Per Foam.

No. 50.

Falkland Islands
Stanley, 1st May 1869.

Sir,

Owing to the accident to the Governor the sailing of the Foam has been delayed one day.

2. I send you the Antonio Vicente accounts; the Captain drew for £11. 8/. as per enclosed bill, but after settling gave orders on the Company for Dr. Macclinton & Rutter; so, finding on my return from Darwin that a mistake of £1 had been made in the first I had a new acct. drawn up, copy of which you will find enclosed, together with vouchers.

3. I enclose a note Mr. Travis has given me, on which I do not comment, as I early expressed my opinion that he cannot live properly on his salary.

4. William Bell has spoken to me on behalf of the men, about having a minister of the Presbyterian Church of Scotland at Darwin Station. He said that many would subscribe

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London.

what they could, and believes that the Presbytery at home would assist them. I promised to mention the matter, and said that I could promise nothing, but believed that the Directors would both subscribe and find house room at Darwin.

5. It would be of great advantage to us to have a lathe in the carpenters workshop. It frequently happens that we have to pay a considerable sum for getting wood turned, or do without it altogether, and I should therefore be glad if you could send out a good serviceable machine, without being too expensive.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
Fred. E. Cobb.
Colonial Manager &c

Enclosures.
By French mail.
Travis's letter.

1st Ex.	190.	Mc Auliffe on Richardson	£11.8/.
D.	191	Stickney on Stickney	-179.5.7
2nd Ex.	187	Egerton on Cope Linzee	-50.-
"	188	Tarn on Dean	-265.3.3
"	189	Dean on Dean	-150.---

Antonio Sinento 2 ops. 12 enclosures
Dup. of this despatch.

By English mail.
3rd Ex. 188. 189. 190. 191

Per H.M.S. Magaera. Falkland Islands
Stanley. 8th May 1869.

No. 51.

Sir,

On looking through my despatch book after the Steamer's departure, I found to my surprise the copies of two pages, which I had unaccountably omitted to take out. Fortunately they did not contain anything of great importance, but I must regret the oversight.

2. H.M. Magaera arrived on the 3rd inst. and will be ready for sea on Monday. By her I received your despatches 38, 2, 3. with Enclosures in order.

3. I confess I am sorry to see that Cain is engaged, and on terms so very favourable to himself. When I gave him a letter of introduction to you I did not recommend him as the new Captain, as I should have done had I wished to see him in the employ again. I notice that he is permanently engaged at £10 per month.

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Londonderry.

an advantage he did not have in the Fairy, where he ceased to receive anything after the cruize was over, unless he chose to do odd jobs, such as sailmaking or mending at 6/ per day. It is possible that the vessel may be laid up during three months in the year, and Cain will not be worth £10 per month ashore. No power is given to me to discharge him before two years are up, in the event of my not being satisfied with him. I cannot understand either why his pay is to be made up to £10 per month in the event of an unsuccessful cruize; no Captains of a sealing schooners have ever had such a favourable clause in his agreement.

L. 381.—.2. I shall be glad to try the method of preserving seals, but fear the Waved or Mullet opelu Islands can never be turned to account this way.

5. 382-3. I am sorry that my remittances have not been greater; since the beginning of the year a pair trees has been sent home, which would have been much increased had we not been disappointed about the Narcissus. I am glad that you adopted my suggestion about boarding H.M.'s Ships in the case of the Megara, as she was decreed by your visit, and the bill I remit will nearly reach £60. Your name, too, being in everyone's mouth, paved the way to introductions, and made things more pleasant than usual. Captain Loane would not coal, or Mr. Dennison would have taken ours.

6. 382-6. I am glad to find it acknowledged that the Company should have had Colonial experience before. Par. 7. With regard to the draft on account of Messrs. Bernard Smith's, at the time the bill was drawn the balance of account was in their favour,

owing to the purchase of ammo which has since been cancelled.
I shall use due caution with regard to this account; the Fairy I consider it politic to repair as in good order she would always be a tangible asset. The wool this year should bring about £300, they will shortly receive above £300 cash for sheep sold, besides £500 more in October, they have a license to kill 350 Govt. cattle for a nominal sum, and have also at their back to New Zeland, 100,000 acres in the West, and over 5000 sheep, all of which in case of need could be realized, so I consider the Company secure. I am sorry that I was under the misapprehension of thinking that the Directors wished to support all shipwrecks as far as was compatible with safety; but perused the confidential letter of 8th January explaining at once the difficulties in the way of this.

7. Par. 8. I hope my order for rope, lime &c. will be shipped per Lotus, as it went by the January mail.

8. 383-4. Crockill's are considered the best carts and should be sent in future, as also saddles from Bracebridge, those from Orme are not quite the thing, notwithstanding the maker.

9. Par. 5. As far as possible I will carry out your ideas with regard to security on ships' business a risk is certainly run, but the question is whether Bottomry on an outward bound vessel is not objectionable.

10. Par. 6. The penguin oil killed for the sheep, but sent home per Athole can afford no criterion as to its value as a speculation; it was of miserable quality, and very badly tried out. I am going to try & make an arrangement with Dean to reduce the price hereof. As the wool increases we must either get more dead weight, or ballast the vessels, which will be getting of more tonnage year by year.

11. Par. 8. Mr. McClymont has ordered money to be paid to his credit here from Buenos Ayres. Messrs. Stickney & Bailton intend to leave a balance in my hands, and Mr. Waldron will in all probability do the same. The cheque books will be very handy.

12. Par. 9. Mr. Griffiths will not take a passage per F.J. as he goes by the Megaera, so I think we shall have no passengers home.

13. The Barque Sea Witch of Stony Stony arrived in Port William on the 7th inst. from Antwerp. She was off the Downs on the 12th March, and if the Victoria Pathan sailed that day, and had the same winds she should be here now, if she is really a fast vessel. The Capt. of the Sea Witch will consign himself to Draw I think for some repairs, although I have appointed myself as agent for the Antwerp Underwriters.

She is bound to San Francisco, but had no chart of this harbour. Can you not get Mr. Engels to put on board all Cape Horn ships the Coast charts, which I find do great service." To what place do Messrs. Le Lacheur Bros belong?

14. Kindly inform me by return what price you consider cape tops given here for seal and penguin oil of good quality, as also the different descriptions of hair and fur seal skins.

15. Had you sent duplicate copies by mail of the T. Latham's invoices, I might have them copied in the invoice book, and every article priced by this time. When this can be done, it saves any delay when the cargo comes aboard.

16. I am informed that Commodore Purvis of the Macedonian, the new Commander in Chief on this station, is a large shareholder in the Company. If so, a more fortunate appointment could not have been made, and I shall take every opportunity of showing him attentions.

17. Mr. Hutchison of the Megaera will take this despatch to Ascension, and forward it thence by mail, should he have an opportunity.

18. Please send me the newest Navy List, I find it very useful, and should like to have it quarterly. Also if you know of any clear and comprehensive work on Average, you will oblige me by sending a copy.

I am, Sir,
your obedient servant,
Fred. Cobb.
Colonial Secretary.

Enclosures.

1st Navy List 1859. 5. 4
Two leaves of copy of desp. 49.
Copy of letter to Lyng of 28 Nov.
2 Nos. 191. Stickney on Stickney 1779. 5. 7
Confidential letter to Secretary.
Letter for A. J. Lee.

Private & Confidential

Falkland Islands &c.
Stanley 8th May 1869.

Sir,

I received your private letter of 4th March with the utmost regret, as the contents only too plainly point out that the individual there named, and the new settler in the West Falklands are one and the same person. I shall of course take the first opportunity to curtail transactions with him, as, although he has succeeded in gaining the good opinion of residents here by his attentive straightforward conduct, yet the slur on his name caused by his antecedents must tend to induce a want of confidence in him. I regret that it should have turned out as it has, for he is undoubtedly an energetic pushing man who is sure to make progress in a year or two, if he has any fortune at all, and Mr. Mac Clymont has more than once borne testimony to his active and persevering habits in New Zealand.

With regard to the desertion of his family, it seems hard to reconcile it with the apparently

sincere expressions of affection in which he indulges towards them, and the anxiety he shows to get them out here: it was only the other day that he was talking of writing to you as a brother mason of his to ask you to see them safely on board one of the Company's ships. His account is that he left a little property to be realized, and that his agent bolted with the money and left his wife badly off. Of course this may be ~~all~~ fiction.

In justice to his partner, who is so closely connected with us, I mentioned to him in confidence this person's antecedents; it shocked him greatly; but he declared most solemnly that he knew nothing of the circumstances, and intended to take the earliest opportunity of severing his connection with a man who had been stigmatized as an incendiary. Of this you will hear further from one of his relatives in London.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
Fredk. Cobb.
Colonial Manager.

J. Coleman, Esq.

Per Lotus. Falkland Islands.
No. 52. Stanley, 21st June 1849.

Sir,

This schooner leaves tomorrow morning for Montevideo, and I write by her on the chance of catching an earlier mail, although what I say must be brief, as arrivals of vessels, discharging of cargoes, and the preparation of an indent are occupying nearly all my time.

2. On the 14th inst. the Lotus arrived, and on the 19th the Victoria (Latham). I have to acknowledge receipt of your despatches 3 & 4, 5, 6, and letter of 5th April from Falmouth.

3. By great good fortune, only one man died after leaving Plymouth, so that 26 are alive. Today being fine they have had a short graze.

4. The Lotus's coal has been sold to Govt. @ 35/. Two tons I received. The bricks Mr. Bailey will take in part completion of the Govt. contract.

J. Coleman, Esq.
Secretary,
London.

5. I enclose an indent for stores required by the spring vessel, which has been drawn up with peculiar care, and only contains a list of things really wanted.

6. I am sorry you are sending 500 tons coal for West, as only asked for 300: on the chance of the Papayo expected visit I took 200 tons from the Golden Empire in payment of her account @ 10/. the account exceeding £400; it is splendid coal, having been shipped by the agent of the Pacific S.N. Co. in Cardiff, for the Company's own use on the West Coast. Had I however known that you had exceeded my order by 200 tons I should not have bought them.

7. The following is the shipping news of the month:-

Sea Witch, McCully, remains here for orders from his owners, Capt. McCully having taken the Ioana in Capt Smithers place.

Golden Empire, Parnall, arrived May 12, from Cardiff for Valpso

to lighten the vessel, and obtain a few repairs. left on June 15.

Lake Constance, Shallow, from Swansea for Valpar[o]: arrived 19 June for water, will leave shortly. Spoke the barque Gamma of Swansea with loss of bowsprit and foremast from sick steering for the Falklands. lat. 55.22.S. long 61.04.W.

Talbot, Halliday. from Sunderland arrived this day with loss of remaining cargo shipped and other damage. Consigned to Company.

There is another barque on bar, but she can hardly be in tonight.

I send the halves of Bank notes for £300, the others will go per steam, when I hope I may make other remittances

I am, Sir,
Your obe[dient] Servt.
Edw. Flood.
Colonial Treasurer

Enclosures.
Dup. per 1st letter per Margaret.
Bills Lading ½ 02536/6. + ½ 26200. 65 @ - £15.
" ½ 59 607/9 £100 @ - £300
General Indent.
2nd Navy Bill £59.5.4.

For Elizabeth Crowe. Falkland Islands &c.
No 53. Stanley, 24th June, 1869.

Sir.

This vessel leaves today with Mr. Dean's cargo of oil and hides, and should make a good passage, as she is in excellent trim.

2. I send in charge of Captain Jerviam, the spare chronometer from the store: it is by Negus of New York, and came from the Snowsquall &c. Inclosed is Capt. P's receipt. I have made him a small present of sherry for his trouble in winding it up and looking after it on the voyage.

3. I do not forward the second halves of Bank notes, as the French mail will, I expect, reach home before this.

4. I am sorry to say that one Lamb, very weak when it was landed, died last night. The Schooner Perseverance is ready to leave with them for Darwin with the first fair wind.

5. Capt. Halliday of the Talbot consigned himself to me, but as he wanted a main yard, and Dean had the only suitable spar, he was obliged

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Secretary
London.

to go over to Dean. The latter has now, I believe, no spare left, so that I wish you to send out by the next vessel four of the kind named in the enclosed list which I have added on to the indent already forwarded per Lovedale.

Q. As really good shepherds should always be secured when obtainable, bearing in mind that we may expect to have 10,000 sheep after next lambing, I shall be glad if you will send out by the next opportunity, Thomas Goodwin, of Lower Hill, Langholm, Dumfries, brother of John Goodwin, who is in some respects the best shepherd in the Falklands. Let him, and all others be encouraged to bring out a good working sheep dog; and, as the breed in the Falklands is rather running out I think you would do well to send out a thoroughbred Scotch colley bitch, either to be kept by the Company for breeding purposes, or offered as a prize to the man who, at a competition, can produce the best trained dog. Dogs are most important aids to the shepherds, and

to stimulate competition in rearing would be a capital thing.

The Directors will be astonished to hear that Captain Sacke, who is usually much beyond taking a hint from anyone, is now at Darwin with his brother, to see the improvements. Mr. Turpin was out with me about a month ago, and confessed to me that he could not have believed such a change could take place in so short a time, in the men, stock and settlement themselves. It is gratifying to find that the men who have been running Mr. Berkand down, are at last coming down to take a lesson from him.

I shall write a long dispatch by the Foam, meanwhile,

I remain, Sir,

Your obedient servant

Fred. L. Cobb.
Colonial Manager.

Enclosures.

Disp. No. 52.
Capt Kennian's receipt for Chronometer
Indent for Spares. &c.

Per Foam.

No. 54.

Falkland Islands Co.
Stanley. 30th June. 1869.

Sir,

I wrote by the Louisa briefly acknowledging your despatches 384/6, and sent a few lines by the Elizabeth Brown a few days ago; now I have the pleasure to reply to the despatches in full, as well as to correct an oversight in not acknowledging Mr. Langdon's letter of March 19th.

2. I wish to be informed, with regard to 384-1, whether the two whale boats per West, are both intended for the Lotus, and whether, in that event, the Directors wish that vessel to retain the gig as well; I think myself that two whaleboats and a dinghy are sufficient for any schooner, and should put the gig to another use, or sell her; but Capt. Paine's impression is, I believe, that he is to keep all the whaleboats for use, and the gig for show when in harbour. I ask this question, because I do not wish to take anything away that may have been promised in London. With regard also to the fittings, am I to use my discretion as to what is necessary for the vessel.

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Sec.
London.

or are they to be kept on board? The main cabin carpet for instance which would just do for Mr. Travis's sitting room where the carpet is positively threadbare and in holes, and must shortly be replaced. I need hardly say that the fotus is fitted up in a manner that has never yet been approached by any island schooner.

3. Par. 2. There will be no occasion to send any more linefies. Have sold all as yet, but shall be coming many carry on land. Par. 3. On the strength of Capt. Stacpoole's letter could you not get Greene's agency. Even if his ships never called, the name would be a valuable one on the card. Gibbs Bright & Co's name would also carry weight.

4. 355-5. I think at a pity you did not send out another carpenter; the Marines are worth nothing after working the Government stroke so long. I am almost always obliged to keep a second carpenter at work, either on ships, the Company's own vessels, houses, fences, &c, which always want something.

5. Par. 6. This is an instance of some of the many lies Capt. Dyer told when he was here last time.

6. Par. 7. Lloyd's Agency will certainly lead to a greatly increased shipping business. I am however disappointed to learn that the fees are to be passed to the Co's credit, as I considered that the extra trouble, anxiety, and responsibility imposed on me were well worth the small amount of remuneration arising from the appointment (not more than £30 to £40 per annum), very small compared with the benefits the Company will derive from the agency.

7. Par. 8. Stockin has paid £3. I do not know what his other expenses were.

8. Par. 9. An article more sweeping and unjust to a whole community I never saw, and if I have time I intend to write to Capt. Miller about it.

9. 386 par. 4. The Governor appears inclined to take up the Lotus for mail service at some future time; what would the Directors allow her to run for? The Foam costs £800 or £900 per annum, and makes six trips. Provided that the Lotus left here about the 15th Jany., remained in the Mount until the 11th Feby. and then brought down the mail, & returning on the 15th of March and so on, she would have time to receive cargo up

there, and do work for the Company here, such as running to Darwin in the interval. In the event of your being able to secure a cheap freight to Montevideo for our goods, namely £150 per trip as a subsidy would pay. We should also have cabin passengers at £7, and steerage at £3. 10/.

10. Capt. Pache and his brother have returned from the Camp and both speak in the highest terms of the improvements. The former goes home this mail and intends to call upon you.

11. You will find enclosed the tender I made for the Sea Witch's repairs, with a statement showing how I arrived at it. Under the circumstances I refused to take payment except by cash before the ship left the harbour, and the Captain waits for advice from home.

12. I find that the shepherds' agreements are fast becoming waste paper, as those whose services are really valuable give me to understand as soon as they can, and then require to be engaged at Colonial wages, which they can

16. I wish you, unless it is too expensive, to send out a tramway for putting the wool on board at Darwin Harbour, which would save much labour, and ship the bales in a cleaner state. The woolshed is considerably higher than the end of the jetty, and the length of the line would be about 120 yards. Therefore what I want is a single set of rails at each end becoming double in the middle, and the points so arranged that a loaded truck running down would carry the empty one back, passing it where there is a double line. Two strong trucks would be required, with breaks on the wheels and, if considered best, a wire rope. I should like to adopt the same system for discharging vessels here, but the jetty would not allow of two trucks passing, and the distance above being too short to admit of a branch, a single tramway, 110 yards long, and 5 feet wide is all that I could make use of, a good truck being also sent. A junction to the left about five yards below the store door, for a rail to run about 15 yards along the front of the building would, however, be a useful addition. I shall feel obliged

obliged if you will enquire about the cost of putting up an iron jetty. Ours cannot last much longer as the piles are eaten through by worms and have within the last week begun to give way.

17. On sheet 9 of indent, please note that 24 cups and saucers should be 24 dozen

18. The Victoria Jubilee has come alongside the Lowwaypull, and the discharging is proceeding satisfactorily, although, as you mentioned in a former despatch the discharging and loading are to be completed in 30 working days, we must pay demurrage, as the thing cannot be done in three short days, when the hours are from 7.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. instead of 6 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. as in January & February. Neither Capt Couch nor I, however, read the charter party so, as it appears to require 20 tons of cargo discharged per day, and then allows 30 days for loading.

19. I am writing to Mr Schuldt of Melan to send me a bricklayer for a short period, as I have to pay 8/ or 9/ a day here, and they are so independent that they will only work when they choose.

20. With regard to our prices, the following are what will chiefly interest shipowners:- Oak 7/ per cup. foot, pine planking 4 per do. Europe rope 84/ per cwt

Manila 95/. Twine 20/. per bundle, Canvas 4.3.2.1. 19ˢ @ 2/. Carpenters 16/8ᵈ per day. Blacksmith with use of smithy & coals 21/. per day. Pilot bread 30/. @ 33/. Cabin 40/. @ 48/. Beef per barrel 100/. @ 110/. Pork 140/. @ 160/. Beef & Mutton 4ᵈ per lb. Vegetables 1/. @ 2/2 per lb. Water on board in Stanley harbour 12/6, under 5 tons 16/. per ton, in Port Williams 20/.

21. I endeavoured to buy a Government bill today, but there were none for sale. I cannot therefore remit until the next vessel.

22. Please ascertain for me what are the ordinary fees charged for Lloyd's Agents' work, such as attending a survey, certifying to documents, &c. No scale is laid down, and I am in the dark.

23. I receive communications both from the Belgian Minister of Foreign affairs, and the Legation in London. Am I supposed to pass all my communications through the latter?

24. In consequence of the late revelations, Messrs. Bertrand & Knitzer

have dissolved partnership, and the latter has left the Colony. Mr Beckand has determined to devote himself entirely to Darwin, and the estate is for sale, negotiations being opened in Montevideo. I have taken the ewe wool from them at 8d and the ram at 5d, which will show a profit I think. The Fairy is for sale, and should bring £700, and the remainder of their debt will be cleared off by the sale of the estate, &c. The amount of assistance they received was large, but will be all repaid, and I wish it to be most distinctly understood that it was quite an exceptional transaction on my part, and solely done on account of the great benefit the Company is reaping from Mr. Beckand's management of the stock. In future no advances unless immediately covered will be made.

25. Were I sure that the Directors would approve, I would repurchase the Fairy, and send her to the South Shetlands with the Lotus, where a great fortune is to be made. But this I should not do on my own responsibility.

26. I have declined to purchase any more penguin oil, until I see the Elizabeth Browns' sales. Mr. Dean who agreed with me to make a stand against the Sealers, and only give 1/6d cash included, has given way, and promised 1/7½d

27. I am on very good terms with the Packes and Mr. Turpin, who, I suspect, do not get on very well with Dean now, and are disposed to do more business with the Boy. Mr. Turpin has promised me 200 hides for the Victoria Fatham, if he can get them killed in time. Should Captain Packe try to persuade you to exchange the Port Pleasant section No. 17. for his No. 29 (Mucters') I would not listen to it, because in the course of time the latter must be ours, and the Fitzroy section (15) too, probably; because since divided they do not pay him to keep, whereas on the two sections united he could take a firm stand, and be a painful thorn in the Company's side if he chose. Periodically he tries to persuade me to accede to this arrangement, but I always refuse. I don't think the time is far distant when he will be glad to sell out of this island, and keep to the West, and you may be able to sound him, as to whether he would part with any of his land or stock now.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
Ed. Cobb.
Colonial Manager

Enclosures.

Per French mail.

Dupl. of this despatch to No 53.
Copy of addition to indent.
Bill of Exchange for £215.
Copy of receipt for chronometer.
Dupl. of Mr. Skelton on Young. 193. £20.12.3.
Duplicate of an indent.
Copy of Comm. Skelton's letter.

Per English mail.

Store requisition from 1st May to 30 June
Stanley shipping report.
Produce returns.
Certificate of indent.
2nd Bill Mr. Skelton on Young £20.12.3.
Memo for repair of San Fernando.
Sketch of Store at Darwin
Wages Return "
Copy rec! for chronometer
Letters for Capt Engels.
Copies of letters to Portland 12 May
Govr. 25 June (2)
Ld. Clarendon 25 "
Mr Colley 29 May

Addition to Indent
Letters from Governor 29 May. 3 June. 26 & 28 June
Portland 27 Apr. 6 May. 25 June
Greenfields 16 June
Dyer 12 June
Travis to Greenfields 21 May
Capt Mc. Clintock Apl May.

Steam Vessels on hand abt. 900 tons.

Belgian Consulate.
Stanley Falkland Islands
1st July 1869.

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge
receipt of your letter of the 28th ult
two enclosures, the one
signed by His Majesty the King
of the Belgians and the other
of Her Britannic Majesty
further to inform you
been formally recognized as
for Belgium by His Excellency
Governor of this Colony.

2. A copy of my exequatur
by His Excellency I have
to direct to the Minister of
Foreign Affairs for Belgium

I have the honour to be
Sir.
Your very obedient servant
Edward Cobb
Consul for the Falkland

A. Barthelemy de Vaucleroy
&c. &c. &c.

Consulate of the
Stanley 1st July 1869.

No 2.

Sir,

In conformity with instructions I have now the honour to forward a copy of the oath taken before His Excellency the Governor of which certificate is appended

2. I have also the duty of stating that I have received the flag, escutcheon and other articles for the new Consulate, and that I have been formally recognized by the Governor having received by the hand of the Lieutenant Governor of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient,
humble servant,
Edwd. Cobb.
Consul at the Falkland Islands

H. M. Minister
&c &c &c
Buenos Ayres.

Per Foam. Falkland Islands
Stanley, 2nd July, 1869.

No. 55.

Sir,

As a strong northerly wind is blowing, the Foam has not sailed yet and this gives me the opportunity of enclosing a letter to be forwarded to the owners of the San Fernando, about a piece of folly on the part of the Captain.

2. I have made a contract with some carpenters to do the work for £200, the Company finding materials, so I shall make a good thing of it.

I am, Sir,
your obedient servant,
Edwd. Cobb.
Colonial Treasurer.

Enclosures.
Letter for Nicholson,
Copies:-
Cobb to Roberts 2 July.
to Governor 5 May

Falkland Islands &c.
Stanley, 1st July, 1869.

Sir,

I yesterday received a summons to attend the Magistrates' Court next Thursday as a witness in the slander case.

As this puts me to the greatest inconvenience, since I had made arrangements to leave for Darwin Harbour in the "Lotus" on Monday, I shall be glad to know whether I am to be considered entitled to payment for my loss of time, which I value at (£2.2.) Two Guineas per day, and for the schooners demurrage, reckoned at (£5) Five Pounds per day. I am aware that in a Crown case I could not look for more remuneration than is laid down by law; but I imagine that in a purely civil case like this, the expence of witnesses should be borne by one or other of the contending parties.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your very obedient Servant
Fred: Elwes.
Colonial Secretary

The Hon.
C. C. Chapman Esq.
&c. &c. &c.

Falkland Islands &c.
Stanley 17th July 1849.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of this day's date.

If you will have the kindness to refer to my letter of this morning, you will observe that, far from laying claim to Two Guineas per day for my loss of time, I most humbly asked for your opinion as to whether I could be considered entitled to make such a claim; and I take this opportunity of thanking you for the favourable opinion you personally expressed to me on the subject in my office this afternoon.

With regard to the profession I may claim to, my avocations are multifarious, and I should almost have thought that you were aware by this time what they were; however, for your guidance I may tell you that I am among

The Hon.
C. C. Farquhar, Esq.
&c. &c. &c.

other things, like yourself, a ~~[illegible]~~ of beef and mutton for the consumption of mankind, and I trust that I may long continue to exercise the same honourable calling.

I cannot too warmly acknowledge your kind sympathy with regard to the unfortunate circumstances under which the Lotus is at present placed; I beg however that you will not give way to undue anxiety on my account as there were two feet of water under her keel today and, considering that the tides are daily rising, I do not despair of seeing her safely moored on Monday morning.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your very obedient servant
Edwd. C. Cobb.
Colonial Treasurer

Per Magpie. Falkland Islands.
No 36. Stanley, 21st July 1865.

Sir,

This vessel calling for provisions gives me the opportunity of answering your despatches 387-8 as on the morning of the 22nd the West arrived, and in the evening the Brig Semper Fidelis from M. Video. with the May mail, but no letter from our agents. The latter is an instance of the decided opposition by the L'pool steamers, though your despatch was dated 5th May, I have seen a newspaper of the 29th.

2. I have great satisfaction in reporting 28 sheep to be alive and in better condition than the Victoria Tathams, although the stern pen was washed away, and most had to be put below. This morning the Lotus being loaded for Darwin I have sent her alongside for them and shall sail this afternoon or tomorrows morning.

J. Coleman Esq.
Secretary
London.

2. You will be glad to learn that I have a good cargo for the Victoria Nathan, including about 3000 hides, 101 bales of wool from our sheep, and a few bales of other people; over 9,000 gallons penguin oil & casks sent for Sallon over 2000 sheepskins, a quantity of tallow, &c. &c. The Nill sail for Darwin on Monday if the wind is fair.

1. 388 par. 1. By saying the store was empty, I meant to state that there was a want of all those goods that bring ready money in, such as groceries clothing liquors &c; you must not forget that out of £8,262.17.1 a considerable sum includes all my predecessors' purchases of spars, sails rigging, and a number of things, which, although necessary to have, are not readily saleable. At all sales by auction since I came, I have made and adhered to the resolution to buy no timber or spars unless cheap enough for fencing or sails unless at the price of a tarpaulin; and before I gradually clearing off

the marketable stock instead of adding to it.

3. Par. 5. I anticipated nothing in saying the Upper Districts &c. had been closed. This is the same entries for the 2nd week for which you will have by mail.

4. Par. 9. It not a sheep is up to this date reported dead from scab against about 5000 last year. and there is no loss in wool but it is not unreasonable to expect 650 bales next year (clipping of 1869 30) while there may be more, so that the 500 per Victoria Gotham and West will not be enough, especially as we have sale for about 700.

5. Par. 11. Considering the above, you may rest assured that the credit incurred up to the present time will be more than compensated by the extra wool in 1870.

I had got as far as this, when Farmer came in from the Steamer and told me that she had struck on Point William last night, and is making water. I have therefore to give up my intended journey to Lakemba, and the starting of this despatch is indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Edwards of Jones & Co.
Stanley. 3rd August 1887.

Sir.

As you have been engaged by the Directors of this Company to fill the post of storekeeper at Stanley I think it well to lay down a few plain rules for your guidance in fulfilling the important duties of your appointment.

Punctuality in opening the store at bell ring in the morning is most necessary: as any failing in this respect would have a prejudicial effect on our work people, who are sure to be certain to follow your example. You will also be good enough to see that your assistant keeps regular hours.

The keys of the store must be in your custody upon the store being closed in the evening until you open in the morning; and, except for an urgent reason, I do not wish you to open the door for anyone after you have once closed for the day.

Until we have lamps from home you will have to burn candles on the counter after dark; but on no account allow a naked flame to be carried further inside the building, or upstairs: a closed lantern must always be used, and that as little as possible.

Do not fail, upon the cashiers' arrival in the morning, to pay to him the cash received by you on the previous day, entering the amount in your cash book, and on the form with which you are already acquainted; seeing that he always initials the latter at the time.

It will be a part of your duty on the appearance of a vessel on the lake, to go out to her in the gig, and endeavour to get the business for the company, bringing the Captain ashore to me whenever you can. You will therefore have to acquaint yourself as soon as possible with the prices of stores in general demand, the cost of labour, and terms upon which business is done, &c. &c.

You will carefully watch the stores under your charge, and note whenever you run out of anything, so that you may form an accurate judgment of the demand in which all principal goods are; and that we may be accordingly well prepared with statistics at the time we make out the next general indent.

You will have to get out the store accounts as soon as possible after the first quarter months; and

be careful not to let persons of doubtful means have much credit: when there is an account of long standing which you are unable to collect, you must let me know, in order that I may put it in Court.

Let nothing pass out of the store without being at once charged to the proper account

Stores for the use of the Company vessels must not be served out indiscriminately. - I refer more especially to rope and other materials - the proper course is for the Master of the vessel to make a requisition in writing, which must be submitted for my approval.

I wish you to keep the key of the liquor store yourself, and beg that you will not serve out any drink to the labourers, unless any extra work should be going on, such as discharging or loading a vessel; in which case it is usual to give each man a glass of spirits twice a day.

As the rule prohibiting the officers of the Company to speculate on their own account there is absolutely no exceptions, of which please take due note. It sometimes occurs

that the master of a vessel has goods for sale which might be beneficial to the store, you will therefore lose no opportunity of finding out if such be the case, and of getting the refusal of them until you find out whether I am inclined to purchase.

In conclusion, I must urge upon you the necessity of keeping on good terms and working in harmony with the other employés of the Company, for upon that will depend naturally in a great measure your success; and I can with pleasure repeat the promise made to you in London, viz:- that you are certain to participate in the success of the Company, if the same is increased by your Endeavours.

I remain, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
Ed. L. Cobb.
Colonial Secretary.

Mr. Henry Ernest, Jun.
Storekeeper
Stanley.

Falklands Islands &c.
Stanley 9th Aug. 1869.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose an account of the sale of the late William Cook's effects, which took place at Darwin Harbour by order of Mr. Griffiths, on the 17th ult.

The messenger will hand you cash for £6. 2/6 and enclosed you will find cheques on this office amounting to £19. 6/- which I trust will be found in order.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
Fred. Cobb.
Colonial Treasurer.

The Hon.
Arthur Bailey Esq.
Acting Stipendiary Magistrate.
&. &. &.

Remarks on Stores ex Victoria Tatham.

The Stores coals prove to be as reported, no better have ever been here. The quick lime is excellent. and in this vessel packed properly. but that per West was said to have been hardly safe in single casks. The second hand boat from Forrette is useless, being split in several places. and has already been returned by our purchaser. Clothing can hardly be fairly reported on, as the E. Bowai supply was sufficient for some time, and but little of any kind has been bought from our store. The better quality has partially sold. but was too thin for the climate I think towards summer the rest may go off. Good pea jackets will always sell. I have said before that Stowman's and Turner's boots are not approved of. The rum should always be of the superior quality sent. Butter besides being dear is generally bad. Biscuit come out well in tanks. but I find a difficulty in disposing of the contents when I want a tank. so if something in bottles or jars, as fruits or preserves could be put in the tanks it would answer better. I am informed that half the price of a tank is returned by the keeper, when it goes home with oil. Indian Corn would be good to put in a tank instead of biscuit, as it can be turned into bags without spoiling. Some of the kiln dried flour is sour.

The American hogsheads are the most inconvenient packages we could have tobacco in, as they take a very strong purchase to lift them, and in fact you have to saw them in parts to handle them. The sheep food appears to do very well as the staple article of food for sheep, but you should always send some oil cake, which appears to do more good than anything in a short time. I tried it on the V. J's sheep on landing, and it had a surprising effect. Walkers' timber is suitable for filling up a vessel, and will all come in. The powder flasks with leather slings are better than those with cord ones. The short "Tilt" pipes should not be so heavy. A serious error has been made in sending all high boots instead of them ordered coming up to the knee, for which there is a great cry. No White lead was sent, which necessitated my sending to Montevideo for a small quantity. Paraffin oil sells well in 5 gal. drums. Coir rope may be always sent, as it appears to sell best. The fir & ash sweeps are too short, being wanted for steering oars for whaleboats. Less cane appears to have been taken over Jonesetti dinghies by this vessel. Walters' are cheaper and more suitable. Strawberry jam is asked for more than the others. I don't think Thorton's cutlery at all good; some samples Capt. Sims has shown me of Underwoods' goods seem better

better and cheaper. An unfortunate error was made in sending no common building lime slaked, which would cost about 4d per bushel, you are aware that the Govt contract for lime is 9/ per bushel, less than the Semper lime costs, though it is best for our own purposes. The Govt have still to take about 100 bushels, upon which there will be a slight loss. The coal shipped per Sir Lancelot I have kept for Darwin to replace the one burnt last year at the Base. The sailors' oil jackets are too short. The tea is not good, and it is generally remarked that Crane's is always the best in the Colony. Drinks I have remarked about before. Why is Spence so expensive, double the former price? Crane sells his at 9/ per case, ours costs at home 6/4. Perhaps other brands might be cheaper than A Kuypers. Bass's bottled ale is not good again. That on board the Lotus for the vessels' use, though from Yates's, is superior.

Stores per "West"

The coal appears smaller than usual, far smaller than what I got from the Golden Empire, purchased in Cardiff from by the agent of the P. S. N. C. I think 500 tons must have been delivered though. Bonnetts goods are very unsatisfactory. The whaleboats are ridiculed unanimously - they are fairmes, as they are so heavy as to be useless in a surf. The

Falkland Islands &c.
Stanley, 19th Aug. 1869

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of this day's date.

I have no objection whatever to give you an account of the property saved from the wreck of the Tern in Port Albemarle; but must correct an error into which you fall in supposing that Henry Keen was, at the time you mention, an employé of this Company; the fact being, that the schooner Fairy was hired or engaged by himself and others on the terms usual in this Colony, for the purpose of making penguin oil, he and they receiving no wages, and being, for the time, out of my control.

You are no doubt aware of the circumstances under which the wreck came into Capt. Kazin's possession, and it therefore only remains for me to say that the property on arrival in Stanley was to have been sold by auction, but that at the last

Monsr. Auguste Lacoste.
&c. &c. &c.

List of property saved from the wreck of the Italian ship "Vera".

210 fathoms Chain cable.
A quantity of small chain (shackles)
About 3 cwt. copper bolts
" 6 " metal sheathing
A quantity of rope
" " blocks
Two anchor shackles
Five chain "
Two " stoppers.
One kedge anchor
Sundry sails (mostly torn)
6 tins Oil
2 " tomatoes
1 Capstan
3 Water casks
6 buckets
2 life buoys
A quantity of deck planking
10 paddles
2 Fenders
Sundry caulking irons
Some broken pieces of marble.
Long boat lost in bringing it round.

Lowell

moment an arrangement was
taken into to dispose of it
by private contract, this proved
going to the credit of the ensign
already mentioned.

Should I be able to furnish
you with any further information
respecting this matter I am quite
at your service, and referring
you to the annexed list of goods,

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

Edwd. Cox.
Colonial Treasurer

dinghies are a disgrace to the name of Forrest. they are roughly knocked up, built of large grained wood, which is splitting already. the W.H. one has four timbers broken in the buildings, and they leak all over. The better quality of nail sent is an improvement. Have received a few seeds for the garden to report on, the rest are all sold!

Lieut. Col.
Colonial Engineer

Stanley.
19th August. 1869.

Manifest of Cargo shipped per Barque Victoria Fatham, Thomas Couch, Master. Falkland Islands to London.

Marks & Nos.	Goods	Shipped by	Consigned to
D	324 Cattle Hides	Falkland Islands Co.	Falkland Islands Co.
G	160 " "	do	do
T	136 " "	do	do
No mark	1 Sea Leopard skin	do	do
	2170 Cattle Hides	do	do
	62 Horse hides	do	do
	51 Calf Skins	do	do
FALKLAND ISLANDS COMPANY 1/102	102 Bales Wool	do	do
BS 1/16	16 " "	do	do
LB 1/5	5 " "	do	do
No mark	2211 Sheep skins	do	do
	Quantity pieces do.	do	do
F T 1/6. 107.	7 Casks tallow	do	do
T 7/10	4 " old metal	do	do
C 11/106	136 " penguin oil	do	do
P	4 Tanks "	do	do
No mark	1 Bag Horsehair	do	do
	Quantity of tails	do	do
	" bones	do	do
	" old iron	do	do
T	17 Ox & Cow hides	do	do
D	223 do do	do	do
No mark	6 do do	do	do
W 1/2	3 Bales Wool	do	Falkland Islands
W	206 Salted Hides	do	do

Stanley. 21st Aug. 1869.

Jas. Cobb.
Colonial Manager
Falkland Islands Co.

Remarks on Shipments ex. s.s. Victoria Falls

There are 702 Bales of the Company's wool, the last of all being lamb's wool shorn on board the steamer. 16 Bales marked BS contain pure wool from Stanley Dry, badly got up, but likely to yield the price. I.P. is Mr. Gaillon's contractor in Darwin, whether for sale and returns or for the Co. I cannot say, but will soon know by mail. Mr. Walton ships his own hides and wool, and pays 60% weight and measurement respectively, with the usual primage. The sheepskins are mostly well dried and are likely to yield an improved price. Quality of tallow & hides are both very fine. The penguin oil was remarkably clear and good but is frozen now, and I fear will be in London. Pains have been taken to keep all purchased hides separately by means of tapes and labels, and Ships care will be taken to keep them apart in London. The last parcel of 270 pieces offered to me on the ship's return from Darwin, and knowing people I gave a good price for them, as it is like pulling money from. There are two heavy salted hides among them. Subjoined are particulars of purchases: —

Mark	Goods	Purchased of	Price
D	324 Hides	A. McDonald	18/3 each.
T	153 "	Mackie & Gurpin	11/- "
G	1160 "	Queenslanders	3½ per lb.
BS	16 Bs Wool	Bertram & Wilkie	9 "
BS F	136 Cs 24 lbs. pegged	Do	1/10 per gal.
	300 lb. Tallow	Mackie & Gurpin	4 per lb.
D	223 Hides	A. McDonald	19/6 each.

F.I.C.
Stanley, 23rd Aug. 1869.

Harbour Master
Colonial Treasurer

Re Victoria Statham, 22nd Aug.

F. Desp. 396 – par. 13. I hear that, notwithstanding the prohibition put by Messrs. Forsyth & Oram their clerk Executive Farmer's orders come and is shipping it. I know that he has been in correspondence with some one using their envelopes for months.

9. Par. 11. Sam Gadd Opp is not appointed as there is no situation open. Arthur is invaluable in all shipping and boating work, and is regaining his health.

10. Par. 16. Three barrels of beer were supplied to the Penrith Co-op & each they were bought from Lowe's @ £4, and Mr. Bell has returned the money.

11. Par. 17. The West's sheep were in so much better condition than the E. & W.'s, that I think a shepherd should always be sent out. After next lambing we shall have over 10,000 sheep; and the increase will soon necessitate an increase of shepherds. We do very well now with about the same number that Lowes after a little over 200 00, but when that number is doubled we shall want more help.

12. By the arrival of the Wanganui in harbour Sparling who was bound to the States. to this had to discharge and has to be here down and hardly say that I lost her business, having no bulk. Left for Darwin next morning for Sydney.

13. Remained there until the 1st inst; but the weather was so bad, and accidents (including a broken leg and collar bone) so numerous, that I could not venture on board until the last day, when a steamer came in. I rode through the Canberra ewes, and saw a large number, but could not see a single one with a broken fleece, and no dead ones at all. The improvement up to now is enormous. I hear that some of the buggers are beginning to show signs of scab; but a complete cure at once, and on the old ground, could not be expected.

14. While at Darwin I received the same mail with dear Jessie, and was glad to see the Housekeeper was all through rather talkative, and inclined to presume, will I think be an acquisition when he settles into his place. She appears to take considerable interest in his work, and is a pushing man. There is no furniture in the house.

16. 389 — 3. If any arrangement be made with Mr. Paterson he should suggest Lively Island, which is always passed by our vessels going up to Darwin.

16. Par. 8. Does this mean that letters are delayed unless full postage is paid? Here you might add Dr. MacClinton's name, as well as those of the Stickneys, Baillons, Waldron and MacClymont.

17. Par. 2. I note the insurance on the Falcon, and will endeavour to make up for it. After anxious consideration I have decided not to send the Falcon to Rio Negro, as she draws so much water, and the bar is dangerous. I think it will be a better plan to ship some old stock to Montevideo, and then send her to Buenos Ayres for the horses, when Mr. Parish, to whom I can get a letter from Consul, and where there are better horses to be had. I shall send her if possible with the foam, and shall have some freight from Mr. Dean. All the berths are engaged already.

18. I delivered a closed letter to Capt. Stain out of this despatch.

May I ask that, when letters are written to any subordinates they may be sent open, as formerly. I consider that it weakens my authority to have any correspondence going on independently.

19. By this vessel you will be glad to know that I have sent a far larger cargo than expected, having lately bought a number of hides, in addition to our own. Unfortunately I have had no opportunity of getting the last one to Bernard's wool round from Shallow Bay; but shall not lose an opportunity of shipping it.

20. The San Fernando's repairs are concluded, and I shall get her hull, amounting to over £600 for the mail, as well as a small one Mr. Hogg has promised me.

21. In the outward cargo, some of the books, hats, & cutlery suffered through not being in tin lined cases. Please attend to this in future.

22. In the cargo book please be specially careful always to note the measurement of other people's cases, so that in making out a freight a/c I may make it up at once.

23. I am pleased to report that we have been so far successful with the land purchase question, that the Governor has allowed me to purchase at once 1000 acres near Darwin Harbour, instead of waiting until the end of the lease. Although it is a great benefit particularly, a strong point is gained, inasmuch as the Governor has acknowledged that the provisions of a proclamation may be altered; and now I shall continue to fight for the right to purchase the whole 10,000 acres, as under the later proclamations.

24. Will you kindly send me the Mercantile Navy List, as Lloyd's require the official numbers in all reports. The Captain's list is received with thanks, and will be very useful.

25. Would it be worth while boiling down cattle hoofs for neat-foot oil, and can sheep's feet be turned to any account? Have you ever seen the baleen that exudes from the body, and if so, is it of any commercial value?

26. The certificate on the back of the Work's B/L about the coals, states that they were duly passed overside, and

~~personally~~ ~~appeared~~ ~~previous~~ to ~~shipment~~" instead of the usual ~~endorsement~~ "duty ~~paid~~ ~~weight~~ and ~~double~~ ~~assessed~~ at the time of ~~shipment~~". So the former as good as the latter."

27. I shall have other opportunities to write on by the mail, when the press of making up the yearly accounts Mr. Travis is going to England & Montevideo, & Mr. MacClinton having declined it necessary. This will go the 1st or 2nd for a time, but he will probably be out again before steamer taking passengers.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant
Edw. Elliot.
Colonial Treasurer

Enclosures.

1st of 8. 194. £37.0.0.
Satellite entitled &c.
Remarks on outward carg.
" " homeward "
Manifest of " "
4 Bills of lading
Inventory of Goods at Darwin
Darwin balances due to & from ~~men~~
" wages return
Stanley cash for July
Shipping report
Letters as per list
Supplementary remarks.

Victorian Customs certificate &c.

Falkland Islands &c.
Stanley, 26th Aug. 1869.

H. Augusta Lascelles.
Stanley.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August, and beg to reply to your two questions as follows:

1st Question. I never had any conversation with either officers, men, or passengers after the first day, when I took Capt. Fernando to Government House, when he told His Excellency the Governor in my presence that his loss was occasioned entirely by adverse weather.

2nd Question. I have never heard any conversation on the subject from the parties in question, but an opinion was always freely expressed in Stanley that the vessel was wrecked on purpose.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your obedient servant
Fred. Cooe.
Colonial Chaplain &c.

Statement with regard to the wreck of the Nerw, in April, 1868.

An account of the wreck was sent in my despatch 25 of par. 4.

The Fairy lost six weeks through coming back with the crew, during which time Captain Pain estimates having lost 1000 gallons of oil on Bird Island, in consequence of the delay.

The property as mentioned in the above named despatch was made ~~over~~ to Captain Pain to recompense him for the delay.

It took five or six weeks to collect what was brought in to Stanley, consisting of the chains, hawsers, a Kedge anchor & sundries. These were to have been sold by auction for the benefit of the cruize; but, by arrangement, were purchased by the Company for £350, the proceeds going to the credit of the Fairy's cruize.

The Fairy was sailing on shares according to the usual terms, and Pain, sharing equally with the crew, cannot be proved to be the Master, especially as his name was not on the Register and certainly he was not the Mate.

By the Foam in July. 1869 a Mons: Auguste Lacuerre came down on behalf of the Underwriters to inquire into the circumstances of the wreck. I enclose copies of his letter to me, his letter to the Acting Stipendiary Magistrate, and two of mine to him.

I understand that he intends to bring an action against the Company to recover the value of the property purchased by me; since he made a proposal to me to settle the matter by a compromise. Not seeing anything to compromise I naturally declined. He then asked the Captain of the Foam to endeavour to persuade me to pay a sum of money, offering him 10%. on the amount he obtained. Capt. McCully will make a deposition to this effect, and state that Lacuerre would take £200.'

There may be nothing in the case; but as there is no lawyer here, I wish you to inquire upon

a few points.

1. The allowance made to vessels for the charge of shipwrecked sailors is about 1/6 per head per diem does this apply to this Colony, where no British laws passed since 1853 are in force, unless specially named. and would it apply to a sealing vessel, where the men are on shares, and not wages.

2. The Governor being Acting Consul for all nations which have no regular agent, should have interfered if he thought the gift was not a legal one. Does not his non-interference virtually put a stop to any further proceedings?

3. Willmore & Beadell's Mercantile and Maritime Guide says, "If, before the service is rendered, a bargain is made for the amount to be paid for the assistance, this amount settles the claim for salvage". Does not this clear Capt. Cain and the crew?

4. There is no receiver of wrecks in the Islands, and any one who can pick up abandoned wrecked property not belonging to a person in the place, has possession of it, and merely has to inform the Government that he has brought it in. The Cru

was not worked for a month or more after she was completely abandoned, and if the Company had not picked up the chains &c. somebody else would.

5. The Insurance Company have not yet paid for the loss. Until they have done so, they could have no claim for anything.

No action is to be taken against me here, but there is a possibility of the Underwriters trying it in England; for which reason I have made these few notes, that you may be au fait in the event of being attacked.

Jas. Lloyd.
Colonial Manager

Falkland Islands &c.
Stanley. 20th August. 1869.

Per Union. Falkland Islands &c.
No 57. Stanley. 30th May 1864.

Sir.

I write in the greatest haste to give you the good news that I have sold to the Peruvian war steamer above named 270 tons of Coal, which they finished taking half an hour ago, and are now off. I drew on Rio, and sent the Bill to the Consul, having no agent. It is as follows: —

Coals	£	813. —
Stores &c		293. 1. 10
Dues &c.		97. 4. 7
5% Comm.		60. 3. 3
		£1263. 8. 8

2. The Joam sails tomorrow, and the Lotus a few days later, when I can remit about £800 more.

3. I was obliged to give the Capn Mr Forest an order on you for his commission on the coals, being short of cash.

I am, Sir,
your obedient servant
Edward Goss.
Colonial Manager.

Falkland Islands
Stanley. 30th Aug. 1880
per "Union"

Sir,

Being without an Agent in Rio de Janeiro, I trust that I may be excused the liberty I take in asking you to collect the enclosed Bill for £1263. 8. 5. and forward the amount to

The Directors of
The Falkland Islands Co.
39 A. Gracechurch St.
London. EC

I regret extremely that I should be compelled to trouble you in this manner; but the Comm. in Chief was unable to draw on London.

I have the honour to be,
Sir.
Your obedient servant,
Ald. Goodall
Colonial Manager

G. S. Lennox-Hunt, Esq.
H. B. M. Consul
&c. &c. &c
Rio de Janeiro.

Per Foam. Falkland Islands &c.
No 58. Stanley, 31st August 1869.

Sir.

I wrote very hurriedly yesterday as the Union went away almost without warning.

2. The San Fernando's bill is not ready for this mail, but will be drawn by Thursday, and I shall send it by the Lotus about the end of the week. I also expect bills from the Government and Mr. Waldron.

3. Mr. Barlow wishes you to sell his wool, and remit proceeds through this office. This opinion bears the same freight as Mr. Waldron's produce.

4. Can you ascertain who the Mr. Williams of Cheltenham is, who took up land in the West through Mr. Waldron at the beginning of the year? It is said that he is to come out shortly, and will make the Company his agents.

5. The sheep continue to look well, with a few exceptions among the hoggets; but Mr. Bertrand is not afraid that there will be any quantity of wool

F. Coleman. Esq.
Secretary
London.

lost before shearing. There are no deaths, and not likely to be now. As the live stock is now many thousands more in value than last year, and the increase of wool will be without precedent, would it not be worth while sending a short circular round to the shareholders informing them of the improved prospects of the Company?

6. By the time this reaches home Captn the Victoria Eathan will have arrived, as she sailed on the 24th early, and Captain Couch expected to make a rapid passage.

7. Referring to par. 6 of your despatch 388 as to the proposed modifications of Mr. Bertrand's agreement, I did not mention the subject as it was understood at the time that the agreement was to be final; and, if I had not proved to Mr. Bertrand that my power of attorney from the Directors permitted me to enter into contracts of this kind on behalf of the Company, he would not have entered into the arrangement, and we might have continued to lose sheep at the rate of 7000 or 8000 a year. Even Captn Cracke will admit, with the rest of the people, that Mr Bertrand

knows more about sheep than any person in the Falklands.

8. On the 27th inst. the German Barque Joan arrived from Callao leaky, and although the Captain first consigned himself to the Company, he changed his mind, and is going to discharge into the Charles Cooper. Stubbins Ocean has Thomson Bonar & Co's agency, and that all vessels with guano from the Chincha's are consigned to him specially. Had it not been for this however, we had no bulk.

9. Owing to the great press of work at the closing of the mail ~~[illegible]~~ & the arrivals, the Storekeeper has not copied all the Stock returns yet, but it shall go by the Lotus.

10. Mr. Baillon just tells me that bale no. 5 of his wool is Leicester.

11. Mr. Waldron draws for £183. 1. 7. @ 30 d/s. on his brother, but requests that you will not present it for acceptance until the English mail arrives.

Sam. Sir.

Your obedient servant,

Edwd. Coe.

P.S. I have obliged Capt. Sawtry with a three days d/s. for £12, as he has been very accommodating. Enclosures as

Enclosures.

Dup. despatches 55. 6. 7.
1st Enc. 193. Waldron on Waldron £93.07.
2nd. " 194 Turnell on Thomson £37.0.0.
Sup. remarks on homeward cargo.
Stores
Capt. Couch's receipt for sundries.
Supplem. remarks on homeward cargo.
Notes on week ending Nov
Dup. Manifest of homeward cargo.
Carpenter's order for tools.
Weights of wool shipped per Vict. Tatham
Copy of each book of St. Lucia & Salg.
Lascurain to Cobb 19 Aug. to Bailey - Aug.
Cobb to Lascurain 26 - 20. 19.
Ernle's Instructions
To Bertrand 12 July. 5. 16 Aug.
Governor 15 "
Cobb 6 Aug.
Roberts 6. 11. 16. Aug.
From Governor 14 July
Bertrand 7. 11. 19 July 26 Aug.
Stanley balances to 30 June
Letters:- To Nicholson (open) Coleman
from Pain, Cobb, Waldron, Cunnie
(open)
4 Bills of Lading.
Stanley Shipping report.
Post Office orders: -
Smith to Daniel Cunnie £10 - £2
William S. Lailey to Judith Lailey £3.
Isaac Phillips to Hannit Phillips £6.
William S. Lailey to John for allowance £5.

The last three all of Old Dacing
Stanley.

Falkland Islands &c.
Stanley 6th Sept. 1869

Sir,

Herewith I enclose the register of the Lotus and have to remind you that before leaving you will require a bill of health, as well as your articles.

You will, as soon as the vessel is ready for sea, leave with your passengers, the Hon.ble H. St. Stirling Capt. Travis, Commr Mc. Smith, and proceed to Montevideo where you will at once report yourself to, and place your business in the hands of the Agents.

At both the Ports the Company agents in that port, who receive by this opportunity full instructions.

As soon as your cargo is discharged, I wish you to ship a crew on the same conditions as to place of discharge as the rest of your crew, and at the lowest possible wages

Captain Thompson
Schooner Lotus.

for which you can get a good
Interpreter, and obtaining
Specials through the agents.
Have two hold fitted up for
the reception of a couple of horses,
also hay in a stack of hay and
oats, amply sufficient for the
requirements of the stock.

You will have to advise
Chiefs to plant Yuma as to the
exact number of horses you will
be able to carry, before he leaves
the vessel; I wish you to bring
a full cargo, but you must avoid
overcrowding. If the number is
below the Company's requirements
considerably, I wish you to bring
a pony or two which will be a
sick, and require great care.
To this you will receive a note
guaranteeing a gratuity on the num-
ber you land alive.

You will remain in Monte-
video until you receive notice
from Mr. Schuth to William
to proceed to the place where the
horses are to be shipped.

It is desirable that you should take a pilot into Montevideo, and to any part of the River to which you may have to go; taking care that you are not overcharged.

It will be necessary to ship a certificated mate as soon as possible; and I particularly desire that you will take all precautions against robbery on board, while you are in harbour.

Any expence to which you may be put in the discharge of the Company's business will be refunded to you; but you must exercise the strictest economy in all matters. Should you require anything for the use of the vessel you must consult Mr. Schutte de Meliau.

In the event of being annoyed by M. Lasserre, it may be necessary to apply to H.B.M. Consul.

Mr. Schutte de Meliau will probably ship a few small casks, which you will manage to stow without interfering with the space appropri-

cted to the horses.

When you have the stock on board, do not lose any time in sailing for Port Success, where the horses are to be landed, and send word overland to me as to the success of your trip. You will then go back to Stanley as quickly as possible.

You can bring the mail if the Consul has any to send. Should there be any passengers, you will charge £7 for cabin and £3 10s. for the forecastle, taking the fares in advance.

I cannot allow you to bring anything down for sale on your own account, as the rule is strict which prohibits any of the Company's officers from speculating, even to the smallest extent.

Trusting that you will have a pleasant and successful voyage,

I remain, Sir,

Your obedient servant

Edwd. Cobb.

Colonial Manager

Falkland Islands &c.
Stanley, 6th Sept. 1869.

Sir,

You will leave for Montevideo by the Lotus, and on arrival there will have to apply to the Company's agents. Mr Jos. Schuth to Melian, who will instruct you how to proceed in purchasing horses. I wish you to pick out horses that in your opinion are most likely to be suited to the Camp work in the Falklands, say about four years old; and be careful that each animal is sound in every respect, and fit to be used with the lasso, which you will have to ascertain from your own observation. Our agents will tell you about the price, and settle for them. I wish you to pick out three handy men to come down as Gauchos for the Company, with whom Mr Jos. Schuth & Melian will draw up an agreement.

Be most careful in your

To Christopher Smith.
Captain
Stanley

attention to the horses coming down, as unless cared for well, they will not be of use for some time.

In addition to your regular wages, which will continue as usual, you will be entitled to receive a gratuity of Ten shillings (10/-) per head for every horse landed alive in Port Sussex and all your travelling and other expenses on the Company's account in the Mines Estate will be paid for you.

I remain, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Edwd. Cobb.
Colonial Manager

Per Lotus. Falkland Islands &c.
Stanley, 6th Sept. 1869.
No. 59.

Sir,

I enclose duplicate of No. 58, and a further remittance, on a/c. of the San Fernando, for £80.5.11.

2. By the Lotus I forward to Montevideo a miscellaneous cargo of old stock, comprising Soups, Maggis, Mackerel, Cayenne Pepper, Senna, Chicory, Cattle Food, Stockholm Tar, &c. &c., the 2 invoices nearly reaching £200.

3. I send our chief ganche C. Smith to obtain a cargo of about 35 horses and have given Messrs. Schmith & Melian instructions as to sending him into the Camp to choose them, and to make arrangements for paying for them.

4. I enclose a copy of the instructions I have given to Cain, to which I wish to draw your attention, and to ask if they are considered sufficient. He talked

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of bringing down onions & fruit on his own a/c., but I have no idea of allowing anything of the sort.

5. I enclose Captain McCully's declaration as to Lassere, and a copy of the Latters' second letter to Mr. Bailey, with notes in the margin.

6. Will you order a headstone & footstone with an inscription as per enclosed paper, for my housekeeper's late husband. The stone to be Portland, or whatever gravestones are ordinarily made of.

7. Enclosed you will find a copy of my letter to Messrs. Schutt & Nelson, which instructs them to prevent Capt. Cain from going into any excessive expenses. I must confess I have not the slightest confidence in his studying the Company's interests, as any but his own. He is so overbearingly conceited, and has so

much braggadocio that all our servants cordially dislike him, and it is becoming very difficult to carry things on smoothly. And the worst of it is that I must put up with him for two years, there being no clause about six months' notice in his agreement.

8. By your accounts the mate of the Lotus had four months' advance, instead of two, according to Capt. Cain. And the barometer is put down at £12.10/, which must surely be an error.

9. I enclose the Lotus's inventory. If there is any omission please inform me of it. I cannot judge, as you sent us no inventory with her.

10. You can forward or not as you may think advisable the enclosed letter to Messrs. Wm. Nicholson. From Captain Roberts has been drinking so hard, that I have had serious thoughts of packing the Governor to order an enquiry with a view to cancelling his certificate; but I have not done so, as I have no writter

appointment as agent for the firm.

Hoping that my late remittances will be considered satisfactory,

I remain, Sir.

Your obedient servant,

Edwd. Cook.

Colonial Manager.

Enclosures.

1st Encl. 199. Robertson - Stabelson £350.5.11
2nd. 198. Baldwin - Baldwin £53.1.7.
Dup. despatch No. 56.
Cable to Schultz & Nelson 6 Aug.
Can. Smith &
Bryant Co. & Cable 20 July
Cable from Nicholson & Hope
Inscription for Yates's tombstone
Triplicate supplem. remarks 23rd Aug.
" Cable's receipt for inscription
" Remarks on homeward cargo
Manifest
Duplicate Statement as to Steam Lascars to Bailey 25 Aug.
Mr Tully's certificate declaration
& D.F.K. for Virginia Packham
Yates's Inventory

By Mr. Travis.
Stock Returns.

P.S. The Conrad has arrived with flour, more than expected, but costing 36/- per bag less than what Dean has. see Crossett's letter.

Edwd. Cook.

Manifest of Cargo

shipped on board the Schooner Lotus, Henry Cain, Master. and consigned to Messrs. Schmidt & Melian, Montevideo.

[illegible] 1/6	6	Cases Cattle Food
— " 1/10	4	Barrels Do:
— " 11/21	11	packages preserved provisions
— " 22	1	Case Calico
— " 23	1	" Clothing
— " 24/31	8	" Chicory
— " 32/6	5	Barrels Oil cake
— " 37/9	3	Cases Calicoes & Prints
— " 40	1	Bale Senna
No mark	1	Hemp Warp
— " —	40	Bdls. Stockholm Tar.
— " —	30	Bags Turnips.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.
6th September. 1869.

Edwd. L. Cobb.
Colonial Manager,
Falkland Islds. &c.

Per Lotus.
No. 60.

Falkland Islands Co.
Stanley, 7th Sept. 1869.

Sir,

Will you oblige me by paying for Mr. Rhodes Cobb on my account the sum of Seventy pounds (£70.)

2. I enclose a memorandum of some things which Mr. Lund tells me are much inquired for,

And remain, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Jno. L. Cobb.
Colonial Manager.

Enclosure

Memorandum of Stores.

Memorandum of Stores required.

Magnum bonum pens. abt. 2doz.
baby chairs. 2 balls stair carpeting,
oil cloth (as ordered Schink) 6 doz. pr.
mens' & childrens' worsted mittens,
carpet slippers (order doubled) 1 doz.
small hand coffee mills. abt. 3 doz.
pr. riding gloves assorted sizes.
one doz. each Stone pipe elbows 2½ in.
3. 3½, 2 Hhds. Colza Oil. 28 o gal.
drums paraffin oil (not 14). 18 doz.
½ pints. 18 doz. pints Lea & Perrins
Worcestershire sauce, our last supply
having been at once bought up. as
also Cocoa. Same amount of
bulwark boarding as per list. Sadie
& Matilda. 6 Headings to suit
the carpets sent out.

Iron store weighing machine
cannot be repaired, a new one
will be required.

Jean L Coo.
Colonial Manager

Per Conrad via Boston. Falkland Islands Stanley, 15th Sept. 1849

No. 61.

Sir,

I write a few lines by this vessel on the chance of her making a good passage to Boston, and so anticipating the advices taken sent in the course of a few weeks by the German barque Conrad.

2. My late remittances and purchases of bides for Victoria & Pelham brought my cash balance at one time down to £20; it is recovering, and I hope I may not have to draw further, but have to advise the following passed on those Directions

No. 201. 13th Sept. @ 31/2. pay. A. Santos £18. .. ..

202 1/4th Sept. @ 60 d/s. pay. Quarter Sessions £211. 6. 4.
for pt. pet. per Conrad

with Remit

No. 200. 2/ Farran on Smith & Co. on ap. Bque Paraguay £43. 14. 11

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Secretary,
London.

3. In the Paragraph you will observe a mistake in the interest & commission of 10/. which I did not remark until the Captain had left. Perhaps the best way will be for you to remit this to Messrs. Jones & Dominion & Co.

4. It is rumoured that the Egmont is to come here from Rio shortly, and that this is to be the head quarters of the station. Perhaps you can ascertain the truth of this. If it is so, we shall most likely have contracts for coals and provisions put up for competition.

5. I have sold 500 bags of the new flour to the bakers at 20/. per bag.

6. Samuel Campbell, one of our best shepherds, wants his brother Robert to come out the first time any more are engaged. I think you would do well to send him with Godmin's brother, as Lambing is coming on, and with

no doubts to speak of this month in less than two months we shall have over 40.000 sheep.

7. The condition of the flocks at the present time according to all accounts warrants the greatest exultation at the result of last year's dipping. Of course there are a few showing signs of the scab, more especially among the hoggets but as a rule the fleeces have been preserved, and the sheep kept alive. I believe that the Directors will be astonished when this next ship gets home.

Sam. Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Wm. E. Cobb
Colonial Manager

Enclosures.

1st En. 200 Farmers on Lennie £ 22. 11. 11
2nd. 199 Robertson Yalobam. 22. 5. 11
3rd. 190 Watson on Natural. 103. 1. 7

Paragraph. Sam Fernandes. & Conrad. &c.

Falkland Islands & Co.
Stanley, 20th Sept: 1869.

Sir,

I have received Your Excellency's letter of the 15th inst., with reference to section N° 35 being unstocked, and am sorry that I did not write earlier on the subject; but the fact is, that I was not aware that the Camp Managers wished to keep all the wethers sheep east of Swan Inlet in one flock, until some months after shearing, and it had, until the other day, escaped my memory.

I informed Mr. Bertrand that I wished a flock placed on the ground, as early as possible after shearing, which I hope will commence about the beginning of November; I have therefore to ask for Your Excellency's indulgence until the end of that month.

His Excellency,
Governor Robinson.
&c. &c. &c.

It is gratifying to have to report to your Excellency, that the Company has not lost one sheep from scab this winter, against more than six thousand last year.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's very obedient Servant,

Edw. Eldon.

Colonial Manager

Falkland Islands &c.
Stanley. 27th Sept. 1869.

Sir.

I beg leave to enclose a letter I have just received from His Excellency the Governor, for your perusal.

You will observe that, as you have not had the common courtesy to answer my letter of this morning I do not follow out the suggestion contained in the last paragraph.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

Fred. Hoo.
Colonial Treasurer

Dr. Watts.
Colonial Surgeon.
&c. &c. &c.

Per Glenpairn. Falkland Islands &c.
Stanley, 2nd Oct. 1869.
No. 62.

Sir.

My last despatch went per Conrad via Boston on the 17th inst., since which date the Foam has delivered the July and August mails, viz:- on the 26th ult., and I am in possession of your despatches No. 390-1, with enclosures in order.

2. Nos. 2. desp. 390. The Foam arrived in Montevideo on the night of the 15th May, having left on the 2nd. She cannot always do the passage in 14 days; but I believe the present Captain drives her harder than Smithers used to do.

3. Pain is essentially a sailor's not a masters' captain, and thinks too much about indulging his men. Notwithstanding what you say about Stephens, more than a year and a half's service in the Perseverance have proved him to be a good servant, and our friends on the West Falklands tell me that he works most energetically when he is over there. He was unfor-

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Londond.

ed away by company, I believe, after he left the Town, but is much steadier now.

4. An account of the proceedings in the case of the Blue Jacket has no doubt been published ere this. I did not therefore send any report of the Court proceedings home, as it costs money to get copies of the evidence. H.M.S. Beacon is coming here shortly, and may be going to Georgia.

5. I do not think Mr. Switzer likely to stop here, as he dissolved partnership immediately on hearing that he was known, and left by the Louisa. Since that, he has lately returned with a cargo of sheep which Mr. Dean has bought. But his future movements are uncertain.

6. When consulates are obtained I should like you to send the certificates by first through mail, as it would be awkward if a vessel came in without my having all the paraphernalia. Foreigners think so much of stamps & seals.

There is an American consul here Mr. Joseph Powell, and the appointments from Sweden, Norway & Chili would be of no value commercially, while they might be unpleasant in the event of any quarrel between the countries. The Prussian consulate is the one of all others that would be useful.

I regret exceedingly to hear of the death of Mr. Lafond.

G. Mar. 14. My late remittances and the cargo for Victoria Jatham will provide funds for a handsome cargo, if you do not send an autumnal ship. Some of the leading articles you may increase in quantity as we shall be well cleared out. As to coals, I have great hopes of selling the rest of the Welsh & the Zealous if she calls, which will warrant you sending more for the Flying Squadron. You will of course ascertain how much they are likely to want, and, above all things, wait until Dean has shipped his coals, if only for a fortnight; and you will steal a profitable march

on him, as the duke of the coals is more looked to almost than the quality.

9. Desp. 390 – 6. The Pyladis when here took our coal, and I suppose will do so again.

10. Nar. 8. Ballast was always supplied at 7/- per ton some time before I came – both the West and the Niger South paid that I believe. I suppose that in ordinary weather we could put 20 tons a day on board, but it would depend on the number of hands employd. It may be had in Sparrow Cove, the head of Port William, and in this harbour. The Beta ballasted in Sparrow Cove, the Countenay in Fairy Cove, and the West (this time) partly on Navy Point reserve, partly in Port Willm. The Nunaquina ballasted entirely on the opposite side of the harbour. All three vessels used their own boats, the West having the Perseverance about a couple of days at the last.

11. I think I omitted to inform you that the Revd. Mr. Stirling took a passage in the Latona to Montevideo. It is stated that Mr. Bull has applied for his leave, as he cannot bear the idea of being under Mr. Stirling. This is the best thing Mr. B. has ever done for the Colony.

12. Par. 13. Perhaps the Directors may take up the Victoria Tatham again, in which case we might get the cargo home for the May sales. By arriving in Jany. or February we get the men to work from 6 a.m. to 5.30 p.m., whereas the Victoria Tatham's work was done when the bell used to ring at 7.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m.

13. Par. 14. We have a fire engine in the Store (ex Julia Tatham I think) which was in good working order a fortnight ago, this can be lifted out at a few minutes notice, but would be better perhaps on wheels if we had them. There is also a

Town fire engine, which can be readily had. It is situated exactly opposite Lyle's premises In the Camp there are no appliances for extinguishing fires whatever, excepting buckets.

14. I send by the Glengarnock the stock return, which was unfortunately forgotten at the time Mr. Travis left.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Edwd. Eyre.
Colonial Manager.

Enclosures.

Duplicate desp. 59. 60. 61.
2nd Ex. 200. £43. 14. 11
Wests certified acc.
Shipping report to 1st Oct.
1st Ex. 204 £133. 9. 2
2nd 205 101. 8. 11
3rd 206 66. 5. 11
£300. 4. -

Moderations. Glengarnock, Claremont acc.
Letter for Coleman
Duplicate Licenses by Claremont
Sundry ships' Doctors Letters (13)

Per Johan.

No. 63.

Falkland Islands No.

Stanley, 16th Oct. 1869.

Sir,

I write a line by this vessel in case she gets home before the mail, to say that H.M.S. Beacon arrived on the 9th inst., and will take the Company's coal, though we did not get her beef business. She left on the 14th inst. for Mare Harbour, and is going on to Darwin Harbour, with the Governor and Mr. Bailey - I believe to survey the 100 acres I have leave to purchase. I have an horse back for Darwin in about an hours' time.

2. The Faena from Tocopilla does her business here, and has chartered the Dutch Brigantine Nicola Maria to take 180 tons of her cargo on. There is nothing further in shipping news.

3. We should have 20 tons Blacksmiths coal by the next vessel if not too late.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant

Rod. Eldridge.

Colonial Manager

J. Coleman Esq.

Sec. London.

Falkland Islands Co.
Darwin Harbour 18 Oct. 1869

Sir.

I have learnt this afternoon that the sheep dips and yards at this place as well as the adjoining Goose, have been erected on the Government Reserve, owing to a misconception on the part of the Camp Manager as to the real position of the reserve. While regretting that this mistake should have occurred. I venture to hope that Your Excellency will do me the favour to allow the reserve (which has not yet been definitely surveyed) to be selected at some other spot on the same section, granting me the privilege of including the abovementioned property in the 1000 acres I have applied to purchase for the Company.

I have the honour to be,
Sir.
Your Excellency's very obedient servant
Fredk. E. Coote.
Colonial Manager.

His Excellency.
Governor Robinson.
K. K. K.

Per Foam.

No. 64.

Falkland Islands &c.
Stanley, 1st Nov. 1869.

Sir,

I wrote you two notes from Darwin Harbour since the Johan left, and the Storekeeper sent you a short despatch which I have numbered 63 A.

2. With regard to my hurried note about the Nicola Maria's delay. I found on my return that she was not at the time ready to sail. nor had the Captain protested or sent in any claim, so there will be nothing said about it.

3. Desp. 390 – 11. It is reported that the Flying Squadron will heave to outside, and send the smallest vessel in for a few hours; if yes, no coal will be required, and I think this the more likely as they are to sail round the Horn for economy's sake. Our stores are getting low again. we have no draught beer or porter, nor has Dean either. By the C. Brown he received 120 hhd. ale, and sold it in a few weeks. We are hard up for many

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Secretary
London.

things in common demand,
women's pay, hacking, and such
things more particularly.

Captain Sollitt of the
Beacon was commissioned by
Captain Purvis to see how the
Company was getting on, and I
am happy to say that the for-
mer intends to send a most
flourishing account, both from
his own observations and from
what he has heard from others.
The Governor spent four days at
Darwin Harbour in the Beacon,
and as he took long rides every day
in saw much of our land and
stock, and was favourably impressed
with the improvement. The visit
was opportune, as he was about to
compile the Blue book return,
and on his return wrote me the
enclosed note about the opening of
the dipping, which I fully answered
as per copy. This answer he is
going to put in the Blue book,
and it will, I hope, be a great
advertisement and raise the price
of shares. Have you seen yet the
report of his tour last December,

or last year's blue book? I should like to have them, if published.

5. In Mr. Berhand's letters to me you will observe that he asks for several things from home which please supply by first opportunity. I enclose a list of 29 men who have left or are under notice since the last arrived per Athole. The lambing is going on so splendidly that we are almost certain to start next winter with 10,000 sheep, and I can therefore see that there will be a necessity for the eight shepherds Mr. Berhand asks for. Smith the carpenter has also given me six months' notice, and therefore you will please ship a handy joiner, accustomed to rough work. And I hope great care will be taken to secure good, steady, shepherds, married preferred. The lot per Athole were so bad that you cannot help improving on them.

6. There has been no shipping since my last except the Three Graham, which paid her account in cash. The Tacna is to sail this week for Swansea.

7. The Colony is at present visited by an epidemic of the nature

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of influenza, together with scarlatina, sometimes accompanied by diphtheria. Six deaths have occurred lately, and nearly everyone in the place has suffered more or less. Myself fortunately being an exception or you would not have heard from me, as the malady causes total prostration. Please remit an a/c. of John Goodwin £20 to Thomas Goodwin, Town Hill, Langpher, Dumfries and an a/c. of James Kilpin £4 to Bridget McGuire, King St. Castle Douglas, near Dumfries. Mr. Kipp having been very ill cannot grant orders, as per the Governor's note of this morning enclosed.

O. Remit a draft on Ker. Cowan for £220 and one for £10 by the 1st Lieut. of the Beacon. The Beacon's bill to be remitted by next chance should exceed £200. I have had to borrow money lately to meet the disbursements of ships, as money is coming in slowly, through the absence of the sailing populations.

Q. Have felt some anxiety respecting the debt due by Mr. Bertrand's late firm to the Company but believe that I have been able to make a beneficial arrangement. Mr. Switzer, who sailed for England in the Alice Graham, brought down from Buenos Ayres in the "Uncle Joe" 2000 sheep, which he sold to Mr. Dean. It appears that he obtained assistance in this matter from Mr. Littlejohn at Montevideo. by false representations, making him believe, among other things, that he was still a partner. Upon Mr Littlejohn hearing the truth about the affair, he got alarmed, and appointed Mr. Bell his agent in Turner's name, being backed up by the Governor also. It also appears that when the property was sold, which it was on a long credit. Bertrand and Switzer gave a lien over the whole of the stock and property existing on New Zealand and over what other property they might otherwise be possessed. Therefore as soon as the

first draft became dishonoured
my position on behalf of the
Company would be a bad one.
Under these circumstances I
reviewed the remarks in your
~~letter~~ desp. 382 par. 7, and my
own agreement, and decided that
a departure from the instructions
in the former would be obviously
to the advantage of the Company.
The matter was arranged this way.—
Mr. Berkand has undertaken
to give up his own farm, as soon
as it can pay its liabilities, and
will accordingly devote the whole of
his energies to his work in the Com-
pany's service. Therefore I am no
longer encouraging a speculation.
Mr. Dean buys sheep to the Extent
of £220, draft for which I enclose
to Dr of Directors. Mr. Berkand
leaves the financial management
of the affair to myself, and agrees
not to spend a penny on the
estate without my permission,
has given Mr. Stolmeister orders
to address all produce to me,
and finally, has engaged a
gang to kill off about 600 or

300 Bulls. In consideration of which, I have agreed to make up the balance of amount due Little John viz. - £221.6/. and having already remitted all my spare cash drawn on the Directors for £411.6/ I omitted to mention that £200 have yet to be received from the purchasers of the Dairy.) The estate is now in good working order, the sheep are the cleanest in the Islands a lambing and shearing are making it more valuable, and it can be worked at little expense I think, though I have not of course guaranteed any further payments to Little John &c. Mr Mountcastle is in charge, and is expecting a little money from home, will you find out if he is likely to get it? I have told the Directors before, that it has only been in consideration of Mr Bertrand's position in the Company's service that I have assisted him to such an extent, and I certainly think that when they become aware of the great improvement in their property, they will hardly think it misplaced. I presume that they

are not desirous of obtaining a footing on the West Falklands otherwise this estate could be bought for less than its value.

I am, Sir
your obedient servant
Edwd. E. Cobb.
Colonial Treasurer

Encl.

Per French on first mail.

1st En. 206 Smith on Woodhead £10.
" 210 Deans on Deans £220.
2nd. 207 Finlay on Schroder £74.12/6.
Copy do. 63. 63 A. 64.
Extract from Cobb's agreement
Copy lien on Berkeley's property.
3rd En. 205. 6. 7.

Per English mail.

2nd En. 208 £10
" 210 £220
3rd " 207 £74.12.3
Governor about post Off. on outer mail.
Cobb to Governor 16. 20 Sept. 13 2 Oct.
Men left on leaving employ
Copy Cash Bk. 1st Qr. 4 Sept.
Stanley Ledger Balance 30 Sept.
Store cash 8 Sept. 1 Oct.
Stanley wages Return
Produce Return
Shipping List
Distribution of Books &c.
Governor to Cobb 18 Sept.
Cobb to Berkeley G. Letters
Berkeley to Cobb 3 Oct. Encl. to Govr. Encl.
Copy lien on Berkeley's property.

Per Isaac. Falkland Islands &c
No. 65. Stanley 3rd Nov. 1869.

Sir.

I beg to inclose the Isaac's account and Bill for £

2. This vessel has absorbed so much cash, that I have hardly enough to carry on with, and unless I get in a good sum this month I may be obliged to draw; but this shall be averted if possible.

3. Since the sailing of the Isaac on the evening of the 1st nothing of importance has occurred.

I am, Sir.
Your obedient servant
Jeard Cook
Colonial Manager

Enclosures.
Isaac's outfits &c.
1st Ex. 211. £266. 1. 1.
2nd " 208 . 10. 0. 0
" " 210 . 220. 0. 0

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Secretary,
London.

Notes on Darwin Books.

The cash being now remitted to Stanley, the entries must be made according to the pencilled form in the Cash Book.

Boyes' account is incomplete, and must be closed. Also Williams & Childs' and cash order, or particulars of debt sent in. There is a mistake apparently of £35.18/ against the Company in Isaac Richards' account, which requires explanation. McGowan the carter is credited with an allowance for living in double fleeced shup: the other McG. being credited with the same amount.

Great care must be taken in charging every one with the goods he may purchase in Stanley. Also Joseph Thomson charged with 3 bottles whisky, for which the Government could fine the seller a heavy amount. Was this an error in the Stanley Store or Darwin?

The ledger is kept for the purpose of showing the Darwin accounts, and its condition must be considered unsatisfactory. Testimonials to character, and an account of horses' colours, are very well in their proper place, which this book certainly is not: nor is it to be used as a memorandum book as to sizes of wages, &c. Let it be kept as an account book for

R. M.S. Beacon. Falkland Islands.
No 6. Stanley, 6th Dec. 1869.

Sir,

Your despatch 392 was received on the 7th ult. and per Lotus and No 393, together with your letter of Oct. 12, on the 23rd ult. per Soaker. Captain McCully having made another extraordinary passage of 16 days six hours, having thus sailed two of his three trips from Montevideo in less than seven days. As the Beacon never leaves on the return journey before the 15th you may always be sure of catching her by the Pacific mail, but the letters must be sent to our agents as there is no through bag yet established.

No. 392 - 2. The constant remittances I have kept up for the last few months will doubtless have pleased the Board.

No. 392 - 3. Despatch 386 arrived by the regular mail and, although I omitted to mention the conveyance, the receipt of No. 345 would, no doubt, show you that the Beacon had delivered the down mail.

J. Colomar Esq.
Secretary
Londan.

auction from £50 to £200 in stead of £21.

2nd 392 J. Stonemasons receive here 8/1d per day and there are only two, and they are difficult to get. I think that the inducement of a free passage to a place where labour is scarce and wages high should be sufficient to get a mason to bind himself for three or five years commencing with £9.10. pr. month or £79 per year rising yearly to £84, £90 & £100. and to undertake to work for the Company in Stanley and the Camp in the latter case with meat for his consumption. When not required for the Company I could let him out for 8/1d per day and in that case would allow him extra pay at 1/. per day; just as I give Higgs whose wages are 8/1d pr diem, or £10.16.8 pr. month, 1/2d for each day he works on a ship, charging the latter 16/8d, and allow Sharp the blacksmith whose wages are 7/. or £9.2/. 2/6 pr. diem on ships and for steamers, charging 21/. He must

be made to understand that in case of necessity he may be called upon to perform duties outside of his trade. I do not think that a good carpenter would work willingly at less than £10 10. 0 per month, the pay the merest labourer gets at Stanley, now you would do well to engage a really good workman at this rate for five years deducting of course a sum equal to £30 over the five years for his passage out. There is one available cottage at present, let at £12 p.a. but if Shadamacon Schools build two or three more on our town allotments, which have plenty of good stone close at hand, and could let them easily at the above rent. Labourers in the Camp should begin at £40, increasing to £60: practical shepherds are cheap at £45 to £60.- I told you I gave Goodwin £65, rather than lose him. On the West they pay £6 to £7 per month. When a

man has become acquainted with the Camp and the system of working he is worth three new hands. I have convinced myself that my condemnation of Coben Shepherd was too sweeping, for I am bound to acknowledge that when really good, they cannot be improved on. So we are now thinning out the tinkers and hawkers from the crowd, some half dozen men are showing out to great advantage, and it would be unjust to them to include them in the race. I refer especially to J. Godwin W. Fell, J. Campbell, D. Patterson, Andrew Bell, G. Rae, and Peter Reine besides a few others.

D. 392 – D. I will send to Stanley for the money, and report what he says about his sister.

J. 392 – J. Captain McCully says the boat is very leaky and almost run out. From his description she will want shortly such an overhauling that I doubt whether £20 will give her. The papers of Lot 5 in 39 are as accurate as can be made, excepting in the wages which

wanted after the London crew is paid off be reckoned as follows, the rate given on board the Tower and in Montevideo:-
Mate £10.10/ @ £7. Boat £5.
Seamen £3.10/. @ £2 per month.
The wear and tear and depreciation will fully cover carpenters labour and cost of new rope and gear of all kinds.
and keep the vessel equal to new if care is taken to repair everything however trivial the moment it becomes out of order. Messrs. Schmidt & Julian will tell you about port charges and in the event of any being imposed when freight is carried, is it not possible to intercede our Home Government to make an arrangement with that of Montevideo, on the ground that the privilege of carrying goods to the islands cheaply would benefit the whole Colony?

10. 592 — 10. Have carefully

considered your proposed mail table but think it unacceptable and still think the undermentioned table a better one. To gain the mail contract in the first instance we must show that we can deliver the letters and replies in less time than at present. Not less than 15 days should be allowed in Monte video for loading and discharging cargo, and, in my opinion, the time I have allowed 21 days is sufficient for the service she will have to perform in the islands, as the steerage space is almost exclusively used for carrying between Stanley and Darwin. The great disadvantage in the case of steamers is the length of time it takes to receive answers to letters between England and the Falklands and I hold an opinion that we should do our utmost to lessen the course of post if we can see our way clearly with profit to ourselves. Further, that to this steamer wants some regular trade, as she draws too much water for many of our harbours. To explain my table,

I may mention that with a three days' stoppage at Rio I arrived in Montevideo on the 10th July 1867 in the evening. So that with the accelerated service we may anticipate the arrival of the Southampton Steamer on the 8th of each month. The two days short in February must be allowed for.

Dep. Stanley	Arr. M.T.	Dep. M.T.	Arr. Lond.
15 Jan.	25 Jan.	29 Jan.	1 Mar.
Dep. London	Arr. M.T.	Dep. M.T.	Arr. Stanley
6 Jan.	8 Feb.	9 Feb.	19 Feb.

Letters Coming again to Mont.

Stanley to England 15 days
England. Stanley 12 "
Replies to Stanley Letters of 15 Jan. received 19 Apl. 94 days
Replies to London Letters of 6 Jan. received 1 May 113 days.
By present system, replies to Stanley Letters of 1st Jany. received 29 May 1867 days
Replies to London Letters of 8 Feby. received 1st July. 143 days.

No time would be
to Montevideo 15 days
" Falklands 24 to 26 days.

11. 392 – 12. I will see about the horse, at present I believe he is running wild. Nov. 16. The extensive repairs the Fairy has had, increased her value about £100. She has been sold for £700 since I wrote about her.

12. 392 – 17. Had a letter from Messrs. Nicholson & Sons approving of the course I took with Captain Roberts, and hoping that the draft for repairs would be at not less than 90 d/s. Have always made a practice of drawing ships bills @ 30 d/s; but as owners may complain of having to pay Cargo amounts before they can settle with the underwriters, will the Board object to, say 60 d/s. for sums exceeding £300 and 90 d/s. over £700?

13. 392 – 27. I enclose a list of Stanley prices, amending that forwarded to Admt. Stanley. The reduced charges are as sanctioned by the Board 12½% off retail prices, a list of the persons enjoying this privilege is enclosed. Mr. Ernest

told me that he had been promised his shares at cost price before he left London, and asked down after he arrived, if he could have them so. I replied that I knew had had that privilege granted to him by Mr Forster and that not to take it away; but that, as it had been expressly refused to me in London, I had determined that the new shareholders should be on the same footing as all of us; however that any promises in London should be complied with. I have in the meantime given him the permission he asks: but perhaps it is not unreasonable in me to ask that I may at least have the same privilege myself as you have bestowed on one of my subordinates.

14. The flour for Conrad costs within a fraction 15/ per bag, or 1½ per lb. and is sold at 22/ per bag.

15. 393-2. The list of men leaving on Oct sent last mail will explain the apparent mistake. Shaw send the missing Camp Returns with regret for the oversight

16. 393-3. Sam obliges for the permission to retain the fees of Lloyds Agency and shall certainly not allow it to interfere with my other duties. Our increased shipping business has been the means of sending home good remittances, as mentioned in par. 2. and we are running so short of space and wood that I must ask you to execute the enclosed order by first possible opportunity. 393-4

17. I don't care about engaging Sparkes if he comes to Stanley, there are Marines are only half and half workers.

18. 393-5. I quite approve of the new agreements - perhaps it would be well to mention that in the Camp beef or mutton is supplied free. Nov. 6 The list of immigrants is herewith returned.

19. 1853 — 6 The Governor read me Earl Granville's despatch authorising him to give me the land. I have already had 1000 acres surveyed and am going to hand over the land Orders this week, when I shall get a plan of the ground. I believe I can now get as much more of section B as I want. I was a great success getting the government reserve included in the purchase — fortunately happen to be on good terms with the Governor. Your letter to Earl Granville was admirably clear and convincing; but would it not have been better to go in not only for section B. but for the other four sections held under the '49 Proc.n as well? — Now that we have set aside part of one proclamation, I am going to attack that of 1861 and ask the Landowners to join with me in petitioning for an extension of the leases viz. from 10 to 20 years.

20. 393-7. Scarcely look upon the £900 for the mail service as a subsidy, and think that at least double that sum would be earned, and the thing would pay well, by sending out by steamer every two months a small assortment of measurement goods, of which I could always keep you well advised - Numbers of little sundries sell off directly the vessel arrives, and we have no means of getting a fresh supply until six or eight months have elapsed, and although they aggregate a considerable sum, they are not enough to make up a cargo. Mr. Byng tells me the passenger average during the year three first class each way which would at £7 give £42 per trip or £252 per annum; but some years a wrecked crew or two are sent up, which raises the receipts a little. I think more passenger traffic would go over, if the Tasman had a better name for comfort. I know from painful experience what she is. Mr. Byng says the present grant is £800 per annum, and he

does not think it would be exceeded. but we might get £900 by delivering the West Falkland mail in Port Howard by means of a cutter stationed in Brenton Loch.

21. 392 – 9. I will endeavour before the Town leaves to send you the required drawings and specifications.

22. 393 – 10. I do not quite understand this paragraph; the net proceeds in London are intended to be represented by the Brokers account sales less freight, insurance (marine & fire) landing wharfage &c. expenses and the commission (I presume 2½%) charged by the office for attending to the business, in fact every expense incurred after sailing from Stanley Harbour. I took most particular care to keep the purchased produce separate, as you will have seen. As to the rent as the sheep are nearly all on leased land, I don't quite see the meaning of your

question, and nothing was said as to the rest.

23. 393-11. You wish an old shepherd to be put on a farm on shares, as an experiment; this has already been done in the case of Greenchilds, and I think is likely to prove successful from what I hear of his probable clip. Par. 12. I will do my best to carry out your wishes with regard to the charts, but must ~~in fact~~ the Board that I am a very bad hand at surveying or mapping.

24. 393-13. On speaking to the Governor about the Emigration report, and suggesting additions, he told me that they had already gone home. I will go into the matter as soon as I have time.

25. 393-14. Mr. Dean's collection of Skins had accumulated since March 1868, he got over 1000 from Pebble Island, and the remainder from Sedney Petaluya, Turpin, John Summers, Varella, and Mr. Bull's farm. He generally outbids me for produce; but having most of these largely in debt to him for stores at high prices I suppose it pays him.

The Penguin oil will not keep more than 12 or 18 M. Dean tells me and he regrets now having given way to the sealers. I am most disappointed at the delay of the iron houses, it will now be by a great effort that we shall get the sheep into Laponia before winter and until that is done the scab will never be cured. I thought that my despatch 42 would have shown you that my order for 15 tons tobacco was not exorbitant on account of our own requirements, and those of other people. It seems a pity to run the thing so close, when the want of tobacco to dip the last few thousands may upset a whole year's work and I do not think it was economical to trust to my being able to buy some of Mr. Deane's surplus tobacco - there will be a great demand for it, and he is sure to put on a profit of something like 50 per cent.

26. 393-15. Saw Mary
Lee not leave the house to-day
for Barbara Smith, as that
role does on anticipation to Mr.
Dean for his West Falkland visit.

27. 393-17 Have received
a letter from Mr Williams thanking
me in the warmest terms for lend-
ing him rent and remitting the
amount, £20. He is now in
Flats with Mr Watson. Capt.
Parks is there also and, when the
Town left, was on the point of start-
ing the Jan. schooner Isabella to
convey sheep.

29. Capt Brown of the Ship
Ned the mess of Dundee from
Baker Island has received permis-
sion of the Company for repairs
which will be finished to-day. He
came in with two lower masts
main topmast starting with main
main topsail yard, fit to go
to sea, and the rest of
the yards and mast sails blown
away. I shall get her hull to-day
or tomorrow, and expect it
week £30. We have run quite

about 9 feet through this ves-
sel, and I cannot sell second
hand ones at any price, as ship-
masters wont look at them.

29. Referring to the remarks
in my despatch per Foam about
Mr. Bertrand's estate, I determined
to see for myself what sort of a
state things were in, and ac-
cordingly went to Shallow Bay
in the Antares about a fortnight
ago, taking two gangers to
White Rock to kill hides on
the reserve, and landing there
six horses, which I have hired
out to help those already at
Shallow Bay, at £2 per head
per month. At White Rock
the cattle are very numerous,
and I anticipate getting a
large number of hides there.
At Shallow Bay Mr. Holmes is
at work, and appears to be
putting ahead as fast as he
can. He has already all repairs

ments for shearing and dipping. and although the house is badly erected and the place is not as forward as Mr. Switzer used to represent, he is able to say what no other person can in the Falkland's, that he is perfectly free from scab, which speaks volumes in favour of the estate. He possesses about or over 3000 sheep, and in the winter has a very large number of wild cattle on the land which will yield a good return of hides. With this lambing and shearing I anticipate that the estate will be able to prove itself in a good position, and I believe it will pay well.

30. We met the Beaconsfield Pebble Island and Shallow Bay, she has been out on another excursion with the Governor; this time surveying at Salvador & Pebble. Mr Dean tells me he is going to pay the Governor for the island at once, by bill on London.

Mr. Dean has an advantage in the West Falklands in having land both at the north and south. Through sending to his station at regular intervals, he is able to take goods with more punctuality and cheapness to other people there than I can, and this is one reason why I wish we had land on the other Isl.

31. Shearing is now going on at Darwin, and I anticipate a capital chip - The Gauchos are in Lafonia killing, and will have the hides ready by the time the vessel arrives.

32. The Governor has had the offer of Prince Edward's Island, and is to leave very shortly. In some respects he has done well; but is slow to act, and undoubtedly amenable to bribes, or something very like it, as he will receive all the presents any one may offer. I consider that the

receive at Darwin Harbour coal
me a good dinner party, and the
Company a calf, two lambs, and
a little fresh butter.

33. The Beacon has coaled
from the William Hand, and
taken 62 tons, for which I remit
a Navy Bill. Why does not
Dean send out any coal? She has
none fit to look at, and so I
hope to coal the Zealous on her
return. I see the Glasgow is the
new Pacific flag. ship, and hope
that the Admiral has received
information about the Falklands.
Perhaps you might have a chance
of sending the Wood by Dean's
coal ship.

34. I am going to send the
Lotus sealing next week, nomin-
ally to the coast of Patagonia,
but Captain Pain wants to try
South Georgia, and will most likely
go there if the crew agree. I am
happy to say that Pain showed to
good advantage when outside Stan-
ley, and seemed very careful and
cautious to get along quickly.

35. The Lohes brought down 32 horses alive, having lost only one on the passage, a most fortunate thing, as they were on board three weeks. The horses are stated to be exceedingly well chosen: but I have not yet seen them myself. They seem to have cost about £15 each but I have not yet closed accounts.

36. I requested Messrs. Schutt & Lilian to pay the Lohes's accts. themselves instead of handing Capn the money, naturally thinking that as agents they were the safest persons to make disbursements; to my annoyance they wrote me, he (Capt. Cain) applied to us for money for shipments, and we stated to him that he could draw on us the Bills and we would pay them, but he said he would prefer to pay them himself, as we could not deny him as Master of the Ship the necessary cash for his disbursements.

to clear our responsibility, we informed him of your instructions, and he felt offended with you. H. & and they gave him over £10 in gold. Now knowing from experience how every shipmaster tries to get the better of his owners in the matter of discounts, prices &c. I thought it best to leave the whole business in the agents hands; but it seems they did not care for the trouble. The turnips I sent up were mostly thrown away as unmarketable, although Major Munro has told me several times that they are considered great rarities, and much esteemed.

PS. I omitted to mention that the Stanley wages returns to 30 June went per S. Saltram. At the time the Isaac left, the monthly wages had not been paid.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant
Edwd. Cook
Colonial Treasurer

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List of persons who have stores at reduced prices
Camp wages to 30 Sept. 1866.
Order for spars & wood
List of persons sent out since 1859
Cash vouchers for November
Stanley Shipping Report
Duplicate of last despatch
List of Stanley prices.

2nd En.	211.	Jackson on Steel	£366.1.1.
1st En.	212	Smith on Woodhead	" 10
"	213	Story	" 186.
"	214	Pigott on Road	" 5

P.S. Since writing the above I have to advise a draft on Directors @ 30 d/s. for £35. order of J. McDonnell Esq. which must be put against purchases of hides per Victoria Gatham.

Falkland Islands Company.

Present prices at Stanley.

Flour per barrel	14/. @ 46/.	
D° " bag (Chilian)	22/.	
Biscuit	3½d @ 5d lb	Navy Cabin
Tea	3/. @ 3/6	"
Coffee	1/. @ 1/6	" Raw roasted
Sugar	5d @ 6d.	"
Currants	6d	"
Rice	3d	"
Salt	1d	"
Tobacco	3/. @ 3/6	"
Cheese	1/6	"
Butter	2/.	salt & fresh.
Milk	6d	until April. then 1/. per 6 ans.
Beef & Mutton	1d per lb.	
Pork	1/.	"
Potatoes & Vegetables	1d @ 2½	"
Wine	35/. @ 45/. doz.	
Brandy	40/.	"
D°	16/.	gal.
Rum	5/6 @ 6/6	"
Beer	£7	Hhd.
Ale (Bass)	12/.	doz.
Coal	60/.	Ton
Whisky (Kinahans & Dunvilles)	25/.	doz.
Cigars	21/.	per 100.

Jean C. Cobb.
Colonial Treasurer

Stanley. 6th Dec. 1869.

To Mr. S. Beacon. Stanley, 7th Oct 89.

Dear Sir,

I am going to answer if I have time your letter of 7th Sept. & 12 Oct. but as it is now 6.20 a.m. and Stanley jumped out of a white chalker and ran down. hills at 2 a.m. on returning from the farewell to the Beacons at Port Stanley. I don't expect my ideas to be very brilliant. You see this is written on dispatch forms. I have several times written for letter paper but Stanley always sends note, of which we have of course a surplus stock.

I think from the way the races have turned out you'll about the right age they will not be worked till next April or May.

I am glad you are sending a specimen which will complete my yacht suit. I received the Waterwitch for want of a better inspiration. There was another race on the 9th Inst. which she began with flying colours. The course was from Government House to a boat moored down little way beyond the Narrows: back to Port Stanley. There were six behind at all events but by fourteen minutes & the rest being Port Stanley yachts [illegible] a month after by fourteen hours

It was blowing a gale of wind from the Westward & dead down the harbours, and the Beacon's cutter on hauling round the mark boat swamped but as the men had each bailed it didn't matter. The way my boat beat back astonished everyone, as all had predicted she was only fit for light weather. My gear, being carefully kept up stood well while Bailey's boat lost nearly all her rigging and the Victoria carried away her main gaff. Can you give me any particulars of small steam yachts and launches, especially the latter as to price. Anchors more especially, also say whether the screw would be likely to get fouled by the Falkland Island kelp.

As to the Foam the whole thing is a mystery; but I have Byrne's authority for saying she was sold. but the tailor couldn't come down with the money, so his wounded spirit was healed by the gift of three free trips to & fro with cargo. "Sold within weeks" — they say the tailor has done the finest stroke of business.

soon all carried. Williams has still to make one trip, which it appears he makes over to Farmer whose goods from London are lying in Montevideo - Sartes Mr Cully has try to avoid bringing anything down, which he did. Bull and Turner foam with rage at being kept out of their goods all this time, and a petition to the Govr. for damages was sent in - the matter referred to Mr Cully for whom I wrote a yarn indulging somewhat freely in sarcasm, concluding by saying that he did not in the least regret having hastened the mail, even at the risk of offending so highly connected a person as Mr Jackson Surveyor of Lath Buildings. This stumped them.

He said in his despatch Pim certainly rushed himself in going round the islands Like to give every one his due, and was surprised at his activity.

Now could you hear Travis was coming home, when he had not made up his mind till shortly before sailing. I doubt if he will come out again as he said he wouldn't on the same salary. Mortimer would then have very much

It is difficult to anticipate the
weather - the weather in the
Bay has a good deal to do with
it. You will be surprised to receive
so many per S.S. The reason
just that the Lakes draws too
much water, she has been aground
each time she has been to Dar-
win Harbour but taken no
injury - nor will she come along
side the Quay wall. Unless we
get the mail traffic I should
recommend selling her in Chili,
where people say she will fetch £3000.

You say now that the scab is
cured - don't run away with
this impression - it cannot be
called cured until the sheep
have been on clean pasture 12
or 18 months - The disease is so
far cured that it has not been
fatal this winter. Mr Berland
has come round to the colonial
opinion that it takes 1 shepherd
to 1000 sheep and these fine
rich 40,000 sheep we are now
undermanned.

Samuel Campbell came for Francis Child
he is a capital shepherd, and have
already asked for his brother.

Wasn't it odd our going in for the
Land question both in London & Slaney
at same time? That was a lucky
hit about the wreck. The Governor is
certainly a peculiar man - he is a
most agreeable companion in private
life. But I must say a fool in
public - fond of flattery, and led
by the nose when he does take to a
man. I certainly don't respect him.
It has been so generally noticed that
the people who give the best dinners,
and give the Governor presents to get on
best, that I admit having gone in
for a little plum pudding to gain my
ends. I gave the best dinner on record,
and had all the ladies to it - the
first time a bachelor has ever done
so here. I gave Mrs Robinson a
pet lamb & when the Govt. were
at Rawiri got him the best horses
to ride, had a calf killed for him,
the has a sea house for veal) also a
lamb, and - what follows? - I got
him to surrender a Government reserve

James Campbell came for Francis Child
he is a capital shepherd and I have
already asked for his brother.

Wasn't it odd our going in for the
Land question both in London Harry
at same time? But was a lucky
hit about the arrears. The Jews is
certainly a peculiar man. He is a
most agreeable companion in private
life. But Sunset says a fool in
public — puts up flashing, and all
by the ears when he does talk to a
room. Seriously don't expect him.
It has been so generally noticed that
the people who give the best dinners
and give the pleasantest parties to get on
best, that I admit having gone in
for a little plum pudding to favour my
ends. I gave the best dinner on record
and had all the ladies to it. At the
first time a bachelor has ever done
so kind. I gave Mr Robinson a
pet lamb and when the poor man
at Cannon got him the best bonne
bouche, had a calf killed for him.
He has a nice house for rent about a
mile, and — what follows? Sent
him to surrender a freehold tenure

on which a building had been already erected in ignorance. It might have been ordered off. I don't say one thing is the consequence of the other, but there are parallel cases in abundance.

I wish you had sent out my Italian escutcheon for book plates for home or foam. I am in a little difficulty, as no one understands 'Italian.' Please give me all the news about the German consulate. I am most anxious about that.

I wonder if copying ink spoils coming across the line. I am very unlucky with it, but perhaps the new paper will set it right.

By the by, I didn't tell you that the Govr. has granted my yacht a warrant to fly the Colonial Ensign.

Letter of 8 Oct. Unfortunately my cockatoo, for which I ordered the cage, died a few months ago. If only one pair of boots comes

per Victoria please send two more. As to clothes, Sam in rags having, I don't know why, received only one suit from my tailors since the whole. I suppose Sam has regular a paymaster.

Could not give you an idea of the S. I's sailing. Her passage out could not judge, and going round to Darwin you w.d have said no record c.d sail worse. She was only up the gulf in that she touched up. She was a long time, nearly a fortnight, delayed in getting to Darwin, so her work was got thro' pretty well, after all.

Can't alter my opinion of the boilers because Dean says it sucked G.H. how it was and he said his father (it being October) could get no other. Sam loath to pack you more blue officers because they cost such a lot - but Dean has for C Brown Esq his own 20 pounds V.G. and the colony has been out of them for months

the American consul sought to have reported. He is the quaintest thing out, the most original Yankee I have ever seen.

Dean's Pebble Island ought to pay him £200 a year.

The S. S. took Rook & Lago. I don't remember the Chilcaut Sound chart being sent out — not in my time I think.

On the land inside Fairy Cove I keep the cattle tethered for the Gauchos, as they come in from outside — You shall have as many plans per steam as I can get ready — Be it known, petty, I was under the impression that you must have had long before Seaman plans of Darwin establishment, and more especially of the Stanley land and building, distances from & depth of water.

P. P.

I did my little best to get something out of the blue jackets

gold lying to get it into my
safe the first night, and was
pretty well obliged for it too.
The Governor took possession of
it, as a right. What an idea
about gold as distinguished from
other modes of property, and could
the Captain have done what he
liked with it?

San Juan Cove refused to let
Bull's goods - every delay and check
is a serious matter to them, and I
should like to see them bought now
as the Governor seems so anxious to
shove them on. Where they get
the money I don't know. Last
Bull insured his life lately for
£2000. as 41 yr. old (or within 2
yrs of this) he is believed to be
at least 10 years older.

My hut with Captain Couch is
over - he felt certain of getting
home in 45 days but appears
to have been 50 already. Sur-
rounded in my deepest thoughts
your letter of 12 Oct. arr? 23
Nov. with the mail.

I have just breakfasted, and seen the Arcanic blue fever flying, so must hurry up.

I hope you will not forget the seed for the fruit keeper I want to lay down a paddock for hay and as an experiment say about four acres - present soil very thin, with clay and rock underneath - So there any chance of doing good? If so, please send instructions and seed.

Love, Dear Sir.

From truly

Edw. Elliot.

J. Coleman, Esq.

P.S. Several more deaths have occurred from the epidemic scarcely any but myself have escaped it. So it not singular that I have never had a days illness in the Islands, although I have taken care of many! I attribute it to abstaining from spirits and drinking tea.

Per Rd. S Thomson. Falkland Islands &c.
No. 67. Stanley 9th Decr 1869

Sir.

I have the pleasure to hand you the Rd. Thomson's acct, with dft. for £471. 5. 6. which Capt. Brown requests to draw at less than 60 d/s. I have also to advise my draft on the Directors for £43. 17/. for 9. Captains Brown, in payment for sundry stores.

I am, Sir,
your obedient servant,
Jean. L. Foote.
Colonial Treasurer.

Enclosures/

1st Enc.	207.	Brown on Thomson	£471. 5. 6
2nd.	211	Jackson on Shut	266. 1. 1
2nd.	212	Smith Woodhead	10. . .
.	213	Sapy	186.
.	214	Pigot on Read	5.

Disp. desp. 66.
Rd Thomsons acct.

Falkland Islands Co
Stanley, 10th Dec 1869.

Dear Sir,

I have received your letter of 7th Dec and am sorry to know that you cannot trace the rumour about Mr. Bull to a reliable source.

I have not yet spoken to the Governor about the occupation of Section 38, but have an appointment with him tomorrow, and you may be sure that the matter will be properly arranged.

The sheep nothing will not arrive by the Steamer "Tolima," and I find I was in error about the iron houses, which are to arrive per the Company vessel as well as the sheep nothing. The Tolima brings three of the tanks and a portion of the shipping materials viz:- 3 Hhds Tobacco 60 Keg Lnl. Flour 30 jars Tarsoil 75 drums Spirits of Turpentine - the remainder is to come by our vessel. She was to leave London

at the end of November, and therefore will most likely be ready for the cargo by the beginning of March, getting home I hope for the May sales.

I mean to send the Lily to Darwin in about a week time, so as to be back here before Christmas day, with about a dozen lambs for the Butchery. We have two ewe lambs on the other side, and I shall send them to Darwin with their mothers by the first schooner.

James Watson has been talking to me about his horses, but of course I know nothing about them - he says they are not fit for the rodeo and that the shepherds have better horses - all I can say is that I hope as James will be given of plenty the rodeo break up

again.

When you write, please give me details of everything that is going on. number of sheep shipped, condition of wool, &c. in fact keep me so well posted that I may always get the first news of anything from you.

Sam informes that the sailors of the Beacon killed a sheep at Swan Inlet, with the sanction of one of the Company's shepherds. I should like you to enquire into this, and reprimand the man, as under no circumstances should any of our men take upon themselves to allow strangers to kill the Company's stock; and then the thing was made worse by the man not reporting it, so that the ship could be charged.

Regret exceedingly to inform you of the death of Rattler.

Sam, Dear Sir.

Yours faithfully

Geo. E. Cook.
Colonial Manager

W. H. Bertrand Esq.

Falkland Islands Co.
Stanley. 15th Dec. 1869.

C. H. Williams, Esq.
West Falklands.

Dear Sir,

I have received your letter of 6 August, and have obtained the sum of sixty Pounds (£60) from the Governor, for which I return my thanks.

Mr Enes spoke to me the other day about the renewal of your Licence, saying that no doubt, marriage, that an application should be accompanied by another payment. Under the circumstances, he agreed to grant the renewed Licence, upon my guaranteeing payment on your arrival, which I had much pleasure in doing.

Hoping shortly to make your acquaintance, and with an offer of my services, I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully.

Chas. E. Cobb.
Colonial Treasurer

Falklands Islands &c.
Stanley. 15th Dec. 1869.

Henry Halaren Esq
Port Howard.

Dear Sir,

I have received your letter and am sorry to learn that the want of your goods has caused you much inconvenience. However as I was obliging Mr. Dean, who was on board the Lotus, in purchasing an Ox to meet the Governor he has done me the favour, in return, of promising to take the things and to go from Port Howard.

I have had some young cows landed, and could spare you a few, if you want them.

Mr. Bonner reports having seen a vessel in the Sound; I presume therefore, that either your brother or Capt. Packe has arrived.

Yours Dear Sir,
very faithfully
Edward Lobo.

Falkland Islands
Stanley, 15th Dec. 1869.

Messrs. Stirling & Baillon,
Port Howard.

Dear Sirs,

I beg to enclose invoice of sundries forwarded to you per Southern Cross, as ordered by your Mr. E. Baillon in his letter of the 30th ult.

Should you be in want of any Chevist rams, I have had a small number reserved, beyond those required for the Company's use.

I am, Dear Sirs,
Your faithfully,
Jas. E. Cobb.
Colonial Manager.

Falkland Island.
Stanley, 15th Dec. 1874.

Mr. Jas. McClymont,
Christmas Harbour.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Dean having asked me for Wool Bales, I beg again to repeat that I have no order on hand from you for any and also that I shall have none until the Company's vessel arrives towards the end of January, when I expect a large quantity of the kind wanted in the Australian Colonies.

If you are in want of any young tups, I am having some saved from the cutting.

Another mail has arrived, but still no news of the money you wrote to me about.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully
Fred'k Cobb.
Colonial Manager.

Falkland Islands Co.
Stanley, 16th Dec. 1869.

Dear Sir,

David Smith goes out tomorrow for six bullocks, our last supply having been consumed.

I think I might arrange to exchange Port Louis with Mr. Turpin for Mr. Lee's land; but have a difficulty in being able to establish a dairy elsewhere. The place at Port Louis forms a useful nursery for rearing tame animals, keeping cows for the Stanley Dairy and brings in something in the course of the year in Butter. It is also desirable to have one cattle station at least, near Stanley, on account of the sudden demand we sometimes have for beef.

It is all right about the Fitzroy Land, and the Governor will not take official notice of the breach of the proclamation.

I should like to know the condition of the house on section 48 (north of Mount Pleasant) as

W. A. Bertrand, Esq.

I intend to take up the freeholds of that, and Johnson's section this summer, if the houses are fit for the Surveyor's inspection.

I am in a difficulty about the lime, as I only have one puncheon left. For what purpose do you require it? In sending in an order for materials, please always state to what use they are to be applied.

I shall be glad to hear how the Gauchos are getting on in Lafourie.

Wm. Dearden,

Yours faithfully,

Jno. Cloop.

Colonial Surveyor

Falkland Islands &c.
Stanley 7th Dec. 1859

Dear Sir,

The accompanying letter would have been taken out by David Smith but his wife is still in a precarious state.

Please forward the buttock with all despatch.

The Lily must be back if possible by Thursday next with from 15 to 20 lambs. I have told Campbell he is to go to whatever creek the best lambs are to be had from, (Teal, Mackinnons or Bluff,) if he does not get them from Davis. Please see to his getting a good selection, fit for the Butchery.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully

Jas. E. Cobb
Colonial Treasurer F.I.

to W. Bertrand, Esq

Falkland Islands &
Stanley, 20th Dec. 1869.

Dear Sir,

I believe I have not yet acknowledged receipt of your letters of 23rd Sept. and 6th Oct.; having had nothing of importance to communicate.

I confess I am unable to understand the reason why you made secret arrangements about the sale of your hides, and the conveyance of your stores, when you were last in Stanley. It would appear to me that in your position, established as you were at Port Louis by the Company, in debt to them, and under a verbal agreement to sell your hides to them, you have acted in any thing but a straightforward manner. Your generosity, I should have thought, would have prompted you not to conceal your affairs from me.

Mr. R. Greenfield. If you find

Falkland Islands
Stanley. 21st Dec 1907.

Dear Sir.

I have received your letters of 14. 15. 17 & 20 Dec.

Is the netting formerly at Darwin quite worn out? There was some I remember by the Matilda in Sept. 1907, and I sent some more out last year. You shall have the materials as soon as the Falkland arrives.

I have not ten bushels of lime left in Stanley

I am sorry to hear of the death of a horse. but could expect to lose a few. time is picking up fast.

You have all the wool bales at Darwin. There were 300 for Victoria Jackass and 200 for Port Howard if I remember rightly. so if you think already you will run short it is a good sign.

Send me in the empty medicine bottles, and I will refill them

The boilers ordered for Shallow Bay are not being forwarded from England, and I could not disappoint Mr. Heffernan after promising him to get them. Have I made any error in my books about Sauce Watson money? I have only £1.10/- down, but your order is for £1.17.6

The sheep have arrived in plenty of time it is help we are short of, and that cannot be helped.

The manor keeps from burning the cook house will make it necessary to take some extra precautions against fire.

If Patterson leaves work before his month is up he must be prosecuted. Shew you won't let him come to Stanley until he leaves altogether. If a man gives a months notice to leave, it is absurd to suppose that his employer can spare him

a few days' holiday, during that time, to accommodate him.
Unfortunately, having served him 3 years he is now entitled to a fortnight. Jean as plainly enough that the parson-farmer's visit to Darwin has done this - I complained to the Governor the other day about the way he sneaked out.

I am afraid this impertinence may be brought on through Smith the carpenter having retained his dog, and set us at defiance - It would be a good plan I think to take away the little luxuries the malcontents may have - for instance, say to Smith, "You keep your dog; good; but while that dog lives at Darwin you have your allowance of meat weighed out, the Company won't allow you a cow any longer, you must give up your garden to someone who will obey orders better than you" - When you are independent of carpenters, I should like you to try the effect of this.

I am glad to hear of the excellent

shipping, and that the Gentlemen are getting on so well.

I should be sorry to lose David Smith, as he is nearly the oldest hand on the place, having served the Company almost from the beginning.

Your ap. to Dr Rae Christie shall be paid -

Enclose an open note to Greenshields, which you can close after reading.

Sam Dawson

Yours faithfully

Alex. Cobb.
Colonial Manager

Please forward the note to Mr Wallace - Transport Shetland ? Lost Pt. Simpson Today

Cobb
Col. Mgr

Per Foam.

No. 68.

Falkland Islands &c.
Stanley. 31st Dec. 1869.

Sir.

Since writing per Fred Thomson I have but little to communicate, having since received no advices from London

2. I forward you this time the originals of Mr. Bertrand's letters which I have not had time to copy. Please return them by first chance. The last two I have copied, wanting them for reference. In the one of 26th Oct. you will notice that he asks for a number of things for Camp Bay, which will be noted in the next indent I send home. Before next mail I intend to be out again, and will endeavour to find out what is absolutely necessary. The narrow escape from burning down the men's cook-house at Camp renders it necessary that we should take precautions as soon as possible. To house

J. Coleman, Esq.
Secretary, Treasury.

I have

at Clarence is more than
200 feet from the sea, and
so that there would be no
difficulty in getting water in
case of fire. I should recom-
mend your sending out a
moderately strong engine for
Clarence, and Schuits like
one for Stanley as well. As
to deliver a good jet of water
200 feet from the beach is what
I want here, so that I can work
out the Butchery premises
fully effective.

3. I sounded yesterday
evening headreach of 13 feet at
low water, beyond the end of
the present jetty, and found
that to get this depth it will
be necessary to push out 200 feet
further. I send a rough sketch
to explain my meaning. The
present jetty is giving way in
the foundations part, the worms
having done their work, and iron
[illegible] will [illegible] ... [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

we have now only 6 ft. at low water and some vessels hardly like to ground their wheels. What I should like to have, if not too expensive, is a jetty 100 feet and all go to 18 feet wide on iron cais-sons 20 feet apart, with a galvan-ized iron warehouse at the end large enough to store a moderate sized cargo, so that we might have to do without another hulk We could then discharge our own cargoes much more quickly and should have better facilities for warehousing cargoes of baby vessels. I would have by me shew you all of course Perhaps you can get an idea of the expense from the plan.

4. I can't understand how mail bags could be sent out that we have room for the new pens. See Mr. Bathurst's letter.

5. Capt. Neill a gentlemanly land letter me his own hasty design though of establishing a line of steamers round the Horn via the Falklands. I omit to say

Morrison the Enclosed, which
please forward.

C. Thomson Bonard & Co
are agents for the Guañape guano
as well as the Chincha's; if we
get their agency, a bulk will
be indispensable, as few guano
ships come here that are not
leaky.

I With great regret I
have to inform you of the
death of Rattee on the 10th inst.
of chronic inflammation of the
bladder, which has made him
a martyr for many months.
It is impossible to estimate
the loss he is to the Company,
he was the most faithful servant
they ever had - As overseer of
the mine he carried on the work
in a way no one else could.
was a most dashing, go-ahead
man on the water, and ahead
all, was always the same whether
his master's back was turned or
not, - always pushing on:-
indeed he laid the foundation

of his complaint in the "Lily" cutter, which he used to run in all reaction between here and Darwin. He was much respected in Stanley, and a large crowd followed his funeral. He has been with the Company almost since its foundation, and as he leaves a widow and six children, I have thought it well to give Mrs Ruttle his pay for a few months after his death to mark my appreciation of his worth, and as an encouragement to others. I should certainly recommend the family being pensioned, as I think it would have a good effect on our steady men. if they see that the Company recognize the efforts they make in their service.

I am Sir.

I. I refer you to the enclosed original letter from Mr. Bourg, which will enable you to obtain from Messrs Donaldson £10.5.6 - for clothing supplied to Capt. White, as "Moderation," which the Government will not pay for. I am Sir.

Your obedient servant

Edward Eagle.
Colonial Treasurer
F.I.C.

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Per French mail.

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