were laid before the Cauncil.

a. M.P. 1136/16 Sitting 1 dance with the provisions of section 11 30th January, 1917 of 1914, the accounts of the Trustees of 10.30 a.m. Cometery, for the year ented 50th September, 1315, showing a credit balance of 256. 6s. 114.

Present :-

- The Governor of asked the Compil to consider the appoint The Colonial Secretary board of Mealth for the East Valkia The Treasurer 1917. The Council recember 1917 the Council recember 1918 the Acting Colonial Surgeon ed to all on the Board :- The Hon. W. A. Harding Aldridge Mr. 1. V.
- 1. Minutes of Meetings held on the 3rd and 25th November, 1916, read and confirmed.
- 2. Despatches received on the 15th and 27th December, 1916, laid before the Council and read.
- 3. M.P. 1122/16. The Council considered the case of Mr A. C. Kirwan, First Clerk in the Treasury and Customs, who had become incapable of discharging the duties of his office owing to grave defective eyesight and nerve breakdown, and the certificate given by the Acting Colonial Surgeon in the matter. After the statement made in Council by the Acting Colonial Surgeon that he considered the infirmity from which Mr Kirwan is suffering renders him incapable of discharging the duties of his office and that such infirmity is steadily progressive and likely to be permanent, the Governor in Council was satisfied that Mr Kirwan is no longer able to continue the discharge of his duties and, as his infirmity is likely to be permanent, authorized his retirement on pension in respect of his past services.

- 5. M.P. 1141/16. The Governor asked the Council to consider the appointment of Members of the Board of Health for the East Falkland for the year 1917. The Council recommended that the following gentlemen be invited to sit on the Board:— Mr V. A. H. Biggs, Mr J. Aldridge, Mr L. V. Oswald. Mr J. W. Grierson, Mr R. Hardy.

 The Governor concurred and ordered accordingly.
- 6. M.P. 48/17 and p.p. The Governor laid before the Council Circular despatches from the Secretary of State dated the 25th September, and 24th October, 1916, the former of ated which had previously been circultary to Members of the Council. The despatches dealt with the recommendations of the Economic Conference of the Allies and the commercial and industrial policy to be adopted after the war. The Council considered that as the bulk of the trade of the Colony is with the United Kingdom the interests of the Colony will be amply protected in any action taken in the Imperial cause, and that circumstances of the Colony did not call for any special attention inconnection therewith.
 - 7. M.P. 73/17. The Governor asked the opinion of the Council on the question of the adherence of the Colony to the Anglo-Portuguese Commercial Treaty, 1914, which formed the subject of the Secretary of State's despatch Miscellaneous of the 24th October, 1916, previously read to the Council.

The Council advised that in view of the lack of trading dealings between the Falkland Islands and Portugal, it was not necessary that the Colony should take any steps towards signifying adherence to the Treaty.

The Governor concurred and stated that he would inform the Secretary of State accordingly.

The Governor thanked the Members for their attendance and adjourned the Council sine die.

Read and confirmed this 16th day of Jehnau, 1917

Moderal Donglan James
rk to the Council. Governor. Clerk to the Council.

Executive Council

and adjourne Sitting 2 11 sine die.

16th February

1917

Read and con 10.30 a.m. /2/ pay of /44 chay, 1947. Angle James

Present :-

Clark to The Governor

The Colonial Secretary

The Treasurer

The Acting Colonial Surgeon

The Hon. W. A. Harding

- 1. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 30th January . read and confirmed.
- 2. Despatches received on the 2nd February laid before the Council and read.
- 3. M.P. 95/17. The Syllabus of Work for the Government School in respect of the current year was laid before the Council for approval, in accordance with No 5 of the Regulations for Government Schools, made under the provisions of The Public Education Ordinance, The Council approved the Syllabus and Time 1905. Table as arranged by the Government Schoolmaster.
- 4. M.P. 189/17. The Governor asked the Council to consider the question of Public Holidays to be granted at Easter. The Council recommended that, as in past years, Good Friday and Easter Monday, the 6th and 9th April, should be observed as Public Holidays.

The Governor concurred and ordered accordingly:

The Governor thanked the Members for their attendance

and adjourned the Council sine die.

Read and confirmed this 197 day of lucy, 1927.

Clerk to the Council.

Moddaul. Donglas James.

Governor.

Executive Council

M.P. 127/ Sitting 3 AND NOR COMPANIES

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those ise 10.30 a.m. should be granted to these

Companies, viz.,

Present :- Ormen Co., Licenses for one factory and three catchers for the Bouth

The Governor Shetlands

The Colonial Secretary for one factory and

The Treasurer Shetlands

The Acting Colonial Surgeon

l. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 16th February read and confirmed. laid down in the letter to Mr Fredriksen

- 2. Despatches received on the 5th and 13th April laid before the Council and read.
- 3. The Governor asked the Council to consider the question of the issue of whaling licenses for the South Shetlands and South Orkneys for the 1917-18 season.

M.P. 251/17. ODD AND NORMANNA COMPANIES

The Council recommended in view of the companies

The Council recommended, in view of the contents of the Secretary of State's despatch No 25 of the 6th March, previously read to the Council, that no licenses should be issued to these Companies until they gave a guarantee that the licenses if issued would be utilized during the 1917-18 season and that such a guarantee should be

m.P. 271/17. HEKTOR AND HAVLEN COMPANIES

The Council recommended that licenses similar to those issued last year should be granted to these Companies,

Viz, Hektor Co., Licenses for one factory and three catchers for the South Shetlands

License for one factory and two catchers for the South Orkneys

Hvalen Co., Licenses for one factory and three catchers for the South Shetlands

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M.P. 127/17. ORNEN AND NOR COMPANIES

The Council recommended that licenses similar to those issued last year should be granted to these Companies, viz.,

Ornen Co., Licenses for one factory and three catchers for the South Shetlands

Nor Co., Licenses for one factory and three catthers for the South Shetlands

M.P. 39/17. RETHVAL AND THULE COMPANIES

The Council recommended that licenses should be granted to these Companies if they fulfilled the conditions laid down in the letter to Mr Fredriksen from the Colonial Office dated the 23rd October,1916.

M.P. 304/17. SOUTHERN (SYDHAVET) COMPANY

The Council recommended that licenses should be granted to this Company similar to those issued last year, viz., for one factory and three catchers for the South Shetlands.

The Council further recommended that on application being duly made by MESSRS SALVESEN AND COMPANY, the NORGE COMPANY, and the LABOREMUS COMPANY for renewal of licenses such renewals should be granted as in previous years in respect of the South Shetlands.

The Governor concurred in the recommendations made by the Council and ordered accordingly.

4. M.P. 329/17. The Governor informed the Council that the Stipendiary Magistrate, South Georgia, had recommended that the sealing season in South Georgia should be extended as in 1916 from the 1st to the 30th September, and had further recommended that for the period of such extension the taking of

W. DOUGLAS YOUNG.

Governor.

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Sealing Regulations.

female seals (or sea-elephants) should be pro-

the 13th September, 1916, be made with a view to giving effect to the Magistrate's recommendations.

(Dependencies) Ordinary Regulations were made accordingly (see appendix).

M P. 829/17.

The Governor thanked the Members for their attendance and adjourned the Council sine die.

Read and confirmed this

Clerk to the Council.

15 aday of Sluce, 1917

Governor.

Falkland Islands.

W. Douglas Young.

Governor.

Sealing Regulations.

- 1. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Sealing Regulations of the 29th June, 1914, the Sealing Season, or period during which Sea Elephants may be taken in the waters of South Georgia, is for the present year hereby extended from the 1st to the 30th September, 1917.
- 2. No female Sea Elephant shall be taken by any holder of a Sealing Licence uuring the month of September.
- 3. These Regulations may be cited as the Sealing (Emergency) Regulations, 1917.

Made by the Governor in Council under the provisions of the Seal Fishery (Dependencies) Ordinance, 1909, this first day of May, 1917.

T. N. GODDARD,

Clerk of Executive Council.

M.P. 329/17.

Executive Council

Sitting 4

15th June, 1917

10.30 a.m.

The Council advised that the Regulations be rejeated. Present :- vg our in Council then made the attached

Regulation The Governor

The Colonial Secretary

The Treasurer

The Acting Colonial Surgeon

- 1. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 1st May read and confirmed.
- 2. Despatches received on the 23rd May and 9th June laid before the Council and read.
- 3. M.P. 572/17. With reference to the Circular despatch from the Secretary of State dated the 18th April, 1917, previously read to the Council, the Governor asked the Council to consider draft Regulations which, in accordance with the Secretary of State's instructions, had been framed under the provisions of The Wireless Telegraphy Ordinance, 1912, with a view to preventing the use of wireless telegraphy installations on board merchant vessels whilst in territorial waters or harbours or ports of the Colony. The Council advised that the Regulations as drafted should be made accordingly. The Governor in Council then made the Regulations (see appendix).
- 4. M.P. 415/17. The Governor informed the Council that the Colonial Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Stipendiary Magistrate had recommended the repeal of Regulation 3 of the Licensing Regulations of the 1st November, 1912, which provides as follows:-

Palkiand Islands

"Every owner of a station and any person duly licensed to sell liquor in Stanley shall at the end of each quarter at once send to the Colonial Secretary a true copy of the books required to be kept under the preceding Regulations completed to 31st March, 30th June, 30th September, and 31st December, respectively."

The Council advised that the Regulations be repealed.

The Governor in Council then made the attached Majesty's Regulation shall not be worked whilst such vessels is within any Port, or Harbour, or Regulation vaters of the Octony.

5. M.P. 235/17. The Governor asked the Council to consider the question of chairs for the Town Hall. His Excellency stated that enquiries had been addressed

to the Crown Agents and elsewhere with a view to proor tarbour curing the chairs necessary for furnishing the Town the vessel sHall, but that the present war price of suitable chairs

was prohibitive. The Council advised that if they were found to be suitable chairs should be purchased

- locally at a price of 8/- and 8/6; the Council understood that there were about 70 such chairs on he may thin sale in Stanley.
- 5. For any breach of these Regulations, the Master or Owner of the vessel shall The Governor thanked the Members for their attendance

and adjourned the Council sine die.

Read and confirmed this 27

day of June

Regulatio / Touchand.

Made Clerk to the Council. under the provisions the Wireless Fraphy Ordinance, 1912, this afteenth day of June, 1917

W. DOUGLAS YOUNG,

Governor.

REGULATIONS

to prohibit the use of Wireless Telegraphy on board Vessels whilst in Harbour.

- 1. The radiotelegraph station or apparatus on board any vessel, other than His Majesty's Ships of War, shall not be worked whilst such vessels is within any Port, or Harbour, or territorial waters of the Colony.
- 2. Every vessel of British Register shall immediately on arrival in a Port or Harbour of the Colony completely disconnect the aerial wires from its radiotelegraph apparatus, the ends of such wires being suspended entirely clear of the radiotelegraph room or office, preferably from the main rigging, in such a manner as to shew that they re properly disconnected, and they shall remain so disconnected whilst the vessel is in Port or Harbour.
- 3. Every vessel of Foreign Register shall, immediately on arrival in any Port or Harbour of the Colony, take down its aerial wires completely, and disconnect the same from its radiotelegraph apparatus, and they shall remain so disconnected whilst the vessel is in Port or Harbour.

Provided nevertheless that any vessel of Foreign Register remaining in a Port or Harbour for less than twelve hours may, at the discretion of of the Collector of Customs or his Deputy, be permitted to leave its aerials up, provided the same be first disconnected and remain disconnected in strict accordance with these Regulations.

- 4. The Collector of Customs or his Deputy may, in addition to the foregoing, require the radiotelegraph room or office of any vessel to be sealed and remain sealed whilst the vessel is in Port or Harbour, or he may require any other steps to be taken as he may think fit.
- 5. For any breach of these Regulations, the Master or Owner of the vessel shall on summary conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding Twenty pounds (£20) for each offence and to the forfeiture of any apparatus for wireless telegraphy installed or worked on such vessel.
- 6. During the continuance in force of these Regulations, so much of the Wireless Telegraphy Regulations, made on the 21st day of June, 1912, as may be inconsistent herewith is hereby suspended.
- 7. These Regulations may be cited as the Vessels Wireless Prohibition (Emergency) Regulations, 1917.

Made by the Governor in Council under the provisions of the Wireless Telegraphy Ordinance, 1912, this fifteenth day of June, 1917.

T. N. GODDARD,

Clerk, Executive Council.

M.P. 572/17.

Falkland Islands.

W. Douglas Young.

Governor.

Licensing Regulation.

Regulation 3, of the Licensing Regulations made by the Governor in Council on the 1st day of November 1912, is hereby repealed.

Made by the Governor in Council under the provisions of The Licensing Ordinance, 1882, this fifteenth day of June, 1917.

T. N. GODDARD,

Clerk of Executive Council.

M.P. 415/17.

Executive Council

Sitting 5

question of chairs for the until after the war. 27th June, 1917

10.30 a.m.

Present :-

Sovernor thanked the Members for their attendance The Governor

The Colonial Secretary

Read and The Treasurer

The Acting Cobonial Surgeon

- 1. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 15th June read and
- 2. The Governor informed the Council that at a Meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on the 28th instant the following business would be brought before the Council :-
 - (a) A Resolution by the Treasurer covering Supplementary Votes required for the service of the year 1916, amounting to £171.4.5.
 - (b) A Resolution by the Treasurer covering Supplementary Votes required for the service of the year 1917, amounting to £4,534.11.9., £1600 for Volunteers and a sum of £2250 for the airplane presented by the Colony to the Royal Flying Corps.
 - (c) The 1916 Supplementary Appropriation Bill
 - (d) The Whale and Seal Oil Export and Sale Bill
 - (e) The Transport Discipline Bill
- 3. M.P.235/17. The Governor informed the Council that enquiry had been made, in accordance with the advice tendered by the Council at the Meeting held on the 15th June, with reference to the local purchase of chairs for the Town Hall, and that the Colonial Engineer had reported that the chairs contemplated by the Council were not now on sale.

The Council advised that the question of chairs for the Town Hall should be deferred until after the war. The Governor concurred and ordered accordingly.

The Governor thanked the Members for their attendance and adjourned the Council sine die.

Read and confirmed this 3 day of august, 1917.

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Ch to the Council. Governor. Clerk to the Council.

Executive Council

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Saturday, bed 8th August, 1917, ttend at the Government day to exp

Dental Surgery, another day should be arranged by

Present 1:21 agreement between the Dental Surgeon and the

The Governor,

The Colonial Secretary, 10 were found necessary

the chi The Treasurer, taken in batches to the surgery

The Acting Colonial Surgeon. State

- The Governor concurred. 1. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 27th June read and Mr. Confirmed. 10/17. The Governor asked the Council to
- consider the question of the granting of a pension 2. Despatches received on the 31st July laid before the Council and read. The Carataker had been absent
- 3. M.P. 112/17. The Governor laid before the Council the proposals of the Government Dental Surgeon in respect of the institution of a School Dental Clinic.

The present arrangement provided that for an inclusive fee of ten shillings annually any child should be provided with dental attendance and treatment, and that the Dentist set aside every Saturday for attendance on children at the Government Dental Surgery.

The Dental Surgeon proposed that an additional surgery should be erected and fitted up at the Government School, and that attendances should be made there by the children during school hours, dental treatment being regarded as a part of the School curriculum. iven notice of the

The Council advised that thet saw no sufficient reason why the existing Government Dental Surgery, which is not far from the School, should not be made use of for the dental treatment of the School children and that if and receive second class passages to the

Saturday, being a school holiday, was an unsuitable day to expect children to attend at the Government Dental Surgery, another day should be arranged by mutual agreement between the Dental Surgeon and the Government Schoolmaster.

The Council considered that if it were found necessary the children could be taken in batches to the surgery at stated times by a member of the School Staff.

The Governor concurred.

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annual payments to be made

MxR.4. M.P. 280/17. The Governor asked the Council to consider the question of the granting of a pension to F. Simpson, aged 69 years, Caretaker of the Government Offices. The Caretaker had been absent during a considerable part of the year owing to ill-health and the Acting Colonial Surgeon had expressed the opinion that he would not be able to resume regular work.

The Council advised that a pension amounting to £7.

14s. per annum should be granted to Simpson, being the amount calculated bynthe Local Auditor, viz.,

11/60ths of an average salary of £42 per annum,

Simpson having completed eleven years service under the Government.

The Governor concurred.

5. M.P. 443/17. The Governor informed the Council that R. Bradbury, Blacksmith, had given notice of the termination of his agreement with the Government and asked that, in the event of his agreement being renewed, he might be given an increase of wages, be relieved of the work of sweeping the chimneys in Government houses, and receive second class passages to England at the termination

termination of his agreement instead of third class passages as contemplated by his expiring agreement.

The Council recommended that Bradbury's agreement should be renewed for a period of one year for the present, that he should be granted an increase in pay of £12 per annum, as recommended by the Colonial Engineer, that he should be relieved of the work of sweeping the chimneys of Government buildings with the exception of those at Government House, but that the question of allowing Bradbury second in place of third class return passages to England for himself and his family should be deferred for further consideration on the conclusion of his extended agreement, when the manner in which he had performed his work during the extended period would be considered.

His Excellency road to the Council the entirely

M.P. 642/17. The Governor informed the Council that Mrs Scott, the lessee of New Island, had applied to be permitted to make an alteration in the amount of the instalment paid this year in respect of her purchase of the freehold of New Island, viz., to make a payment of this year of the sum of £195. 12s. 11d. (or five ordinary annual payments), continuing thereafter to pay annual instalments at a reduced figure, thus diminishing the number of her payments by four and leaving nineteen further annual payments to be made (i.e., at £34. 0s. 2d. per annum).

The Council advised that this application should be granted.

The Governor concurred and ordered accordingly.

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of the services of a Doctor being urgently required

Mr James Smith, of Great Island, whereby is the event

7. M.P. 635/17. The Governor informed the Council that the Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council, the principal employers in Stanley, the Church authorities, and the Colonial Eggineer had been asked their views with regard to the introduction of a scheme for daylight saving in the summer months, in Stanley.

The suggestion which had been put before them was to the following effect: That the Government clock should be put forward one hour from the 13th October at midnight until midnight on the 1st December when it should be put forward a further half-hour. At midnight on the 2nd February it should be put back half an hour and at midnight on the 16th March put back the remaining hour, thus bringing the time back to the local mean.

His Excellency read to the Council the entirely

gavourable replies which had been received from all

parties.

The Council advised the introduction of the scheme but considered that the Government clock should be put on one hour only from midnight on Saturday the 13th October until midnight on Saturday the 16th March following when it should be put back one hour.

The Governor concurred and said that a Government Notice would published accordingly.

8. M.P. 637/17. The Governor informed the Council that in 1914 when Dr Turner, the Assistant Colonial Surgeon, West Falkland, was called into Stanley for the purpose of taking command of the Falkland Islands Volunteer Force, Governor Allardyce made an arrangement with Mr James Smith, of Great Island, whereby in the event of the services of a Doctor being urgently required

on the West Falkland and on the lighting of fires in certain localities on the West Falkland Mr Smith should proceedfrom Great Island to Egg Harbour on the East Falkland and take Dr Wace, of Darwin, East Falkland, to West Falkland, but that no agreement as regards payment to Mr Smith appeared to have been made.

His Excellency stated that Mr Smith had made two trips of this nature, one conveying Dr Wace to West Falkland and the other carrying a message, and had, in 1915, rendered an account for the same for the sum of £58. 4s., which included an item "for self and loss of time during shearing, £36."

The Governor said that in reply Mr Smith had been informed that His Excellency did not gather from the papers on the subject that it was contemplated that any charge should be made by Mr Smith other than to recover out-of-pocket expenses incurred by him, and had been requested to furnish such a statement of out-of-pocket expenses.

To this letter no reply had been received from Mr Smith. The question was reopened on representations recently made by Mr S. Miller and Mr W. H. Luxton, of West Falkland, that Mr Smith had received no payment. Mr Miller was then informed in the sense of the above and in reply stated that he and Mr Luxton had seen Mr Smith but that he (Mr Smith) could not be induced to make any reduction in his original account for £58. 4s.

The Council advices that the consideration of the matter should be deferred further until the Colonial Secretary should have had an opportunity of seeing Mr Smith on the subject.

The Governor concurred.

The Governor informed the Council that the Museum and 9. Library had been moved from their old quarters into the rooms in the Town Hall allotted to them, and that it was proposed to throw into the Colonial Surgeon's Quarters the adjacent two rooms formerly occupied by the Museum and Library, thus providing the Colonial Surgeon with additional facilities, and by structural alterations in the interior, ensuring more privacy to the Colonial Surgeon's household and also to the occupier of the cottage adjoining his quarters.

The Governor thanked the Members for their attendance and adjourned the Council sine die.

Read and confirmed this 250 day of September, 1917.

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Clerk to the Council.

Wonglan James

Executive Council

to Mr Bang Sitting 7 on as a medical practitioner in South Georgia, 25th September, 1917 facilities as though he were registered 10.30 a.m. provisions of the Ordinance.

Present :- The Governor said he would inform His Majesty's Minister

of the instructions given on his representations.

The Colonial Secretary, ormed the Council that in view The Treasurer, or the first floor of the Town

Hall The Acting Colonial Surgeon.

1. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 8th August, 1917, read and confirmed.

Government for dames, concerts, meetings, &c. His

- 2. Despatches received on the 21st September haid before the Council and read.
- 3. M.P. 847/17. The Governor laid before the Council a letter he had received from His Majesty's Minister at Buenos Aires renewing, on behalf of Mr A. W. Bang, medical officer of the Compania Argentina de Pesca in South Georgia an application for temporary registration as a medical practitioner under the provisions of The Medical Practitioners, Midwives, and Dentists Ordinance, 1914. His Excellency reminded the Council that at the meeting held on the 13th September, 1916, the Council had expressed their unwillingness to recommend Mr Bang's request for registration in view of the fact that the Acting Colonial Surgeon was unable to express any opinion as to the nature of Mr Bang's qualifications.

The Council were still unwilling to recommend the granting of the registration asked for, but advised that the Stipendiary Magistrate, South Georgia, should be instructed to take no action which might be prejudicial

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to Mr Bang's position as a medical practitioner in South Georgia, but to afford him facilities as though he were registered under the provisions of the Ordinance.

The Governor said he would inform His Majesty's Minister of the instructions given on his representations.

- 4. M.P. 868/17. The Governor informed the Council that in view of the completion of the first floor of the Town Hall itmwas desirable that some notification should be made, for the information of the public, of the charges, conditions &c., on which the Hall would be let by the Government for dances, concerts, meetings, &c. His Excellency read draft Rules which had been drawn up for the purpose and the Council approved the same. (see appendix).
- 5. M.P. 637/17. The Governor informed the Council with reference to the advice tendered by the Council at the meeting held on the 21st September, in the matter of the account presented by Mr James Smith for the hire, in 1915, of the yawl "Gleam", that unfortunately Mr Smith had left Stanley before the Colonial Secretary had had an opportunity of seeing him. His Excellency therefore asked the Council's opinion as to a final settlement of the question.

The Council advised that no payment should be made to Mr Smith of the item "for self and loss of time during shearing £36", but that Mr Smith Should be asked to accept payment of the rest of the account in final settlement.

The Governor concurred and said that if Mr Smith were unwilling to cancel the item "for self and loss of time during

during shearing £36", he would refer the matter to the Secretary of State with the request that Governor Allardyce, who made the original arrangement with Mr Smith, might have an opportunity of expressing an opinion as to the fairness of the charge. The Governor thanked the Members for their attendance and adjourned the Council sine die.

Read and confirmed this /27 day of hovember, 1917.

Mongla Jones Council.

(b) The person hiring the Hall

- (i) shall be held responsible for any damage dene to the Hall of strong how thereto, and shall defray the seet of repairing the same, as my be certified by the Colonial Engineer,
- (ii) shall remove all proporties not belonging to the Hall and clean up the Hall, on termination, of hire, as may be required by and to the satisfaction of the Colonial Engineer.

The charge for the hire of the Hall shall include lighting when and where necessary, but does not include furnishing chairs, decorations, or preparations &c., which must be familiared undertaken by and at the cost of the person hiring the Hall.

RATES AND CONDITIONS FOR HIRE OF FIRST FLOOR OF

THE TOWN HALL, STANLEY

On application made to the Colonial Engineer, stating the purpose for which it is required, and subject to the approval of the Colonial Secretary, the first floor of the Town Hall, Stanley, herein called the Hall, may be hired for entertainments on the following conditions:-

- (b) The person hiring the Hall
 - (i) shall be held responsible for any damage done to the Hall or approaches thereto, and shall defray the cost of repairing the same, as may be certified by the Colonial Engineer,
 - (ii) shall remove all properties not belonging to the Hall and clean up the Hall, on termination, of hire, as may be required by and to the satisfaction of the Colonial Engineer.

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Executive Council

The Govsitting Nod8the Council's opinion as to the best means of mist November, 1917ed deficit of 22,483 on the year

1918. His To 30 and stated that he would propose to

charge this extres expenditure to the gredit balance estimated Present :- ear's working, which would amply cover the

deficite Governor event of this course of action failing to

meet The Colonial Secretary Secretary of State, the Governor Treasurer he proposed to lay before the Secretary of

Absent :- The Acting Colonial Surgeon the former of which (a) was () () that of the Colonial Secretary, and,

- 1. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 25th September read and confirmed. ive passes were as follows :-
- 2. The Governor asked the Council to consider the draft ly of an Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure which had been framed for the year 1918. His Excellency said that the estimated Ordinary Revenue for the year 1918 amounted to £30,247; this, together with Revenue of £8,571 from Land about Sales and £600 from the Land (Scab) Tax, gave a total Revenue of £39,418; and that the Ordinary Expenditure was estimated to amount to £31,010, this sum, together with £1,720 estimated to be spent under Public Works Extraordinary and £570 under Stock Department, giving a total expenditure of £33,300. Thus, the Ordinary Expenditure added to the estimated expenditure under Public Works Extraordinary gave a total of £32,730, shewing a deficit, when compared with the Ordinary Revenue, of £2,483. His Excellency added that the Revised Estimate of Ordinary Revenue for the current year was £32,635, the Revised Estimate of Expenditure, including Public Works Extraordinary, being £30,084, shewing a credit balance on the year's transactions of £2,551.

he did not feel that it would be equitable to hamilton the

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- (a) the imposition, for the year 1918 only, of an additional export duty of 50% on all present rates without distinction, which would bring in about £4,000.
- Kingdom) (b) the imposition of an additional export tax on whale oil shipped from the Colony or its Dependencies by whaling companies of non-British nationality, which would bring in about £4,000.

The Governor said that at his request the Colonial Secretary had drafted an Ordinance to give effect to his proposal, and that he would lay this draft, together with his own draft Ordinance providing for the surcharge on export duties, before the Secretary of State for his consideration in the event of his beingunable to approve of the original proposal to charge the estimated deficit of 1918 to the credit balance of the current year.

The Governor added that under existing laws the produce of the whaling industry, whether of the British or of the foreign whaling companies, had to be shipped to and sold in the United Kingdom at prices fixed by His Majesty's Government, and that so long as this equality was compulsorily maintained between the British and the foreign companies he did not feel that it would be equitable to handicap the

foreign

foreign companies in the manner suggested in the proposal put forward by the Colonial Secretary, and therefore preferred a general increase in the rate of export duties? totally,

The Colonial Secretary said that his main point in making the suggestion was that whereas the British whaling companies paid to the Imperial Government very considerable sums of money in super-tax, excess profits tax, &c., the foreign companies enjoying equal facilities and equal protection with the British companies paid nothing whatever. The Colonial Secretary held that, if it should be found necessary to impose any extra taxation, it should fall on those persons or firms who at present made no direct contribution towards the expenses of the war, whether foreign whaling companies or private sheep-farmers (i.e., sheepfarmers not registered as limited companies in the United Kingdom), and that as the face that there was an estimated deficit for the year 1918 was entirely due to special war expenditure in the Colony, it was fair and fitting that those who made no payments into the Imperial Treasury should be called upon to meet this war deficit locally. He added that as the sum was a small one he recommended that it should be obtained entirely from the foreign whaling companies, who at present price of whale oil would not feel it, as such procedure would exempt all British subjects and would cause less friction than a tax on woll exports.

The Treasurer said that his original proposal was for special taxation on excess war profits with a view to creating a Sinking Fund for the Colony, but that if it were found necessary to provide increased taxation for the purposex of meeting next year's expenditure, he was in favour of an increase of from 50% to 75% on the Customs Export Duties,

should be 16 per annum payable to and retain provided

Government Schoolmaster.

provided that arrangement were made for the exemption therefrom of such persons as were already contributing to Imperial war taxation, either partially or totally, according to the extent to which they were able to shew to the satisfaction of the Governor in Council that they were so contributing to Imperial Funds.

The Colonial Secretary and the Treasurer were nevertheless of the opinion that it would be preferable from all points of view, provided such a course of action met with the approval of the Secretary of State, to adopt the Governor's original proposal and charge the estimated deficit to the credit balance on the current year's account.

The Council approved the Estimates of Revenue and survival and Expenditure for the year 1918, as drafted, and recommended that the Estimates of Expenditure should be laid ials before the Legislative Council.

- 3. M.P. 975/17. The Governor in Council made the attached Order under the provisions of The Live Stock Ordinance, 918. 1901, fixing the amount to be paid in respect of the tax on land (Scab Tax) at one sixteenth part of a penny per acre. (see appendix).
- 4. M.P. 971/17. The Governor laid before the Council a proposal received from the Government Schoolmaster to the effect that paying pupils, above school age, should be admitted to the classes as present held for the Pupil Teachers of the Government School. Mr Hoare's proposal provided that the class should not contain more than ten pupils in all, inclusive of the Pupil Teachers, and that the fees charged to paying pupils should be £6 per annum payable to and retained by the Government Schoolmaster.

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The Council advised that Mr Hoare's proposal should be sanctioned on condition that the present number of hours devoted weekly to the Pupil Teachers' annually classes, at present five, should be increased if possible to seven and in any case to six, and that one Stock Ordinour of the seven (or six as the case might be) should Me be devoted exclusively to the Pupil Teachers. The Governor concurred.

The Governor informed the Council that a Meeting of the Legislative Council had been called for Monday the 5th November, 1917, and that the Order for the Day would include the following business :-

Minute of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury regarding the contribution of the Falkland Islands towards the expenses of the war.

A Resolution approving the principle of the payment of allowances to the relatives of Colonial Officials who might lose their lives by hostile attack while travelling on duty.

The draft Estimates of Expenditure, 1918.

The draft Appropriation Ordinance for the year 1918.

The first reading of a draft Ordinance to authorise and regulate prospecting and mining.

The Comparative Statement of Revenue and Expenditure for the quarter ended the 30th September, 1917, and the Schedules of Special Charges for the quarters ended the 30th June and 30th September, 1917.

A Resolution approving supplementary votes for the service of the year 1917, amounting to £648.

A Resolution fixing the tax on house property, under the provisions of The Stanley Rating Ordinance, 1905 for the year 1918.

The Governor thanked the Members for their attendance and adjourned the Council sine die.

Read and confirmed this 29h day of hovember, 1917.

Clerk to the Council.

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Falkland Islands.

W. Douglas Young, Governor.

Order of the Governor in Council

Under the provisions of The Live Stock Ordinance, 1901.

By virtue of the powers in him vested by the Live Stock Ordinance, 1901, the Governor in Council directs that until further notice the tax on land (scab tax) payable annually under the said Ordinance shall be at the rate of one sixteenth part of a

Such tax shall be paid to the Colonial Treasurer in accordance with the Live Stock Ordinance, 1901, on or before the 31st December in each year.

Made by the Governor in Council at Government House, Stanley, this first day day of November, 1917.

> T. N. GODDARD, Clerk, Executive Council.

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1. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 1st November read and confirmed.

2. Despatches received on the 26th November laid before the Council and read.

3. M.P. 865/17. The Governor read to the Council a letter dated the 27th July, 1917, received from the Stipendiary Magistrate, South Georgia, recommending that all vessels employed as floating factories in the whaling industry in South Georgia should be required to pay duty on the consumption of tobacco and spirits &c., in order to place the employes on the vessels on the same footing as regards this matter as those working in connection with the shore factories &c. The Magistrate added that all the whaling managers had suggested to him that the duty should be taken off tobacco and spirits altogether and that an additional duty should be imposed on whale oil exported from the Dependency. The Magistrate however preferred the former alternative.

The Council advised that the Magistrate be asked to obtain in writing the suggestions made by the various managers, when the matter might be considered further:

The Governor concurred and ordered accordingly.

4. M.P. 981/17. The Governor read to the Council a letter dated the 12th November, 1917, from Mr A. Martin on behalf of Messrs Martin and Reddermann, lately tenants of the land on the Common known as "Chicago", Stanley Harbour, asking whether there would be any objection to their selling the buildings on the land which until recently was held by them under lease from the Government.

The Council advised that on payment into the Colonial Treasury of a sum of Four pounds (£4) due in respect of rent payable up to the 31st March, 1916, the larger shed might be sold and removed, but that the smaller shed, at present in use as "he temporary dwelling place of Reddermann, should not be sold but left in its present position and state.

The Governor concurred and ordered accordingly.

The Governor thanked the Members for their attendance and adjourned the Council sine die.

Read and confirmed this 2nd days of January, 1918

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