

Sitting No 20, 14th January 1903

Mr. Selton absent-

Last minutes read and confirmed.

C.S.
2/2
03.

Quarantine ground for sheep. No sufficient reason shown for allowing the 250 rams now expected from New Zealand to be quarantined on any ground other than the government quarantine station.

C.S.
2/3
03.

Lease of Bluff Cone No 35 (Mr. McKay)

Resolved that lease being null and void from date when rent became overdue it is inexpedient to again lease the land by auction until the land ordinance now before the Legislative Council becomes law, and that it is advantageous to appoint the former lessee caretaker (on payment of £30. a year from the date when the lease became void) so that the farm may be let as a going concern.

304
/01.

Land Bill.

Council agree that the Governor's power to order fencing should be insisted on subject to the amendments already before the Legislative Council and to a further proviso that owners declaring their wish to leave their lots ^{unfenced} may be allowed by the Governor in Council to do so on condition that such lots are kept clear of rubbish.

New Stamps.

and process of manufacture (copper, not steel dies), with the King's Head instead of the Queen's should be maintained

It was resolved that the old design

Read and confirmed this 26th day of January
1903



W. Grey Wilson
Governor

Sitting No 21. 26th January 1903.

All members present.

Last minutes read.

- V. Naval Range. Commodore's letter ~~s/22~~ read.
No objection to firing over Port William in direction indicated in tracing - provided Admiralty undertake to tow to a safe place any vessel within danger limit, or to stop firing.

3. Rams from New Zealand. ~~Company~~ agree that those unaffected by foot-rot may be moved from quarantine paddock to a part of Falkland Islands Company's Dairy Paddock subject to satisfactory measures being taken by Company to ensure security.
The thirteen rams which arrived by Liguria from N° 3 and transferred at Montevideo to be quarantined in Pound, steps to be taken to securely fence it.

- IV. His Excellency read despatches received last Mail.

Read & confirmed this 18th day
of March. 1903

W. Grey Wilson
Governor



Sitting No 22, 2 February 1903

All members present

13 Question of release from Quarantine of
255 rams now ^{Quarantine} in T. I. Co Dairy paddock

After considerable discussion members thought the weight of evidence pointed to foot rot being neither infectious nor contagious

His Excellency put to the Council the question whether those rams recently imported from New Zealand which by permission of the Governor in Council were on 28 January separated from the eleven found to be suffering from foot rot and removed in quarantine to the T. I. Co Dairy paddock may now on the recommendation of the Inspector of Stock be released from quarantine. His Excellency added that his strong personal opinion was that they should not be at present released.

The members of Council voted unanimously for their release

His Excellency further asked the Council whether in their opinion, any order should be made by the Government to prevent the rams from travelling overland and added that he thought such an order should be made.

The members of Council voted unanimously

against any such order being made

upon which the Governor agreed,
that an order by the Governor in Council
for the release unconditionally should
be made

Read & confirmed this 18th
day of March 1903



W. Gray Wilson
Governor

Sitting No 23 18th March 1903

Present - Colonial Secretary, Colonial Treasurer
and the Colonial Surgeon

1. Minutes of last two meetings read and confirmed
- 2.Leave for Mr. Hart Bennett - two months on half pay approved in extension of three months on full pay from 30th March.
3. Justices of the Peace - As many Justices of the Peace are absent from the Colony, Council deemed it necessary to recruit from the Trading class and appoint Mr J. Watson and Mr L. Williams.
List of Justices of the Peace to be published.
4. Road on Range - Council agreed that a road should be made - to the extent of cutting away the seat down to the foundations from the 1000 yards to the 600 yards range on North side of firing point - the immediate object being for Volunteers shooting at Range and the ultimate

object to facilitate peat deliveries. Cost put at about £10.

5. Despatches received last mail read.
6. Question of reservation of land at Fox Bay for Paddock introduced
7. Refund of rent to Mr. Render (Moody Valley Farm) for 1902 - £20 as before.

Read and confirmed this 23^d day of March
1903.



W. Grey Wilson
Governor



Monday Sitting N° 24 23^d March 1903

Present - C. S. Treasurer Col. Surgeon Hamilton
Mr. Filton absent on leave.

Last minutes read and confirmed

Sups: Supply Bill expenditure 1902 approved
to be laid before Leg: Council.

Despatches received by last mail read

Read & confirmed this 26 day of March 1903



W. Grey Wilson
Governor

Sitting N° 25.

Thursday 26th March 1903

Present. Col: Secy: Col: Treasurer. Col: Surgeon

Last minutes read and confirmed

Illegal Sealing.

President read C.O. desp: 2 of 15 Jan as to
alleged illegal sealing at the factories. It was
resolved that the present limit - 500 - of seals
which Mr Hansen is allowed in towns of her base
in 1 of 1's despatch 12/94 with copy of base. to take in
any one year should be abolished and that it
should be recommended to the S of S. that a
contribution by way of royalty - per dm - import
tax or shipping charge should be levied on all
sealskins imported into the colony for shipment

Read and confirmed this 20th day of April 1903

W. Grey Wilson
Governor.



Sitting N° 26.

Monday 20th April 1903.

Present. acting Col: Secy Thompson, Col: Surgeon Hamilton

Last minutes read and confirmed

53/03

Anti-plague serum circular 14 Feb. 1903 Resolved
that none is required for this colony

41/03

Female prisoner Gaol. Resolved that it
is essential to remove printing office from Gaol
to afford accommodation for a matron.

- 117/02 D^r Keay, granted six months leave on half salary
- 126/02 Metric system of weights & measures only. Resolved that if the Empire is unanimous, or nearly so, in advocating the metric system of w. & m. its adoption by this colony would be of advantage.
- 44/03 New Island, lease of. Resolved that in view of the fact that New Island without doubt contains less than 6,000 acres (vide report of Henry E. P. Cottrell 10 July 1893) the Council are unanimously of opinion that a new lease under Land ordinance 1903 should be granted to Mrs R. B. Cull for 21 years at the existing rent of £20 per annum.

Read and confirmed this 18 day of May 1903



W. Grey Wilson
Governor.

Litting N° 27

Monday 18th May 1903

Present. act: Col: Liey: Col: Surgeon
absent Col: Liey: J. J. Fulton or leave

Minutes of the last meeting read & confirmed

Stock Inspector. an application from Farmers, representing about $\frac{4}{5}$ ths of the total acreage, that Mr Robertson's salary may be increased from £250 to £300 a year was considered.

Resolved that in as much as the Govt now purchase horses for the Inspector & pay for fodder the increases should be as follows: -

salary to be raised from £50 to £275.
and horse allowance of £50 a year to cover
cost of purchase of horses - and all fodder.
Inspector to pay Govt £10 a year for use of the
Customs paddock whenever & for so long as it
is not required by Govt: and also to pay the
usual rates for any horses he may be allowed to
litter out or put on common.

Dispatches received by last mail read.

Read & confirmed this 15th day of June 1903



W. Grey Wilson
Governor

Litting N° 28

Monday 15th of June 1903

Present. Acting Col: Secretary Thompson
Dr Hamilton

Minutes of the last meeting read & confirmed

Dispatches received by last mail read.

The case of H. P. Millett & the circumstances attending
his retirement considered .. agreed that he
be recommended for a pension of £12 a year.
Reward for discovery of coal to be brought before Leg: council.

Read & confirmed this 13th day of July 1903



W. Grey Wilson
Governor.

Sitting No. 29.

Monday
Present.

13th July 1903.
Acting Colonial Secretary,
Hon. Colonial Surgeon.

1. Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.
2. Council approved legislation imposing a tax not exceeding 10/- on seal skins imported into the Colony for purposes of exportation.
3. Following order in Council - approved.
"Every Boat vessel or Launch, not carrying mails, shall upon leaving any Steamer, lying in Stanley Harbour, stop and report to the Customs Officer placed in charge of the Stone Jetty. Written permission to land or call at any jetty other than the above mentioned Stone Jetty must be obtained from the Collector of Customs."
4. Last mails despatched read.

Read and confirmed the 10th day of August 1903.

W. Gray Wilson
Governor.

H. Craigie-Hartree
Clerk. —



Sitting No. 30

Monday
Present:

10th August 1903.

Acting Colonial Secretary,
Hon. Colonial Surgeon.

1. Last minutes read and confirmed.
2. Council agreed that Margaret Clarke should be sent home to serve the remainder of her sentence in an English Prison. Despatch 44 of 8th of July.
3. Cophell - Harva Prisoner. Council approved Cophells removal provided satisfactory arrangements are feasible to take her away.
4. Last mails despatches read.

Read and confirmed this 1st day of September 1903



W. Grey Wilson

Governor.

Sitting No. 31.

Tuesday
Present:

September 1st 1903

Acting Colonial Secretary,
Hon. Col. Surgeon.

- (1) Last minutes read and confirmed.
- (2) Proposed Tariff on Seal Skins. Governor read letters from Captain of August 27th and memorial of 26th against last. Dr. Hamilton stated that in conversation with one of the Captains of the sealing schooners he remarked "what a shortening indiscriminate slaughter of thousands of seals is taking place" - the Captain fully agreed that it was so, but stated that if they did not capture them



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which would and that the rate at which they were working would mean the extirpation of those rotted in three years time. Acting Colonial Secretary was of opinion that it is advisable to impose a tax on seal skins.

President stated that as we want further information on the subject and as to bringing into immediate force an ordinance would be strengthening a move on them he would suggest that the Law come into force on the 1st January 1904 and all skins entered before that date be permitted to be shipped free.

Read and confirmed this 7th day of September 1903.



W. Gray Wilson
Governor.

Sitting No 32
Monday Sept 7th 1903
Present acting Col: Ray Thompson
Col: Surgeon Hamerton
about Mr Bennett & Mr Tilton or have
last minutes read & confirmed

2. an ordinance relating to wireless telegraphy considered & declared urgent - not to be published in Gazette.
3. Council agreed that no tax on seal skin landed before Jan 1st 1904 for exportation - should be levied. -

4 last main despatches made.
Read and confirmed this 5th day of October 1903

W. Gray Wilson



Sitting No: 33
Monday 5th October 1903

Present acting Colonial Secretary
Dr Hamilton Col: Surgeon
about C.S. Hart Bennett, Mr J.J. Filton

Last minutes read and confirmed.

Despatches by last mail read.

Drain

Board of Health. Drain in barrack street approved
M.P. 103/03

Scab rate

Scab rate 139/03. although it is desired round
to buy a rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ d^o of a penny whenever the
farming prospects are good, so as to secure
a good Reserve for bad times. Resolved that
in view of the heavy losses in 1902 the rate
be fixed for 1903 at $\frac{1}{4}8\frac{1}{2}$ d^o of a penny

Pigs

Pigs. Resolved that it be a recommendation
to B of H. that no pig shall be kept in Stanley
without a licence such licence to lapse on
the 31st Dec: following its issue

Read & confirmed this 2^d day of Nov: 1903



W. Grey Wilson

M. G.
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Sitting No. 34

Monday 6th November 1903.

Present. Acting Colonial Secretary,
 Hon. S. Hamilton
 " J. J. Fallon

1. Last minutes read and confirmed.
2. Application by Mr Hansen of Carcass Island to lease Pedge and Dunbar Islands to be held over until January 1904.
3. Resolved that two travelling schoolmasters on West and two on East Falklands are necessary.
4. Resolved that billets pension be increased from £ 18 to £ 24 a year as suggested by Secretary of State in despatch No. 55 of 11th September and that £ 130 be taken off Post office notes.
5. Last mail despatched read.

Read and confirmed this 6th day of November 1903.

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W. Grey Wilson

Governor.

R. Gray-Hall RA
Clerk to Governor



Sitting No. 35.

Friday 6th November 1903

Present:

Acting Colonial Secretary, Thompson

Hon. Colonial Surgeon, Hamilton

" T. J. Felton.

1. Last minutes read and confirmed.
2. Gaol Paddock to be a Public Pound. "The Governor in Council has declared that the Gaol Paddock shall be a Public Pound under Section 3 of the Pound Amendment Ordinance No. 8. of 1897." A. 1
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3. Sugar Convention. Order by the Governor in Council "Whereas the Permanent Commission established under the provisions of the Sugar Convention has reported that a bounty on the exportation of sugar is granted in Denmark, Russia and the Argentine Republic. Now therefore, the Governor in Council in exercise of the powers vested in him by section 63 of the Customs Ordinance 1903 is pleased to order and it is hereby ordered:—
That, from and after the 1st day of January next all sugar from Denmark, Russia and the Argentine Republic shall (except in transit) be prohibited to be imported into the Colonies."
4. Sheep Imported from New Zealand ter s.s. "Wauwera" - 29th October 1903:—
Resolved that th^o Fellows and th^o Parker sheep may be quarantined on their own grounds provided that Inspector of Stock is satisfied that the fences are sheep proof. The Inspector of Stock last year reported as sheep proof a fence (dairy pasture)

through



which sheep could get and he is liable to understand that the definition of a sheep proof fence - is a fence through which sheep cannot pass, and that he will be held personally responsible that any land he accepts as a quarantine station has a sheep proof fence of that description. —

Read and Conformed this 12th day of November 1903.



R. Prague-Hackett
Elected Council.

W. Grey Wilson

Governor.

Litting N° 36
Thursday 12th November 1903

Present acting Col: Secretary Thompson
Col: Surgeon Hamilton
Hon J. J. Ston

1. Last minutes read and confirmed

2. Application by the Falkland Islands Company to remove their sheep imported by "Waewra" on 29th October last from the present Quarantine Ground to Islands in Chowne Sound was considered. The Council considering the very exceptional circumstances approve upon an undertaking being given that the sheep will be removed from Stanley by boat - and will not be removed from the Islands on which they are quarantined until released by an Inspector and that the Islands to which the sheep are removed are surrounded by water of no less than 3 feet in depth at the lower tides.

This application is granted subject to the approval of Inspector of Roast.



Read and Conformed this 2nd day of December 1903.

W. Grey Wilson
Governor.

Sitting No. 37
 Wednesday 2nd December 1903.
 Present Governor
 Acting Colonial Secretary.
 Hon. Colonial Surgeon. Hamilton
 " T. J. Felton.

1. Last minutes read and confirmed.
2. Land Ordinance amendments, considered approved and declared urgent that is not to be published before introduction.
3. Last mails despatcher read.
4. Dr. Hamilton on his retirement from the position of Colonial Surgeon took leave of the Council.

Read and confirmed this 18th day of Jan 1904.

W. Grey Wilson
 Governor.



H. Bayne Hutton
 Clerk to Council

Sitting N° 38.

Monday 18th January 1904
 Present Governor
 acting C. I. Thompson
 Hon V. J. G. Filton

Last minutes read & confirmed

Dr Melville Keay took the oath & his seat as
 colonial surgeon. —

Frank Lang's application for Rest House at Fox
 Bay considered.

" Resolved that the house at Fox Bay be
 advertised to let at a nominal rent, but that no
 liquor licence be granted.

An ordinance to amend the Licensing
 Ordinance 1882 agreed to and ordered to be
 laid before the Legislative Council at its
 next sitting.

Confidential despatch from Governor to
 British Consul - Chilo with reference to
 Extradition of Poole - approved.

(initials) Read and confirmed this 25th day of January 1904

H. Craigie-Hastett

W. Grey Wilson

Governor.



Sitting No. 39

Monday 25 January 1904

Present.

Governor

Colonial Secretary H.B.

Treasurer Thompson

Surgeon. Keay

Last Minutes read and confirmed

1. Despatches received by last mail read.
2. An ordinance to amend the law relating to the exportation of arms and other Military, Naval and Warlike Stores considered, approved declared urgent and ordered to be laid before the Legislative Council before publication.
Th. P.
404/00.
3. An ordinance to regulate the law relating to sentences of flogging considered, approved, declared urgent and ordered to be laid before the Legislative Council before publication.
Th. P.
99/01.

Read and confirmed this 22nd day of February
1904

W. Gray Wilson

Governor.



Sitting No. 40.

Monday, 22 February 1904.

Present. The Governor

" Colonial Secretary Hart Bennett

" " Treasurer Thompson

" " Surgeon Dr Keay

The Hon. J. J. Fallon absent on leave.

Last minutes read and confirmed.

1. Last mair despatches read.
2. The Revision of the Proclamation (without final clause) prohibiting the importation of stock and Alfalfa from South America agreed to by Mr Thompson, expressing the opinion that alfalfa should be omitted from the proclamation.—
3. President informed Council that stock Inspector had sent in a letter recommending that the use of pens instead of the fence should be made compulsory for lamb marking. To stand over for further consideration.
4. Inventory of Government House furniture. Sgt. Major Wate appointed to make.
5. Coal. — Crown Agents to be asked to make contract for the supply for one year of 10 tons coal per month of such coal as they may deem most economical and suitable for house purposes.
6. Sealing Captains application that no fine on the exploration of seal skins be imposed until the end of May — approved.

Read and confirmed this 14 day of March 1904.

W. Grey Wilson

Governor.



Sitting N° 41
Monday 14th March 1904

Present

Governor.

Col. Secretary

" Treasurer.

The Hon. T. J. Fallon.

Last Minutes read and approved.

D^r. Hamilton took the oath and his seat as Acting Colonial Surgeon.

D^r. Kear suspension of:-

D^r. Hamilton handed in a letter of resignation which he had received from D^r. Kear, and states; on Tuesday 8th March at 11 o'clock I went with His Excellency, the Governor and the Colonial Secretary, to D^r. Kear's house. I saw D^r. Kear, he was almost in a Comatose state, suffering from alcoholism poison, he has also been severely bruised, potter injuries. I said I would call back and see him - and treat him medically. D^r. Kear was saturated with liquor and in the incipient stages of Delirium Tremens I have seen him this morning and he is still in a state of alcoholism.

D^r. Bowen - surgeon R.H. Hn. P "Bengal" stated I went to see His Excellency, the Governor on 11th March after having visited D^r. Kear, at the request of D^r. Hamilton. I found D^r. Kear in a very feeble state - through alcoholic state excess. I am of opinion that he has been subjected to very considerable personal violence. - he has bruises on abdomen and on fore arm - skin off ~~fore~~ and face bridge of nose he was in a very shabby and feeble state. I saw him this morning he seemed better but is very weak and shabby, breaking out in perspiration on slightest exertion which shows extreme weakness. I should say that any sudden shock might be dangerous. - his heart is very weak - partly by alcoholic excess and tobacco. any sudden mental or physical shock might have a dangerous effect

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on his leave. He is fit to travel with another medical officer but not without.

Council were of opinion that they should boat up away in the steamer now in port.

The Council resolved that Dr. Keay be suspended but on account of his long and trying service under extremely severe conditions in the West Falklands Council sent the Governor in supporting the acceptance of his resignation in substitution for dismissal.

Read and confirmed this 21st day of March 1904



W. Gray Wilson
Governor.

Sitting No. 42.

21st March 1904.

Governor.

Crown Secretary,

" Treasurer

Acting Crown Surgeon.

Hon. T. T. Felton.

Monday
Present.

1. Last minutes read.

2. New school house - Question of site discussed and adjourned.

104/03

3. more travelling Teachers - Question of appointment of one or more for West Falkland and one more for East Falkland to be brought before Legislative Council.

4. Despatches received by last mail read.

Hon. Crown Treasurer asked to be allowed to see copy of His Excellency's despatch No. 104 of 26 December relating to certain irregularities in Treasury. The Governor gave permission.

42/14

5. Killing geese out of seal fund. Revis-

from their holding and fellow read. Voted
of all farmers to be elected.

Supply Appropriation Bill 1903. To be
published.

35/04

Leave for Dean Branson. Colonial Chaplain
4 months on half pay from 1 July in
extension of 3 months vacation granted.

102/01

Dunbar, Sedge and Wreck Islands. Mr.
Hansen's renewed application for lease of these
islands read & considered. Resolved that these
islands be not let.

Read & confirmed this 4th day of April

1904

W. Grey Wilson
Governor.



~~Sitting No 43~~

21st March 1904

all the members present except Mr H. Bennett colony

- 1 Last minutes read & confirmed
2. New

Sitting N° 43
 Monday 4th April 1904
 Present Governor
 Col: Treasurer Thompson
 " Surgeon
 Honble J. G. Filton.

Last minutes read & confirmed

(Col: Surgeon called away to see Col: Secy.)

23/01 1 Resolved that Leg council be invited to vote a refund of £20 to C. Binder in respect of rent paid for Moody Valley Farm on Dec 23. 1903. —

2 Renewal of Leases.

The terms of the issue of NEW Leases under the Land Ordinance 1903 agreed to, letters in draft being approved

12/01 (a) To W. K. Cameron in respect of section 37 north San Carlos and Taming Island

(b) To Alexander McIntosh Pitaluga in respect of section 33 Rincon Grande

75/96 (c) To James Smith in respect of Peninsula

(d) To S. A. Mission Soc in respect of Passage Dry & Bold Islands 800 acres at 1^d = £3. 6. 8

(e) T. I. C in respect of S. W. portion of Sec 38 West Bluff Com. 1120 acres at the present rent of £5. 17. 7.

3. Sup: appropriation ordinance declared urgent at request of Leg council.

Read & confirmed this 18th day of April
1904

W. Grey Wilson
Governor



Sitting 44
 Tuesday 18th ~~May~~ April 1904
 Present.

The President
 Col. Secretary
 " Treasurer
 Hon. T. J. Fallon
 " S. Hamilton

1. Past minutes read and confirmed.
2. Sect. 35 Bluff Cove 15485 acres
 J. D. McTay and Lease to be put up
 to auction under ordinance of 1903. 21 years
 16000 acres at £25.
3. Sect. 38 Robson. If rent not paid
 when due to be treated in same way.
 Leases of lots 35 and 38 to run,
 if possible from one and the same day
 next year.
4. Pension to Mr. Wines - Pior £42-14
 approved.
5. Carter Brasbury - Howards - may
 accumulate annual rents, holiday, and
 latte at expiration of agreement.
6. Dr. Hamilton - Agency Col. Surgeon
 While acting to receive full pay and pension.

Read and confirmed this 10 day of May

W. Grey Wilson 1904
 Governor.



Sitting 45

Tuesday 10 May, 1904.

Present. The Governor.

Hon. Actg Col. Surgeon

.. T. J. Fallon

The Treasurer absent through illness

The Col. Secretary, absent by permission of the Governor.

Last minutes read and confirmed.

1. Charles Bandes application for a long lease at a reduced rent of woody Valley Farm considered. The Council resolve that a three years lease as provided by Ordinance be issued - and that a longer lease - even if the Secretary of State granted it, is not desirable.
2. Application from Bradford Wilmer for house rent. Resolved that an increase of pension representing $\frac{3}{4}$ of the annuity which the sum of £ 252 will purchase be submitted to the Secretary of State $\frac{3}{4}$ of £ 21-18-6 = £ 16-8-11.
3. Section 35. Bluff Cove. A condition to be inserted in Sale by auction of lease of Bluff Cove that no lease will be granted to a large graver.
4. San Carlos trials - Resolved that the Government can take no steps to assist San Carlos and that the mail service to be performed by Government shall be confined to the West Falklands.
5. The definition of a "sufficient fence" to be used under ordinance Q of 1903 considered.



and confirmed this 16th day of May, 1904

W. Grey Wilson

Governor.

Sitting 46.

Monday, May 16th 1904

Present.

The Governor.

" Colonial Secretary

" " Treasurer.

" Acting Col. Surgeon.

" Hon. J. J. Fallon.

1. Last minutes read and confirmed.
2. Last mail despatches read.
3. Draft municipality ordinance to be circulated among Council and to be discussed at a future meeting.
4. President informed Council that he had received intimation by telegraph of the appointment of Dr. G. I. Bonn, Assistant Commr Surgeon to be Commiss Surgeon.
5. Pound ordinance considered.

Read and confirmed this 23^d day of May 1904.



W. Gray Wilson

Governor.