Per Golden Land. Falkland Islands
No 69. Stanley 3rd Jan. 1869 1870

Sir,

Owing to a continuation of the strike on board this ship I am able to forward some returns I could not make up owing to the Crew sailing on the 31st

2. I sold the horse belonging to the Zoological Society of London, at auction for £8.5. which you will please pay to Mr. Sclater. (per 5/3d auctioneers commission.

3. I enclose a copy of the Governor's letter surrendering the Darwin Harbour reserve, and (if the ship does not leave too early) a tracing of the two acres.

4. I have got subscriptions for restoring the Darwin Library, and hold cash to the amount of a little over £30. which I should like you to expend in a suitable collection of books, if it is not too much trouble.

I am, Sir,
your obedient servant
Lieut. Cook
Colonial Manager

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Stanley. 3rd Jany. 1869.

Dear Sir,

I wrote you a few lines by the Foam inclosing a suggestion for a Contribution for Mutter, which I now send a duplicate.

With regard to the Canning Library. I would suggest your getting Scott's Novels. Burns Poems. and any other standard Scotch work you can think of, some works on Horses. Bulwer, Lytton's Novels. and other good ones. old volumes of All the Year Round. Charles Dickens. Thackeray and Household words. as they are in the old Library. Can't you get up some sort of a grand idea. like the Liverpool Penny Reading Society.

I should like to try the experiment of cultivating oysters if you can give me any hope of success; perhaps Frank Buckland would put me up to it. I don't see why they should do well. We have quantities of clams. If the Zoological Society would entrust me with the care of some live stock for acclimatization I should be happy to do my best. Know the fact of being more out in the Camp. and. I flatter myself. taking more interest in the Colony than the Governor. I should be more likely to succeed I think - only don't let the animals be any that would injure the grass or burrow. Rabbits are a great nuisance. Grouse or partridges? Pheasants? Hares? Would they be likely to do?

If I can manage it I am going to see what can be done with fish this summer.

Will you tell Gilbert to send me "Land & Water" and discontinue Punch. the latter is really getting very poor.

Wishing you the compliments of the season.

I am, Dear Sir.

Yours faithfully

Jos. E. Cobb.

J. Coleman, Esq.

Falkland Islands Co.
Stanley. 4th Jan. 1879.

Sir.

In reply to your letter of yesterday. I have the honour to inform you that I shall be prepared to pay the rent for Mr. Waldron's station in the course of the present month.

I have the honour to be.

Sir.

Your obedient servant

Alex. Cobb.
Colonial Manager

Henry Byng. Esq.
Actg. Colonial Secretary.

&c. &c. &c.

Falkland Islands &c.
Stanley. 6th Jany 1874

Sir.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Excellency's letter of this day's date. and will endeavour to Explain how the coal has run short.

About three weeks ago. when Mr. Byng was enquiring about coal, Dr. MacClinton and another gentlemen happened to be in the Store yard. and I asked them to estimate (as a matter of curiosity) the number of tons of coal in the heap. Dr. MacClinton authorises me to say that he guessed there were 30 tons, I thought not more than 25, my delivery account showed that 32 should still remain.

I am Sir
Your Excellency's
Most obedient
Humble Servant
Governor Robinson.
&c. &c. &c.

Upon my calculation 7
25 tons. I ordered the
Storekeeper to receive 10 for
the Government. 5 for the
Company, and to dispose
of the remainder, and he
accordingly sold 8 tons to
different purchasers. Then
it was noticed that the
heap was growing small,
and I prohibited the delivery
of any more, until the
Government had received
their 10 tons. still under the
impression, from the size of
the heap, that there was
enough to satisfy the
requirements of the Government
and the Company.

After four tons had been
delivered yesterday, it became
apparent that not more than
three tons remained: and the
Storekeeper, therefore, in my
absence, very properly stopped
the delivery of any more.

Your Excellency is, doubtless, aware that it is difficult to estimate the weight of a quantity of coal in bulk.

The coal account having been correctly kept, it follows that either

1. The full weight was not landed.
2. Previous purchasers have had more than their weight
3. There has been robbery, or
4. The coals have lost weight through exposure to the weather,

the latter of which I think the most probable.

Had the Government taken coals when I first spoke about them, they could have had from 30 to 50 tons.

Had they taken them a month ago, they could have had from 10 to 15 tons.

Had I not spoken at all, the probability is that they would have none, instead of four tons.

Under the above mentioned

circumstances, so fully explained, I regret to say that it is out of my power to supply any more house coal, until the arrival of the next vessel from England.

I may add, however, that I have a large quantity of the best quality of Welsh Steam Coal, which, I hear, is highly approved of for kitchen purposes.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's very obed. servt.

Jno. Lee.

Colonial Manager

15th Janr. 0.

Sir,

I beg leave to draw Your Excellency's attention to the following circumstances.

By the Doane in September last I forwarded to Montevideo, as usual, my most important letters for transmission to England by French mail. By some mischance, which is only too likely to occur, as long as the letters have to pass through so many hands, they were not forwarded by that opportunity.

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

15th Jany. 0.

Sir,

I beg leave to draw Your Excellency's attention to the present very unsatisfactory provision that is made for forwarding letters to England that require unusual despatch. A letter for the French mail I am obliged to send to my agent in Montevideo, and as it has, when posted here, to pass through the hands of the British Consul, it has happened more than once, that my letters, posted in the

legitimate way have been delivered just an hour after the closing of the French ~~steamer~~ mail although they arrived the previous Evening, and by letter just received I have the mortification to learn that my communications to the Comp.y and to Lloyd's have been anticipated by others which had the good fortune to get on board the French Steamer.

As long as the letters have to pass through so many hands such mischances of this kind are likely to occur. And I hope that your

Excellency will therefore consider the propriety of making up a bag here for the Brazil or first steamer. It to be landed directly the Soam arrives in Montevideo, or if necessary, to be put on board the steamer herself.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your Excy's very obedient servt
Chas Ford.
Colonial Treasurer
Agent for Lloyd's.

Falkland Islands
Stanley. 25th Jan. 1870.

Sir.

I understand that the master of the Cutter "Rose" lately sent in a return of about 300 lbs. copper bolts under the head of "wrecked property."

I questioned the man as to where he obtained the copper, and he answered "Prong Point."

There has never been a wreck on Prong Point, and I learn on good authority that it is impossible to land there. Moreover, it is our Lively Island, the Company property, so that by his own showing a trespass has been committed.

Further, I am informed that the only wreck from which copper can now be got is that of the "Coquimbano", which pieces are lying in different places on the

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

shores of Falkland Sound.
This wreck was made over
to me by Capt. Miller, R. N.,
and the crew of the Perseverance
have been in the habit of
bringing in portions of the
copper whenever they have
been in the Sound. Mr.
Stephen, lately in charge of
the vessel reports having
left a quantity of wood with
copper in Port King, when
last there.

There seems to be pre-
sumptive evidence in favour
of this copper having been
removed from the wreck
above mentioned, the cutter having
been cruizing in the Sound.

An opinion seems to be
held that wrecked property
belongs to anyone who may
find it, and as many de-
predations have been com-
mitted that it is time a
stop was put to them.

shall be glad if your Excellency will advise me as to the best way of getting at the truth in this matter.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your Excellency's very obed.t Servant
Jos.h Coop.
Colonial Treasurer

Falkland Islands 6.
Stanley, 27th Jan. 1870.

Sir,

I beg leave to draw Your Excellency's attention to one of the inequalities existing between the several Land Proclamations of 1849. 1861 and 1867.

2. The proclamation of the 4th April, 1861 was notoriously a failure, and is, I believe, admitted to be one of the worst ever framed. By imposing the erection of a house on each section it tended to encourage a system of "small farming" which was soon proved to be a fallacy, and Your Excellency's own Government appears (judging from the West Falkland proclamation of 1867) to have acknowledged that it was so. This, however, is

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

however is not the object of the present letter.

3. By the proclamation of 31 July 1849 land was leased for a period of twenty years; in 1861 the new proclamation reduces this time by one-half. But in 1867, when the proclamation of 24th June was framed, Your Excellency appears, as in the case mentioned above, to have seen the error committed in 1861, and again fixed the term of the lease at twenty years.

4. It may be urged, that the proclamation of 1861 provides a remedy against the landholder being deprived of his land by granting him permission to purchase the whole of it, before his lease expires; but I should say, in

reply, that the person who thinks it would pay him to expend £2000 on a single section, after only ten years occupancy, must be of a more sanguine temperament than I can give myself credit for.

5. There would be no difficulty or irregularity in extending leases from ten to twenty years, as a precedent has already been set by the proclamation which doubled the time for stocking the West Falkland Lands, and as the alteration would injure no one, but on the contrary be of advantage to the Colony. I hope that Your Excellency in Council will take the subject into consideration, and provide by proclamation for the extension I ask for.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your Excellency's very obedient Servant &c.

Ed. Lloyd.
Colonial Secretary &c

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To
Jno Stone

Sydney 6th

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of
the 1st 2nd 3rd & 4th Volumes of Surveyor Mundy's
Journal

2. 394 2. Should cows are now lying
in the Custom House, Melbourne, they have
been there ever since the Lucia the Town
then behind much to the disgust of the
who actually sent a Steamer over to
them, however they will now come forward

3. 393 2. In the looking into the
accounts amount is £3. which is to be
deducted by Duffy in the Darwin bill

4. 392 3. Enclosed are Jno Stones
papers.

5. 396. 2. The reason why Mr Cobb
did not send you a duplicate for Mungeras
is that Mr Eyre Stanley without any notice
whatever being given, Mr Cobb saw on the
bill board the settlement at the time and on
looking

To Coleman Esqr
Secretary
&c &c &c

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Lancaster at St 21st February 0

Sir,

I beg to confirm dispatches No 90 per Steamer of 20th January last dated 3 February.

On the 21st the United States ship "Lancaster" Rear Admiral Lanman arrived, she merely came down on a pleasure trip & has had a fair share of her Canvas & fresh meat, though Lieut Colburn says you may be sure he can easily draw one being also the Vice Commercial Agent he had a great advantage. The ship wanted no coal, having sailed the whole way from New York via Madeira and Sic.

Mr Cobb is still in the Camp but I expect him in Stanley to day.

The Fairy has arrived with a full cargo

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Foam.

5th March. 0.

Sir.

I beg to confirm Mr. Travis's despatches numbered 71 & 72, per Seine and H.M.S. Lancaster respectively, duplicate of the last being herewith enclosed. I arrived from the Camp in time to visit the American Admiral and officers, and to receive the Victoria Cashew; the Lancaster leaving for Montevideo a few minutes after our ship's arrival, I had only time to send you a few hurried lines before I went on board. Despatch 39 & has arrived in order.

2. All the passengers were well, and all the Cheviot sane alive, although I regret to say that two of Mr. Stichney's sheep died on the voyage. The carpenter appears

J. Coleman Esq.
Foreign Office.
London.

to be a good headsman, but rather delicate. Mrs. Cooper was hardly expected to live out the voyage at one time, but managed to pull through. The Victoria Latham made a passage of 69 days from the Plate; Captain Macey went quite to the mouth of the river, and it would be worth while mentioning to shipmasters coming this voyage that I have noticed that Captains who take this track always make good passages down, while those who keep to the eastward of the Plate for fear of pamperos, almost invariably meet head winds.

P. 398-2. I will do my best with the Sea Witch; Capt. McCully still takes no action with regard to her, but it is reported that the Brig "Hamil-ton" is on her way to carry on the cargo. I enclose an open letter for Messrs. Sinclair

and Boyd.

6. Par. 3. In the case of the Brig Bernhard, I recommended the Captain to note his protest at the Solano's office. He appeared concerned and said that he had always done it at his Consul's in other ports, & therefore did it for him. You say that by English law consuls cannot draw up protests, but Captain McCully says the English Consul has drawn up his protests at any foreign port he has been to. While on the subject of Consulates I may mention that I find some difficulties arise from my limited knowledge of the German and Italian languages: could it not be arranged that my correspondence should be in French or English. You have sent me the wrong German play. I am entitled by the regulations to the one used on board men of war and a ship master would not understand the ordinary merchant play

to denote the Consulate.

5. Par. 4. I regret to hear that the wool is wasting. This time much care has been taken with the back. and I think the wool should fetch a better price. I am not favourably impressed with the lambs this time, the horned sheep are not so well thought of as the polled, and the general opinion seems to be that the shipment by the T. T. last year contained the finest animals yet imported. I await however Mr. Berlan's report. That the Cheviots are superior to the Leicesters in enduring changes of climate appears evident from the result of the voyage.

6. The discharging is going on really well, we have worked Every day but Sunday since she arrived, (8 days) and

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little remains but the coal and birch.

I spent rather more than a fortnight in the Camp since the Foam arrived, and was able to make a journey of nearly two hundred miles in Lapponia.

The wool this year, although showing a good increase will not realize the hopes that formed early in the spring. The tobacco dis warded off the scab and kept the wool on during last winter, consequently we had no deaths; but during the spring it appears to have made some havoc among the wool, and I do not anticipate an increase of much more than 100 bales, although Mr Berthand places it at 150. This I base on the average weight of the bales last year. — in reality the new press makes a difference of about 100 lbs. each

the old weights, so that the number of stake will be no criterion. The wool will have no tar in, and will, I think, be in better condition. All together, looking at the result of last year's operations the improvement will be found more marked than during some years past The grand part is established, viz:- that you can save the sheep's lives during the winter, and seeing that the deaths have been at least 6 or 8 per cent this year than last, the Directors will understand that the dipping has not been thrown away. The lambing has been an unusually good one, in one flock amounting actually to 111 per 100, and although owing to the hurry of getting the shipment ready I cannot send the stock returns

this mail, these figures when made up will look promising, as I confidently expect to commence the winter with more than 10,000 sheep.

2. Among these sheep I believe we have about 10,000 ewes going to the ram this autumn, some of which are getting very old, and I propose to sell off some 2000 if we can get a good price. I have already mentioned the matter to Mr. Doan, who wants to put that number more, and he appears willing to take them @ 25/. a head which is an excellent price; but he has to refer to his father. Sw.d suggest selling 2000 full mouthed ewes, i.e. between 6 & 8 years old, and 25/. in my opinion, would be an outside price for such a number. I would not sell young sheep at that price, or indeed at all.

J. It appears evident that one shepherd to every 1000 ewes and one to every 1500 wethers is the necessary proportion, as numbers get cast on their backs just before shearing, and the moment this happens their eyes are taken out by the johnny rooks. It will be apparent to the Directors that at shearing time, when a quantity of men are wanted for the shed, a number of shearers must be kept unoccupied and sheep untended for the time, and just when the fleeces are heaviest and the animals most prone to fall over. Mr. Bertrand's expectation of being able to manage with a smaller proportion of hands has proved delusive, as he himself admits. By next lambing — October this year — we are likely to possess far over 50,000 sheep, and should therefore have by September

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Mr continued

by September eight to ten good shepherds. The qualifications of a shepherd are as follows:- He should be able to shear, castrate, and assist a ewe to lamb, as well as possess at least one good dog, which he can work well. A general knowledge of sheep such as is learnt only by experience he should also have. How many of the so called shepherds &c. Diggar hampered us with could pass muster in the above, produces thirty, very few I think; but I am glad to say that a number are leaving on the 1st of May. Of the labourers from Old Basing we have more sufficient, they are excellent in their way, say for digging peat, quarrying stone, sod work, and all rough jobs, but have no knowledge of sheep. I hear that Mr. McCall's brother in Scotland could find some good shepherds. and you would do to send over James Campbell's relations, he is quite one of our best shepherds.

10. The shed at Darwin is now too small and some forty bales have had to be moved over to the settlement to make storage room for the last of the ship. I think that the best plan will be to build an addition of iron, as cheaper and more lasting than wood, and if I have time I will send a drawing of the old shed. I was thinking of adding to it this year, but refrained on account of the lapse.

11. I just learn that the new bales are too small for the press and will all have to be altered. It appears singular that as the press only came from England last year the size of it could not have been taken. You will see the correct size in one of Mr. Merchant's letters. Switch too were sent by the first vessel. The West Falkland people require a considerable number, as they do not press yet.

12. I learn that Mr. Green shields sheep, having clean land, are doing very well. He wishes his wool sent home on joint account, and will not sell his share.

13. My route through La. Jonia was as follows: from Darwin to Dos Lomas, Slope Cottage, Mr. Rigulta, where we remained the night. Dos Lomas is the southernmost boundary of the "rodeos" of lame cattle, which extend through Tranquilidad up to Slope Place. The state of the cattle gave me great satisfaction: they reflect credit on David Smith, our chief herdsman as they are tamer than any cattle in the Falklands, and are beginning to get up the Company's name for good beef. The Directors will be gratified to learn that they now number nearly 11,000 head, and in a year or two's time I think they will be a source of profit, as it will not only be possible but Expedient to kill and boil down a considerable number annually.

At Stop. Cottage is a flock of Ewes under A. McDall. They are doing as well as any of our sheep, but must eventually be removed to properly clean pastures. Manigata House is a fine building, but much out of repair. This was at one time the boundary for the tame cattle, before Mr. Lane allowed them to run wild. The land down as far as Port King is as good as could be wished, and well watered at present, though the country appears to be getting drier every year. Went all round Port King, and was pleased with the spot. From Port King to Kate Dawson Station the land consists of large swards of singularly finely grassed country, but a want of water is the drawback here. At Ruggles Bay there is a good fresh water creek, and it might make a fine station, though rather exposed. From Dawson

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Mr continued

Harbours turning eastward the land becomes poorer, and in some places soft and baggy, with balsam bay prevailing. On one of the little harbours in Eagle pass we pitched our tents the second day. It strikes me that from North West Arm to Flour Harbour a wall built across would enclose a nice little cattle station, though its distance from Stanley would necessitate boiling down or salting as the means for disposing of the surplus stock. On the third day we struck northward, and skirting the Bay of Harbours camped in the evening a few miles north of Saturday Point, Eastern Jason Sound. On the east side of Lafonia the country is better, and if the sheep should not find the extended down that side, there is nothing remarkable in the land which is for the most part neither good nor bad, though

Solveau Harbour has some good features.

On the fourth day we passed by Low Bay, a port well watered and sheltered, but appearing the objection that the harbour is a dangerous one. From Low Bay I passed round by Victoria Harbour, inland of which there is good pasture well watered and sheltered, and it is here that we are going to meet two of the iron houses and found a stud flock with the best ewes and imported rams. From here we went to Bodie Creek where the latter are herded together with the other rams. I am glad to say that all are looking well and in prime condition, - being on clean ground there is every hope of them remaining so. At Bodie Creek are the imported horses, which hardly appear to have improved since their voyage yet -

Every care will be taken to keep them alive during the winter, which is likely to try them. From Bottle Creek we reached Darwin on the evening of the fourth day.

The general idea I gathered from the ride was that we should aim to keep the east side for the sheep, the west for the cattle. I also came to the conclusion that the wild cattle are more numerous than they have lately been estimated, and my guide C. Smith concurred with me. I think we can safely estimate them from 20,000 to 25,000, and I also think that with a good staff of gauchos a fine thing may be made of them next year by driving a number into some inclosed point and hailing them down.

11th. I have purchased about 150 hides from Mr. Bonner at 20/- for bulls and 13/6 for cows - (receiving back 2/- per hide. Here the number is 147 and the cost £125.19/-) these are in payment of his share account which his agent Mr. Dean refused to pay for him. I have also purchased

the Saint's sealing cargo, amounting to £ 2211, and consisting of furs @ 17/6, lions @ 6/6, hair seal 2/3°, oil 2/6° per gallon which will all go home in bank and no more of it be lost. Mr. Dean made largely by his furs skins port. Brown. I have 100 hides from Greenchilde, and shall collect some from White Rock, also wool from Shallow Bay. The Lobos was reported by the Saint as doing well on the coast, and I hope to have her cargo in time. Altogether I anticipate sending besides the seal, about 2000 hides, 2000 sheepskins, skins and oil say £1500 to £2000 upon Lobos arrives, 9 casks of good tallow, and a quantity of bones and hair which will make up our cargo, and we shall also have the Missionaries, Baillon's and Waldron's wool on freight. This collection, made in about six months will not cause the Directors to accept having sent the vessel early.

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Mr continued.

15. I am unfortunately completely out of salt, and the worst of it is that I can buy none in the Island. The consumption of this article with the revival of sealing and the extra number of cattle killed off has quite exhausted stocks. I have inquired of Mr. Dean about the salt he obtained from Montevideo, and learn that although rather more expensive than that obtained from England it was of very good quality. I have therefore determined to send the Eliza to Montevideo upon her return for salt and shingles. We have two cwt. of the latter, and I was disappointed on my late visit to Darwin to find how many roofs require reshingling. All seem to be going to pieces, and the people are complaining a good deal. The allowance of salt is a hundred bushels, so you may imagine how many tons are used in the course of the year.

16. — Mr. Verhaud wishes to establish a dispatch Fitzroy and Port Essington, and you will observe, asks for boilers. I am not however inclined to sanction the expence although there would be some advantage in it. I shall not therefore wish for more than two boilers more for Darwin Harbour as six appear to be the necessary number. Owing to the late arrival of the Hunter we cannot get more than a small proportion of the sheep into Lapoinia this year.

17. I enclose copy of my letter to the Governor about Leases which he has not answered yet. I am glad to say that he admits the justice of my letter about purchasing land, and his despatch to the Secretary of State, part of which he read to me, will remove all difficulties on that score.

18. With my late purchases and the money supplied to

receive. I have not yet been able to pay the monthly wages; I am therefore obliged to ask you to remit the following remittances:

Joseph Thomas to Thomas Walker, Castle Douglas. King 4 l. Sliver and Light shire £6.0.0.

Donald Mc.Donald to Allan Stewart Fort Simon, Fort William, Inverness. £6.0.0.

Next month the cargo will be bringing in money.

19. We are short of house coal in the Colony, Dean having received none per Isabella and as he shall want some things for the Flying Squadron, and cannot infect a heavy cargo, I am going to send you an indent for readily saleable goods and necessaries which I hope you will have funds to receive. As an instance of the way liquors go, I may mention that Dean has no ale or stout left of any kind, that I have sold 20 hhds. of Ale already, and that Guinness's stout is actually all sold! An indent I fear I cannot

send today, but will prepare it for the homeward sailing on Monday.

20. I had intended to write my annual report this time but the rapid passage of the S. S. has prevented me. If in this despatch I have omitted any subject I should have entered upon, steps may be ~~incurred~~ incurred for the same reason. It is right that I should mention, not by way of boasting but simply to show how I have been occupied, that through this being the ~~h~~ homeward first cargo I have myself been superintending the opening of many cases and with the same assistant pricing goods as they came out, working some times in our shirt sleeves from early to late. By this means we shall get money in sooner but at the expence of a little time that would otherwise have been devoted to the office.

21. Mr. Deane's case against the American Commercial Agent has withdrawn at the request of the Admiral and Officers of the Lancaster. Mr. Powell called Mr. Dean in the course of conversation a G d d d liar, language somewhat unparliamentary for a man of his position. Mr. Bull however who amiably does his best to provoke all the fondness can, thinks the provocation warranted the insult.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
Wm. E. Cobb.
Colonial Secretary.

Enclosures.

Chas. Despr. 22.
Letters:
To Bertrand Jan. 4. 12. 15. 23. 24. 30. Feb. 1. 25. 26 29.
" Governor Jan. 6. 27.
From Bertrand Dec. 31. Jan.
" Governor Jan. 6. Mar. 1
Orders for Leeds) Jan. 5. 12. 20. 24. 25. 28. Feb. 2. 23. 24. 27. Mar. 1. 2
Jan. 22. 31. Feb. 38. 12. 22.
Three cards vouchers Jan. & Feb.
Cards Off. & Pl. Dec. & Jan.
Shipping List.
Produce & Coal returns
Letters for Sinclair & Boyd

No. 1.

Consulate of the
North German Confederation.
Port Stanley, 7th March, 1870.

Sir.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Excellency's despatch of 29 September, 1869, informing me that the Government of His Majesty the King of Prussia have done me the honour of appointing me Consul for the North German Confederation in this port. Feeling deeply sensible of this honour, it will always be my endeavour to carry out the instructions with which I may be favoured, and at all times to promote and watch over, to the best of my ability, the interests of German shipping and commerce in these Islands.

His Excellency
The Chancellor of
the North German Confederation.
&c. &c. &c.
Berlin.

2. I am in possession of the Seals of the Consulate, and also of the copy of my instructions. In accordance with Your Excellency's desire I forward herewith an inventory of these, duly certified.

3. The service oath, taken before His Excellency the Governor of these Islands, in the English language. I also have the honour to enclose. In case of need His Excellency's signature can be proved at the Colonial Office in London.

4. I have had the honour to duly receive Your Excellency's despatch of 20 November 1869. informing me that His Majesty the King of Prussia has been graciously pleased to allow me to retain the Consulate

of Belgium and Italy. and beg leave to return my thanks for this permission.

In all commands.

I have the honour to be.

Sir.

Your Excellency's most obedient humble servant.

Fred.k Cobb.

Consul in Port Stanley.

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Bernhard

7th March 0.

Sir,

The Foam having only left yesterday afternoon I have nothing to add to my despatch by her, except to enclose the undermentioned duplicates.

2. I send herewith a rough sketch drawing of the building I want for the woolshed, until I get particulars from Downing; but I send Mr. Bernhard's plan of the present building and should suggest your sending an addition to it 70 feet long × 36 ft wide, a single span right across, in fact quite a plain building; but I will send you more minute particulars by the next chance.

3. I wish to add to my incident of yesterday, six rolls of wire netting, 2 inch mesh.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant

Jas. E. Cobb.

Colonial Treasurer

J. Coleman Esq.

Sec. to Govt.

London. S.C.

Inventory of Property belonging to the Consulate of The North German Confederation in Port Stanley, Falkland Islands.

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1 Seal
1 Stamp
1 Book of Consular Instructions

I hereby certify that the above mentioned articles the property of this Consulate have been duly received and are now in my possession.

Consulate of the
North German Confederation.
Port Stanley. 7th March 1870

Ed. Cloo.
Consul in Port Stanley.

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Electric. 12th March 0.

Sir.

I beg to enclose duplicate of my last sent per Bernhard on the 7th inst. The master of this vessel is to settle his account in cash if he can, and as he has a broken leg I am he cannot come ashore, so Mr. Travis will take this off, and if he gets a bill will enclose it.

2. The Victoria Fatham has discharged all but the bricks, and will begin to load hides on Monday. Her cargo is not all open yet, so I defer my report.

3. I mention a few more saleable goods in the enclosed supplementary indent.

I am. Sir.
your obedient servant.
Wm. L. Cobb.
Colonial Treasurer.

J. Coleman Esq.
Sec.
London.

Stanley, Falkland Islands
14th March, 1870.

Sir,

I have had the pleasure to receive your somewhat amusing letter of Saturday last, from which I am able with regret to gather what you must have suffered, for a long time past; whenever stern necessity has compelled you to deal with the Falklans Islands Comp.y. Deep as my dejection must necessarily be at the withdrawal of patronage so distinguished, I am able to derive some grains of comfort from the recollection that, when on a similar occasion, the gallant Ensign Stubbs removed his name from Stobys books, poor Stoby still managed to keep his establishment afloat.

With the warm interest you never fail to shew in everybody's business, you are kind enough to inform me that my predecessor kept the Store "to supply the wants of the Company's own people, and a few favoured individuals", and you are still

Revd. C. Bull. R. A.
Stanley.

more hurt in warning me that I was "drifting" into this system myself. The allusion further on to my "unbusinesslike way of doing things" made no doubt, more in sorrow than in anger. I receive in the same spirit, recognizing the fact that a true knowledge of business can only be learnt safely by taking (or receiving) a degree, and lamenting that I did not commence my business life in holy orders.

In reply to your question. I am happy to inform you that the Co's store still remains open to the public, and that, far from favouring any persons, the Storekeeper has orders to serve everyone alike, subject to the following restrictions, viz. that he is not to give too extensive a credit to persons engaged in doubtful speculations, or to those who cannot pay their accounts when called upon to do so.

In the face of your assertion that you would have settled your account long ago, had it been rendered, Mr. Ernest informs me that he applied to you early this month, and that you replied that you had

no money. (the fact being that you had made a remittance by the mail). Further, that he ascertained, as late as Thursday or Friday last, that you were unable to meet your account. I have no reason to doubt the veracity of Mr. Ernest.

With regard to the public duty in the performance of which we are associated with your friend Mr. Dear, you know as well as I do that the Committee, as it exists, can never meet. I am willing to hand over the papers to any person who may wish to take the matter up, but must decline to have anything further to do with it as long as you remain on the Committee.

Desiring, equally with yourself to save unnecessary writing, I take this opportunity of drawing your attention to the very impertinent manner in which you dealt with a note of mine some days ago. That note, couched in perfectly civil terms, you returned to me with an order scrawled on the back. For your guidance let me tell you that a gentleman is not usually in the habit of returning letters to the writers. I showed the note as

I got it to several Government officers amongst others, all of whom considered your proceeding most improper. I, however, take a more charitable view of the matter, and am ~~more~~ inclined to attribute, to a want of good breeding on your part, that which in another person I should look upon as studied insolence.

You will excuse me if I decline to continue this correspondence, which can really lead to no good end.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant
Ted. E. Cobb.

Remarks on Stores ex Victoria Cachem.

Brick. These are an improvement on the pavions, but are not liked as well as the red brick formerly. I received a sample from Arnold. The small casks of Mena's Stout will only sell for family use, as they are too dear for publicans. The casks themselves too expensive. Silks are in excess of my order, as they only sell slowly. Oil. Skin coats from Cole arrived in good order. Stones Coal is considered to be better than before, as it does not give so much dirt in burning. Braids & Trimmings I wanted in greater quantity, all sold at once. People complain we never have any out worth mentioning. I should recommend your consulting the manufacturers. I know very little about millinery myself. Scarves. Mr. Davis's purchases are too loud for my taste. Spinnikers. I asked for a draft, having specially got some Navy Duck at a cheap price. Jams You do well to divide the order between Gillow & Morton, as some prefer one some the other. The Paris Exhibition is very well, but no one thinks of buying.

Wool bales as mentioned before are not the right size. Horseman's beds would have been very useful, but are not on board. Half a dozen would sell. Velocipedes. Cannot return the bicycle sent for me, as I did not order it, having a little regard for the safety of my life and limbs. Tea is satisfactory at last and the tinning of the cases very effectually preserves the flavour. The Shovels are very good except that they will hardly hold shovels. Tobacco. The quantity ordered is not sent therefore I cannot sell any though I have been asked to do so. Boots. It is complained that many have not the 1st quality mark on the sole, viz "Darwin, Cockburn". Horse Rugs. Too expensive for use at Darwin. The lowest quality from Hood & Hunt is the one we require. Locks. Those from Jowett are very badly made. Manilla is very dear. When

forwarding Crockery & Wine glasses again, please bear in mind that those received are far too common. Morton's Bloaters are preferable to Gillow's. Flannel sold at once. Complaints are made of Stones Soluble Chocolate, try Fry or some other maker. King's Concertina not right. he asked for Anglo-German, a more expensive kind. Russells Canvas is not yet well spoken, even the Royal Navy quality is called repairing canvas only - you should try another firm. Ink powder has not turned up. Cutlery as a rule too common, especially carvers and dinner knives. Oregon timber too expensive. There are no blind springs. Barclays porter poor Yates is almost sour, another brand should be tried. The Scotch Ale is not so good, and many bottles were broken.

Jas. L. Cook.
Colonial Manager.

Stanley,
31st March. 1870.

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H.M.S. Espiegle. 4th April. 0.

Sir.

Enclosed is duplicate of my last per Electric, and I now have to reply to your Des. patches 399 & 401 & duplicate of 400 received on the 27th ult. per Irene; the Hamilton has not yet arrived.

2. 399-7. Hope you will not fail to send out the shepherds I have already asked for.

3. Par. 8. Every care shall be taken in the matter of the Shallow Bay potato. I have lately received a further sum of £200 on the Fairy, the Perseverance is now picking up hides and wool from White Rock and Shallow Bay to the value of about £500.

F. Coleman, Esq.
Secretary,
Honduras.

and there is a great probability of her. Stolmeier being able to get a large quantity of hides, when the cattle are weak in the winter. Their expenses now are cut down to a minimum, and the amount just mentioned together with the anticipated remittance of £300 will materially reduce the account. The liabilities still are three payments of £444. 6/. extended over a year and a half. The rent to Government was £285, but I have pointed out the absurdity of keeping up so much land, and they (Messrs. Berkins and Stolmeier) agree to bring the acreage down to 100,000. With the constantly increasing stock there is no reasonable doubt that the liabilities must

be eventually cleared off: but I must say that the matter has been one of my chief anxieties and regrets. and that I was quite taken in by the plausibility of Switzer, who, by the way, I hear personally has swindled Mr. George Wilks of ~~Illinois~~ Ayres out of 1000 sheep and a number of horses (per "Uncle Joe") besides 10,000 paper dollars advanced to him. He sold the horses and sheep here. went to England per Alice Graham, without communicating with Mr. Wilks at all.

4. Par. 10. 23 tins of paraffin were undoubtedly delivered into the Store.

5. Par. 14. Most unfortunately the remaining case of Mr. Stichney's shipment got astray in the camp. but I hope it may yet be found. I believe they were the tenders for this country. but will ask the opinion of others.

6. Par. 16. If you consult the "Gala" you will see Steam launches advertised at a much lower price than the one you mention.

7. Par. 17. I enclose a copy of the San Fernando's Protest (costing £2.2/) I hardly thought it necessary to send it, as one or two copies would be in the possession of parties at home. The copies of surveys Mr. Travis forwarded in despatch 70, together with accounts. I am only doubtful on one point and that is the charge for blacksmiths work, for besides the contract, a quantity of odd jobs were done for the ship, and the man may have mistaken in some cases one account for another. Therefore, if any compromise is made, it should be in this part of the account. You would

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4. Par. 10. 28 tins of Paraffin were undoubtedly delivered into the Store.

5. Par. 14. Most unfortunately the remaining part of Mr. Stickney's shipment got adrift in the camp. but I hope it may yet be found. I believe they are two tenders for this country. but will ask the opinion of others.

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Cases from the surveys and correspondence that after the original contract was made, it was discovered on clearing away that more repairs were necessary, and I made a further contract with the Captain for £100. paying the carpenters by contract £70 of this, so that the profit was not over great. The mate would tell what extra work was done to the vessel; at all Events upon the papers you now have I fancy the owners should settle the bill, even if they kept the charge for blacksmith in suspence until the return of the mate to England. Among other things I remember a new stove pipe was put up, and a winch supplied at the mates request, although it was not actually necessary for the voyage. On these the blacksmiths work was of course extra.

8. Par. 18. The business of the Sea Wites has always been in Dean's hands. and is not likely to be transferred. Par. 19. I shall not buy the Ky. hanway coals unless at a very cheap rate.

9. 401 — 3. There was no strange oversight with regard to the size of the iron houses, as they are for Laponia, where the Government cannot prescribe the size of our buildings. As our leased sections are already built upon, and in the event of my taking any more up, stone or wood must be used according to proclamation, though a point might be strained, by calling an iron house a wooden building cased with iron.

10. Par. 4. Not having had any conversation yet with Sir. D'Arcy. I can only say that

you must not absolutely depend upon the Latter or any vessel making a passage quicker than 14 days, though taken altogether the passage would average 10 days with an Experienced master: I could not expect Capt. Cain to make an average of ~~less~~ less than 12 days.

11. Par. 7. On some goods we make a profit of 100%. perhaps 40% would be the average on cost price into store.

12. To par. 15 noted. Par. 16 Your warning about the tails came too late, the Victoria Sachem having all on board.

13. Par. 7. The Sabellite left Feb. 13. Capt. Turrell told me he would not know his destination until off Cape Horn. if he met head winds there he would go to Manilla otherwise he intended going to Valparaiso. About 3 weeks after his departure a 3 m. schooner in tow

was sent by by post the 2nd inst.

24 Par. 20. Send me the printed list of prices with a few notes. Some prices should be left blank, as they fluctuate so much.

15. The Gaiety has passed into the hands of Alexander Laws of Stanley, whom I have assisted to buy out his partner Wright (a lazy fellow) in the following manner. I have undertaken to pay Wright on Laws's account the sum of £375 @ 6 mos. from 26th March, taking a mortgage on 64 shares @ 10% for repayment of the advance in 12 months. Laws undertaking to insure the vessel at his own expense during the Company's liability. Circumstances, to be mentioned presently,

render it likely that the amount will be cleared in 2 months. If you will please insure the Fairy for 6 mos. to the extent of £400. (her value is £700) on the same conditions as the Lotus, i.e. all risks, whether sealing, wrecking, or any thing else. The premium is likely to be higher, as she is not classed, but she is a strong vessel: and her gear and sails are in good order. If necessary the insurance will be renewed.

16. The Pygmies arrived 24th ult. with Col. & Mrs D'Arcy. They seem to be agreeable people, but I have not made any official visit yet. The Pygmies takes supplies amounting to about £110, paid in cash. She does not coal.

17. The Lotus is still away, but I expect her every day, and as she being the only schooner on the coast, she should make a good cargo.

10. The Victoria Sachem has the whole of her Stanley cargo in by the 25th ult. but was detained in the harbour by a continued northerly wind until the evening of the 31st, when she got into Pt. William, and left the next morning for Darwin. Owing to head winds she came into sight again yesterday, but as the wind is N.W. today she will get to the Darwin ~~narrows~~. Owing to the bearings of this harbour, it unfortunately happens that a fair wind for Darwin does not allow a vessel rigged vessel to get out. A tug would have saved 6 days to begin with, and all the knocking about she has since had. I fear the S.J. will not take all our cargo home.

19. I am applying to the Governor for freehold on the other side, west of St Mary Bay to be paid for in land orders. also for 3 grazing licences over Stony Point.

20. I have bought. besides the Mary's sealing cargo (over £800) 100 hides from Kirk. 150 from Bonner. 100 from Greenfields. and expect 250 from White Rock. and have to provide cash for the Lotus's cargo. Besides this I have paid Mr. Baileys & Mr. Walsons rent (remitted home). so you will understand that you will receive by the Victoria Barham, what I might otherwise have forwarded by bills. and as I have no present cash to remit. Gov. Robinson asked me for a bill for £150. I gave him one @30/. for £100. he may be accept-

he was at the Coll. Office, as we part on very good terms. and he fully understands the questions that were raised at different times. Try to push that matter about the leases of 1861.

21. The Balcarres, barque, was lost on the coast of Sierra de Lucar on the — ult., and the mate with a boat's crew came over here in the pinnace on the 25th ult. She is high and dry in or near Thetis Bay having gone on at the top of high tide, and has a valuable cargo, which the Jairy. Sandham Rose and Louisa have gone down to get at 75% salvage. Mr. Dear has the agency of the wreck, acting for the Western Clubs in which she is insured.

22. As usual, when a man of war is here. I have hardly had a moment to myself, but can give you the following information in anticipation of the stock return and annual report to go for N.S.W. or Joam :-

Sheep shorn this year	27,742
Lambs (upwards of)	~~13,000~~
Stock of Cows cattle	3,529
Weight of wool, with a few stragglers yet to shear, exclusive of Quantities	£ 1304. 2. 6

23. The Express has depriv-ed us of all our Selection of ale and stout, bottled & tinned fruits, jams Sardines, Bottled Bass & Scotch ale & brandy, Cheese & Hams - If you send any, you should double or treble our last supply of jams & fruits. also Worcestershire Sauce. I have not in the face of your despatches, ask for anything yet, but may suggest to the Director, what 6 large ships preparing for a 60 days voyage are likely to want in comparison with the Express.

24 Mr. Hunt and I have not been on intimate terms for some time, but have now come to an open rupture. It occurred through my demanding payment of his a/c. (about £40) and ordering the Storekeeper not to supply him until he paid, as he was trading on the Co's money. He wrote me a rather impertinent letter, I replied in an ironical strain which so infuriated him that he treated me to five pages of the finest classical Billingsgate Shaw ever had the good fortune to see. I was urged to forward the correspondence to the Colonial office, but in consideration of Gov. Robinson's departure I have not done so, as you could refer it to him in London. The letters mainly speak for themselves, but I may make a few remarks on the latter.

passing over his coarse remarks about the "civility of a tradesman". I can draw your attention to the fact that I did not insinuate that he engaged in doubtful speculations, but the Revd gentleman finding a cap fitting him has lost no time in putting it on. The allusion about the greenhouse the carpenter made last year in place of the dangerous rotten one that had existed for years and about the Shallow Bay rotates are at least impertinent; the Greenhouse & pay unt for, and the rotate is in a fair way to pay for itself. Mr. Bull simply lies about the payment of his account, and about the note he returned - I enclose it as I received it, so that you can judge. At any rate he should not have given it to his servant. His use of the word "employer" is insulting, and the insinuation that he is asked to report on the Govt. doubtless a lie, but he is not prodigal of the truth. Gpor. Robinson admitted

that I had the best of the correspondence, and said he knew no one would look upon me any less favourably for being at war with the Govt.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
Earl Cole.
Colonial Manager.

Enclosures.

Copy letter to Sinclair & Boyd.
2 letters from Hall
2 " to Hall
1 " telegram about Rail.
Copy additional Indent
" Sandemanic protest. Receipt for money
Paid list returned
Disp. last despatch

P. S. As I have been in the Islands for more than half the term of my agreement, I shall be glad to know if I am at liberty to spend a month or so in the Pacific. I am not likely, by the way, to take advantage of the permission, unless I can get up by a man. of war. Herald

Remarks on homeward cargo per Victoria Gadsen. April. 1870.

The wool this time is contained in 359 bales and bags (I refer to the Company's and Greenfields's) the number is less than last year, but the new bales average from 3/2 to 3 3/4 cwt, and the gross weight is more, besides which there is no tar. I believe this wool will yield more than ours has hitherto done.

I send about 3000 hides, a very fair collection for less than eight months. Besides the Company's, I have purchased from Captain Packe, Messrs. Bowers Greenfields & Bertrand, and all are well salted and in excellent condition.

The seal skins & tail should do well at the price. They are shipped in unusually good condition. To get the hair skins at 3/3 & 6/6, I had to give 17/6 for the fur, but they are very good specimens. The oil is all in tanks so no leakage need be feared. I bought

it at 2/1d. per gal. casks in-
cluded. The casks I can
sell again @ 2/2d., therefore
the price is 1/10½ per gallon
plus the cost of emptying into
tanks and the sum charged for
cleaning them, as it appears
that you can retain them in
London. The sheepskins are
in good order and well dried,
and the wings of the ship
are well dunnaged to prevent
their damaging as they did
before. A quantity of shank
bones are placed apart from
the common ones. I wish for
a special report on the tallow.
The small barrels contain the
fat saved by the cook aboard
Darwin and rendered down
by him. 5 Casks Mercurial
Ointment are returned. Forty
bales wool from Shallow Bay
are on board. I bought this
all round at 5d. per lb., and
it should show a good profit.

Messrs. Waldron & Baillie ship wool on freight @ 50/ meast. + 50/o. Captain Parkis wool goes @ 1d. per lb. freight paid here. Mr. Waldrons hides + beef are @ 50/. per ton of 2240 lbs + primage. The missionary wool pays freight same as Mr. Malarm's.

The Shallow Bay wool is in bales of 3 diffrt. sizes, as I began to press here in Mr. Dean's press that which came down the last time; but I found that I saved so little space that it was not worth while going on.

I write this just as the loading is being completed. I have had to arrange with Captain Davy about a gratuity for filling his chain-locker, deck house, and store room, but with all the pains that have been taken about stowing I fear something may be shut out.

Edward Goold.
Colonial Treasurer.

Falkland Islands.
Stanley. 16th April, 1870.

Particulars of purchased produce

Mark	Goods.	Purchased of	Price
B	72 Bulls 74 Cows 146 Cattle hides	John Bonner	Bulls 2d/ Cows 15/6
P	100 " "	Packe	17/6 each
H	254 " "	Berland & Holmes	3d per lb.
G	110 " "	Greenshields	3/4 " "
B S	50 Bales Wool	Berland	5d per lb. London Landg.
No mark	332 Lion Skins	"Fairy"	6/6 ea.
	960 Stair "	"	3/3 "
	327 Fur "	"	17/6 "
F 1/9	3425 gallons Seal Oil	"	2/0 per in. deducting 2½ per cask &c.

In addition to the above, I am momentarily expecting Captain Packe's cutter from Long Island with 60 more hides; but I cannot detain the ship for them.

Jas. E. C.

Victoria Feathers, April 1870.

List of produce on freight.

Goods		Consignee	Freight	Payable in
15	Bales Wool	L. Mailloux	50/. nav.t & 50/o	London
15	" "	L. Malavoux	Do.	Do.
25	" "	L. Scott	1.0 per lb.	Stanley
7	" "	Do.	1/2 " 130/o	London
191	Skins	L. Waldron	50/. per mont. & 50/o	Do
1	Cask			

Edwd. C. Cobb.
Colonial Manager &c

Falkland Islands & Co.
Stanley 16th April, 1870.

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Victoria Dalham. 16th April, 0.

Sir,

I have much pleasure in informing you that the Victoria Dalham is now ready for sea, and that besides being crammed to the hatches, she is carrying wool in the deck house, sheepskins in the cabin, and hides in the Store room. — Not only have the outward & homeward cargoes been much larger than usual, but the vessel has been discharged and loaded in 52 running days. 13 days shorter than last time, and 29 days shorter than the time the Achole occupied.

2. Enclosed you will find my remarks on the cargo, prices of adventures, and freight list. At the last moment I am taking on board some wool for Packe, but at 1/2 per lb., as it is unpressed, and this you must charge to Greenfield's 22 Bales, which are

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Secretary
London.

shipped on joint account under the Second Cooral agreement. Among the Company's wool are nos. 265 and 281, which come from Greenhills's flock, and must be sold also for our joint account. This applies also to 367, and they are from sheep that have escaped to Darwin from Second Coorah.

3. I am at a loss to know how I can fill up the charts that you sent me, seeing that to mark out the hills, streams, and undulations of the ground, would require a careful survey by a professional surveyor, and occupy some years. Having no experience in mapping and knowing that I shall inevitably spoil them if I begin, I have left them untouched until I learn to what extent and with what minuteness you wish them done, as I am unable to learn much from the instruc-

tions sent with them.

Mr. Sherland is not satisfied with the amount of authority I allow him, but wishes for exclusive control of the Camp both with regard to men and materials, without any reference to me. As I rather naturally decline to sanction this, he wishes to leave the Boi service as soon as a new manager for the Campo can be sent out from England, and I am obliged to refer to you. I have always given Mr. Sherland full authority to act, more indeed than any previous Cauby Manager has enjoyed; but I have always rigidly forbidden his incurring any expence without my sanction or engaging men himself, and I have very much cut down his orders for materials which he is inclined to be extravagant. I think it very desirable that you should obtain a man who has had experience in Australia, and especially one who has had peak to attend

with; there is no doubt that the tobacco dressing is the thing to cure it, and if we can mature our arrangements for getting the sheep into Kafoonia this year, we ought to get it under subjection. The tobacco kept our sheep alive during the winter, but they unfortunately picked it up by early spring, and some flocks lost a good deal of wool before shearing. I mention this in my general report, which is in course of preparation, and will go by the mail, arriving probably before this.

5. I have some idea of abolishing, with the Director's permission, the office of Camp manager, and of placing the sheep and cattle under different superintendents - thereby dividing my time more equally between Stanley & Darwin, and having a house at the latter place, I could

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thoroughly enter into the working of the establishment. This plan requires much consideration, and I will think over it, and give you my ideas by the mail.

6. William S. Smiley goes home by the N. Y.; he is at times quite imbecile. The sum of £7.16.9 is due to him, which he wishes you to pay him. I agreed with Capt. Macy that the vessel should receive £8 for him in lieu of provisions.

7. Inclose a paper given to me by the carpenter at Dawson showing the dimensions of the wool shed. The drawing is a section of half of it, being 18ft. in the gable and 6ft. wall. It did not hold all our wool this year.

8. Just before the Express left Shearer quite much of the Maid of Orkney, on Hatches Island. That time to advise Floyd about it. Very little is left, and

Mr. Barnett is to sell it by auction on Monday.

I enclose a photographic view and plan of the Town square

Captain Macy is a very pushing man, and has done well so far he is ready & good natured to his owners, and has invited given me every satisfaction.

I am Sir.

Your obedient servant,

Horatio Hobbs.

Consul at Managua

Enclosures.

Disp. desp. 76 Remarks on plan.
Wool weights
Remarks on cargo &c.
Freight list
Manifest
3 Bills of lading
Dimensions of Woolshed
Photograph of Town square &c.
13 letters

Manifest of Cargo shipped on Board the Victoria Statham Master bound for Falkland Islands for London

Marks & Numbers	Goods	Shippers	Consignees
[illegible]	1[illegible] Calcined	J. S. & Co	J. S. & Co
B S	10	Do	Do
G	10	Do	Do
[illegible]	9 Bundles Sheet Old	Do	Do
[illegible]	1 Crate Tallow	Do	Do
[illegible]	1 Cask [illegible]	Do	Do
[illegible]	230 [illegible]	Do	Do
[illegible]	1 Bundle [illegible]	Do	Do
[illegible]	1 Tin [illegible]	Do	Do
[illegible]	1 Bundle Sheet	Do	Do
[illegible]	1 Case [illegible]	Do	Do
	[illegible]	Do	Do
	Hair	Do	Do
[illegible]	[illegible] Calf Skins	Do	Do
P	100	Do	Do
B S	100	Do	Do
G	100	Do	Do
[illegible]	25 Skins	Do	Do
B	1	Do	Do
B S	1	Do	Do
B	100 Calf Skins	Do	Do
[illegible]	9 Bundles	Do	Do
P	7	Do	Do
— —	2 Lamps	Do	Do
[illegible]	2023 Sheep	Do	Do
B S	1 Bale	Do	Do
[illegible]	28 Wool	J. M. Dean Son	J. M. Dean
[illegible]	16	J. L. Waldron	John Waldron

Over

Marks & Nos.	Goods	Shippers	Consignees
A ff	7 Bales Wool	Sache Bros.	E. Scott
W	191 Cattle Hides	H. Waldron	A. Waldron
"	1 Cask Beef	Do.	Do.
C ff	9 Bales Wool	Mailloux Stirling & Co	Mailloux
C C	1 "	Do.	Do.
C C C	1 "	Do.	Do.
C J.D	1 "	Do.	Do.
S ff No. 20 No. mark	25 " 1 Case containing Specimens	C. de Jonquiere F. E. Goose	E. Scott Lyon, Holmes

Sea v. Esq.
Colonial Treasurer
Falkland Islands & Co.

Stanley, 16th April, 1870.

Falkland Islands Co.

Stanley, 23rd April, 1870.

To the Directors of
The Falkland Islands Co.
London.

Gentlemen,

I beg leave to wait on you with my second annual report.

In my last report dated 11th January, 1869, I had occasion to remark upon the change I had made in the management of the Camps, and, at the same time, I ventured upon an estimate for the following wool season, qualified by the remark that estimates were in the habit of causing disappointment. Mine of last year has proved to be no exception to the rule, as the quantity of the wool is less than I had hoped and expected; but a very decided improvement in the health of the sheep has taken place, and the year's working shows greater progress than has been made during several previous years.

The actual

The actual stock with which we commenced the winter was, according to my return of 1 May 1869. 32.031, or nearly 3000 less than I expected. Out of these the deaths have been about 1500, Spreadbiello has charge of 1000, and the numbers killed in the Butchery and for consumption, — about 1800 — bring the stock down to 27,732, the actual number shown at Darwin this year. This of course does not include the lambs, which number 13595, or over 100% on the number of breeding ewes, and which will bring up the total stock to about 41,000. You will be gratified to learn that the deaths reach only half my estimate: and the fact that the numbers are now rapidly increasing will to some extent counterbalance the disappointment the rather small increase in the wool must cause.

The weight of wool this year is 13.1.2.6, exclusive of that from Spreadbiello's 1000 ewes, the weight of which will have to be added to it, in order to

get the actual result of the shearing. It is worth while mentioning that there is not an ounce of tar in the wool this time. Had there been as much as in the last shipment, the increase in weight would have been far more apparent.

The immunity from scab enjoyed by the sheep during last winter was the cause of the small number of deaths, and was the effect of the tobacco dipping. The loss of wool was caused by the disease breaking out badly in the spring, from the ground being so thoroughly scabbed; but this happened after all danger from cold weather had passed.

This year I hope that an extra good dipping may prevent much of the loss of wool, as it is certain to avert any deaths from disease.

Cattle.

The progress made by the Tame cattle gives me the greatest satisfaction. The total numbers are 3615, a very good increase on last year. It has been found necessary to drop the yoke at Cerito, and place it inside Laguna, as the

sheep

and cattle interfered too much with one another. We now get beef in the Butchery to compete with the best that can be produced in the islands.

— Port Pleasant

In my last Report we should have to erect a shearing house at Port Pleasant; but I have taken no steps towards it this last year, on account of the expense; although it has been very awkward shearing all the sheep at Darwin Harbour.

Stanley Store.

Continuing the comparison made last year, I find that the sales of 1869 amounted to £11254. 6. 9. against £11167. 12. 6 in 1868, an increase only £86. 14. 3. The Darwin Harbour sales are £1503. 7. 7 against £2893. 5. 5, a decrease of £1390. 10. Goods delivered from the Store for consumption on Farm account are £ 1700. 13. 3 against £903. 13. 3, showing an increase of £797.

These figures are not as satisfactory as last year, although it is to be noticed that the sales in the Store came up to the same amount.

amount: At Darwin Harbour a stoppage of the sale of intoxicating liquors has the most economical, and you may be glad to hear that saving habits have been induced among our people, as likely to make them steadier servants, although we feel it in having more cash to pay them, and in having the sale of a certain quantity of stores. The increase in the deliveries for use at Darwin Harbour is mainly attributable to the depositing machine passing through the Store book instead of being charged at once to savings account as was the case with the pensioners at Port Stanley.

The new settlers on this island appear to be progressing favourably and have for the most part succeeded in their efforts to save seed in their sheafs. - Nearly all of them appear anxious to clear home their wool on receipt of remittances to settling it on the spot and at this season of the year we shall soon want a much larger vessel than we have hitherto had. The consumption of stores on the Port Stanley is very extraordinarily increasing.

Shipping Masters.

Shipping business.

During the year 1869 thirty four merchant vessels visited the port, of which six were repaired without having to discharge, three wanted hulks, eighteen required provisions or water, six brought cargoes, and one came for the Guano guano. Of the first mentioned the Company repaired 4, Dean 2, Dean, as usual, had the business of the three wanting hulks. The Company supplies provisions or water to 17. Dean 1, the Company had 4 cargoes, Dean 2. Five English men of war called, of which the Company supplied 2 with beef, Roche 3. Dean coaled 1, the Company 2, and we had the good fortune to supply a Peruvian corvette with the largest quantity of coal taken at one time since the Zealous was here.

No wreck on the islands occurred last year, but the crew of the British ship Moderation were brought in by the Clarendon, which picked them up just as the former was foundering off Cape Horn.

These statistics will show that we have by far the larger share of the business of the port, but that the number of vessels calling is apparently decreasing.

Butchery Sales.

The sales this year amount to £2036.1.8 against £2267.10.2. a decrease of £231.8.6. This is to be attributed partly to the falling off in the shipping, partly to the competition raised by the sale of a quantity of beef brought in from the Camp by various parties.

General Remarks.

My suggestion that the wool vessel should be out in January or February has been acted on, and the result is that the wool will be home for the principal sales of the year, and that the discharging and loading took place in a shorter time than has been occupied for some years. I would suggest that the middle of February will always be early enough for the vessel to arrive here, and still catch the sales. Had it not been for the indomitable energy of John Campbell of the Perseverance, the best man in the whole of the Company's employ, I should have been rather behindhand with some of the West Falkland cargo this year; but another time I shall begin to collect earlier.

The Lotus

The Lotus is on a lengthened sealing cruize, it is likely that she will this year pay a large sum off her cost. The Governor is anxious to run a monthly mail, and is inclined to place it in the hands of private individuals, so that the Company run a good chance of getting the contract.

Colonel D'Arcy represents himself as being desirous of supporting all settlers to the utmost of his power, and more especially the Co., who, he says, have done so much for the islands that they deserve to be encouraged. This will be a great change from the restrictive, dawdling policy adopted by most of the Governors, and I have but little doubt that I shall be able to obtain many advantages in the course of a short time.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Your very obedient servant,

Edo. L. Cook.

Colonial Manager.

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Secret. 2nd May 0.

Sir,

I beg to enclose duplicate of my despatch per Victoria Cathaw and original copy of second, a vessel reported.

2. The Victoria Cathaw sailed on the 19th Ult. and besides being completely filled, has cargo in the deck house store room and cabin.

3. Original of your despatch 300 arrived on the 25th ult. per Hamilton, her passage being over 30 days.

4. The Eaton arrived on the same day with a cargo of skins and oil worth about £600. The cargo has not been as successful as might have been wished, but Capt. Cain has a very bad crew, and reports that having discovered some new seal rookeries in the Straits of Magellan, he will be able with a better set of men

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Secretary
Montreal.

and by chartering much
earlier, and so save, to make
a very profitable adventure.

5. I am dispatching the
Lobos to Montevideo immediately, and am requesting our
agents to forward the cargo
to you by the first sailing
ship; please therefore provide
for its reception. I have two
other objects in sending the
Lobos this voyage; to show
the Governor what she can do,
and to get a supply of salt
and shingles. There was never
such a dearth of salt in the
Colony before, and to some
extent hide skilling is stopped
for the want of it. I have
sent for 50 tons, as we shall
want 30 at least for our
hides, and four or five schooners
in July or August will
be given about 7 tons each.
Besides this quantity
will be taken up by the
different farmers in Santa

islands. Our own vessels will not be so freezing until October, when I hope we shall have what I have asked for from England. Since July 23rd last year 130 tons of salt have been imported, and there is not now an ounce for sale. I have also completely run out of shingles, and still owe the Government the quantity I contracted to supply for the Gaol. Many of our own houses want re-shingling. My order to Messrs Lobath & Sullivan comprises nothing but these two articles, for the purchase of which I have requested them to draw upon the Directors.

6. I agreed with Mr. Berkeley to provide for his payment due to Mr. Little Pelham upon his selling me all the cargo from the West Falkland estate this year. Since the last payment I have received £200 from him in cash on the Jason, about £150 on his salary account, wool and hides estimated over £500 besides a quantity of

goods returned, and 75 bills
more to be collected, while
the expenses on the estate
are more really small. Thomas
say Mr. Stokes's friends
are to pay something probably
by and the estate is making
way I do not hesitate to
draw against the produce for
this instalment viz:- £1000. 0/0
the course Stokes on a previous
occasion having been offered
of. I could have purchased
a bill for this amount but
Stokes to pay the bankers
off, however as the cargo
goes straight home it comes
to much the same thing.

J. Smith to get the
continued absence of ships,
which prevents to any keeping
up the remittances. Swan
making at the end of last
year. The purchases pro-
duce sent home make up
for this to some extent,
and I hope that I may buy

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a bill next month, and have no more heavy payments to make.

9. Mr. Bailleu desired me to say that he wishes his wool insured for £200 all risks.

9. Captain Roche will pay freight here for 17 bales wool, I have noted this on the duplicate B/L, but freight was made payable in London on the one which went per Victoria Statham. Capt. Roche's absence from Stanley was the cause of this error, which you can doubtless rectify.

10. Went to Darwin and back last week, and found the arrangements for dipping completed, the new boilers having been built over the furnaces. The sheep are beginning to break out with scab owing to the latter of the dipping, but it will soon be checked at any rate for the winter. Mr. Berthand is desirous of withdrawing

the title of resignation, but I have not allowed him to do so as the Directors may wish to appoint his successor. Mr. Richards theories are excellent and he has done a great deal for the sheep, although I do not feel sure after two years experience that his practice is as good as his theory. His temperament is very excitable and lead him to say and do things which he regrets afterwards. At all events, as the scab was to have been completely cured in two years and has not been, the Directors might not approve of my continuing his agreement without consulting them. I believe that our Sheep Manager has now treated the sheep as well, but it is worth considering whether a better man could be got. In the event of a new man being sent out I am convinced

that money would be wasted in sending one that had not been in New Zealand where the conditions of sheep farming are more like those in this place than anywhere else. Mr Buckland has undertaken to stay as long as you are not suited elsewhere and although you might find one in England who had been farming in the Colonies it would be worse than useless to send out an inefficient man in a hurry. The qualifications I should look for are — a good knowledge of sheep, and of farming over large tracts of country, practical experience in treating stock in flocks of 20,000 and upwards, a knowledge of grasses and capability of defining boundaries for runs, activity, good health, being accustomed to riding, and fatigue, a cheerful temperament, experience in commanding men, and lastly, a means which would enable him to keep his business to himself and prevent his talking

too much to the men. With regard to wages, while I should never wish to interfere with the treatment of the stock I should continue to exercise surveillance over all matters of expenses packing materials or wages &c I should expect to be promptly and regularly informed on all matters connected with the Camp. Whoever may be chosen should have the best testimonials and should be a man of at least tolerable education. So many have lately gone home from New Zealand that you might get one on the spot. Should you think it advisable to place the manager solely in charge of the sheep, as superintendent, I would give David Smith, Walter Smith's son, charge of the south, and could easily arrange by living a little more at Darnwick to carry on the general work by dividing the labourers under the different

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heads, putting them where they may be most required for the time being.

11. I have advanced £30 to Capt. Wooldridge of the Maid of Athens, and taken his bill on W. Barton & Co.

12. A few more matters I shall have to write on this evening per boat.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
Edw. E. Cobb.
Colonial Treasurer &c

Enclosures.

2nd Ex. no. 222 £15. 13. 3
1st Ex. 225 £30.
Cash Book & Ledg. to March
Balances to March 31st.
Annual report
Cash vouchers March & April
Wages returns to 31 March
Camp do.
Shipping list
3 Bills
Letters
from Gov. Robe 21. 23. Mar.
To Governor 21 Mar
Other correspondence per boat
Letters for Colonial from Bagge
R. Cobb.

Steam coal on hand 10 14
Stores " Nil
Blankets " Nil

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Plotus. 4th May, 0.

Sir,

Duplicates of my correspondence per Victoria Packet and Joan are enclosed.

2. The wreck of the Maid of Athens fetched altogether £61. 6. 8, and very little is expected to be made of it. It was bought by Mr. Williams, the Portuguese.

3. The three schooners wrecking the Balcary are likely to save all the cargo, and in good order, as the ship lies about three quarters of a mile from low water mark, and must have been taken up by a tidal wave. The Lavinia has returned and the other two are filling up. Each will make four trips, and then possibly the ship may be got off, but as there she is

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barely injured. Mr. Dean has the business as agent for the Tophams Clubs, and hardly knows what to do. The agreement with the schooners is that they are to have 75% salvage on selling prices in Stanley; but supposing the whole cargo, undamaged, and worth say £50,000, who can buy it! and is it right to sell it at so certain a loss, salvage agreement notwithstanding? I have suggested to Mr. Dean that a compromise should if possible be made, say a certain sum for each schooner, that a sale of the most saleable goods should be held to defray these sums, and the remainder of the cargo held at the disposal of the parties interested. This case may become a precedent, and I should like to know what is considered the right thing to do.

4. Enclosed is memo. of the Lotus's cargo. cost £611. 5. 6.

5. I send a copy of a memorandum I have had kept of the stores we are already out of, and the dates on which they fell short. If the Directors decide on taking up a small vessel for coals &c. &c. drier or Lenggoelies, and ship, with the indent I forwarded, a repetition of the goods on the enclosed list, we shall not want more before the time arrives for the wool ship. As I cannot tell what can be afforded for the purchase of this cargo leave the quantities entirely to your discretion, remarking that of wines and other liquors you may send without fear treble or quadruple the quantity.

6. Mr. Bailey is going to give me a list of a few things the Government want from Montevideo; these will be added to the order for salt and slaughter.

I. The new houses are much complained of, and as soon as the erection of ours is completed I will send detailed account of the imperfections. The upright of the wool shed must be much stronger.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Wm. E. Cook.

Colonial Treasurer. &c

Enclosures.

Duplicate disp. 77. &

Letters to Rutland March. 9. 11. 15. 28. Apr. 2. May. 2

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11 letters from Rutland

Particulars of his cargo

Memo of goods out of stock

Duplicates:-

Remarks on homeward cargo

Freight list

Manifest per Isaac Jacobs

Annual report

Letters per Lloyds. Sinclair & Boyd. Madeira

L. Bailleu

2 Orig. 225

3 Orig. 219. 222.

2 Original letters for Germany

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Swan
via Sandy Point

12th May. 0.

Sir.

As the Swan is leaving for Sandy Point with H. Turner who is going to trade with the Indians, I have suggested to the Governor that a mail should be made up to catch the Pacific steamer and one is advertised accordingly.

2. I have nothing of importance to communicate, except ing the news of two sales by auction in Balcary, one realizing £530, the other (yesterday) over £200.

3. I enclose duplicate of my last, and sundry papers at post. I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Sedal Cook.
Colonial Manager.

Enclosures.

Dup. no. 79.
Account of Sales
Letter for Colemore

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Semper Fidelis 18th May, 0.

Sir,

I again send you a dis-
patch for form's sake, as I do
not like to miss an opportun-
ity, although I have nothing
to communicate, and this will
be anticipated by the regular
mail to leave 1st prox.

Enclosing duplicate of No. 80.

I remain, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Edwd. Cook.
Colonial Manager.

J. Coleman, Esq.
Secretary
London.

Stanley. 20th May. 1870.

It is this day mutually agreed between the Falkland Islands Company and Robert Wilson of Stanley, that the said Robert Wilson is to proceed forth. with to Darwin Harbour, and there place himself under the order of the Company's Camp Manager, to do whatever work may be required of him by the said Camp Manager. And that the wages to be paid by the Company to the said Robert Wilson shall be at the rate of four pounds, three shillings and fourpence (£4. 3. 4) per calendar month, and that this agreement shall remain in force for the space of one year from the date above written.

Falkland Islands Co.

Jas. E. Cobb.
Colonial Manager.

Witness to the signature of Jas. E. Cobb
Ed. Braun

Robert Wilson

Witness to the signature of Robert Wilson
Thos. Bonner

Falkland Islands &c.
Stanley. 28th May. 1874.

Sir,

I have received a letter from Mr. C. H. Williams of the West Falklands, requesting me as his agent to hand over to Your Excellency the sum of £117. 14. 8, the amount due on his renewed occupation licence of 4 stations; but, in view of his possible occupation of Weddell Island, wishing that the application of the fund may be allowed to stand over until next August, when he will be in Stanley on his way to the River Plate.

I therefore write to ask if I may inform Mr. Williams that Your Excellency will accede to his proposal,

And remain, Sir,

Your Excy's very obedient Servant,

Edwd. Eliot
Colonial Manager &c.

His Excy
Col. D'Arcy
Lieut. Governor
&c. &c.

Falkland Islands &c.
Stanley, 31st May. 1870.

Sir,

I have received Your Excellency's letter of the 30th inst.

I had no conversation with Mr. Williams on the subject of Weddell Island, when he was in Stanley, and can only give Your Excellency the following extract from his letter to me:—

"You are aware that the "Governor, the present Governor, "Col. D'Arcy, has given me the "refusal of Weddell Island either "for myself or my brother, in case, "as I know from his own statement "he will, Mr. Hart, who had ap- "plied for it, gives it up. I should "therefore be glad if the Governor "would be content to receive from "you the £117. 14. 8 in your hands "as an evidence of the bona fides "of my intention to settle in the "W. Falkland, but would allow

His Excellency
Col. D'Arcy,
Lieutenant Governor,
&c. &c. &c.

the actual

"the actual application of
"the fund to stand over
"till I go over to Stanley
early in August." —

Beyond this I have
nothing in my possession
to prove that Mr. Williams
has a claim to Waddell
Island.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your Excellency's very obedient Servt.
Jean L. Coos.
Colonial Treasurer.

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Foam.

7th June, 0

Sir,

Colonel D'Arcy intends to carry out his intention of running a monthly mail if possible, and to send back the Foam almost immediately.

2. On the 29th ult. I received your despatches 402-3 per Foam, and I had the satisfaction to learn by her that the Lotus beat her by three days on the passage up, having anchored in Montevideo an hour before her.

3. Despatch 402 — 3.
As the Fred. Thomson's cost is settled, and Nicholson seems inclined to give in over the San Fernando affair, I hope the Directors will re-consider the instructions given in this paragraph. If carried out, the Co's shipping business will

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Secretary
London.

simply come to an end, and the port will gain a worse reputation than ever. I know that Mr. Dean objects to Bot. tomery accepting under very exceptional circumstances, and a shipmaster would naturally deal where he could get the most favourable terms. Besides, it is worth while considering whether the delay in getting the San Fernando money and the loss of about 27/. interest on the Fed. Thomson's bill, are sufficient reasons for such a sweeping change in our terms, when it always has happened and will happen that the money is paid up in the end. Some years ago Mr. Dean repaired the pro. Nicholson "Lord" "Mangosteen", and the master's draft was dishonoured. After some trouble, however, the money was paid.

6. Par. 8. I have had to engage some extra hands for the Camps to carry on the dipping, but these I shall get rid of in about a months time. There has been a comparative reduction in labour, as the stock has been increasing without the corresponding increase in ~~Lab~~ men. Upon comparing the stock return now sent with that of 1867 the increase in tame cattle appears to be 160% and in sheep 66%; but the latter I do not doubt will be found to be much greater after the winter, as the proportion of deaths among the 27,000 of 1867 was much greater than what we expect to see in our flocks this year.

5. Par. 6. The sketch of the jetty was sent home for you to ascertain what the approximate cost would be. I imagined that if I gave you the length, depth of water, and nature of ground you could easily ascertain it,

if you took the trouble to enquire. After three years experience of the climate I do not think the gales are as severe as in England.

6. Par. 7. The wool bales per Victoria Jackaroo were not the right size. As I have said before, how a new press could be sent out, and no pains taken to find out the proper size of the bales, passes comprehension. If you will examine one of the bales per Victoria Jackaroo you will see that the dimensions mentioned in this paragraph are correct. The yearly consumption of this salt is about 150 tons, and it is likely to increase for the next few years. You are wrong in saying that I have lately omitted to send stock of steam coals. In the "Produce Adventure & Coal Returns" is always a statement of the sales and stock, but I suppose that

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pose that but little attention is beclaimed upon their return.

7. 1st par. 8. The Golden Land does not appear to have arrived home up to the 5th April.

8. 1st par. 9. Not only my letter to the Times office, but one to Nutter's father appear not to have reached. I think they went by the French mail in January.

9. 1st par. 11. You are in error in crediting Mr. Bertrand with his commission, as the scab cannot be cured within the two years. Until all the sheep can be put upon clear land, there will always be a liability to disease. — The adventures gain £53.5.7, you do not mention that they also gain £148.11.4 freight. Adventures as a rule are taken in payment for stores, if we decline the produce, we do not sell the stores, and with the high prices given by Dean & Bell. Seamen make much more

than if I sent the value
home in cash.

10. Par. 12. The horses
averaged £16 each, and
three out of the thirty three
have died, one on the passage,
two since. They have been
carefully looked after, and
occasionally exercised; they
are very swift, and when
completely acclimatized, i.e.
in the spring, will make a
difference of some thousands
of hides for our next cargo.
I estimate the cost of each
hide obtained by the gauchos,
including killing, salting,
transporting to Stanley, and
shipping, at 2/9d to 3/ per
hide all round. I have no
hesitation in saying what
causes the people to take
swallowed up. The enormous
expenditure in buildings
and plant, unavoidable as
it has been, is at the bot-
tom of the evil, and coinciding

the rapid increase of stock, it will be hard to keep this expenditure down. From memory I give the following list of erections since Jeanes, - Store on 38, do. on 40. do. at Bodie Creek. do. at dip, new Store and house for Moreman, Workshed. old shed converted into cook house for 20 or 30 men, dip apparatus with walls, paddocks, wire fencing, boilers and masonry five or six corrals, &c. &c. The wire fencing is of little use, as the posts and strainers are not strong enough; properly speaking they should be of wood and I have agreed to take a cargo of posts and rails of Eucalyptus wood from the Allen Gardiner this makes capital fencing and the Mission sell the wood @ 2/. per tree, a less price than we could cut it for, as the Indians work for them. I give the Directors my word that I will do all I can to keep down the expenses as low as I conscientiously can.

11. Par. 11. The loss of Capt. Sinkie's letter confirms what I say about postal irregularities.

Par. 12.

12. The consumption of Cabaretum Canine is of course small, but it is much approved of by many colonists. I do not think shipmasters trouble their heads about it. Par. 16. I will get some seeds of the grasses you mention at the right time of year.

13. Par. 17. I hope to hear from Mr. Hyne about the lighthouses all before closing this despatch.

14. Par. 18. I am perfectly alive to the necessity of remitting as much as possible, and you may depend upon my doing my utmost. I may remind you that you always have a faithful copy of the Stanley Cash Book, a reference to which will not fail to show you what this

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payable each Share in the said.

15. Despatch 403 — 2. I am glad to hear that you are sending shepherds, who are much wanted.

16. Par. 4. On the 6th Dec. I said I would send the Sailors sealing; on the 21st Dec. she left, and her departure was mentioned in the shipping list. But, because the departure is not repeated in the despatch, I am called to account, although the announcement would have been mere repetition, and waste of words. Destinations cannot be mentioned in reporting a sealing departure, because the Master often does not know it himself.

17. Par. 5. It is gratifying to learn that Mr. Langdon has perused the shipping lists so attentively as to have made a discovery. But, I may explain that, although Mr Dean is, and has been for years agent for the Kipini, yet

they put more business in our way now than ever, and I attribute this to our liberality in bringing out their parcels, which you may be sure I have made the most of, and to my having established a small annual subscription. Mr. Dean has now to pay me £116 for the Missions, for about six months' accounts.

18. Par. 6. The results of the Farm account for the last two years have been unsatisfactory; yet, as mentioned in Par. 10. I can point to the causes, and will endeavour to cause a reduction for a year or two; although again it would be madness to bring the cleaned sheep back out of Lafonia, and we must have a shearing house there this year or next.

19. Par. 8. Care will be taken to keep the adventure as correctly. Until I made the alterations, it had been

meant to keep all the Lights together, and you may remember my asking some time since for information upon this subject.

20. Par. 8. It is certainly right that the first cost of the Lights should be charged to Capital and an account of these buildings and Apparatus shall be made out and forwarded.

21. I have just heard from Mr. Hogg that he can give me no information about the Lighthouse till after the mail.

22. Par. 12. I have examined the accounts, and notice that although the sum of £2250. 0. 0 was first remitted the arrival of the Victoria Sarah just at the end of the year prevented any of her cargo being realized. I have always endeavoured to explain that without ships I have much difficulty in making remittances to correspond with the proportions of the stores are entitled only to the shipping trade, and when a time comes like the present, without a ship for nearly six months, the stores hang heavy on our hands.

since the "Mary" was here in January, no vessel has entered the port for repairs of any kind.

23. Par. 13. Mr. Nicole has paid all her debt, Blank I have threatened with a summons, Thomson is married to a respectable man on the West Falk: and I shall most likely get the money soon.

24. Par. 14. It appears to have escaped your notice that the "Produce, Agriculture & Coal Returns" contains collections to date, about value of which, knowing market prices, you can judge as well as or better than I can.

25. Par. 17. I have received with thanks Capt. Smithen's parcels.

26. Par. 18. On being acknowledged as Consul for Chili I received a salute of 7 guns. I hope however you have applied for no more, as I have all that can be useful.

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27. I shall be glad if memorandums, statements of accounts &c. can be sent in future on the paper upon which they are written, as press copies are inconvenient to deal with, and cannot be written upon either with pencil or ink.

28. 403-9. I have written out, for an explanation of the error in the Dam wages.

29. The Semper Fidelis was here a fortnight or so ago. She sailed on the 21st ult. from Port Wm. A despatch I wrote for her was too late.

30. I shall be glad to hear the characters of the following shipmasters:-

Chas Covington Forsyth, Cert. 82.216 London
Francis Geo. Gummer, " 9.731 Bristol.

Both are here as common sailors, having left ships in Montevideo.

31. Thomas and Andrew Watson went to Montevideo by the Lotus, as also, Will^m Wright, they are, I believe, going home. If the Watsons want to come out again you would do well to engage them, Thomas especially, as he is a good shepherd - Wright I would not have on any terms. John Goodwin is going home by next month's mail to be married, and wishes to come out again. He is a most excellent steward, and well worth two ordinary men. His present wages are £60 per annum, and I don't hesitate to say he is worth £85. He will sign a new agreement and come out by the wool vessel. By the same opportunity please ship the Menes family. The Governor takes the father as gardener, the latter as cook, and will pay the former's passage; Robert & George Mer-

ers are responsible for the passage of the rest of the family. Mercer's address is - Brown Stones, Dunse, Berwickshire; but I believe you have communicated with him before.

32. The Southern Rose has returned from the Balearics with goods. She has only worked 7 hours in 60 days, the surf is so bad and the coast so dangerous. I do not think anything but a steamer will get much from the wreck, but have no doubt that with proper appliances the ship herself can be got off.

33. The Joan will remain a month in Montevideo if the hides bring the May mail, and the Irene, which is going up for stores, will leave at the end of this month. Mr. Dean has chartered a brig in Montevideo to take home his cargo. I hear that Schultz in Belize has, with Mr. Lapsley's sanction, shipped the Cotes's skins to Philadelphia

for Liverpool, there being no vessel on the berth for London.

30. So far the weather has been very favourable for the sheep, we have not had more than a few hours' snow, a very unusual thing.

30. The Governor is, I believe, going to combine the land proclamations in one ordinance, and thus make the regulations law. I have had several interviews with him, and discussed standing abuses, which he seems disposed to rectify. Among other things it is proposed to abolish the necessity of building an every section, to give all leases the uniform length of 20 years, to allow more than 6,000 acres to be taken up at once on this island, and to give the West Falklanders a right over their wild cattle, which Governor Robinson took away.

Consulate of Italy
Stanley, Falkland Islands
7th June, 1870.

No 4.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that I have lately received the appointments of Consul for His Majesty the King of Italy, for the North German Confederation and for the Republic of Chili.

2. These appointments having been obtained for me by friends in London, without my cognizance have precluded the possibility of my complying with the rule contained in art. 36 of the Decree of 23 February, 1867. I trust however, that permission to retain them will be accorded to me, and an opportunity of testifying my desire to serve the Government of His Majesty, shall be lost.

3. By next mail it is my intention to write further, and in the meantime

I have the honour to remain.

Sir.

Your Excellency's most obedient
humble servant.
Edwd Coe.
Consul at the Falkland Islands

His Excellency
The Minister
for Foreign Affairs
&c. &c. &c.
Brussels.

No.

Consulate of Italy,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.
7th June, 1870.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Excellency's letter of 29th May, 1869, unaccountably delayed, informing me that I have been honoured by the appointment of Consul for His Majesty the King of Italy at the Falkland Islands. The various enclosures in this letter were found in order, and I have also received a case, containing the flag, seal, stamp, and escutcheon of the Consulate, as well as the books for use in the execution of the duties of my office.

2. It is but seldom, Sir, that Italian vessels visit these Islands; but at the same time, circumstances have occurred to ships of the Italian nations during the last few years, at this port, which might have been simplified had a Consul been on the spot, and Your Excellency may rest assured that the utmost assistance

His Excellency
The Minister of
Foreign Affairs
&c. &c.

Florence.

assistance shall be rendered by me to Captains of ships, and, indeed, all Italian subjects, whenever occasions may arise.

3. It is right that I should state that the Consulate of Belgium, the North German Confederation, and the Republic of Chili have been conferred upon me, and I have to express a hope that these will not be considered a bar to my possession of the Italian Consulate.

4. In accordance with instructions I have the honour to transmit a copy of my oath taken in the presence of the Governor of these Islands, and a separate leaf containing my signature, and other details required.

5. By an early opportunity I shall again to address Your Excellency.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your Excellency's most obedient
humble servant
Edward Cook.
Consul at this
Falkland Islands.

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36. I do not send by the French mail now, as the English time is altered.

37. I enclose a memo. relating to a tombstone I have been asked by Short the butcher to get by the mail vessel.

Sam. Sir.

Your obedient servant

Rodn. E. Cook.

Colonial Treasurer.

Enclosures.

Desp. 81. Cable for Semi-official letters for Belgian, German & Italian Ministers

Shipping Report

Store cash voucher

Answers to remarks on accounts.

Live Stock returns

Journal & Bank April & May

2 numbers of Stanley newspaper.

Cable to Bertrand May 6. 7. 12. 15. 20. 28. 30. & 31.

" Pitt " 12

" Byng " 30

Bertrand to Cable { April 29. May 2. 7(2). 20(2) May 26(3) 27

Inscriptions for Short's tombstone

These are only a few hides and sheepskins, so produce returns is not sent. Stamp Cable 1010. £12.

N° 2.

Consulate of the
North German Confederation,
Port Stanley, 7th June, 1870.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that I have received lately the appointment of Consul for the Republic of Chili in the Falkland Islands, and it is therefore my duty to ask Your Excellency if I may be permitted to retain this new appointment as well as those from the Governments of Belgium and Italy.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your Excellency's most obedient
humble servant,

Edwd. Cobb.
Consul in Port Stanley.

His Excellency
The Chancellor of
The North German Confederation,
&c. &c. &c.

Berlin.

Falkland Islands &c.
Stanley, 10th June, 1870.

Sir,

I am instructed by Mr. J. L. Waldron to apply to Your Excellency on his behalf for permission to occupy the land at White Rock adjacent to his station, No. 7. Had the land in question not been reserved by Government, from its contiguity to Mr. Waldron's pier he would naturally have taken it up; and now, when the reserves are to be abolished, he thinks that Your Excellency will possibly give him the preference.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your Excellency's most obedient
humble servant,
Jno. A. Cobb
Colonial Manager &c

His Excellency
Colonel D'Arcy,
Governor.
&c. &c. &c.

Falkland Islands &c.
Stanley. 16th June. 1870.

Sir,

With reference to the duty proposed to be placed upon all alcoholic liquors, I shall be glad if Your Excellency will do me the favour of informing me, whether it is intended to establish bonded stores for the reception of the same, or whether importers will be required to pay the duty immediately upon receiving a cargo. I shall also be glad to know if liquors supplied to vessels visiting the harbour are to bear the duty, or whether they can be taken out of bond.

I ask these questions upon the presumption that the provisions of the ordinance will be made public; but if they are premature, I hope that I may be excused.

I have the honour to be,
Sir;
Your Excellency's most obedient
humble servant.
Ed. L. Cobb.
Colonial Treasurer.

His Excellency
Colonel D'Arcy.
Governor,
&c. &c. &c.

Falkland Islands &c.
Stanley, 21st June 1870.

Sir,

I have not ventured up to the present time to address Your Excellency on the subject of the proposed duty on spirituous liquors, as I feared that any remarks of mine might be considered premature; but, having heard, since the meeting of the Legislative Council, that it is desired to elicit the opinions of the merchants of the place upon the subject, I, for one, have no further hesitation in stating mine.

If it be necessary that the revenue be raised in some way or other, I think it quite right that liquors should be the first to bear a duty; because imports should be taxed before exports, and luxuries

before

His Excellency
Colonel D'Arcy,
&c. &c. &c.
Governor —

before necessities, ever without taking into consideration the benefit that might accrue to the community, by placing, as it were, a fine upon the immoderate use of stimulants.

Supposing, then, that it is determined that a duty be placed upon liquors, it would seem desirable that this duty should be felt by the consumer only, and, as nearly as possible, at the time of purchase. I conclude that this is the intention of the Government, and that it is not proposed to raise the additional revenue by pressing upon the importers more than at present.

It appears to me that the fairest and most simple way of collecting the duty would be to

establish a bonded store, in which all liquors not wanted for consumption should be placed upon their arrival in the Colony, and that the owners of the goods, who would naturally draw them out as required, should pay the duty as they take them out. Not less than a certain quantity should be withdrawn at a time, in order to prevent unreasonable demands upon the time of the Government official in charge (say for instance, of liquors in draught not less than a cask, in bottles not less than x dozen), and, unless the Government would insure the property against fire, consideration should be had for those whose premises could be insured for a less premium than those of Government. A stone or iron building would, however,

obviate

obviate this difficulty.

This plan would, as desired, bring the tax home to the purchaser more nearly than any other, without injuring the interests of the importer to any conceivable extent.

On the other hand, a proposition I have heard made, viz:- that merchants should be compelled to make a return of their importations at once, and pay the duty down, seems to me most unjust, and I think that Your Excellency will agree with me, when I remind you, that sometimes a years supplies are imported in one ship, and that it occasionally happens that certain liquors remain on hand for two or three years. If this proposition were carried out, the loss of interest

interest upon money locked up would be considerable, and the duty would be a fine upon the importer, as well as upon the consumer.

Nor do I agree with a proposal to increase the spirit licences, - a more unequal tax could not be invented. It is right that a certain sum should be paid for a licence, both by wholesale and retail dealers; but the proper amount could, in justice, easily be exceeded, as it is altogether contrary to the principle of making the tax fall upon the consumer. It is only necessary, in refutation of this proposal, to point out that one man may sell twice as much liquor as another, and the taxation is shown immediately to be unequal and oppressive.

One more idea occurs to me — that a prohibitory duty

duty should be placed upon the importation of liquors from South America which are generally of a bad and poisonous nature.

Hoping that I am not trespassing too far upon Your Excellency's patience,

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's most obedient humble servant

Edwd. Cook.
Colonial Treasurer

Remarks on Bertrand and Switzer's account.

Reference was made to the above named estate in my despatches 64. par. 9. : 76 par. 3. : 78. par. 6., from which the Directors will have learnt the particulars they wish for. It will however be as well to give a short account of the manner in which they became so much indebted to the Comp^{y}.

Upon their arrival here in 1868. it was represented by Switzer that he had some thousands of pounds at his disposal, and the firm were given out to be the actual possessors of New Ireland. It was undoubtedly one of the finished specimens of a liar imaginable, and his endeavings from the truth, added to a manner most plausible and insinuating completely deceived me. Upon the strength

of their supposed possession of New Zeland, of their sale to Mr. Dean of 1000 sheep, of their sale of produce to the Company, and of their contract for the sale of frame. I felt justified in letting them have stores to a considerable amount; and the payment of a considerable portion of the first instalment from Mr. Dean into the Company's hands in Nov. 68, and the schooner's share of her cruize in Dec., gave a large balance to their credit in our books. This was produced by my advancing them £1,400 by bill on London; and shortly afterwards, the contract for frame being cancelled, the account went on the wrong side. At this time even, had everything gone well, the money in their own & the sheep they had sold to different parties

would have pulled them through; but the pony got ashore, and it was three months before she was right again, after costing about £200, and in the meantime, having contracted to deliver their sheep, they had to charter another schooner, (Mr. Dean's.) The consequence of this accident was that instead of receiving almost intact and paying with 60% the remaining £500 due by Mr. Dean, the whole of this sum was swallowed up in expenses resulting from the accident.

Then came the exposé concerning Switzer, and he retired after getting £100 from Bertrand for his interest and services (!), which sum was deducted from an amount due by Mr. Bell. Again Switzer appeared upon the scene, having obtained 1000 sheep from Little John upon representing that the

partnership was proceeding
in a flourishing manner,
and 1000 more from Wilks
of Ensenada on the strength
of the trust imposed in
him by Little John. With
these sheep, 16 horses and
a little matter of £10,000
also obtained from Wilks,
Switzer sailed in the "Uncle
Joe" for Stanley. She made
a long passage, and in
the meantime the Evans
had carried up a letter to
Little John from Berhard
informing him of the
dissolution of partnership,
and asking for time to
meet his instalments, —
had returned with a
power of attorney to Bell
against Berhard to the
last letter if possible, and
to seize the money ad-
vanced for the sheep.
Upon "Uncle Joe's" arrival,
Mr. Dean bought the lot
@ 16/. each and paid L

be liens for 10 20, the loss by death nearly reaching 50%. Littlejohn's money was recovered by Bell, the freight paid to the Captain, and the balance appropriated by Switzer, who swindled Wilks out of every farthing of his money. She went home per Alice Graham, and has since left with his family for San Francisco, hoping to find in California a fresh field for his talents.

To protect the Company I was taking proceedings against Berkand, supposing that a judgment in my favour would give the Company a first claim upon the estate, when it transpires that Littlejohn had a lien upon Low Island and the stock, in the form mentioned in my despatch 64. Finding that it was the opinion of the Magistrates and of the Governor that this lien gave Littlejohn a first claim over all Berkand's property, including even his salary, although

I differed, seeing there was no use in pushing the matter, and compromised by advancing half the instalment due in Nov. I did this because the lien would be put in force immediately upon the bill being dishonoured. This constitutes the increase of £221" to Dr. of the a/c noted in your desp. 104.

Subsequent items are as follows:

Dr.			Cr.		
(As per desp. 104)	221. 6. 0		Mar.	Bank (Tairy)	200. 0. 0
Carry. Rent	10. 0. 0		"	Produce 50 lb. Wool 254 Hides	500. 0. 0
Apl. Wages & Gaols	72. 11. 0				
May Bill	411. 6. 0		June	Bal. to Salary Li. 30th May	200. 0. 0
" Cash	60. 18. 10				
Bal. (Wages)	83. 18. 2				
	£ 900. 0. 0				£ 900. 0. 0

which shows a balance of £9 over and above the £221 complained of, so that the debt is not being further increased up to the present time.

The foregoing explanations, (longer than I intended at starting) shows the

chain of circumstances which caused the growth of this account. They have been explained before at different times; but putting them all together in this way will doubtless be more satisfactory to the Directors.

The estate now stands as follows:- Instalments due in Nov. and May next will clear the estate of all Littlejohn's claims, they are for the same amounts viz:- £401. 6/. Rent as I have before stated amounts to £285 per annum, but might be reduced. Expenses are shepherd at £6 per month, one garcho at £5, and for Stores. & keeping provisions. Present stock about 3000 sheep in Excellent order, likely to yield a good clip. Wild cattle number some thousands, and the Governor is making these the property of occupiers.

There is no doubt that the estate will pank the debt off in time, and for this reason I have kept it afloat, taking care all the time that the original debt was not further increased. Unless a large number of hides are got ready I shall be chary about any further advances, and hope to receive a reply in time to act on 1st Jan. next. Your desp. 399 - 8 Aug. expressed approval of my actions that Acc limitations in drawing the May bill, as it was against produce. I enter Stanley sheds £300 are paid in, it will be a help for a time.

The valuation of produce is poor, and there are 75 hides ready to come to Stanley.

I am &c.
Colonial Treasurer

Falkland Islands &c
Stanley, 22nd June, 1870

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(Irene. 22nd June, 0.

Sir,

The Latin delivered your despatch no. 1044 on the 16th inst., she made the remarkably good run of 7 days, and the mail of the 9th May was delivered in 40 days, the shortest time on record! Papers of 12th May, 3 days were received by sound, and I am sorry that type have not followed up the idea of writing on that date via Liverpool.

2. The Irene goes up for a cargo of stores expected from England, and as she takes this answer so quickly, the two mails will have travelled in less than 3 months, an unprecedented short time.

3. 1044 — 1. Chapter &c. Travis's despatches went by the Irene, the other by Capt. Gates, who may have posted it to save trouble. Par. 3. The Iman was

J. Dobson, Esq.
Secretary,
Liverpool.

Joan was delayed here in March in hopes of the Irene making a quick passage with the January mail; the Carnival frustrated this, and she brought both mails on 27th March.

4. Par. 4. The falling off in the remittances is a matter of the greatest concern; no doubt the cargoes per Vict. Statham and Trinita will have afforded relief, but still the absence of shipping prevents remittances from being what they should. I do not know how I can foretell what bills I shall send, but will do my best. For instance, in about five weeks last year I remitted over £2500; but had the Union, Paraguay, Effingham, St Clare and San Fernando not been here, the amount would not have reached £250. I may now say that I expect from £200 to £300 from Mr Malcom

for the August mail, and possibly £500 from Messrs. Baillie & Hickey. I also think it possible I may have money to buy a bill, as I am getting more of the Balcarry goods. I have discharged one gardener, an extra carpenter, and all daily hands, besides giving orders for the discharge of the Camp mason, and the three or four extra hands at Daunia

5. Par. 5. This could only have been written through an oversight. You write ... "the "Directors do not perceive why "this quantity (500 acres) could "not have been purchased ..... "the Governor having allowed 1000 acres "to be purchased would doubtless "have agreed to this extra quantity" The tone implies that I have been remiss in not getting a better boundary and more land, and yet in the very despatch you are answering is a copy of the Governor's letter of March 1 saying that he is "not prepared to go "beyond 1000 acres on each station "without further reference to the "Secretary of State." A copy is enclosed

The dotted line is mine, showing what I want, and hope to get, and the one that dotted for in the conversational. ended to in the Governor's letter.

6. Par. 9. The landing certificate was applied for, but could not be granted by the mail of 3rd March, that you taken your usual precaution no doubt the Governor would have signed it. As it was Mr. Byng let me have it for dup. 75 per Cent. Par. 8. duly noted; but I maintain that the last 15 years were coarse and had more horns.

7. Par. 10. As I said before, you should measure the bales that went home per F. I., and you will learn the right size.

8. Par. 11. I intend to have a large number of hides this year. Par. 12. An average of 1/1 6 for hides although the bulls were heavy (1750lbs) I did not think too high; but I will give up buying hides altogether. I gave the price because a profit had already been made on the stores in payment.

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9. Par. 11. For some time a year and a half the men on the north Lichnitz, Mount Pleasant and Setzoyo have been allowed to kill their own meat, and we have discontinued beef killing for a long time and driven mutton into the settlement. The wild cattle have now receded so far from Damin that it would be a matter of great difficulty and expense to bring in a stable beef, and it will not do to kill from the home herd.

10. Par. 15. The remarks about the Berbaud commission were annexed in anticipation in my last despatch.

11. Par. 16. Appendix detailed statement about Berbaud estate.

12. Par. 17. To investigate on board both for Lyon is the little wrong that we have to learn how we have two steam coal. There is no occasion to issue further until December, when the

collection of hides may reach 100. early in January I send away for the Saponi hides which are put on b? the Margaret, and by March or April next year may number 1000, though it depends on the weather. We put nothing else in the hulk except the produce of a sealing cruize should one be bought. There is no risk of fire except from spontaneous combustion, not likely to occur in Steam Coal, and as both hulks are well moored there is not much fear of standing. The Margaret is however so rotten that I believe a heavy weight would make her leak dangerously.

13. Sat. 18. Am glad that the San Fernando matter is settled. Mean explain the Blacksmith work this way. I gave Biggs the carpenter charge of the contracts, and explained to him what I had undertaken to do. He

sent the Blacksmiths work ashore, and either he or the mate told the Blacksmith with each piece of work whether it was for the contractor for the ships account, and Sharp so entered it in his work book, which is passed through the office every month. I do not think that Biggs could have made a mistake, considering his explicit instructions, and I am confident that Mr. Harris brought a good deal of extra iron work ashore, though all Sec. members just now, of importance was that connected with a winch that altered for the ship.

11. Par. 20. Mention that the Satellite has a cargo of nitrate at Iquique for New York, she must surely be caught now.

13. Par. 21. Mr. Lenat since a severe blowing up I gave him has conducted himself with sobriety. Par. 22. Mr. Francis concealed the fact of his applying for the Financier Clerk. ship, and it happened accidentally

through the vessel leaking into that I heard spit at all. It have been a matter of difference between me and Evans much annoyed at what seemed to me underhand work; but he was unable to see it, in fact our opinions are illustrated by two proverbs, he thinking well to have two strings to his bow. Reminding him of what was said to happen to a person sitting upon two stools.

16. Mr. Young informs me that the consumption of oil at the lighthouses is 10 tons per month, that the yearly shipment is at this rate, but that they always keep a years supply in advance. There are four 4 ft. square boxes containing flannels, cotton waste, lamp glasses &c. constant yearly. They are always ready to send the time home at 6 d. each, and would have sent a quantity per S. S. had there been room.

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17. Mr Turpin has promised to get me seed of the Red Foxtail grass, which grows at Fitzroy. Tussac seed is obtainable in the Spring.

18. The Lotus has brought down salt, shingles, and lime for the Government. Salt and lime are very dear, in fact the first article has risen in a few weeks from 7/ to 20/ per fanega, our salt being at Arabe. The port and agency charges seem enormous. Send a copy of the invoice and a/c. of disbursements. Notary's fees for instance. Sacked Vain what he had been protesting about he said he never saw a notary and knew nothing of the charges, but that several Captains told him he could do his own business cheaper than the agents. Write about these matters to Schuetz Melian. Saw sending up for some shingles nails to come per Foam, having forgotten them.

the shingles are cheap and
good at $6 currency p. mil.

19. It is proposed to
establish a duty on liquors,
and I enclose a letter con-
taining my views, upon which
I shall be glad to receive
the Director's confirmation.

20. I enclose the reply
received to my letter to
Govr. Fitt. The Sun returned
on the 18th inst., having
sold some stores at Sandy
Point, and some to H.M.S. Dawn
in Gregory Bay, but had not sold on
the whole very little I think.
The coal @ $12 per ton is
worse than English coal we can
import cheaper.

21. I hardly know
what to do with the Letters
for the next two months.
I cannot send her sealing
yet, and should like to keep
her close at hand in case the
Governor takes her up for
the mail, which is yet uncer-
tain. Captain Fairs
deserves great credit for his

rapid passage this voyage,
a Dutch Barque (Sunninga?)
which left Montevideo the morn-
ing before the Letter has
not yet arrived. She is to carry
Mr. Lean homeward cargo. It
is possible Capt. Sache may
take up the Stores to carry
home to the West Falklands.
I have to visit Darwin shortly
and shall go round in the Letter
as the overland journey is quite
dangerous in the winter with Snow
on the ground.

22. There is an error of
£10. 13/. in the last journal
entries received from London dated 8th April. Produce is
credited with £7780. 11. 1 but
next page says Cargo on I. Falkland
£7790. 17. 1 Something must
be omitted, as we cannot see
the error on this side.

23. I send a Bookcase one
of these years home, but only
to remind you never to send any
more of this description. They are
an utter swindle. The iron does
not fit round all the windows.
the flooring joists are too

about, also the flooring.
the frame is abominably
slight. the wood, how dry
not, there is not enough
flooring, but must want
ing. nails, screws, &c about.
in fact it is all run up
in the cheapest and worst
possible manner, and takes
as long to put together, as
to build a man of war hired.

24. I have about £300
cash, and with no pretence
to buy Island I have a
little for a bill next month.
The Camp men have been
drawing wages heavily lately.

26. In anticipation
of the Flying Squadron I
have sent the Perseverance
up to Port Simon to put 50
men on Hog Island, where
they will fatten during
the winter. You cannot find
the island on the general
chart, but most likely it
is on the Enlarged plan of
Berkeley Sound, and this
reminds me that I want six

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of each enlarged chart of harbours published by the Admiralty excepting Choiseul Sound, for instance, Berkley Sound, Port Pleasant, Jon Bay, Port Albemarle &c. I want them for our vessels and for sale, and the sets for the Solon, Nereyeraan, and Lily, should be mounted on calico.

26. The dipping for the winter is complete. You will be glad to hear that Greenfields' sheep at Second Canal are perfectly free from scab, excepting a few which escaped back to their old runs, and have again been dipped. This shows what tobacco and clean ground have done, and in the earliest spring I shall get the horses up in Lapornia.

27. The Stag-hound, Capt. Williams has arrived safely, and having to discharge a cargo does his business with Dean. Co's is general from Glasgow for Callao.

The Boxer Capt Stamper from San Francisco for Bristol arrived 21st inst., for medical attendance She got her supplies from the Company. The Fairy and Southern Cross have returned with cargoes from the Balcarry, and there appears to be every probability of the ship being brought safe into Stanley. She is a new iron barque 499 tons. In case she is sold and goes for a low price, am I authorized to buy her and send home the next produce in her?

28. The mail arrd. on Saturday night and I have been occupied with it and my reply since Monday morning. To day (Thursday) the mail is made up. I shall write again per Osborne to sail in about a fortnight. I can give no regular mail days yet. The Governor will send the Arrow monthly if possible, but Smithers is not

a man to keep himself

I am Sir,
Your obedient servant
Wm. E. Cobb.
Colonial Treasurer.

Enclosures.

Copy Letter to Colonists re Indians
" to Police & Firearms.
Price of Stores.
Bank of New South Wales
Stanley Gazette No: 30 &c.
Dep. dispr. No. 2
Cable telegr. 20 June
Notes on Portland Bay gaol &c.
Govr. to Cobb / Mar.
Cameron's explanation of discrepancies
in Darwin Mr. wages.
Shipping Report
Letter from Col. Sec. 8th June
" Portland 26 May. 1 June (2)
J. P. June.

No provns, and steam
coals as before.

Wm. E. C.

Analysis of Cargo received by Barque Hellen Jackson in February 1870 showing proportion valuable in the Falklands proportion required shipping demand & proportion devoted to Manufactures.

Name	Colony	Shipping	Use	Name	Colony	Shipping	Use
Anderson	100. 2. 0	100. 0. 0		Bright & Son?	1323 5 3	257 13 3	439. 2. 9
Atkins	3. 0. 0	9. 5. 0		Bowden	60. 17. 8	100. 0. 0	20. 0. 0
Arnold	10. 0 0		20. 0. 0	Cables			10. 7. 0
Bannerman	0. 18. 5			Eley	9. 1. 3		
Barnard			2. 17. 6	Ell			4. 2. 1
Bacon	150. 17. 10			Engert	4. 3. 4		
Barnes	27. 11. 4			Elliot	8. 4. 9		
Bland	11. 19. 0			Fairbairn	16. 7. 4		
Braby	19. 6. 0		9. 9. 0	Fenner	107. 13. 4		275. 0. 0
Bradbury	39. 3. 3			Forrett	27. 12. 0		
Bancroft	3. 19. 1			Frost	20. 16. 5	300. 0. 0	30. 0. 0
Bell	17. 9. 0			Gillon	71. 0. 0	19. 2. 6	
Blenner	49. 17. 7		300. 0. 0	Gutch	2. 6. 6		
Botts	4. 16. 6		11. 0. 0	Hall	3. 15. 0		
Bruton	20. 0. 0		26. 0. 0	Hanbury	3. 6. 0		
Burns	16. 6. 0		25. 0. 0	Houghton	19. 2. 2		10. 0. 0
Burnett	250. 0. 0	138. 6. 3		Holwell	25. 6		
Carter	6. 9. 0			Howe	36. 7. 0		
Champion	10. 15. 1			Huntley	3. 10. 5		
Clarke	15. 0			Imlach	12. 6		
Christy	41 11. 9	10. 0. 0		Keating	3. 2. 1		
dd	12. 17. 1			Lascelles	10. 0. 0		6. 5. 0
Cole	5. 2. 6			Lawson			9. 0
Compton	46. 10. 0		10. 0. 0	Leslie	13. 6. 0		
Copestake	63. 19. 6			Mann	16. 0. 0		
ette	20. 0. 0		9. 1. 9	Manns		22. 13. 0	
ese	24. 7. 11			Milo	8. 5. 0		
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Name	Colony	Shipg	Hosp
Bmgh[t] forw[d]	1528.2.2	709.2.9	313.6.1
S.T. Morton	100.0.0	55.9.8	[illegible]
Pat. Mc Ll[y]			1.14.0
Potter	3.13.6		1.2.6
Rimmell	1.3.0		
Roaker	5.16.0		23.0.0
Rosh	11.6		
Rowness	200.0.0	30.0.0	330.13.9
Russell		130.15.3	100.0.0
Shaldero			11.6
Sanders	7.15.6		
Silver	300.0.0	103.6.5	
Smithson	1.19.6		
Snowball	16.6.6		
Stuart	13.11.6		
Tallock	1.16.0		
Torry	300.0.0	76.10	
Walker			23.13.0
Ward	175.0.0		26.6.3
Watins	5.11.0		
Weston	10.3		
Williams	4.15.0		
Whitaker	17.0		
White			60.1.6
Whitehead		3.14.0	
Wild	230.0.0	109.1.9	
Yorke	960.19		
£	3500.14.2	1245.16.7	1430.15.7

Summary.

Stanley market	£3892.14.2
Shipping	1245.16.7
Pompy Establishmt	1430.15.7
Total of Invoice	£6,569.6.4