>th</sup> April  
1848.

Sir

Enclosed I beg leave to forward a copy of a Letter received from the Turnkey of Stanley Jail. As the Affairs therein mentioned are not strictly within my jurisdiction I can only offer my Suggestions to your Excellency on the subject. In my opinion the Turnkey is as much entitled to Medical Attention as I or any other Govt. Officer, and on their appointment in April last they were supplied with Tallow Beef for themselves and their Prisoners and I would recommend that the Beef should be supplied to the Jail as usual.

I have V<sup>r</sup>

(Signed)

Wm Henry Moore

To His Excellency

Governor Moody.

Stanley Jail,  
11<sup>th</sup> April 1848.

Sir

I would feel obliged to you to inform me whether in case of illness to me or my brother as Trustees of the Jail at Stanley we are not entitled to Medical aid as respect the sum of myself and brother fulfilling the same situation we have been attended by the Colonial Surgeon who informed me that I was not a Court Officer and charged the sum of Two Pounds for his attendance at the jail. Another circumstance to which I beg leave to call your attention is the ration of Beef which formed part of my weekly rations allowed me by the Gov<sup>ty</sup> independent of my Daily Pay; since I have received this ration I have repeatedly applied to Mr Longden Chief Clerk from whom I have received no decided answer this Sir I leave for your decision. I at the same time beg leave to inform you Sir that I have discontinued keeping a Public House as I have been given to understand that it was contrary to the wish of His Excellency from whom I received a Letter to that Effect.

I have W<sup>th</sup>

Signed, C. Murry  
Head Keeper

To W. Henry Moore Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Superintending Magistrate.

School House  
April 24<sup>th</sup> 1848

Sir

I have the honor to request that your Excellency will be pleased to allow me to purchase a common coal scuttle from the Govt Store. I have for the six months last past been endeavouring without success to purchase one in the Colony. I have been unable to get my old one repaired.

I beg also to call your Excellency's attention to the state of the fireplaces in the house which I at present occupy one I consider to be dangerous.

I have also to request that you allow me to borrow the sweeping apparatus for the use of the School House and also for the Church.

I have &c

(Signed)

James South. Moody  
Col. Chaplain.

How Excellency

The Governor

Stanley. April 24<sup>th</sup> 1848.

We the undersigned loyal subjects of Her Majesty residing in this Colony, beg leave to lay before your Excellency this petition in behalf of a Spanish prisoner who is now under sentence of two years imprisonment in the County Jail named Sebastian Rio. And beg your Excellency to enquire into the prisoners Character and case. And to Exercise your Prerogative in granting his discharge.

We hope your Excellency will give the prisoners case your consideration and if possible extend mercy to him. And set him at liberty more so as he has already suffered nearly six months imprisonment with hard Labour.

We have &

(signed)

John Clark  
Chas<sup>rs</sup> & Chasfield  
mark

George<sup>rs</sup> & Carrington  
mark

Wm Shailer

H. C. Pettit

J. N. Goff

John Graham

Math Mcintosh

John A. Mcintosh

Joseph A. Mcintosh

Demerle Celestin

C. Crini

Done



Pierre Brien	Charles Hall
Durand <sup>his</sup> Pierre	George <sup>his</sup> Carington
mark	mark
M. <sup>his</sup> Curtis	G. H. Helway
mark	Charles M. Lotte
Joseph <sup>his</sup> Currier	Henry Hall
mark	G. H. Helway
Andres <sup>his</sup> Vidal	John Weedon haben
mark	John Budd
Miguel <sup>his</sup> Oiers	John <sup>his</sup> Robinson
mark	mark
William Bagg	William <sup>his</sup> Barrett
J. Simons	mark
J. M. Brien	John Adams
Charles Ducket	Stephen Moore
Severin Christian Dittiff	
Wm Bedford	J. Shearnden
William <sup>his</sup> Martin	Christopher Murry
mark	James Edwards
Charles <sup>his</sup> Knight	John Johnson
mark	John B. Whittington
William <sup>his</sup> Clayton	
mark	
James <sup>his</sup> Watson	
mark	
John <sup>his</sup> Moyano	
mark	
H. W. Bond	
H. J. Hamblin	
D. <sup>his</sup> Colonial Surgeon	
mark	
Edmund T. Abbott Only	
James <sup>his</sup> Garrett	
mark	

Stanley Jail  
24<sup>th</sup> April 1848.

I hereby certify That the Prisoner  
Sebastian Dico has for the last Three months  
conducted himself in a Quiet and orderly  
manner.

(signed) J. Hearnden, Jailor

School House  
April 26<sup>th</sup> 1848.

Sir

Having declined signing a petition to your excellency in favour of Delastan Phe I think it but justice to the poor man that I should state to your Ex<sup>ty</sup> my reason for so doing viz

That under the peculiar circumstances under which I am placed by my connection with your City and the position which my education profession & gives me in so small a society I have determined to sign neither petitions or addresses or anything of that nature.

But at the same time I beg most strongly to recommend to your notice the case of the poor man and trust that you will feel justified in exercising the prerogative of mercy in his case.

I have &

(Signed)

James Leith Moody

His Ex<sup>ty</sup>  
The Governor

Anson Falkland Islands  
25<sup>th</sup> April 1848.

Sir

I beg to be allowed to occupy a station for grazing Cat Anson commencing from a centre a mile due East from Fish House Creek including in the circle of two miles radius, a small Injock Island, called Heeg Island, agreeable to the terms mentioned in the Proclamation issued on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1847.

I have &c  
(Signed) John D. Whittington

His Excellency  
Governor. Moody  
Stanley

J. C. DeWitt's Cottage  
Stanley April 27<sup>th</sup> 1848.

Sir  
In compliance with your Excellency's request in the New Regulations relating to Salaries to be informed in what manner I might wish to receive mine for the present month I take the liberty of requesting that I may be paid in a Treasury bill for £5. and the remainder (£7. 10. 0) in specie.

I have V<sup>o</sup>  
(Signed)  
James Edmonds  
Clerk.

Your Excellency  
of Governor. Moody.

Malvina Cottage  
1<sup>st</sup> May 1848

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge rec<sup>d</sup> of Your Letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup> informing me that the sailor had resigned his situation and that you should be happy to receive any recommendation in favour of such individual as I should consider eligible to the office.

From the Material composing the Colony consisting of Men in the lowest grade of life who have been from foreign Whale ships and Shipwrecked Mariners together with a few British Subjects who have arrived here by chance and others in consequence of the War in the River Plate and about Seventy Spaniards imported here by Mr Lafone who left Montevideo to avoid Compulsory service in the Republican Army and most of the foregoing taken as a body being ignorant uneducated Persons and Day Labourers and for several reasons being both unfit and incapable render it rather a difficult matter for me to name a Person for your Excellency's Consideration however I have applied to Mr James Phillips a British Subject wrecked here from the ship called the Mary Grey of which Ship he was. Mate and the Christopher Hurry who has for sometime performed the Post of Turnkey and against whom while in discharge of this duty I have had no complaint

plaint save that he kept a Store for the sale of  
 Spirituous Liquors which he has since relin-  
 quished. The former of these Persons has declined  
 the Office and the latter is willing to accept  
 it should your Excellency be pleased to acqui-  
 esce in the request contained in a letter he  
 informs me he is about to address to your  
 Excellency on the subject. Had we a few res-  
 pectable Emigrant sent out here by Gov<sup>r</sup> from  
 Great Britain or even some of the Pensioners  
 such as those lately sent out to form a Colo-  
 nial Corps in New Zealand this difficulty  
 would not arise the present state of the Popula-  
 tion being our Misfortune not our fault.

I have &c

(Signed)

Wm. Henry Moore

To His Excellency  
 Governor Moody

Anson April 29<sup>th</sup> 1848

Sir,  
 Having been informed by Mr. Whittington that your Excellency has rented to them a tract of land on which at the moment are grazing a number of Cattle and Horses belonging to Mr. Lafone and that your Excellency has also rented another tract to Mr. Phillips on which are a number of Wild Horses, and on which spot Mr. Lafone has a number of poles landed for erecting a Corral to catch said wild horses. I consequently beg that your Excellency will inform me as early as convenient if it is the intention of H. M. Government to put parties in possession of other tracts.

I am Y<sup>r</sup>

(Signed)

R. A. Williams

To His Excellency

Governor Moody

Stanley



Stanley 29<sup>th</sup> April 1818.

Sir

I beg your Excellency to allow me to resign the situation I hold as jailor, from a particular dislike I have to it, and from other circumstances not necessary for me at present to name. I feel very grateful to your Excellency for having appointed me to this situation and I trust that I am not doing wrong in giving it up.

I have &c

(Signed)

J Hearnden  
jailor

Has Excellency the Governor  
Vc Vc Vc

Stanley  
1 May 1848

Sir

I take the liberty of writing to Your Excellency to inform you that I will accept the Office of Acting Governor of the Jail of the County of Staff on receiving Five Pounds per week and my rations fuel and candles and having the jail for my permanent residence. The foregoing to be paid me whether there be a Prisoner in the jail or not and should there be Twenty Prisoners under my charge I should be Entitled to no more I propose to pay my Turnkeys out of the Above and to have as many Employed as may appear as I find necessary without any further expense to Government. These Turnkeys of course to be subject to Your Excellency's approbation and I further agree to lodge £50 in Government Office to be subject to the Conditions of my bond.

I have &c

(Signed)

C. Murray

To His Excellency  
Governor Moody -

Police Office  
Stanley 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1848

Sir  
Herewith I beg leave to Present your  
Excellency the Amount of Tax Claimed by  
Special Constables for the Month of April  
1848 Signed by myself and the Head Con-  
stable

I have &c  
Signed  
Wm Ken Moody

His Excellency  
Governor Moody

Stanley 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1848.

Sr

In consequence of the illness of my  
servant he is not able to draw my rations  
this day and thereby to Comply with the usual  
rule I therefore solicit that she may be allow-  
ed to draw three rations for this month.

I have &c

(Signed)

W<sup>m</sup> Henry Moore

To His Excellency  
Governor. Moody

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J. C. To Meffs Cottage  
Stanley 8<sup>th</sup> May 1848

Sir

I beg to enclose the Certificate  
acknowledging the receipt of my rations  
for the Month of May and

I have &c  
(Signed) Jas Edmonds  
Clerk

His Excellency  
Governor Mundy

Her Majesty's Brig. Honor  
Stanley 9<sup>th</sup> May 1848.

Sir  
Having a man named John Watson  
(Cup Room Steward, on board this Ship.  
who has been a long time sick, and wish-  
ing to ascertain his fitness or unfitness to pro-  
ceed on this Expedition, I have to re-  
quest you will be pleased to order a survey  
to be held on him by the Colonial Surgeon

I have &c  
(Signed) Thos. S. Moore  
Commander

Captain Meedy R.C.  
&c &c  
Stanley.

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Rear Admiral's Brig Flower  
Stanley 9<sup>th</sup> May 1848

Sir  
Having but one Boat sufficiently  
large to bring Water to this Ship; the length  
of time it has already taken in getting  
the small quantity which I have got on  
board, and wishing to sail with all possible  
speed; I have to request you will be pleased  
to allow Boats & Hands to assist in this ser-  
vice to-morrow Morning.

I have &c  
(Signed) Thos S Moore  
Commander

To Captain Meedy R.C.  
Ye Ye Ye  
Stanley

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Her Majesty's Ship *Thorn*  
Stanley 11<sup>th</sup> May 1818.

Sir

I beg to enclose a list of persons I have been obliged to employ to expedite the sailing of *H. M. S.* under my command, who require payment, and wishing to sail with all possible despatch. I have the honor to request you will be pleased to cause them being paid

I have &c

(Signed)

Thos. J. Moore  
Commander

To His Excellency  
Capt. J. P. Moody R. G.  
Governor  
Stanley



Her. Majesty's Brig. Flower  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 1848.

Sir,

Having a few broken spars on board  
H. M. Ship under my Command, which are  
totally useless on board; I have to request you will  
be pleased to allow me to return them into Store  
at this place.

I have &c

(Signed)

Thos. L. Moore

Commander

To His Excellency  
Captain Moody R. C.  
Governor  
&c &c &c

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Police Office  
Stanley  
12<sup>th</sup> May 1848.

Sir  
When I applied to your Excellency  
relative to the repairs of the Police Office, I  
was informed by your Excellency that I was  
not again to move into the Police Office until  
I received orders to that effect, the lining is  
now finished and I wish to know Sir, whether  
I am to remain in the Court House or not.

I have &c  
(Signed) E. J. Cutty.

To His Excellency  
Governor. Hardy.

Her Majesty's Brig Hovey  
 Stanley, 12<sup>th</sup> May 1848.

Sr

The Colonial Surgeon and the Assistant Surgeon of Her Majesty's Ship under my command having held a survey on John Watson (Cun Doim Steward) and decided that he is unfit to proceed on this Expedition, I have to request you will be pleased to make arrangements for his being received at this place, to await a passage to England by the first conveyance: or in any vessel bound for Rio de Janeiro or Monte Video, likely to meet Commodore Sir T. Herbert R. C. B. Commander in Chief on the Brazil Station.

I have &c

(Signed)

Thos L Moore

Commander.

To His Excellency  
 Captain Moody R. C.  
 Governor  
 &c &c &c

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Keope Place May 19<sup>th</sup> 1858.

Sir

I am in possession of your communication under date 15<sup>th</sup> Inst. Demanding 19 head of Cattle for consumption - I am surprised at this demand and quite unprepared as it was agreed upon that Mr Lafone should resume the supplying Beef to Government and have already arranged with Mr Sculley to supply such Beef as your Excellency may demand consequently I beg that your Excellency will please apply to Mr Sculley for the Beef required until I arrive in Town and make arrangements as satisfactorily as practicable

I remain &c

(Signed)

D. A. Williams.

To His Excellency  
Governor Moody  
Stanley

Hope Place 18<sup>th</sup> May 1818.

Sir

I have rec<sup>d</sup> your communication dated 3<sup>rd</sup> May in Answer to the Letter I wrote your Excellency on the 29<sup>th</sup> April last and when more fully informed by your Excellency shall write more largely. In the meantime I understand from your Excellency's communication that parties can obtain possession of any tract or tracts of Land (called Crown Land) on any part of East Falkland although there be wild Cattle or Horses on said Land. Consequently I beg to be further informed by your Excellency that if at the time of making the agreement with

Mr Lafone it was the intention of H. M. Government to put parties in possession of Land occupied with wild Cattle or Horses.

I also understand from your Excellency's letter that Mr Lafone has no claim or title to erect any class of buildings on Crown Land although for the convenience of catching wild Cattle or Horses and that the buildings erected by that he is now erecting at the Point Corral for the purpose of catching wild Cattle that he has no claim or title to them either before or after the expiration of the term of the agreement. Consequently I beg to be further informed by your Excellency that if at the time of making the agreement with Mr Lafone it was not understood that he should have the right to erect establishments on any part of Crown Land for the purpose of capturing wild Cattle and Horses during the term specified in the contract.

To His Excellency  
Governor Moody  
Stanley

I remain  
(Signed) R. Williams

Stanley Falkland Islands  
May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1848.

Sir

I beg respectfully to offer the following remarks and suggestions for your Excellency's consideration which my experience as pilot has led me to consider from the natural position of these Islands lying in the track of ships rounding Cape Horn vessels pass the entrance of our harbour about two or three miles distant now vessels from the south we can see twelve miles before they are abreast of Cape Pembroke till then it is impossible to tell whether they are coming into the harbour or not. the town is then S.W. six miles distant allowing a vessel is coming in, some time must elapse before a pilot can get on board in the meantime vessels not acquainted seeing little to give them confidence to approach the harbour I have no doubt that many pass by that intend to call in, at the same time it would be useless and very expensive to send a boat to every vessel that passes allowing it could be done which the sudden change of the weather will always prevent. As a remedy or substitute for this I propose a Lighthouse (or tower) be built on Cape Pembroke (as I have heard Point William recommended as a suitable place). My reason for recommending Cape Pembroke is it being the S.E. point of land vessels will pass it nearer than any other

To His Excellency  
The Governor

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and likewise a Lighthouse or tower on the said  
Cape will show itself in the horizon to vessels  
passing either way that is from the North or  
South whereas if erected on point William it  
can be seen at no distance by vessels approaching  
it either way on account of the high land be-  
hind it. For this Lighthouse or tower (if a tower  
constructed so as to be converted into a light  
house) place a Telegraph Station to communi-  
cate with the town and ships passing and  
have the Latitude & Longitude correctly deter-  
mined and a few observations directed to the  
Editor of Stordburgh South Atlantic Memoirs  
for making the land with its appearance and  
also to give notice to Her Majesty's Consuls on the  
West Coast with a view of making the Settlement  
known for few ships are without Murray's Code  
of signals it also would enable ships to correct  
their reckoning without altering or going out  
of their course and likewise any ships that have  
been disabled off Cape Horn would be enabled  
to make known their losses and get assistance as  
I understand that a frigate ship is in contempla-  
tion of being erected here for the repairs of ships  
that may have received damage - there would then  
be no necessity for ships to go to Montevideo or  
Rio de Janeiro for repairs and as often happens  
in a dangerous state at the same time ships would  
be the means of reporting each other for instance  
a vessel pass to the south one day; the day after one  
may pass to the North and be enabled to take  
the report to Europe for the information of the  
(owner)

owners) and ships might sight this land with less risk than approaching a continent for on account of the prevailing winds from the Westward and the small extent of land laying north and south and Berkeley Sound and Port William open to the Eastward there is little danger of being caught on a lee shore. I think this plan would be more satisfactory and less expence than sending a boat to every vessel that passes and be the means of bringing many more vessels to our Port.

I have &c  
 (signed) James Phillips.

Stanley May 21<sup>th</sup> 1818

May it please your Excellency

I have been under the necessity of taking my son Joseph from the employ of J. J. Goff on account of a man that was always insulting him, therefore the boy is at present being nothing. if your Excellency could in any way employ him that would much oblige

Your Excellency's  
 humble servant  
 (signed) Jas. Mc Intosh

His Excellency  
 The Governor