

At a Meeting of the Executive Council  
held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 1896.

Present.

His Excellency the Governor.  
The Honourable the Colonial Secretary  
The Honourable the Colonial Surgeon.

The minutes of the previous meeting were  
read and confirmed.

The drafts of the following Ordinances  
were read, considered and ordered to be  
published for introduction into the Legislative  
Council: namely,

"An Ordinance to further amend the  
"Lab Ordinance 1895".

"An Ordinance to provide for the  
"erection of dividing fences by the owners  
"of adjoining lands".

Read and confirmed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of  
January, 1896.

Proper Trust: Frederick H. M.  
Governor.

Charles M. Hill  
Clerk to Councils.



At a meeting of the Executive Council held on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of January 1896.

Present.

His Excellency the Governor.

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary.

The Honourable the Colonial Surgeon.

Appointment of a Sub-Inspector.

The Council advised that Mr J. T. Nowat's application be granted and that Mr J. Kennedy be appointed under clause 1 of Ordinance 4 of 1895 at the rate of £150 per annum, that he find his own horses and that his appointment be terminable on a notice from either party of three months.

The Council further advised that the above terms be made applicable to the other Sub Inspector J. Robertson.

Constable Adams' wife's travelling expenses

The Colonial Surgeon's certificate recommending that Mr Adams return to England through illness was laid before the Council.

The Council recommended that, though Mr Adams was not entitled to a free passage home under her husband's agreement her case be favourably considered with a view to the same being granted by His Excellency.

Read and confirmed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 1896.

Robertus J. J. J. J. J.

Charles White.  
Clerk to Council.

Governor.



At a Meeting of the Executive Council  
held this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 1896.

Present.

His Excellency the Governor.  
The Colonial Secretary.  
The Colonial Surgeon.

The Minutes of the previous meetings of  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> January, 1895 were read and  
confirmed.

The draft of an Ordinance entitled  
"An Ordinance to amend the Customs  
"Duties" Consolidation Ordinance, 1895."  
was read, approved and ordered to be  
printed for introduction into the Legislative  
Council.

The draft of a Rule relating to the Sealing  
of Probate or Letters of Administration  
under the 26<sup>th</sup> Section of the Probate  
Ordinance, 1895 was read and approved.

The draft of an Ordinance entitled  
"An Ordinance for regulating the  
"Law relating to Conspiracy and to the  
"Protection of Property and for other  
"purposes was read and ordered to be  
printed for further submission to the  
Council after a reference to the Legal  
Adviser as to the intention of the draft  
provisions contained in Clause 1.

Read and confirmed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of  
April 1896.  
Robert Jackson Goldsmithy.

Charles W. Hill.  
Clerk to Council.

Governor.



At a Meeting of the Executive Council this 25<sup>th</sup> April, 1896.

Present.

His Excellency the Governor.

His Hon: the Judge.

The Hon: the Col. Secretary.

The Hon: the Col. Surgeon.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

His Honour the Judge having already taken the prescribed oaths took his seat as a member of the Council.

Extension of leases of suburban farms.

His Excellency's despatch No 30 of 24<sup>th</sup> instant addressed to the Rt. Hon: the Secretary of State recommending Messrs Benders and Dittliff's application for an extension of their lease to enable them to meet the cost of fencing in their lands to eradicate kait was read and concurred in.

Sealing permits 1896.

The tenders received were read and considered.

The Council recommended that the tenders be asked if they would be willing to accept a permit for one district only with a view to the better protection of the rookeries whereby each district would be thus worked at one and the same time and so prevent any inroad from outsiders. Further that they should be informed that they will be required to deposit a sum of £20 for each district to ensure the operations being undertaken within a month from the date of



of the issue of the permit failing which the permit would lapse and deposit would be forfeited to Government.

The fixing of a limit to the number of fur seals to be taken on each separate district was held over for consideration at the next meeting so that information might be obtained as to the relative values of the several districts.

Leave to Judge Thompson.

An application from Judge Thompson for three months vacation leave and a request to be permitted to apply for 3 months extension of leave of absence was read.

The Council saw no objection to the extension of leave being granted if required in addition to the vacation leave according to the terms mentioned in the application.

Read and confirmed this seventh day of May, 1896.

Robert S. Goldsmith.

Governor.

Charles H. Hill.

Clerk to Council.



At a Meeting of the Executive Council held on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1896.

Present.

His Excellency the Governor.

His Honour the Judge.

The Honourable the Col. Sec.

The Honourable the Col. Surgeon.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Sealing permits, 1896.

Since the last meeting of the Council His Excellency mentioned that the highest tender, P. Guitano, had received a permit to seal on district No. 1 and that A. Dawkins' offer, the highest tender for district No. 4 would be considered when he had made different arrangements for carrying on his operations as the character of one of his employes, J. Duchtomborg, would not admit of the issue of a permit if he were engaged.

It was not considered that the tenderer J. Buckley was a fit person to whom to entrust the killing of seals although his tender was the next highest after A. Dawkins.

An application for a permit by Danielson for Bird Island had also been considered and issued.

The Council concurred in the action taken.

Supplementary Appropriation Law for 1895.

The Colonial Treasurer having explained the items of excess under the various heads, the Council advised that the draft law be introduced into the Legislative



Legislative Council at its next meeting.

Draft of a Law entitled "An Ordinance  
"to consolidate and amend the law  
"relating to Customs Duties and Trade"  
was considered and with amendments  
ordered to be introduced into the  
Legislative Council at its next meeting.

Read and confirmed this twenty  
day of June, 1896.

*Robert Luckie* Governor.

Charles W. Hill.  
Clerk to Council.

Governor.

At a Meeting of the Executive  
Council held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1896.

Present.

His Excellency the Governor.

The Hon. the Col. Secy.

The Hon. the Col. Surgeon.

The Minutes of the previous meeting  
were read and confirmed.

The despatches received by the mail of  
the 5<sup>th</sup> instant were laid before the Council.

Disposal of the estate of A. Pitaluga  
intestate illegitimate.

The Council considered that  
the amount of this estate, £ 385 .15.0,  
which had been paid into the Treasury  
by the official Administrator should  
remain for the present on deposit  
pending



pending a reference to the Secretary of State as to its appropriation.

Application for a grant in aid towards the expenses of a doctor for the North Camp - East Falkland.

Two letters from Mr. J. H. Cameron dated 20 April and 5 May were read enclosing a list of subscriptions amounting to £161 with an expected addition of £30 or £40, proposing the construction of a house and asking Government to arrange the appointment and fix the salary, <sup>as also</sup> of a doctor for the North Camp ~~and~~ for Government assistance.

The Hon. the Col. Sec. agreed with His Excellency in considering that the matter was of sufficient importance to receive a Govt grant in aid, subject to the approval of the Secretary of State, of a sum not exceeding £100 per annum but was of opinion that as the subscription list now forwarded would not meet the cost of the construction of quarters nor provide for the salary of such a professional man for any term of years, a guarantee should be first obtained:

- (i) for the erection of the residence at the cost of the persons interested;
- (ii) for the amounts of contribution to be collected from each station and that any other conditions similar to those required in the case of the Assistant Colonial Surgeon on the West Island should be clearly defined and adhered to.

The Hon. the Col. Surgeon concurred in the opinion expressed that his duties in Stanley did not admit of his absence in the Camp but did not consider that the demands for the service of the Falkland



Falkland Islands Company doctor at Darwin were so heavy as to prevent him from visiting the North Camp at all times when required. His Excellency stated that it was the fact of his being engaged by the Falkland Islands Company which necessitated his presence in that camp and precluded those in the North Camp from always requisitioning his services.

The clauses of the Customs Consolidation Ordinance left in Committee of the Legislative Council were re-arranged and placed under distinctive headings.

Read and confirmed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1896.

Robert Luckie, Governor.

Charles White,  
Clerk to Council.

Governor.

At a meeting of the Executive Council held on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1896.

Present.

His Excellency the Governor.

The Hon. the Col. Secretary.

The Hon. the Col. Surgeon.

Absent.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Draft of a Law entitled "The Customs Amending Ordinance 1896" imposing approved and with an absolute penalties



penalties for wilfully tampering or breaking seals and prohibiting the taking of bribes by officers of Customs was read and, with an additional clause making the cargo carried by coasting schooners subject to the same regulations as over sea vessels as regards the unshipment of <sup>such</sup> cargo ordered to be printed for introduction into the Legislative Council.

An application from Mr. J. Smith for a renewal of the lease of East Island granted but not taken up in 1894 for a term of 14 or 21 years was considered.

The Council recommended that the lease do issue for a period of 14 years similar as regards tenure to the suburban farms and at the rate of £5 per 1000 acres, the Government however not guaranteeing any compensation for improvements at the determination of the lease.

The draft of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Licensing Ordinance 1882" was read approved, ordered to be printed for introduction into the Legislative Council.

With reference to the minute of the Council of the 11<sup>th</sup> June the Council on further consideration recommended that the notice of the balance due to the estate of a Pitanga, intestate illegitimate, be advertised together with the balances due to the other intestates as provided by the "Unrepresented Estates Law 1896."

Read



Read and confirmed this with  
day of September 1896.

Robert S. G. Gadsden Esq.

Charles Mann  
Clerk to Council.

Governor.

At a meeting of the Executive  
Council held on the 9<sup>th</sup> September, 1896.

Present.

His Excellency the Governor

The Hon. the Col. Secy.

The Hon. the Col. Surgeon.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read  
and confirmed.

A letter from the Asst. Col. Surgeon West  
Falklands, pointing out the necessity for  
supervision of the sanitary arrangements  
on the West Island was read and considered.

The Council advised that the nomination  
of D. Keay as Inspector of nuisances be  
confirmed and that a vote of £50 be  
inserted therefor in the Estimates for 1897.  
The Council also advised that individual  
powers should be vested in the Sanitary  
Officer for the West Falklands and that  
the provisions of Ordinance 5 of 1894 requiring  
the existence of nuisances to be reported  
to the Board of Health in Stanley with a  
view to the Board taking action to abate  
the same be accordingly amended.

The draft Estimates for 1897 were laid  
before the Council. The Secretary voted

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was increased by £15 under the sub-head "Extra clerical assistance" to include remuneration for type writing.

In the vote "Ecclesiastical" the sum to be appropriated for fuel to the various churches similar in amount to that given to the Church of England, or, to be consistent, the diminution of the amount to be given to the Church of England was left to the decision of the Legislative Council.

The suggestion that a scheme for provision to be made for the future expenditure on Public works, sanitation, &c., by the raising of a loan was unanimously concurred in.

The Estimates with amendments were ordered to be printed and laid before the Legislative Council with the draft appropriation Advance for 1897.

Additional clauses 8, 9 and 10 to "An Ordinance to amend the Licensing Ordinance 1882" passed on the 21<sup>st</sup> August were approved and the Ordinance ordered to be referred back to a Committee of the Legislative Council with a view to the same being inserted in the original Bill.

Read and confirmed this <sup>5<sup>th</sup></sup>~~28<sup>th</sup>~~ day of <sup>October</sup>~~September~~, 1896.

Charles M. Hill.  
Clerk to Council.

Roger Tuckey, Governor.



At a meeting of the Executive Council held on the 28<sup>th</sup> September, 1896.

Present.

His Excellency the Governor

The Hon. the Col. Sec.

The Hon. the Cor. Surgeon.

Frozen Meat Industry.

A letter by Mr. Morat dated 23 September on the subject of his mission to England on behalf of the Falkland Islands farmers was read.

The Council desired further information as to whether the offers therein mentioned were the sole offers received by Mr. Morat by purchasers of frozen meat in England for Falkland Island carcasses.

"Licensing Ordinance 1896".

Forms of Books required under clause 2 were laid before the Council and with a column for signature approved and ordered to issue.

Read and Compressed this fifth day of October, 1896.

Charles Hill  
Clerk to Council.

Roger Dunkley Goldsmith  
Governor.



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His Excellency informed Messrs Baillon and Mowat the reason for requiring their presence and referring to Mr Mowat's letter of 2 October expressed it as his opinion that if Sub-Inspectors with the powers vested in them by the Ordinance were appointed, the Inspector would be personally unaware of the state of the stations and it would be difficult to procure men to efficiently carry out the duties of a sub-inspector.

There would, however, His Excellency added, be no objection to some assistance being given by the Inspector but any duties leading to the release of stations from quarantine should be performed by the Inspector himself.



At a Meeting of the Executive Council held on the 5<sup>th</sup> October, 1896.

Present.

His Excellency the Governor.

The Hon: the Col: Secretary.

The Hon: the Col: Surgeon.

Sub Inspectors of Stock.

A letter from the Stock Inspector dated 2 October applying for the services of extra sub-inspectors to inspect infected stations at the expiration of their term of quarantine was read.

Messrs. Mount and Baildon attended the Council.

Mr. Mount explained that the reason he required this assistance was to relieve the farmers from the necessity of specially gathering their flocks immediately after the lambing season and just before the time of gathering for shearing.

Mr. Baildon considered that extra assistance was absolutely necessary after Mr. Mount's explanation and which coming from an expert should be followed. Though the whole of the stock department's vote for the year was absorbed, he deemed it more expedient to raise an extra tax to meet this extraordinary service than to put the farmers to greater expense and inconvenience by causing them to gather at the present time for inspection by the present staff.

On Messrs. Mount & Baildon withdrawing the Council recommended that the assistance asked for should be granted but that the persons engaged should not be delegated with the powers of sub-inspectors but employed under clause 3 of Ordinance 4 of 1895, their expenses to be defrayed from general funds raised by the tax on sheep under that Ordinance unless neglect contributory to such expenses

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can be proved against any individual owner when such owner should defray the expense connected with the inspection of his station as provided by clause 3 of the Subsidy Ordinance.

The Council further concurred in His Excellency's opinion that persons unconnected with the stations to be inspected should be so engaged.

<sup>perused</sup>  
Read and confirmed this ninth day of 9<sup>th</sup> October, 1856.

Charles W. H. M.  
Clerk Council.

Roger Luckie, Esq. Governor.

At a Meeting of the Executive Council  
held on the 9 October, 1856.

Present.

His Excellency the Governor.

The Hon. the Col. Sec.

His Honour the Judge

The Hon. the Col. Surgeon

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read, amended and confirmed.

Mr. J. Smith's application for an extended lease of the Peninsula Farm and the temporary use of Navy Point was read.

The Council was of opinion that this lease was entitled to the same consideration as the other suburban leaseholders and that the Peninsula Farm should consequently be leased to him for such a period of years as to allow of its termination to run concurrently with those granted to Messrs.

Blundell



Mr Brander

Brander and Dettley. It was <sup>not</sup> thought inadvisable <sup>that it was within the Governor's powers</sup> to insert in the lease the privilege to use Navy Point for pasturage purposes and which was a matter to be determined by the Senior Naval Officer with the concurrence of the Governor.

Stock Inspector's temporary assistants.

The sum of £10 per mensem was considered a fair salary for the assistants to be engaged in accordance with the minute of the Council of the 6<sup>th</sup> instant.

Trained nurses for the Colonies.

Circular despatches from the R. Hon. the Sec. of State dated 26 and 27 June were laid before the Council together with the Col. Surgeon's views on the subject and a draft of a despatch in reply thereto by His Excellency.

The Council was of opinion that in the absence of any hospital or separate quarters being available for the housing of trained nurses it was inexpedient to renew any attempt to train a qualified staff who would have to be located in private dwelling houses.

The Council was <sup>also</sup> of opinion that though the establishment of a hospital however small with a nursing staff involving expenses whether the nurses were employed or not would be a gain to the Colony, yet having regard to the Col. Surgeon's expressed views that the requirements of the place were already met and more especially to the fact of the probable arrival of Salesian Sisters of Mercy, the Council did not consider that any alteration in the existing practice was necessary in the immediate present.

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## Brussels International Exhibition 1897.

A circular despatch received from the R. Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies dated 24<sup>th</sup> June asking if this Government proposed to take part in the Exhibition was laid before the Council.

The Council recommended the publication of the despatch with a view to ascertaining the wishes of any local firms or persons to contribute to the British Section.

Read and confirmed this seventeenth day of October, 1896.

Robert Balfour Gordon

Governor.

Charles M. M.  
Clerk to Council.

At a Meeting of the Executive Council held on the 17<sup>th</sup> October, 1896.

### Present.

His Excellency the Governor.

His Honour the Judge.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

The Hon. the Colonial Surgeon.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read amended and confirmed.

The draft of an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance further to amend the 'Scab Ordinance 1895 and to amend 'Ordinance 272 of 1895' was read and as amended approved and ordered to be printed for introduction into the Legislative Council.

Draft



Draft rules determining the powers and duties of Inspectors appointed under the Seal Ordinance of 1895 were <sup>as</sup> amended approved.

#### Customs Tariff.

A circular despatch of 21<sup>st</sup> August asking this Government the views as to its determining or not the publication of its tariff under the 1890 Convention was laid before the Council.

The Council recommended that continuation of such a publication for another term of seven years.

The Estate of A. Pitaluga, intestate illegitimate,

A letter by James Pitaluga claiming the residue of the estate was read.

The Council recommended that the applicant be asked if he were of the same father and mother as the deceased, what other legitimate or illegitimate children, still living, were born to the parents and that this information duly verified be awaited before any appropriation of the balance of the estate be made.

Customs permit for Messrs Spearing and Waldron's vessel to enter at Port Howard.

A despatch h<sup>o</sup> 51 of 8 September from the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Secretary of State together with a letter from Messrs Spearing and Waldron were read.

As no provision exists in the law for accepting guarantees as suggested the Council was of opinion that it  
would



in order to meet the request contained in Messrs. Spearing and Waldron's letters, Mr. Mathews be asked if he were in a position temporarily or permanently to provide accommodation for a Customs officer at Port Howard and at what rental.

Read, amended and confirmed  
this third day of November 1896.

Robert Tuckey, Treasurer.

Charles W. Hill.  
Clerk to Council.

Governor.

At a meeting of the  
Executive Council held on the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
day of November 1896.

Present.

His Excellency the Governor.

The Honour the Judge.

The Honourable the Col. Secretary.

The Honourable the Col. Surgeon.

The minutes of the previous  
meeting were read, amended and  
confirmed.

Compulsory Fencing. Legisla-  
tion for.

The following correspondence  
on the subject was read.

Secretary of State's despatch



N<sup>o</sup> 56 of 26 September with enclosure.

His Excellency's despatch L<sup>o</sup> 18 of 15<sup>th</sup> February, 1896.

Secretary of State's despatch L<sup>o</sup> 34 of 1 June, 1896. and Letter by C<sup>o</sup> to M<sup>r</sup> Robson of 3 June. The Stock Inspector attended the Council.

The Council after consideration unanimously agreed with His Excellency in considering that action should be deferred until the attention of the Secretary of State were drawn to the actual condition of affairs as the present *ex parte* statements of the Stock Inspector were opposed to the decision already arrived at by the Government and which though communicated to the Inspector did not result in any further observations being received from that officer before he proceeded to England.

Messrs Felton and Baildon also attended the Council and with regard to the matter of compulsory fencing the former did not see the necessity of another fencing Ordinance but Mr. Baildon considered that compulsory fencing would bear very hard on the small farmers who would be compelled to obtain loans from the Government but that he would rather see Government funds so utilised than as proposed on the construction of a pier.

These gentlemen accepted the proposal to meet His Honour the Judge and the Hon. Col. Sec. to discuss the subject matter contained in the Right Honourable the Sec. of State's despatch.

The Members of the Council however held to their former opinion expressed in the Legislative Council on the 10<sup>th</sup> February that the existing seal and fencing ordinances



Ordinances should have a fair trial before any further Ordinance empowering the Chief Inspector to require the erection of fences were enacted; the more so because such a power was considered too great to be vested in one authority.

Read and confirmed this eighteenth day of November, 1896 -

Charles W. Hill.

Clerk to Council.

Robert Suckley, Governor.

At a meeting of the Executive Council held on the 18<sup>th</sup> November, 1896.

Present.

- (i) His Excellency the Governor.
- (ii) The Hon. the Col. Secretary.
- (iii) The Hon. the Col. Surgeon.
- (iv) His Honour the Judge.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The draft of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to amend the unrepresented estates Ordinance 1896" was read approved and ordered to be introduced into the Legislative Council at its next meeting.

Warehouse charges under clause 1 of Ordinance 5 of 1896.

The Council recommended that



that a scale be drafted on the basis of a charge of 4% per mensem on the duty payable in the cases of dutiable goods bonded and that special charges be levied for all other goods merely warehoused.

Despatch h<sup>o</sup> 53 of 19 September reporting Capt. Horcock's appointment as Senior Naval Officer on the South East Coast of America Station vice Capt. Fissung was laid before the Council.

Paris Exhibition 1900.

A Circular despatch of 7 September, 1896 was read.

The Council advised a consultation with the unofficial members of the Legislative Council that it would not be expedient for this Colony to take part in the exhibition, the few products of the Colony being already sufficiently known as to render expense unnecessary on further representation.

Read and confirmed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1896.

Robert Smith-Johnson.

Charles W. Hill.

Clerk to Council.

Governor.



At a Meeting of the Executive Council held on the 15<sup>th</sup> December, 1896.

Present.

His Excellency the Governor.

His Honour the Judge.

The Hon. the Col. Secretary.

The Hon. the Col. Surgeon.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

"Martha Gale"

Papers relating to the seizure of the "Martha Gale" were laid before the Council.

The Council advised that as this was the first infringement of the 5<sup>th</sup> Section of the Customs Ordinance and taking into consideration the delay that would be entailed in obtaining evidence from the West Falklands no further steps should be taken to secure the forfeiture of the schooner, the more particularly as the master was being prosecuted for a penalty of £100 under the same section.

Draft rules of procedure in cases of seizures of vessels were read and approved.

A scale of warehouse charges under clause 30 of Customs Ordinance No. 596 was laid before the Council, approved and ordered to be published in the Official Gazette.

Read and  
confirmed



confirmed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 1897.

~~Robert Tuck~~ ~~Charles W. W. W.~~

Charles W. W.  
Clerk to Council.

Governor.

At a Meeting of the Executive Council  
held on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 1897

Present.

His Excellency the Governor

The Hon. the Judge.

The Hon. the C. Sec.

The Hon. the C. Surgeon.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were  
read & confirmed.

The Draft of an Ordinance entitled  
"An Ordinance to amend the Scab  
Ordinance 1895" was read, approved  
and ordered to be published for intro-  
duction into the Legislative Council  
at its next meeting.

Board of Health.

The Council concurred in the  
Appointment of the following members to  
serve on the Board for 1897: namely,

Messrs. L. Williams.

G. Hall

E. Williams.

Despatches received from the R. Hon. the S. P. S.  
on the 18<sup>th</sup> inst. were read.

With reference to despatch 2569 of the  
14<sup>th</sup> December the Council considered it un-  
desirable to declare Ports towards and S. C. A. S.