

London, 39 A. Gracechurch St. 8th Feb. 1867.

E.C.

Falkland Islands Company.

N^o. 341.

M^r. Shannon

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge your Despatch N^o. 223 of the 15th October last, which arrived on the 31st December 1866 - Despatches N^o. 224, 225 of the 30th October and the 5th November arriving on the 1st January 1867 and N^o. 226 to hand on the 2nd instant, with all their Enclosures in due order.

2. The Board's last communication was dated the 18th December 1866 M^r. French Mail, Duplicate of which was sent on the 24th December M^r. Indian Chief, the Triplicate by the Brazil Steamer on the 5th ultimo, and the Directors trust that the Power of Attorney will have reached you at the same time that M^r. Lane arrived in the Colony, so that he would only have to give over to you without causing any change in the state of affairs.

3. I am now instructed to inform you that the Office of Managing Director has since been dispensed with, and the correspondence will in future be carried on by myself as Secretary under the instructions of the Board of Directors, and all communications should henceforth be directed to the Secretary of the Falkland Islands Company.

4. Under this new arrangement it is hoped that matters will be conducted with more regularity and that the different Officers of the Company will work together with harmony, it is absolutely necessary that all instructions and wishes of the Directors be strictly attended to, with this view it is of great importance that the Books and Accounts should be properly adjusted, and we had hoped that one of your last Despatches would have brought the Ledger Balances of the 30th June last, since the return of Balances at that date enclosed in N^o. 229 was imperfect there is a post note stating that the correct Balances should be sent forward by the next Despatch, this has not been done and until these are properly arranged it is impossible to see how the Island affairs have worked, consequently the matter will have to remain in abeyance till we receive a true statement of the Balances. Despatches 324 and 327 instructed quarterly Balances to be reported, this must now be done by the next Mail after the end of each Quarter.

5. I am to call your particular attention to the necessity of the most rigid economy being practised in every branch of the Company's operations, the Board perceives with great satisfaction M^r. Greenshield's efforts to reduce the numerous establishment in the Camp, and seeing that the Stanley Wages Account has already two Gardeners on pay and that the 'West'

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Acting Colonial Manager
Stanley.

will have landed another Gardener, they wish you to report what duties these men perform and whether the Dairy & Vegetable Garden operations are likely to lead to beneficial results.

6. Respecting the acreage of Fairy Cove Land the return of 18th 22nd 4 states the contents of Lot N^o 38 to be 22 acres, 12 roods, no perches, this evident error must be corrected. As the balance of the Land Orders now on hand amounts to £85.1.2.3 the Directors consider it would be advisable to take up Land to that amount, since they fear that if any longer delay occurs the Government may cancel these Orders, they therefore wish you to consult with the Camp Manager on the subject and take measures accordingly. Should the Fairy Cove Farm be now large enough for Butchery purposes they suggest that a large block should be secured at Darwin Harbour, on the Isthmus, being the approach to the Company's Freehold Peninsula & extending rather towards Seal Creek to secure water frontage, as they are of opinion that that Land must be much improved from the breeding of the Sheep driven thither for so many yearly shearings; they wish however due consideration to be given to the expediency of selecting a plot of Land on Bluff or Mackinnon Creek, having a good sea approach, for a future Wool Depot to enable the clip to be shipped thence and so save the driving of the Stocks located on 1st 17, 18, 26, 27, 30 & 31 so far as Darwin Harbour. In this matter of choice of Land however you must consider these remarks as merely suggestions on the part of the Directors, as the responsibility of choosing the most advisable plots must remain with you & Mr Greenshield - if however you and he are not in accordance as to the advisability of taking the same situation, you had better submit your views to some before doing anything as we must bear in mind that the Leases of many of our present Farms will expire in about ten years time.

7. Referring to N^o 224, 12. the Directors wish you to intimate to H. E. Gov^r Robinson their desire to close the Cattle Killing Claims on any fair terms, they would therefore be glad if you could make an arrangement with him, subject to the consent of the Colonial Office, which would prevent the necessity of negotiation here.

8. In compliance with Mr Lane's suggestion the Board wrote to the Colonial Office complaining of the heavy charge made by the Colonial Surgeon for attendance in the Camp on one of the Shepherds' Hives, the matter was referred to the Colony & the Board having received a sufficient explanation thereon, you will arrange in future for Medical attendance in urgent cases of illness in the Camps being provided by the C^o at some reasonable charge, a proportion of this expense ought to be borne by the servants & deducted from their wages, but in any case you must arrange for Medical Attendance when necessary.

9. The Board has passed an Order that the Director is to pay in his Cash Receipts daily with a memo of the amount in duplicate, such duplicates to be sent to this Office by the next mail.

10. Provided Mr. Pam has given over the whole of the Camp's Cash, Property and Affairs to you in a proper manner, the Board authorises you to advance him to the amount of £200 (Two Hundred Pounds) on account of Salary ~~to the sum of his Salary~~.

11. Pam to inform you that the Board has instructed Mr. Greenhills to report to them direct as heretofore, but these Reports, as well as any Letters to myself in lieu of the class? Dir?, are to pass through your hands (or else copies are to be sent by him to you) for your guidance, and the Directors wish to have your remarks on the various subjects brought by the Camp Manager where you consider it requisite.

12. The account of Stores on hand on the 30th June in this year must be entered on the cost price of the additional charges added thereto, and not on the principle of the selling price of them 20 per cent deducted for the profit to bring the articles to the cost price into Store.

13. There is a probability of two Steamers going to the West Coast calling at Stanley to coal, they would require nearly 400 tons each and the transaction would be on the same terms as that of the 'Cyclone', about 60/- being mentioned as the price of the Coals, whether in mind a commission may have to be allowed here. Information must be sent by way of opportunity of the precise stock and kinds of Coal on hand.

14. Messrs. Edw. & Wm. Men of London shippers of 12 bales of India Bagging, 12 b. 11002 & 675 ft. Orange Bazaar have offered them to the Company at their cost price of £267.4.11 for 96 pieces containing 47,694 yards, this being 2 1/2/- per yard was declined and they have now requested that these Goods, which are not insured, may be forwarded to Messrs. Thomas Lagard & Co., Montevideo or Buenos Ayres, stating they will pay the General Average and storage at the Falklands in this country - Messrs. ^{Ward} have sent a Bill of Lading dated Glasgow 13 July 65 & saying - Messrs. Forbes Knight & Co. object that their Firm in San Francisco as Consignees have no claim on these 12 bales, this is enclosed and you can attend to their wishes provided the charges on these goods are met or arranged for before they are delivered up to any one.

Remain, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
J. Coleman
Secy.

Enclosures.
Orange Bazaar's Bill of Lading.
Palmer's Administration Account.
Letter for P. Reive from his Wife.

No. 344

8 February 1867.

Secretary of
the F. S. Compt.

London. 8th March 1867.
Falkland Islands Company.

N^o 342.

M^r 'Seine'

Sir,
I beg to acknowledge your Despatch N^o 227 of the 1st January last, which, with its Enclosures, arrived on the 5th instant, we received on the 19th ult^o: the Duplicate of M^r French Mail, this enabled the Barque 'Hadley's' Bill to be accepted from that date and the £130 to be collected from the Emigration Commissioners for the Passengers M^r 'West'.

2. The Directors are pleased to hear that the price of Mutton has been lowered through the Farm being able to supply 1000 old Wethers yearly I trust this will compete with the Beef so that the Butchery receipts may be increased, they consider M^r Greenshield's ^{plan} for forming a herd of Oxen at Swan Inlet quite feasible and trust it will be successfully carried out - his idea of devoting Lively Island to the fattening of old Cows for the Butchery is also a step in the right direction, since the Schooner or Pilot Cutter could readily transport the meat to Stanley in good condition, or bring a number of animals for keeping a short time on Fairy Cove Farm, which we trust has now been got into fair working order: the change of Butcher to W. Fell is to be commended for the complaints of the former one were numerous.

3. Your Report upon the Shearing, Lambing & Cure of Scab is very gratifying, M^r Greenshield says this latter can be cured by the application of Penguin Oil only, we trust therefore that a supply of this article will always be obtainable, as it is of great importance for the credit of the Falkland Island Wool that this disease should not make the inroads it was allowed to do formerly. The Directors call your attention to the Penguin Ordinance mentioned in N^o 170, 14, and suggest whether steps should not be taken to protect the rookeries of these birds on the Company's property.

4. We shall endeavour to meet your requirements as to a Carpenter, Mason & Storekeeper for Darwin, who can also attend to the Books Hill up his spare time in teaching the Shepherd's children. The Iron Fencing shall likewise be sent out by first opportunity, we have never yet had any particular information on the kind of Fencing suitable for the Islands, but shall endeavour to make a proper selection we presume it will be cheaper to send out the wooden posts in preference

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Stanley.

to the 'Fairy' obtaining a Cargo from the Straits of Magellan, it would however be well to instruct her Captain, should she be sent there with supplies for H. M. S. "Vespa", to learn the best spot to obtain the most suitable wood for such posts, for if Mr. Greenshield's finds good use for the Paving and needs more it would be of importance to procure Wood so near at hand in order to save expense.

5. One of the Board's former Despatches commented on the plan of paying the Wages of the Shepherds periodically in Cash, your proposal therefore to this end quite meets with their approval and they trust it will be carried out as soon as possible - they also consider your proposition for reducing the price of Stores sold to the Company's own employes at Darwin quite fair & reasonable and wish this boon to be granted, as they desire that all the men working for the Comp^y should be contented, feeling convinced that by this means their duties will be better performed.

6. Messrs Croft & Co. have been instructed not to ship to Stanley without instructions from this Office, as it is necessary to make some arrangements for limiting the period of execution of any order which you may consider would be better supplied from the West Coast than from this market, since through the Show order standing open you received supplies fr^m 'Glencoyne' after we had shipped hence fr^m 'Wet' and 'Marilda', this has caused an excessive stock on hand at a loss of wastage & interest of money and must be avoided in future, the Directors wish you to state therefore what goods it would be advisable to draw from the West Coast and the time when any more would be required.

7. We must warn you against making any purchases of the Feathers obtained from the South American Coast, as it is reported that Mr. Dean has a large stock on hand for which he cannot find a sale at the price they cost him in the Islands.

8. The Directors are extremely disappointed that you have not yet sent an amended account of the Stanley Balances on the 30th June 1866, they refer you to their last Despatch Par^t 4 on this subject and I am to caution you, that inattention to orders relating to Accounts will meet with their severe displeasure.

9. We perceive from your Letter to Messrs Hocquard and Stewart that you have instructed them to send down some Shingles, the Additional Order of 28 April 66, ex N^o 211, ordered 50,000 but not being known in this market they could not be provided, we

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spoke to our Timber Merchants who have procured a bundle from Quebec, composed of a frame of wood in the centre into which the thin ends of the Shingles^{are} driven, it measures 30 inches x 24 x 10 and contains from 140 to 150 pieces, which^{are} 16 1/2 inches long, 3/8 thick at top diminishing to 1/8 thick at bottom, & varying from 8 1/2 inches to 4 inches wide - unfortunately they cannot furnish particulars as to price &c - as such goods appear to be in constant demand you had better send full particulars of wood, sizes, cost delivered at Stanley, &c so that we may judge whether it would answer to procure a quantity from America and ship them from this port.

I remain,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Coleman
Secy.

Enclosures.

Duplicate of N^o 341.

Letter for Mr. Greenfields

do Shepherd Reive

do Smallbones

No 342.

8 March 1867.

The Secretary
of the F. I. Co.

London. 8th April 1867.
Falkland Islands Company.

N^o 343.

J^r Shannon

Sir,

Since the Board's last Despatch N^o 342 we have received Mr. Forster's Letter of the 19th December last, introducing Capt. Kettler, late Master of the 'Orange Nassau', it arrived by Post as he did not pass through London but left the 'Mary Ann Holman' at Queenstown & travelled to Amsterdam via Liverpool.

2. Mess^{rs} Hocquard and Stewart have been instructed to send particulars and prices of Posts of Yanduey Wood, which is recommended for Wire Fencing, this will enable comparisons to be made with Posts that may be obtainable from the Straits of Magellan.

3. Mr. Lane's communications N^o 228, 229, 230 and 231, dated the 5th, 9th, 10th and 14th February last, with the Bills and Enclosures, were delivered at this Office on the 6th instant, they have had the Board's careful consideration but a decision upon them is deferred until the arrival of the next Mail.

Remain,

Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

J. Coleman
Sec^y

The Acting
Colonial Manager
of The Falkland Islands Co^o
Stanley.

Enclosures.

- Triplicate of N^o 341.
- Duplicate of N^o 342.
- Realization of Cargo ex 'Matilda', August 1866, £ 5,398.5.10
- Island Administration Acc^t.
- Letter for Peter Reive from his Wife.

No 343.

8 April 1867

The Secretary
of The F. S. Co.

London, 39 A. Gracechurch St. 8th May 1867.

E.C.

Falkland Islands Company.

N^o 344.

P. 'Seine'

Sir,

I am instructed to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Lane's Despatches N^o 232 and 233, with their Enclosures, which have been submitted to the Board of Directors, who are unable for the present to arrive at any decision upon the various subjects, but will send full replies and instructions to all the late advices as soon as they learn what definite arrangement has been made at Stanley for the conduct of the Company's affairs.

2. The Remittances of £250, £300, £26..18..6 and £30 have been duly accepted and noted to the Credit of the Island Administration.

3. It is the Board's wish that all future Despatches are to be addressed to the Secretary at the Offices of the Company.

I remain,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Coleman
Secy.

Enclosures.

Duplicate of N^o 343.

Letter for Peter Seine from his Wife.

The Acting
Colonial Manager
of The Falkland Islands Co.

Stanley.

London, 39 A. Gracechurch St. 31st May 1867.

E.C.

Falkland Islands Company.

N^o 345.

P. 'Epsilon'

Sir,

We avail of this Vessel, chartered by M^{rs} Dean with about 350 tons Nixon's Navigation Coal and some few Stores shut out of the 'Indian Chief', to send the following Passengers-

- M^{rs} Reive and two Children, Wife of }
 Peter Reive, Shepherd, P. 'Matilda' in Nov^r last }
 William Cameron, Shoemaker & Teacher for Darwin Harb^r }
 James Davidson }
 John M^{rs} Gowan } Shepherds
 John Thomson }

and intended to have shipped 8 young Irish Turps and 8 young Cherish Turps, but Live Stock was objected to.

2. These five Adults go out under the Emigration Commissioners, so the Landing Certificate must be returned as soon as possible - we do not claim for M^{rs} Reive's Boy, 3 years old, as it would leave half a nomination open, liable to be lost through lapse of time, and the infant goes free.

3. The Zoological Society of London, being desirous of obtaining some live Seals & Birds from the Falklands, have requested our assistance in sending a Frenchman named Adolph Lecomte for this object, he proceeds therefore by this opportunity, and the Directors wish that every assistance may be afforded to carry out the Society's views - enclosed is Copy of Instructions given him by L^r Sclater, the Secretary, and the Board have agreed that he may draw Ten Pounds monthly from your Office, this payment to commence in advance from the date of his landing, and they wish if possible that he should return (with any animals or birds he has obtained) by the Vessel bringing home the Company's Produce next year, you will therefore take his receipt for the £10 in duplicate, sending a Copy by each Mail after payment - the expense of his passage out & home will be settled here. Enclosed is Letter to H. E. Gov^r Robinson on this subject, which please deliver.

The Acting Colonial Manager
of The Falkland Islands Co
Stanley.

4. The Board desires that your next Despatch shall contain an Inventory of the Furniture and Effects belonging to the Company in Malvina House & Teja Cottage.

5. In receiving Bills from foreign Captains it will in future be necessary to have them made payable in London, since the Hamburg Bill £ 341.4.5 for 'Elizabeth' only realized £ 339 through the course of exchange being unfavorable with this country.

6. The Matilda arrived on the 28th inst. and delivered the next day Mr. Forster's Despatches N^{os} 1 and 2 of the 12th and 13th March, and Mr. Lane's Letter of the 12th March. The Navy Bills for £ 195 and £ 60.10.10 have been sent in for acceptance.

7. The Directors are very sorry to perceive that there has been an unusual loss of Sheep during the last Winter, and they wish the Camp Manager to send an explanation about the extra deaths which have taken place.

I remain,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
J. Coleman
Secy.

Enclosures.

Triplicates N^{os} 342, 343 - Duplicate 344.
Copy Fire Policy on Stores £ 2,000, 2 May 67.
re 'Orange Napan' - Forbes 16th Letter, 20 May 67
 C^o. Reply above 21 " "
Letter for Gov^r. Robinson from Zoological Society
Copy Zoological Society's Instructions to Adolph Lecomte
" Authority for £ 100 to be paid monthly to do do
Land Order for £ 100 N^o 118 - Part 4.
Emigration Agreement 25 May 67 for 'Epsilon'
Landing Certificate for Emigrants N^o. do
Agreement with M^{rs}. Cameron & Advance Receipt £ 9 -
do " G^o. Davidson do do 11 -
do " John M^{rs}. Gowen do do 11 -
do " John Thomson do do 8 -
M^{rs}. Reive's Receipt for £ 9.10. - Advance for her Husband
Shipping & Mercantile Gazette of 20 May 60 abt. Coals in N. M. S. Sealow's

London, 39 A. Gracechurch St. 8th June 1867.
E.C.

Falkland Islands Company.

N^o. 346.

S^r. 'Oneida'

Sir,

We have received a Letter from Lieut. J. Colling of R.M.S. 'Zealous' containing a Remittance for Eighteen Pounds to pay for 4 kilderkins Bass' Ale and 2 kilderkins Stout @ 6/- supplied to the Gun Room Wine Fund of this Vessel, as per Invoice dated 27 Feb 67 - The amount has not yet been paid owing to some error about the Draft forwarded, but we expect the next Mail will enable the money to be obtained.

2. The 'Sparrowhawk' Ward Room Mess Committee have remitted Five Pounds through the Admiralty which closes their Account.

3. The Board is going to apply to the Emigration Commissioners in order that some young women may be sent out to the Falklands, and they wish you to take the first good opportunity to bring this matter before H. E. the Governor and, if possible, get him to address the Commissioners favorably upon the subject.

4. The 'Epsilon' sailed from Swansea on the 1st inst.

I remain,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

F. Coleman
Secy.

Frederick E. Cobb Esq
Colonial Manager
Stanley.

Enclosures.

Duplicate N^o. 345

Land Order N^o. 18 for £100

Report on Hides ex 'Mabilda'

Copy Emigration Comps^{rs}. Agreement for 'Epsilon'

" Charterparty of 'Mabilda', 5 June

" do " 'Beba' 6 "

" of Letter to Mr. Forster 8 "

" " do " " Greenhields " "

Letters for 'Leconte, Reive, Smallbones.

Shipping & Mercantile Gazette of 18 June 67 with Capt. Dyer's Letter on F.I.

P.S. With respect to William Ameron engaged as a Storekeeper & Schoolmaster at Darwin Harbour, the Board think that the Parents of those Children who receive instruction should contribute towards the expense, and are agreeable to leave it to you to arrange with them, through Mr Greenhields, the weekly sum to be paid. F.C.

London, 39 A. Gracechurch St. 8th June 1867.

E. C.

Falkland Islands Company.

Sir, As you have been appointed this Company's Colonial Manager at Stanley, the Directors have ordered the following Instructions to be prepared for your guidance.

1. On arriving at Stanley it will be your duty to wait upon His Excellency the Governor of the Colony and to assure him that it will be your study to carry out the great object of the Company in promoting the general welfare of the Colony.

You will then give your best attention to acquiring a full knowledge of the Laws and Customs of the Colony.

2. - Conduct towards the Local Government. Under this head it is scarcely necessary to do more than require you ever to bear in mind that the Governor of the Colony is the Local Representative of the Sovereign.

That it is the wish of the Company to cooperate with the Government in promoting the welfare of the Colony and that every member upon the establishment is required to conduct himself respectfully towards the constituted authorities of the Government.

The Board of Directors wish you to abstain from interference with Governmental, Religious or Political matters, unless the Governor may ask your services in the Council or as Magistrate, in either of which cases it will be proper for you to comply to such extent as shall not interfere with your duties to the Company or lead to official controversy.

Schools being of great importance to the children of Settlers in the Colony, you are authorized to contribute on behalf of the Company towards any such as may be established by the Government, under the Colonial Chaplain's superintendence, the usual yearly subscription, and in any matter of improvement that is likely to promote the welfare of the Colony, you will make the Government understand that the Company will be disposed to contribute upon its merits being made known to the Board of Directors.

3. - Taking over Charge of Property &c. is a duty that will demand your most careful attention. On this occasion it is required that full and detailed Inventories be prepared of every article of Property belonging to the Company, Wild Cattle inclusive, so far as existing information will permit.

One set of Inventories will be devoted to the Company's Live Stock, which must be minute though concise in its descriptions. The other set of Inventories are to embrace all other Property belonging to the Company of every description, Vessels, their Stores, Merchandise, Produce, Houses, Coals, Allotments of Land &c. &c. inclusive.

It will be your duty to satisfy yourself of the condition of every article you acknowledge to have received, so that whilst Mr.

Frederick Edward Cobb Esq

Forster is completing his Lists at Stanley, it will probably be well for you to proceed by sea to Darwin Harbour, so as to see the Property that belongs to the Company in that neighbourhood and on the Southern Peninsula.

The Property inventorised will have to be compared with the Accounts &c so that all deficiencies may be noted and accounted for.

4. - Correspondence. By every opportunity you must forward to the Board of Directors all Correspondence affecting the interests of the Company, and at the same time submit a concise detail of information that shall enable the Directors to form an impartial opinion of the matters to which it refers.

On concerns affecting the Camp Management you must address the Camp Manager, and on Marine Matters the Commanders of the Company's Vessels.

In all matters with the Local Government you must address the Governor of the Colony.

On current business not departmental you must be regulated by the emergency that has given rise to it.

In all cases where differences of opinion have arisen between yourself and any other party affecting the Company's interests, you must ask them to furnish you with their views of the matter to be forwarded to the Directors by the next Mail, with your own opinion and Copies of all connected Correspondence, though this is not to preclude any Officer from forwarding direct to the Board the Copy of any communication that he may have made through you.

Your Despatches must be made up under the Company's Seal and these, as well as all papers emanating from your Department, must be headed "Falkland Islands Corporation" - and have the words "Colonial Manager, Stanley", affixed after your Signature.

All your Despatches must be sent in Duplicate by successive opportunities, but, with exception of Bills of Lading or of Exchange, the Enclosures are not needed in Duplicate, though the records of Despatches must bear note of the Enclosures that were sent with the Originals.

5. - Accounts, Returns and Reports. As the new Packet arrangements will afford opportunities for sending Mails to England every alternate month, it is required that your twelve months' Accounts are to close on the 30th June and the Salaries for that month are to be considered due on that day, so that you will be enabled to send home the closing Accounts of your accounting year as soon as possible thereafter.

The Directors append a Letter from Messrs Dalrymple, Greenwood & Dever, the Accountants, dated the 7th January 1867, to show what Accounts and Returns are considered necessary to be furnished from your Office.

Your bi-monthly transmissions will be as follows -
Copies of Cash Book and Journal for previous two months,

Purchasing from Montevideo is only to be resorted to when absolutely necessary for the Company's interests, and whenever there are such transactions immediate payment must be made.

Orders for Stores &c must be so explicit as to afford no difficulty in supplying them, they must be sent to England in time to ensure the Island demand being supplied, and must always be accompanied by notes upon the last supplies of the nature again applied for.

7. - Coaling Steamers. As soon as Stanley becomes more in use as a Port of Call for Steamers from Australia private arrangements will probably be introduced for the Coaling of Steamers, but until this is the case the Directors will be anxious to afford every encouragement to this branch of trade that is in their power.

8 - Miscellaneous Instructions. Under this head it is proper to keep before you -

First - The strict attention that both yourself and the whole Establishment are required to give in maintaining a system of most careful economy, for without this no speculation can succeed.

Second - The importance which the Directors attach to the general good behaviour, temperance and harmonious conduct of every member upon their Establishment, for it is to be understood that any conduct tending to disturb the harmony and general good feeling between Officers on the Company's Establishments, or with Governmental Authorities, will be considered and treated by the Directors as a distinct breach of Agreement.

Third - The observation of all Instructions that are issued whether by the Directors or by those whom they have placed in local authority, for as the success of the Company's undertakings must to a great extent depend upon rigid obedience to orders, neglect or disregard of Instructions will ever be visited as breaches of Agreements.

I remain,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
P. Coleman
Secy.

London, 39 A. Gracechurch St. 5th July 1867.
E.C.

Falkland Islands Company.

N^o 317.

P. Shannon

Sir,

M^r Forster's Duplicate Despatch N^o 3 arrived on the 21st ultimo p. French Mail, the Original with Enclosures all correct on the 2nd instant. The Bills for £100 and £28.16.6 have been accepted, and the Colonial Remittances of £5 to Biggar and £5 to Whan have been paid.

2. In compliance with Paragraph 10 the sale of Land to William A. Hillon is confirmed, and we return per Matilda the Grant duly stamped with the Corporation Seal.

3. Par 11. With reference to M^r Arrol's Beer ex 'Orange Nassau' it is a pity some statement was not forwarded respecting the proportion of Bulk Hire and Charges on the several shipments, or on the different lots of Cargo, so that the Board could have arranged with M^r Arrol, in want of this we have offered him Fifty Pounds on account leaving his share of the expenses to be apportioned when the whole account is made up. We believe it is now arranged that the 'Matilda' is to be chartered to take on the 'Orange Nassau's' Cargo to San Francisco, the Directors are of opinion it should not be delivered up until the whole of the Company's charges are paid or properly secured by a good guarantee.

4. Par 15. The Board has determined that it would not be advisable at present to sell Live Lambs - as regards Ram Lambs they consider that if the Camp Manager has any to spare from those retained for the Camp, he might sell some to Mr. Dean or others at a price commensurate to their value but not below Ten Pounds: the cost of imported Rams is never less than £10 or £12 and as these would be acclimatized animals this must be taken into consideration, at the same time the Directors would not wish a prohibitory price to be affixed, since it appears that if the whole of the Falklands Wool could be improved this C^o clip would not suffer from the sale of inferior Wool from the same place.

5. Par 16. The Matilda carries out Leads, Plough and Cart to enable M^r Greenshield to commence his trial of cultivating Oats &c, for the Directors believe that much good will result from his endeavours. She also carries a quantity of Wire Fencing and we hope to derive benefit from this outlay in reduced

Frederick E. Cobb Esq
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Stanley.

Wages and the greater security to the Stocks of James Castle.

6. It is to be regretted that a Duplicate of the additional indent did not arrive by French Mail, as it would have enabled us to send all the articles asked for comfortably in the 'Matilda', having detained her a few days we hope to get most in but please attend to this in future.

7. Mr. Lane informed us, by Letter of 12th March Part 4, that seven of the Tanks ex 'Matilda' were to be paid for by Mr. Dean at Six Pounds each, Mr. Dean declined to meet this claim and produced a Letter from his Son stating that these Tanks had been bought at Auction, it is arranged therefore that if the Tanks which he had from the Company were not paid for the amount is now to be received in Stanley.

8. The Board has resolved that Mr. Forster's Salary as Colonial Manager is to be at the rate of Five Hundred (£500) per annum from the time he acted upon the Power of Attorney sent out to him until he was relieved by your arrival.

9. The Board has engaged Mr. George Travis as General Clerk & Bookkeeper at £180 for the first year and £240 for the 3rd, 4th and 5th years, with a House to live in - the Directors believe him to be a very suitable young man and having had most excellent references with him they trust he will prove of good service to the Comp^y and keep the Books in close order.

10. The 'Matilda' will leave the Docks tomorrow with a full general Cargo of Stores and five Shepherds, viz - Norman, Mr. Hinnon, Wife, two Daughters of 16 & 12 yrs, Son 14 years - Donald, Mr. Donald - Alex. Mr. Hay - Will. Wright - and another Young Man.

11. The 'Beta' will sail from Buenos Aires about the 15th with 450 tons Steam Coals, the Pipe Tiles and Oil Tying Out Pans if obtainable down there, and the following Passengers - Miss Watts, Sister to P. Watts, Mr. George Travis, two married Shepherds & two young Single Women - she will also carry 23 Young Rams and six Directors with the Com^y Managers' careful Report on them.

12. The Directors have availed of these Emigrants to take up Land Orders for £300 and request you will consult with Mr. Greenhills as to the most suitable Land to be obtained with them.

I remain, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Colman

J.C.

Enclosures.

Land Order for £200 .s. 10, Part 1.
 Letter for Mr. H. Greenhills.
 Island Almanac - 1000 Journal Entries.

Island Administration Account.

D^r
1866.

Dec 31 - To Sundries Profit & Loss 1,171.16.5

C^r

2/3 104

Dec 31 - By Sundries Produce of Adventures 6,054.18.11

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" " do Falkland Islands 3,500 . . .

" " do New Acc^t 17,745 . 5 . 4

These Entries close the Account for 1866 making the addition on both sides £ 37,733.13.10.

The Profit on the year may be taken as £ 3,171.16.5 since the Produce on hand was valued at £ 2,000.

The Account for 1867 commences on D^r side with 1867.

Jan 1 - To Sundries Old Acc^t 17,745.5.4

the nine entries as p. Despatch 343 - and

2/3 105
104

May 2 - To Cash Greenhields £ 3, M^{rs} Rive £ 1 - 14. . . .

14 - " do do Gilbert for Forster Grands Briggs 2.9.7
1.19.7 - 6.6 - 3.6

17 - " Sundries Insurance 57.11.3

2/3 105

June 3 - " Cash Greenhields 3. . . .

2/3 104

5 - " do Col^l Penits Butter 20
Sprentold 10
Smallbones 5 35. . . .

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On the C^r side the three Entries as p. Despatch 343 and

105 Apr 6 - By Sundries Bills Rec^d 864.10. . .

11 - " Cash for Emigration Conje^{rs} for 'Matilda' 60. . . .

20 - " Bills Receivable 606.13.6

105

29 - " do 258.40.10

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June 1 - " Cash from Sparrowhawk M^{rs} Committee 5. . . .

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21 - " Sundries Bills Rec^d 128.16.6

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1500
750
375

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2000
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No 317

8 July, 1874

The Secretary
of the S. & O.

News & Letters

London, 39 A. Gracechurch St. 9th July 1867.

E.C.

Falkland Islands Company.

N^o 348.

M^{rs} Matilda

Sir,

This Vessel is now loaded with a full Cargo of Stores upon which we make the following remarks - The Indent is dated 13th March and arrived in Despatch N^o 2.

Guns - two of the Shepherds wished to buy Guns, as we could not make them further Advances of Money, three are sent for the Store since Capt. Dyer says they are always in demand. Hatdasher's Linens & Stuffs &c are obtained this time from Manchester direct, so you will have to report upon Bannerman's Invoice especially. Manilla Cigars being always required we have been able to obtain a Case of first rate quality though the price is moderate being the native manufacture, the Tobacco is of the best kind though not turned by the Havannah workmen which so needlessly increases the cost. Boots & Shoes some are sent from Turner Bro^s Hyde St^o who now supply Dean & Son at a lower rate than Burrows, this will enable you to compete in this article, which we are assured gives equal satisfaction though at much lower prices. Coals a few tons are sent for deadweight which can be used for House or Steam - there are two tons of the Vessel's own Coals amongst these. Crockery some of the rough kind could not be got up from Newcastle as the men were out on holiday - Glaze British second extra stout is sent instead of Crown as the price is much lower & the quality about the same. Toys are sent from Evans & Sons, a new man, please report on them. Photographic Apparatus is sent for Biggs, the lenses are described as being unusually good, a small assortment of Chemicals &c is sent to be within the limit, but any quantity can be sent afterwards as required. Fans, Fresh Herrings as Horton had not these in stock some are sent from Gillon &c, described as of superior quality & certainly full weight. Diving Stores a drafs, extra cuffs &c is sent with solution to repair the old one, if badly out of order return it & it can be entirely renovated & say what duplicate articles should be returned with it. Strong Ale time of the season of the year did not allow Stoll's to brew this for us, so we ship their extra quality of rather Pale Ale, it would be well in future to know earlier about Beers which require to be brewed specially for the Co. - Seed Oats, Barley &c Greenhields' order for Biggar is supplied by Lawson as the Directors considered they would do it cheaper & with more certainty as to the seeds germinating - we send a little Rye as being suitable for the climate. Timber the latter portion of Allen's first Invoice was put in before the Indent for House Timber arrived, it is of the kind usually sent & we trust it will prove saleable. The bundle of Shingles mentioned in Despatch 342, 9 is sent as Sample to be reported on as to kind, quality & price, when we can judge whether to order some from Quebec. Furdles are sent of the sort recommended by Waldron to Greenhields, also 100 Willow Slates for the Ship. Shovels 1/2 doz round nosed are sent as sample. Pigs not fit to ship

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Colonial Manager
Stanley.

Bricks are sent for ballast, also a few Pine Tiles which the Captain reports would be very useful for Ovens &c. Wines & Spirits - we trust these will give satisfaction, presuming the Hungarian Wines are a special order they are shipped, doubts are expressed as to their standing the voyage so the risk must be borne by the person ordering. Medicine Chest a small one is sent for the Camp. Harmonium not now manufactured see remarks in Roger's List. Table Glass could not be obtained in time.

Some of the Old Account Books received for 'Matilda' are returned as being very little entered they will be useful - the case N. 994 contains 2 parcels of Books for yourself & a parcel for Gov^r. Robinson - we also send him some Theatrical Scenes &c. the freight of which the Directors wish you to tell him may be considered a subscription from the Company towards this improvement he is making in Stanley.

Most of the Additional Purduet ex N. 3 will now be on board, there may be a chance of sending anything left out by the 'Diana' chartered by Mr. Waldron, which is to sail on the 20th inst.

Remain, Sir
Your obedient Servant,
J. Coleman
Sec^y

Enclosures.

- Triplicate N^o. 343, 344.
- Duplicate " 346, 347.
- Charterparties of 'Matilda' and 'Beta'
- Emig^t. Agreement for do Land Order £ 200 N^o. 19. Part 2.
- Grant of Sale of Land to W. H. Gibbon
- Letter (Sup^r) to Greenfields of 8 July
- Round Weights - Sale Catalogue Matilda's Wool on 3 July 67
- Roger's List of Musical Instruments. Howard's Plough Fittings -
- Three Letters for Mr. Cobb
- One do " Dr. Watts
- Agreement with Norman Mr. Minion Receipt for Wages £ 17. 11. 6
- do Donald Mr. Donald do 11. 12. 10
- do William Wright do and 10. 2. 3
- do Alex^r. Mr. Hay do 8. . . .

- Bill of Lading
- General Invoice £ 3,839 " 8 " 3
- Detailed Invoices
- Agreement with John Graham Receipt for Wages _____
- Passengers Landing Certificate
- One Bill of Lading.

London, 39 A. Gracechurch St. 18th July 1867.

E.C.

Falkland Islands Company.

N^o. 349.

p. 'Beta'

Sir,

This will be delivered to you by Captⁿ Mead of the 'Beta' freighted with Coals, Draining Pipes and Sheep: having excellent accommodation we have availed of her to obtain passages for Miss Watts, who goes out to her Brother the Colonial Surgeon, Mr. Travis, the Company's new Clerk, two married Shepherds James Smith and William M^r. Gill, Robina Boyd and Janet Heron, two young women who go out to enter into service at Stanley.

2. The Directors enclose Mr. Travis' agreement & they will feel obliged by your receiving him in your house until arrangements are made for his being located elsewhere.

3. The Directors have been anxious to obtain some young women as there is such a scarcity of female Servants in the Colony, but they have only been able to secure the abovementioned, who have been told that the current Wages at Stanley are from £20 to £30 per annum: the Board wishes you to place them in charge of M^rs Turner or some other respectable married woman.

4. There are 48 Cheviot Rams, 2 Cotswold and 3 Irish - we wish to have a detailed Report from the Colonial Manager upon these Sheep and the Provender provided for them.

The 'Matilda' sailed from Gravesend on the 12th inst.

I am, Sir, Your obed^t. Servant,

J. Coleman Sec^y.

Fred^k. C. Cobb Esq
Stanley.

Enclosures.

Triplicates N^o. 346, 347 - Duplicate N^o. 348.

Matilda's Dup: Bill of Lading.

Champion's Invoice	6.7.0	Coal Invoice p. 'Beta'	280.12.6
Watts'	2.2.0	Draining Pipes "	7.10.0
Mau's	3.16.6		

Charterparty of 'Beta', 6 June 67.

Emigration Agreement for Passengers p. 'Beta' 5 July 67.

Lading Certificate " " do

Mr. Travis' Agreement 5 July 67.

Agreement with James Smith	and Receipt	£10
do " William M ^r . Gill	" "	10
do " Robina Boyd	" "	10
do " Janet Heron	" "	10

Letter for Captⁿ Dyer about Government Stores p. 'Matilda'

Land Order for £100 i/s: 20, Park St.

Duplicate Letters for Forward 3 June - Greenhields 2 July -

Beta's Bills of Lading for Coals and Draining Pipes -

" Receipt for Sheep Provender.

London, 39 A. Gracechurch St. 8th Aug. 1867.

F. C.

Falkland Islands Company.

N^o 350.

Mr. Peine

Sir,

As the General Invoice *Ms. Matilda* was obliged to be closed before some of the Invoices came in we now send a corrected one to be substituted amounting to £3,745. 6. 9. The Medicine Chest though ordered for this Vessel and included in the above was shipped by the *Beta*. The Case N^o 413 from J. T. Morton was entered in the Bill of Lading as in dispute, we asked him therefore to guarantee this being on board before the Account was paid, which has been done by the Mate's Certificate and a Letter dated the 27th July, which will enable you to claim of the Ship in case of need. As the Second Moieky of the Emigrant's Passage Money will have to be claimed here you must be careful to get the Landing Certificates of the *Matilda* & *Beta* properly signed & returned by first opportunity.

2. We enclose Copy of Letter dated 23rd ult^o introducing Capt. Jenkin Davies of the *Diana* which Vessel is consigned to the Company's care, as she carries out Passengers, Stores, Live Stock &c for Mr. Waldron's Sheep Farming Speculation on the West Falkland we shall be glad to hear particulars of this Vessel and her Cargo and the progress of Mr. Waldron's undertaking, for it was understood that he would transact what business he had to do through this Company - the Directors would like to hear Mr. Greenshield's opinion upon the Sheep taken out if he is able to inspect them.

3. Referring to Despatch 347, 8. the Board trusts that Mr. Forster resumed his duties as Clerk after you had received over from him and authorizes you to pay him the Salary for this Office according to his Agreement, but as Mr. Travis has been sent out to be the Company's Bookkeeper and General Clerk, the Board requests you will terminate Mr. Forster's engagement as soon as possible after the arrival of Mr. Travis - they write to Mr. Forster by this Mail, as per Copy enclosed, informing him that you have been instructed to act in this manner, in settling with him it will be necessary to bear in mind that there is a running Account with Gilbert here for Books & Newspapers sent out to him, so that an amount ought to be reserved to meet this expense until orders can be received for countermanding these publications. The Board has accepted a Bill for Twenty Pounds against Mr. Travis' Salary.

4. The Board has much pleasure in stating that the affairs of the *Orange Nassau* are about to be brought to a close by the

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Colonial Manager
Stanley.

'Matilda' being chartered to carry on the remainder of the Cargo stored at Stanley to San Francisco, enclosed are various documents explanatory of this arrangement to which we direct your particular attention. As there will be claims on the Underwriters and Certificates on various matters would be required Messrs Forbes Knight & Co; who act on behalf of all the Shippers, have appointed Messrs Dean & Son to be their Agents, this Firm representing Lloyd's at Stanley. The Company required a Guarantee from Messrs Forbes Knight & Co for the Hulk Hire and Expenses, this has been given but with the condition that the Charges incurred after the 'Matilda' arrives at Stanley are to be certified by Messrs Dean & Son, so care must be taken to have this carried out - a full statement of the apportionment of the total Charges on the different lots of Goods ought to be sent home, as Mr. Arrol's Beer will have to bear its proportion and the Company has to settle with him here, Fifty Pounds having been paid to him on account of the sale of £77.19.8 as reported in Despatch 3 Par 11. The Charterparty with the 'Matilda' of 11th July has a proviso that in case the remnant of Cargo should not be considered of sufficient value to be sent on, the Charter can be given up if notice is sent to the Captain within ten days of the arrival of the 'Matilda' at Stanley, as she left Portland Roads on the 20th ult. a quick passage may render this clause nugatory, for it would be most unfortunate if anything occurs to prevent this Cargo being despatched from Stanley as now intended. Should it be decided that only part of the Cargo is to be shipped the account of the Hulk Hire & Charges on the whole is to be made out, and if necessary certified by Lloyd's Agent, before any part is removed from the Company's possession, this having been arranged with Messrs Forbes & Co to guard against the Company being left to claim on a worthless portion left in their hands.

5. We have been asked by Messrs J & R. Tennent of Glasgow to exercise as much care as possible in sending forward their Beer, so the Directors request your particular attention to this part of the Cargo and as there will be claims on their Underwriters it will be necessary to have all transactions and charges properly vouched.

As all the Papers and Accounts on the whole of the Orange & Nazeau's transactions will be strictly scrutinized, we trust they will be irresistible in all matters relating to Insurance claims, for the greatest caution must be exercised to prevent the necessity of after reference.

6. We have to advise that the 'Beta' sailed from Swansea on the 20th ult. with a fair wind, enclosed is Invoice of her Stores

amounting to £ 288. 14. 3, you will see from Copy of Letter to the Camp Manager what the Board requires respecting the Passengers & Sheep by her, it will also be necessary that you report the quantity of Provender received from the Ships to enable us to calculate the most economical method of feeding Sheep. I regret to say that Janet Heron's Baggage was lost on her journey from Dumfries to Swansea, enquiries are being made & if recovered it will be sent on by the next Vessel.

7. Capt. Packe has taken up the Sch. 'John Walkers' of 167 tons Register to sail between the 8th and 15th of next month with himself, Stores & some Sheep, & we understand he has the option of employing her in procuring Sheep from the Patagonian Coast being about to commence a new Sheep Farm at Fox Bay on West Falkland: we may avail of her to send a few things not ready in time for the 'Matilda' - the Iron Tryingout Pans for Penguin Oil are ordered & may perhaps be cast in time for this vessel.

8. Mr. Forster's Despatches N^{os} 5 and 6 arrived on the 5th with Remittances for £ 371. 7. 3 - as soon as the Sample of Zinc Roofing is delivered it will be attended to, & the Board will adopt the best measures to obtain Marine Agencies and the Consulates for the Company's Colonial Manager, as suggested.

9. There will be some difficulty about the Vessel to bring home the Produce for next year, we believe Capt. Dyer thought the 'Matilda' could be back in time from San Francisco with a Cargo of Lumber, Flour &c to be chartered to London, but it is doubtful if this could be managed since it will be necessary to receive the Cargo of Produce as soon as it is ready, the Directors will look for some intelligence on this subject in the Despatch to arrive in November and must then be guided by circumstances as reply to this cannot be here till January next.

10. The Directors desire me to add that they trust you will use every endeavour to send Remittances as fast as the Stores sent out are realized, and they depend upon your taking all precautions to manage the Company's affairs as economically as possible.

I remain, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
J. Coleman
Secy

Enclosures.

Triplicate N^o 348. Duplicate N^o 349.
 Copy Matilda's Charterparty of 5th June
 Duplicate B/L fr. 'Beta' for Coals and Draining Pipes
 Land Order N^o 20 for £100. Part 2.
 Invoice of Stores fr. 'Matilda' 3745. 6. 9
 do " do " 'Beta' 288. 14. 3
 do " Ransome's Pouring Cans - . 11. 9 fr. 'Beta'
 Letter J. T. Norton to C^o 27 July V Mate's Receipt -
 Copy Letter 23 July introducing Capt. Davies of 'Diana'
 " " 8 Aug to Forster
 " " " " " Greenshields

Island Administration Accounts
 Journal Entries explanatory of above
 Correspondence re 'Orange Nassau'

Comp ^s to F. H. V. C ^o	12 Feb 67	-	F. H. V. C ^o to C ^o	20 May 67
	21 May			20 June
	19 June			10 July
	21 "			16 "
	20 July			19 "
	24 "			22 "
	29 "			30 "
	31 "			1 Aug
	2 Aug			5 "
	6 "		Guarantee of	" "

Glasgow Minute of 10 July
 Matilda's Charterparty dated 11 July
 Forbes V. C^o to Deane & Son 20 "
 J. R. Tennent to F. D. C^o 2 Aug
 do " do 8 "
 F. D. C^o " Tennent 5 "

Letter for Forster
 do " Greenshields

No. 350.
 8th Aug. 1867
 The Secretary
 of the F. D. C^o
 Forwarded by papers

London, 39 A. Gracechurch St. 7th Sept. 1867.

E.C.

Futland Islands Company.

N^o 351.

Sh^r 'Onaida'

Sir, The Board has received Mr. Forster's Despatch N^o 7 with Enclosures and Remittance for £50.

2. The Directors are sorry to learn that the Penguin Roosteries on the Company's Property have been so improvidently exhausted and trust that as Penguin Oil is now a necessity for the Sheep due care will be observed to protect the places where these Birds resort - they consider the proper steps have been taken to obtain the supply needed by the Camp Manager by renting Bird Island from the Government & they hope the 'Fairys' Cruise will prove successful.

3. Respecting the Board's complaints upon the Stanley Balances ex N^o 219 it was natural to find fault with an unbalanced Account after the Books had been pronounced correct and the figures for 30th June 1865 did balance, since it was presumed that if the years Accounts had been properly entered, the Balances on the 30th June 1866 should agree on each side; if the Ledger is really in the state described it will be necessary to make it balance at a certain date by proper entries, which would prevent discrepancies in future.

4. The dimensions of the Shingles Sample Sh^r 'Matilda' agree with the kind you obtain from Montevideo, we are not yet able to say at what price they can be laid down here, but as Despatch 5 ordered Zinc Sheeting for Roof covering we presume Shingles are not required by the Company for this purpose, if we learn that the price imported here & the charge for freight to Stanley would leave a profit on the selling price mentioned a few shall be shipped provided they can be sent here from Quebec which is rather doubtful you quote the price as £2.10.0 to £3 per mil, does this mean per thousand pieces of wood independently of the width of each piece since they vary from 3 or 4 inches to 8 or 9 inches wide?

5. The Iron Wire Fencing sent Sh^r 'Matilda' is a quarter of an inch in diameter, but being of the best description and annealed we are informed it is as strong as that of 7/16ths of an inch diameter, there are 600 Iron Standards pierced for

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Colonial Manager
Stanley.

sic wires, if the 'Fairy' could possibly get a cargo of Wood Posts from the Straits of Magellan it would be as well to do so, for Messrs. Hocquard Stewart inform us that the Yanduby Wood Posts, referred to in Despatch 343, would be too expensive as they cost £8 to £10 in Montevideo, to which the freight to Stanley must be added. We shall bear in mind to send some Iron Staples at next shipment.

6. The Board learns with much regret that the Sheep on Stations 17 and 18 have had the Scab so bad as to be the subject of complaint by Mr. Turpin to the Government - every endeavour must be used to prevent a recurrence of this otherwise the Government will have to pass a Scab Ordinance which would be of serious consequence to the Company, as Mr. Greenshield's has now an abundance of labor there will be no difficulty in getting all the Sheep properly dressed.

7. The Agreements with the Company's Servants do not allow of their leaving the service whenever they wish, after they have been in the Colony two years they are at liberty to give six months notice to end the Agreement, but passing that period they have to serve for five years from date of arrival, still the Directors must leave it to your discretion to allow any one manifestly dissatisfied to quit the service under certain arrangements for repaying part of the cost of the passage out, since the Board fears that an unwilling designing Servant could work much mischief and unsettle the others.

8. The Board is taking measures to obtain for you the Consulships of France and Prussia, as well as the Agencies of some of the Marine Insurance Clubs.

I remain, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
P. Coleman

Secy

Enclosures.

- Report on Wool ex 'Nasilda' 7 June 67.
- do " Sheepskins & " do 10 " "
- Letter to Croft & Co., Valparaiso 16 Aug 67.
- do " Greenshield's of this date.

London, 39 A. Gracechurch St. 11th Sept. 1867.
E.C.

Falkland Islands Company.

N^o. 352.

M^r. John Walters'

Sir,

In consequence of the above Vessel not being able to take all Captⁿ. Packer's Goods we are only able to ship a portion of the Stores ready, but understand that another Vessel will soon be chartered to take on what remains. The Captain has a small parcel for you being a few Almanacks for 1868 and a pair of Wool Carding Brushes, which M^{rs}. Norman M^{rs}. Finnon, Passenger M^{rs}. 'Matilda', wished me to procure as she had forgotten to bring her own. The package 27 Personal Effects is for James Campbell being some Worsted from his Father in Scotland.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Coleman
Secy.

Frederick C. Cobb Esq
Colonial Manager
Stanley.

Enclosures.

Triplicate N^o. 349. Duplicates N^{os}. 350, 351.
Duplicate Copy Report on Wool ex 'Matilda' 7 June
" " " Photographs: " 10 "
" " Letter to Cross & Co: 16 Aug
Priced Catalogue Sale of Matilda's Wool 3 July
Duplicate Letters to Forster, Greenshields 8 Aug
do do 7 Sep
Letter for Donald M^{rs}. Donald.
Bill of Lading - Invoices, Cox, Gilbert, Rowson & Co:

London, 39 A. Gracechurch St. 8th Oct^r 1867.
E.C.

Falkland Islands Company.

N^o 353.

P. Shannon.

Sir,

Enclosed is Duplicate of Despatch N^o 352 and Bill of Lading P. John Walters, which sailed from Exmouth a few days since; as she could not receive all the Stores ordered for her they will have to be sent on by another Vessel and as this shutting out of Cargo may occur again at some future time, it would be well to know whether the Mail Schooner 'Foam' could convey Stores from Montevideo, if we availed of the Steamers now running from this Port to the River Plate to send a small quantity - some time since it was intimated that the 'Foam' would not be allowed to carry Merchandise, but this restriction may have been removed by the new Governor.

2. It will be necessary to send a tracing and number of the last leased Station West of Bluff Cove to lay it down on the Office Chart - Bluff Cove is not named on the Admiralty Chart, please show where it is. N^o 216, 7. said this was to be used for a Clipping Station, the Directors would therefore like to have a description of its capabilities for this purpose, with particulars of sea approach, distance from Stanley, the limit of the grazing grounds of the Sheep intended to be clipped there, &c.

3. On paying the last Fire Insurance upon the Stores and Buildings the Board endeavoured to obtain a reduction of the Premium 2 1/2 p.c. but were not successful, the present Office, the North British Mercantile, will however meet the Company in this way if possible and as a means towards this end propose to appoint an Agent at Stanley, so that an increase of business in the Colony may enable them to fix lower rates, we therefore enclose a paper for information to be filled up and the Directors wish to know whether yourself or any member of the Company's Staff could be proposed for this Office: the Insurance Co. would allow a Commission of Ten per cent upon all Premiums.

Enclosures.

I am,

Sir,

Duplicate N^o 350 of Transcripts & Aug -

Duplicate " 352 " Bill of Lading

Inv^t: Roumson N^o 48.15.9

Remarks upon Accounts - Fire Insurance Questions.

Administration & Oct^r of Journal Entries.

Realization of Cargo of 'Matilda' June 1867.

Frederick C. Cobb Esq.

Colonial Manager

Stanley.

Your obed^t Servant,

F. Coleman

Sec^y

London, 39 A. Gracechurch St. 8th Nov^r 1867.
E.C.

Falkland Islands Company.
N^o 354. M^r Peine.

Sir, I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatches N^o 1 of the 30th August and N^o 2 of the 6th Sept^r, with their Enclosures, which have been perused by the Board with much interest and they are gratified to see that you have so early and energetically entered into the various matters connected with your important position: the French Mail brought the Duplicate of the first with the Bill for £50. 8.^v and Mess^{rs} Hocquard Vilewart remitted by same opportunity a Bill for £50 - the Directors are however disappointed at the small amount of Remittances, since they hoped to receive funds to enable them to meet the engagements entered into to pay for the Cargo of Stores shipped M^r 'Matilda' in July last, and they trust you will observe the most rigid economy at the Islands and remit all available surplus Cash at once.

2. Par 3. We are much concerned at hearing that M. Lecomte, the Passenger M^r 'Epsilon' for the Zoological Society, did not have a bed on board, seven beds and blankets were procured at Swansea and each of the Passengers was told that there was one on board for their use, which they could take ashore with them afterwards, so that there appears to have been some mistake on the part of M. Lecomte in not securing the Bed which was provided for him. Respecting his return the Zoological Soc^y would prefer him coming back direct from Stanley and wish the Company to make every provision for the animals & birds he may have to bring with him.

3. Par 8. With regard to Female Servants the Board sent out two M^{rs} 'Beta' and will endeavour to obtain more for the next ship, but much depends upon the reports sent home by these two, which if favorable and evidencing that the Colony wishes to second our efforts will doubtless lead to the Directors being always able to send out some when forwarding married Shepherds.

Frederick E. Cobb Esq
Colonial Manager,
Stanley.

4. Par 9. The Board regrets you were not able to terminate Mr. Forster's engagement with the Comp^y on better terms, and consider that he has exacted the utmost which it was possible for him under any plea to claim, for as he had agreed to receive £50 from Mr. Lane for attending to the duties during his absence Mr. Forster had no right to make any further demand on this point: under the difficult circumstances in which you were placed, having arrived so recently in the Colony and not being prepared with a thorough knowledge of all the facts, the Board are perfectly sensible of your endeavours to arrange this unpleasant matter and consider you have acted for the best.

5. Par 13. Your explanation about the "Orange Nassau" is satisfactory, our former advices will have informed you that the "Matilda" would carry on the Cargo to San Francisco, thus you will obtain room in the hull of "Margaret" for the Beta's' Coals.

6. The Directors are pleased that your endeavours have been successful in obtaining the business of so many of the Vessels in the Port, at present we have not had any definite reply about the Foreign Consulates, but the matter will not be overlooked: most of the Insurance Clubs appoint the Agent for Lloyd's at Foreign Ports to attend to their business so that hitherto we have not obtained any agency in this line.

7. Par 20. The Board is fully alive to the benefit which a Steam Tug would prove to Stanley, but under present circumstances they do not feel justified in incurring the outlay such an undertaking would require, for it is not only the first cost of the Tug that has to be considered since it must be borne in mind that it would be necessary to have two Engineers, and other artisans, engaged in case of illness or accident to one of them, and as there are not at present any means of repair at Stanley the least derangement of the Machinery would necessitate a trip to Rio de Janeiro for repairs.

8. Par 21. The Board is sorry to find that you consider another Cargo of Stores will be required at Stanley in addition to the "Matilda's" which would reach you about the

end of September, our shipments last year were the heaviest on record and we were in hopes as Trade had not been very brisk at Stanley that one Cargo this year (which was rather more valuable than usual) would have sufficed. As remittances from the Islands have been so reduced in amount the Board are disposed to send at most a reduced stock of goods, but think it will be best to wait until the January Mail to learn whether you have taken any steps about shipping the Home Cargo, should nothing have been done the Board could then despatch a Vessel with half the Indent on charter to bring back the Produce, which would thus arrive here in time for the August Sales and the proceeds from this Cargo could then furnish means for a good supply of Stores next Autumn.

9. Par 23. The Board approves of your plan for reducing the price of Stores to the Company's Servants and makes no doubt this boon will be appreciated and lead to favorable results. Respecting the quality and price of our goods in comparison with Mr. Dean's we labor under ~~the~~ disadvantage is the fact that Mr. Dean being here and knowing the wants of the Colony can choose to buy goods anywhere, whereas the Company can but go to a respectable Firm and request them to ship such goods as are suitable for such a Colony - many Houses supply both the Company and Mr. Dean so that in Clothing, Boots & Shoes, Butter Bacon & Hams, Timber, Lime, Preserved Provisions, Jams &c there must be an inequality - in other supplies we are doubtless frequently in error from the crude manner in which the Indents are made out and from the fact that no remarks are communicated for altering the style, quality &c of the goods sent out: If you find any Stores not suitable or of a quality not corresponding to the prices charged, the Directors wish you to make notes of the same, in order that complaints may be made with a view to compensation to the Company for any palpable error or low quality. Your remarks about Wines and Beers shall be attended to.

10. Par 27. Copy of the Letter to Mr. Green -

shields dated the 12th July 1865 appended to his Agreement of the 19th July is enclosed, our communications to him as Camp Manager have been sent open through you and this plan will be continued.

11. Par 28. The Board is exceedingly grieved at learning that the Scab had again broken out, all the information they have from time to time derived from large Sheep Farmers points to the correctness of your observation, that this disease arises from inattention of the Shepherds in dressing their Sheep, and they are glad to perceive that you have instituted Prizes to stimulate the Shepherds in attending to their flocks; the Directors feel sure that if the men are well looked after there will be a great improvement in this respect, I am therefore to urge the strictest attention both of yourself & M^r. Green-shields to this matter, since the passing of a Scab Ordinance entails the risk of considerable penalties on the Comp^y if this disease is allowed to extend amongst the Flocks.

12. Par 29. Your report upon the paucity of Cattle in Lafonia is disheartening but the Directors trust that your personal inspection will prove that the decrease is not so much as anticipated - should it however turn out to be the case care must be immediately taken to reduce the number slaughtered, and no more must be killed but those absolutely necessary for the consumption of the men stationed there. At present there are no means for utilizing the Meat of those killed for their Fodder, as the succulent nature of their food renders the flesh porous & light & thus prevents the possibility of preserving it - should any discovery on this subject take place we shall not fail to send you full particulars.

13. Par 30. The Board are obliged for your suggestions respecting young Sheep Farmers settling at the Falklands and would willingly grant any such the assistance you describe

assistance you describe, at present we do not see our way to induce young men to go out direct from this Country, but perhaps M^r. Lafone or our Agent at Montevideo might make the advantages of the Falklands known amongst those who arrive in the River Plate, it would therefore be as well for you to initiate some steps towards this end, M^r. Lafone will be prepared for this having urged such a plan in writing to his Brother, and the Board have requested M^r. A.R. Lafone to solicit his assistance in procuring some young men to make the attempt. The Directors bring to your notice their wish for a modified arrangement of this sort to be made with any of the head Shepherds or others, when their term of service expires, taking care only to select trustworthy men for this promotion so as to serve as an incentive to the others to look forward to obtain a like opportunity as a reward for good conduct.

14. Par 32. These Remittances have been made.

15. The Bills in N^o. 2 for 81.3.2 and 29.7.11 have been accepted. Respecting the Court of Enquiry upon the 'Jeanette Rouline' run down and sunk by the 'Huasco', we presume the next Mail will bring Report of same and documents for recovery of Insurance &c. - should this not have been done we will thank you to furnish the necessary proofs, as our Friends Mess^{rs}. G & C. Freglinger of Antwerp have enquired about this Vessel being interested in her Cargo of Wool.

16. M^r. Fraser of Corybeg, the Agent through whom we obtained D. M^r. Donald, Shepherd of 'Matilda' in July last, writes word that he omitted to send him One Pound from London to pay an account, please deduct this from his next Wages and inform us of same, in order that the amount may be remitted to M^r. Fraser.

I remain, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Coleman
Secy.

Enclosures.

Duplicates N^{os} 351, 352.

Duplicate " 353.

Copy of Letter to Greenhields 12 July 65.

Journal Entries - Past^r. Admⁿ. Account.

Letter for Cobb from his Father.

do " do " M^r. Rhodes Cobb.

No 354

8 Nov 1844

The Secretary
of the B. & O.

James W. Walker

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London, 39 A. Gracechurch St. 7th Dec^r 1867.

E.C.

Falkland Islands Company.

N^o 355.

P. 'Oneida'

Sir,

Your Despatch N^o 4, with Duplicate of N^o 3, arrived on the 2nd instant.

2. In reply to the latter respecting a Carpenter being engaged and sent out to obviate the difficulty of a strike at Stanley and reduce the price of labor, the Board fears this step would not accomplish the end you have in view, they had a Ship Carpenter, Timothy Robson, on their staff from March 1861 to March 1867, when he was discharged by Mr. Lane as not being required, in order to reduce the expenses of the Island Management, the Company's other Carpenter being continued in the service: it has often occurred that these men become dissatisfied on not receiving the extra pay of $16/8^d$ or $\text{£}1$ per day when working upon Ships in cases of emergency, forgetting that their regular pay was running on all the year round whether employed profitably to the Comp^y or not, but this discontent is unavoidable. We understand Mr. Dean has not had a regular Carpenter for some time, preferring to obtain men when wanted at the high rate required, and as he has always been able to get Repairs done for his Vessels the Board consider open competition will be better for the Colony.

3. The Board notices what you say about Mr. Travis and consider it to be premature for him to raise objections to the Salary he agreed to take seeing that he had been little more than ten days in the Colony, as he now appears to have obtained Board and Lodging at such a rate as will enable him to live comfortably they must decline to enter into any increase of Salary.

4. The Landing Certificates for the Emigrants P. 'Matilda' and 'Beta' have been passed, the Board notes that the two Female Servants by the latter were engaged

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at once, it would have been well to have stated the terms obtained in order that these might be communicated to other applicants as an inducement for them to emigrate. We have much pleasure in reporting that Janet Heron's Box has been recovered from the Railway and will be sent on by the next Ships.

5. The Directors are sorry to hear that two of the Rams 'Beta' died on the voyage being diseased apparently before shipment; as the two Agents employed by the Company assured us that all these Sheep were selected with great care we shall expect with interest Mr. Greenshield's Report on them, so as to learn from which lot they died - as well as your Report on the Provender sent with them and the exact quantities of each kind remaining over.

Respecting your allowance of full pay to the Shepherds James Smith and W^m. M^c. Gill during the voyage for their attendance on the Sheep, the Directors are of opinion that this remuneration is excessive, these men asked me at Swansea what they were to have for looking after the Sheep on the passage and I explained to them that as the Company fed and provided them during this time and enabled them to earn good wages from the date of their arrival in the Colony, it was not usual to allow Wages on the passage out, but in order to ensure proper attention to the valuable Stock on board I told them you would no doubt reward them if the Rams were landed in good condition and the Provender carefully used, concluding that a present of One Pound or Thirty Shillings each would amply remunerate and satisfy them, now however your having given them full Wages from Swansea costs the Company more than £14, besides making others dissatisfied at not having been equally rewarded for like work and creating a precedent for future expenses on the necessary and periodical importation of Live Stock. If

The two Sheep have died from Scab it shows the men neglected their duty, as there is always Tar on board vessels which could have been used for dressing.

6. In reply to your remark that the General Invoice of 'Matilda' is £3 short through House's Invoice being entered at 6.2.6 instead of 9.2.6, there must have been an error in House's Duplicate Invoice by the omission of £3 allowed for Discount, we therefore send a Copy of the Original Invoice, which totals 6.2.6.

7. As it appears doubtful whether the Arbitrators in Mr. Forster's Claim for Salary &c had their attention specifically directed to the fact of his having been paid Sixty Pounds by Mr. Lane for attending to his duties during his absence, which the entry of this sum (£60) in the Cash Book on the 30th January 1867 acknowledges to have been as agreed, the Board wish that all papers and documents relative to this Claim and the Arbitration thereon may be sent to England as soon as possible, with all the explanation you can afford of the whole transaction.

8. Mr. E. Boucher has received your Letter regarding the purchase of a ^{Sailing} Boat and will attend to it - your note to myself requesting that a Bull's Eye Lantern may be sent to you is also to hand and this article will be ordered with the goods for the next shipment of Stores. The Form for Cash Order from Darwin is good, it shall be printed and sent out.

9. The Company has received £269.16.8 from the Government on account of the Cattle Killing Case, being £237.16.8 for Royalties paid to the Colonial Chest for Cattle killed on their own Farms, £18 for loss of some Salt and £14 the Hire of a Vessel. Our claim for compensation for being deprived of the hunting of Cattle on the Company's Farms has been refused, as well as that for Cattle which the Comp^y alleged had been killed

on their Lands at Choiseul Sound, but the Government inform the Company that in examining Andreas Petaluga upon these matters it has been discovered that he killed 200 animals upon this Co's Stations 9 and 10 for which he paid £40 Royalties, this amount the Secretary of State for the Colonies has handed over to the Company, but as Governor Robinson's Despatch of the 29th Nov^r 1866, N^o 29, is evidence that Petaluga admits having trespassed on the Company's Land and killed their Cattle, and further states that Petaluga is responsible for this trespass having profited thereby, the Directors think it proper that you should learn whether he is in a position to pay the Company for this depredation, informing him that the Board consider he ought to refund the value of the Cattle thus wrongfully taken - and on receipt of your reply to this the Directors will then decide whether any steps are to be taken against him for this purpose.

10. With reference to Despatch 354 Par 12 on the slaughtering of Cattle the Directors wish to impress upon your attention the necessity of not allowing a single Cow fit for breeding purposes to be killed under any circumstances, excepting perfectly useless old Cows.

11. William Good, a Military Pensioner now upon the Convict Guard in Western Australia, has written to enquire whether his Son in law George Smith has remitted him Five Pounds which he promised to do, if you have not received this amount it would be as well to draw George Smith's attention to it.

12. A Boy is now lying here from Messrs Mappin Webb & Co for the Committee of the Falkland Islands Improvement Society, which will be forwarded by first ship. The Stores shut out of the 'Matilda' and 'John Walters' - Oil Pans, Crockery, Glass, Biscuits, Pouring Cans, Hats - are still

Hats - are still unfortunately here, it was expected. Mr. Dean would have taken up a vessel ere this which could have carried the above as well as Capt. Packe's Houses & Stores shut out of the 'John Walters', if he does not charter soon they will be forwarded by a Vessel going to the West Coast.

13. We send a Parcel by Mail to Messrs. Hocquard & Stewart containing 2 doz Almanacks for 1868, Sailing Directions for South Atlantic (New Edition) as per Gilbert's Invoice £ 4.11.0, Book for Dr. Watts, some Photographs for Mr. Lecomte and a couple of Photographs of Stanley from a view sent home by Mr. Turner, the Company has the negative of this and can supply further copies at 7/- or 8/- each if you can find any sale for them - there are also November Statement & Prices List from Nispen & Parker and a Circular about Draining Pipes.

14. The Board has not yet come to any decision upon sending Stores out at present as they do not see their way to paying for the same without Remittances are received from the Islands - they must therefore now wait until the advices are received by the January Mail and will then endeavour to charter a Vessel for the round so that she may bring back the year's Cargo of Produce. It will be necessary to give us timely intimation of your wants in Woolpacks so that a sufficient stock may always be on hand.

15. We had hoped you would have been able to forward by some Vessel calling at Stanley the 25 bales Wool left out of the 'Noilda', which appear to be quite forgotten though reported as lying at Stanley ready for shipment.

16. Referring to Despatch 353, Par 3, on Fire Insurance we learn that Dr. Watts has insured his two Houses for £200 in the North British & Mercantile Office, so we hope other Insurances may be effected in order that an increase of business in the Colony may induce this Office to lower their terms for the Insurance of the Company's Buildings and Stores.

17. Mr. Crofs of Valparaiso is to call here next week, we shall arrange with him how to keep you informed of prices on the West Coast, their last reports that Breadstuffs are high being Flour 7/50 @ 7/75 per 200 lbs, less 6% - Barley

1875 ff. 155 lbs bagged, a reduction is expected when the new crops come in at the end of the year.

18. With regard to the Cargo of the 'Orange Nassau' the Board is of opinion that it will be necessary to carry out the Agreement of the 3rd October 1866 by selling the Cargo for the Charges incurred, first giving Mr. Dean, the Agent appointed by the Owners and Shippers, the option of paying all Charges and Expenses due to the Company and taking possession of the Goods for the parties interested, if this cannot be arranged care must be exercised in carrying out all proper formalities for duly advertising the Sale by Auction & giving ample notice to Lloyd's Agent upon all matters relating to this Cargo. Copy of all Correspondence on the subject is enclosed. Should it be necessary to condemn the Cargo full legal documents must be sent home to satisfy the Underwriters & all parties concerned - we understand however that the former consider the best course will be to send on the cargo, if at all possible, as the simplest way of closing the matter. You will observe that Messrs J and R. Tennent wish you to dispose of their Beer.

I remain,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
J. Coleman
Secy.

Enclosures.

Stanley Balances

" Balance Sheet

" Profit and Loss Statement.

Copy of Fhouse's Invoice of 'Matilda' £ 6. 2. 6

Ledger and Journal Entries.

Remarks on Accounts. Gilbert's Prov^d. £ 1. 11. -

Copy Correspondence about 'Orange Nassau'

to Forbes Knight & Co. 2, 4, 5 Dec 67

from do 3 " "

to J & R. Tennent 5 " "

from do 6 " "

Letter for Mr. Cobb from Mr. Rhodes Cobb

London, 39 A. Gracechurch St. 8th Jan^y 1868.

E.C.

Fulldund Islands Company.

N^o: 356.

p^t: 'Tasmanian'

Sir,

The Directors regret having to inform you that the Mail Steamer has not yet arrived, we are therefore without the much desired advices from you. Mr. Dean's Letters are said to have been forwarded from Montevideo by a Liverpool Steamer and thereby we learn that the 'Matilda' sailed for San Francisco on the 31st Oct^r with a full Cargo of the 'Orange Nassau's' Goods - Lloyd's Agent's List, dated the 2nd November, was received on the 26th ult^o and reports the sailing of the 'Julia Lingley' on 13th October for Newport, and 'H. M. S. Shearwater' on 24th October for Plymouth, neither have arrived but we trust they will bring intelligence to their dates of sailing. The 'Beta' which left Stanley on the 15th October arrived at Coquimbo on the 8th November and Mess^{rs}: Bath & Son must have had Letters from Captⁿ: Medd, or the Bill for Freight of her Coals could not have been presented here on the 31st ultimo. We understand the 'Foam' arrived at Montevideo too late for the French Steamer, the Company's Agents ought however to have sent on the Duplicate Despatches by Liverpool Steamer, the same as Mess^{rs}: Dean's Agent took advantage of this opportunity.

2. Mr. Croft has called here and says that there is no Price-Current issued at Valparaiso which gives a summary of prices on the West Coast, he will however take care that such information is sent to Stanley from time to time. He reports that the Pacific Steam Navigation Co^y: have entered into an arrangement with the Chilean Government for a direct Mail Service with England

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through the Straits of Magellan where they are to call at the Settlement of Port Famine, so that orders from Stanley could be deposited there by these Steamers and fetched thence by the Island Schooner. Mr. Croft's great difficulty in executing orders for the Falklands has been to get a vessel to call there to deliver the Stores, so that he suggests it would be better for the Company to combine with Mr. Dean in transmitting orders as the quantity would then enable them to engage a small Schooner to go direct to Stanley - or if preferred the Co.'s Schooner 'Fairy' could be sent round & would meet with quick despatch; if you have any Old Stock to dispose of you could avail of such an opportunity to turn it to account.

3. Messrs H. Bath & Son have appealed to us respecting a Box left at Stanley by the 'Epsilon', which ought to have been delivered to Mr. H. H. Munro at Valparaiso, it contains Old China and personal effects, we trust you may be able to discover it and send it on, if there is any difficulty about a direct opportunity to Valparaiso they wish it to be returned to London or Swansea, but as this would create a long delay in shipping the Case again for the West Coast, I think the better plan will be for you to forward it from Stanley, not being Merchandise a Man of War would no doubt take charge of it.

4. The French Ambassador has informed the Board that his Government do not at present see any necessity for appointing a Consul at Stanley.

5. The Directors are taking steps to bring the capabilities of the Falklands for Sheep Farming on shares before the public, and have advertised in some Scotch Newspapers for Sheep Farmers about to emigrate in order to rent them some of the Company's Land, they wish you therefore to arrange with the Camp Manager for choosing localities on Lafonia or elsewhere that would be suitable for young men to commence such establishments, we presume the increase of the flocks will enable the Company to provide a number of Sheep and shall be glad to hear from you how any one disposed to start in this way could provide his share of the Sheep and at

what price, as well as all particulars to enable the Board to arrange terms with any young men desirous of emigrating. Enclosed is Copy of Letter from Mr. Alex^r. R. Lafone dated the 26th ult^o. on the subject.

6. As the Liverpool Brokers consider that the Stockholm Tar shipped fr^m 'River Forth' for Sheep Dressing has an injurious effect upon the Wool, we shall endeavour to send a small quantity of American for trial with the Penguin Oil or any other grease you may be able to obtain - at the time the above was purchased we were informed that it was the most suitable and in general use in Scotland, as the American was too resinous & of a burning nature; we forward Copy of Letter from Mess^{rs}. John L. Bowes & Bro: of the 20th Dec^r. on this matter.

7. The Board is about chartering a Vessel to take out Stores & bring back the Produce but delay until arrival of the Despatches, we hope to get her away by the 12th February in order to be back here in time for the August Wool Sales, and shall endeavour to convey Captⁿ's Pack's Goods shut out of the 'John Watters'.

I remain,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Coleman

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Enclosures.

Triplicate N^o. 353.

Duplicate " 354, 355.

Journal Entries - Ledger Entries.

Copy of A. R. Lafone's Letter of 26 Dec 67.

do John L. Bowes & Bro's " 20 " "

Letters fr Cobb from Bath & from his Cousin.

No. 256

8th Feby 1878.

The Secretary
of the F. & M.

Acquaintance of the
Society



London, 39 A. Gracechurch St. 23rd Jan. 1868.

E.C.

Falkland Islands Company.

N^o 357.

P^{er} French Mail.

Sir,

The Directors received your Despatches N^{os} 5, 6 and 7 on the 14th instant, and they were much pleased to find that you had entered into the Company's affairs with so much interest and energy, they desire me to write by this Mail in hopes of an extra opportunity to Stanley from Montevideo.

2. Desp^{ch} 5 Par 3. We have hitherto always inserted a clause in Charterparties to prevent Owners & Captains conveying Goods on their own account when taken up through the Company's Office, but are not always able to control Captains when they only convey a part cargo.

3. Par 4. The Board is gratified that so much has been done to close the 'Orange Nassau' affair and consider you have managed well in getting off so much of the Cargo, they trust due caution will be exercised in selling by Auction the Beer left on hand and that all documents necessary for the Messrs Tennent to recover their Insurance will be sent home in order.

4. Par 5. We are sorry to hear that the 'Margaret' is likely to prove unserviceable for storing perishable cargoes, the Directors suggest it would be well to embrace the first opportunity of the stock of Coals being reduced in the 'W. Thand' to transport them to the 'Margaret', so that the former may be used for General Merchandise, but even if you can accomplish this change it appears to the Board that the Comp^y ought to purchase another Hulk at the first favorable chance and request you to attend to this, taking care that the outlay is kept as low as possible to enable you to underbid Mr. Dean so as to counterbalance the power he possesses over Captains as Lloyd's Agent, for hitherto we have been unsuccessful in our endeavours to get you appointed Agent to any of the Insurance Clubs.

5. Par 8. Your Bills on the Directors 572.15.2 for 'Beta' and £300 for 'Matilda' have been accepted - we have received your Remittances £200 Treasury Bill and £33 on London and West Bank, also the 'Orange Nassau's' Account of £760.5.2 on

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Stanley.

Mess^{rs} Forbes Knight & Co: - we have paid the Colonial Remittances of £50 to your Father and £9 to Mr. Biggar for the Scotch people - two shillings has been sent to Rutter's Father on account of the Remittance wrongly advised in Despatch 2 Par 12 from Mr. Forster - the Zoological Society has refunded the Twenty Pounds.

6. Par 10. It was understood when Mr. Travis went out that he would not think of keeping house and the Ten Pound arrangement was therefore inserted - under these circumstances, as Teja Cottage will not be required for the Clerk it will be as well only to let it subject to short notice, not exceeding two or three months, in order to be able to devote it to a Liquor Store or for any other purpose: as to what you write regarding Captⁿ Dyer, when he returns to this we will see him in reference to your suggestion, but should he call at Stanley you might sound him as to his pretensions advising the Board of the same as a guide.

7. Par 12. The Directors highly approve of the steps you have taken to reduce the Credit for Store Accounts & think the matter has been arranged with judgment. Par 13. Though we do not fear fair competition in Stores & think a little is beneficial to keep up the activity of the Company's employes, we are glad to hear you have made a move to obtain the wrecking of the 'River Derwent' and trust it will prove successful, the Diving Dress was originally sent out to enable the cargo to be got out of the 'Sea Ranger', but we never heard that this was done.

8. The Directors will expect with great interest the report of your Camp Tour, they are pleased to hear that the two departments are in accord and trust that you will make such arrangements with Mr. Greenshield's as will show the men that any dereliction of their duties will be summarily punished, the Board fears that the Shepherds have long had their own way too much and cannot too strongly impress upon you the great good that would result from its being insisted that carefulness in small matters should be the order of the day, the Directors believe that care in the dressing will be found the great preventive of Scab & they hope that your system of prizes will show which of the Shepherds are most deserving of reward; no doubt the Camp Manager has a difficult task with some of the unruly men and it is well that you have determined to make an example of the first one showing insubordination - I am aware that a few

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of the men supplied through Mr. Biggar are not all he al-
leged them to be, but as the Company can now obtain men thro'
Mr. Fraser we shall be able to make a choice if you will inform us
beforehand what kind number are required - as the Scotch are
so argumentative and wedded to their own opinions would it not
be as well to get a few English lads, as they appear more easily ruled
and though want of knowledge of Sheep has hitherto prevented us
taking them, perhaps now having so many qualified Shepherds
they would answer for Helpers under them.

9. Respecting the Cattle Killing Claim (Par 16) it
would almost appear as if the Comp^y. had received the cash allowed
for those killed at Salvador by Petaluga twice over, since we have
been paid £40 and you now report that a like amount has
been received at Stanley, still the amount paid to you may be for
some other claim not put forward on this side.

10. Par 18. With respect to the purchase of Produce the
Board wish you to do so when such can be done to advantage,
but great care must be taken, first - in seeing that the Hides are
well got up, they ought to be well cured, the hair to be firm on all
parts, the flesh side to look fresh and to be as free from scores & cuts
of the knife in flaying as possible, varying in any way from this
the value is very considerably reduced, any approaching a state
of decay are not worth shipping - secondly - you should decline
purchasing without you can buy cheap, say at a price showing a
good margin, always bearing in mind the large rates invariably
allowed here upon all Tanned Hides; they are,

Bull Hides	8 lbs
Heavy Ox average above 60 lbs	6 "
Light Ox Hides " 40 to 50 "	5 "

Besides these there are 2 lbs draft allowed upon every five Hides.
The condition of the Hides as to their moisture is another point of
importance as there is always a loss of weight on shipping invoice,
from 3 to 6 lbs, if in wet condition considerably more. For your
guidance we shall send you \mathcal{L} . English Mail eight Account Sales
& Particulars of the last Falkland Hides \mathcal{L} . 'Matilda' showing
all the weights and expenses on this side - these prices may be calcu-
lated upon for the present for similar goods, but of course you must
allow a margin for profit. You ought to be careful about Wool
the last sale was made at 5^d (five pence) per lb gross, therefore you
must not calculate upon more for the present at least. As to Hides

in case you require Deadweight for ship you might give a little more for them as they will in that case come freight free. With regard to purchases of Ships or Cargoes which may be sold, the Board would wish you to take advantage of any bargains when you feel confident such will benefit the concern and the articles can be resold with you at a profit or be shipped to this.

11. The Board has taken up the 'Whole' of 306 tons Register, as p. enclosed Charterparty, for Stores out of Produce home, as she is larger than the Comp. requires, though costing the same as a much smaller Vessel offered for, we have agreed to convey Capt. Pack's Goods shut out of the 'John Walters' & some Stores for Mr. Dean. Her size will enable you to send home any part of the Wrecked Cargo ex 'River Derwent' which does not go off at Stanley & may be suitable for this market - she is reputed to carry 450 tons deadweight or 520 deadweight measurement, requiring at least 90 tons Deadweight, so as the Sticks you have will not be sufficient the Board suggests that the 100 tons Pig Iron should be sent home, which was left at Stanley by the 'Mary Sparks' in September 1864 - the Directors are informed that this vessel, bound to San Francisco, put into Stanley too heavily laden & deposited this part of her Cargo, the Owners Messrs. Klingender & Co. of Liverpool were to have sent a vessel to carry it out but having failed this has never been attended to: as of course it is lying on the Co. Land, or on the sea shore under permission accorded to the Co. from the authorities, it might as well be got out of the way and if Messrs. Klingender do not claim it it could be sold, the price ranging now from 6/- to 10/- p. ton, & the proceeds after payment of freight might be handed over to the Assignees. We trust the 'Whole' will sail about the 24th February and we hope quick despatch will enable her to be here by the middle of August for the Wool Sales at the end of that month. The Zoological Society wish Mr. Leconte to come home by this Vessel if he has procured the animals for which he went out, and the Board desires that you will make every preparation necessary to enable him to bring such home alive.

I remain,

Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
J. Coleman
Secy.

Enclosure,
'Whole's' Charterparty
dated 16 Jan 68.

No 357
 23rd Aug. 1868
 J. Coleman
 Secy.

London, 39 A. Gracechurch St. 8th Feb. 1868.
E.C.

Falkland Islands Company.

N^o. 358.

for 'Oneida'

Sir, I have now to acknowledge your Despatch N^o. 8 of the 14th Nov^r. last, with the Navy Bill for £283.10.~ , which arrived on the 29th ult^o and M. Lecomte's Receipt for £10, both of which have been paid.

2. The Directors note your arrangements about the 'River Derwent', but from the List of her Cargo sent in Desp^t. 5, 13 they expected there would have been a larger Profit to the Company than what you now mention will be earned by the 'Fairy'.

3. Referring to your N^o. 5, 14, we applied to M^r. Forster to refund the £11 and now forward his Reply, dated the 24th ult^o, he also stated that the endorsements on the back of summonses was a matter of form, as Cap^t. Tibbald, the Clerk of the Court, would not move in the case until such receipts were given, and that there was always a running account with him for various fees & expenses, against which the amount of £6 from S. Murray was deducted and only the further outlay of £7.18.~ Cash was entered on 29th April 1867 - this amount would therefore have been £13.18.~ and then the receipt of £6 would have appeared on the other side - all this is very careful keeping of Accounts and the Board wish you to look rigidly into the matter & inform them whether any further steps can be taken: M^r. Forster points out that E. Pitts was entered to Profit Vlofs in June 1867 as a Bad Debt amounting to £34.14.10.

4. Referring to Despatch 354, 15, we now learn that the documents about the 'Jeannette Rouline' will not be required as Mess^{rs}. Kreglinger have obtained their Pruarance.

5. The List of Stores dated 13th August 1867 taken over by you, sent in Despatch 1, does not contain any account of Provisions, viz: Cheese, Bacon, Lard &c, which in Store Stock Acc^t. of 30th June 1867, ex the same Despatch, amounts to £115.~.3.

6. The Directors have advertised their desire to assist Sheep Farmers who would settle at the Falklands and wish to have a detailed Report upon the capabilities of some parts of Lafonia for the commencement on a small scale of Sheep Farming on Shares, as alluded to in your Despatch 1, Par 30,

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Colonial Manager
Stanley.

we send some Correspondence and Memo from Mr. A.R. Lafone for your guidance and hope to hear that you have been able to initiate some plans towards this end as suggested in Despatch 354, 13. Mr. G. F. Lafone will be requested to forward Copy of Mr. Arthur Towers' Contracts for such undertakings. The Glasgow Weekly Herald of 1st inst. is posted to you. Whilst on this subject I may inform you that a Mr. Trimen who has been out in the River Plate called here for particulars about the Falklands which he has transmitted to his friends Messrs Edwards & Grieve who are about to settle in Bahia Blanca or the Falklands.

7. Looking to the number of persons now about to commence Sheep Farming operations and the Sheep which they must necessarily introduce into the Colony, the Directors anticipate that the price of Sheep may not remain as high as at present and consider it would be as well, provided the Company has had a good lambing and there are more than the present Staff can attend to, to dispose of some Sheep at remunerative prices, they therefore leave you to exercise your best judgment in accepting any good offer for the purchase of such Sheep as the Company can spare, bearing in mind that acclimatized animals ought to command a much higher price than the value of Sheep as imported from South America.

8. On further enquiries about Tar for Sheep Dressing we find the Stockholm only is used for no American Tar is now sent to this Country, should you therefore deem it prudent to try its effect it will be necessary to obtain a few barrels from M. Video.

9. We have been requested to send out Mercer's Mother from Scotland as she is a Widow, but declined to do so until we heard whether her Sons could support her at Stanley, one of these young men was reported to have behaved very badly and only now kept on to work out a debt due to the Company.

10. I regret having to inform you that the Comp^y has been deprived of Capt. Packe's Freight for the 'Whole' through his Brokers having taken up a vessel for Mr. Dean, which is to be loaded with Stores for him & will take these goods. Mr. Emanuel Boucher has thought it advisable to have a new 6 1/2 ton Yacht built for you considering the distance she has to be sent, the limit you mentioned will be rather exceeded but she will be such a vessel as will give every satisfaction, her length will be 24 feet, the builders are Forrest & Son so that you

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may depend upon her speed and safety, we hope she will be ready for the 'Athole'. As Mr. Greenhields says that some more men might be sent out the Board is endeavouring to obtain a few for this Vessel - and since Mr. Dean is shipping Stores we are pushing matters forward to get her off by the 20th if possible, so as to be first in the market. We trust you will take care to have her home Cargo ready so that no time may be lost for the Produce by her will require to be realized as soon as possible.

11. The 'Matilda' arrived at San Francisco on the 20th ult.

I remain,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
J. Coleman
Secy.

Enclosures.

Eight Account Sales of 'Matilda's' Produce May 1867.
Sheep Farming - A.R. Lafone's Memo 31 Jan 68
do Letter 4 Feb "
Letter to Wemyss 3 " "
Copy of Forster's Letter 21 Jan 68.
Letter for Camp Manager.
do " Mr. Travis from his Mother.
Journal Entry.
'Athole's' Charterparty dated 16th ult.
Rough List of Stores for 'Athole'

No. 358.

8th July. 1868.

The Secretary
of the F.R.S.

London, 39 A. Gracechurch St 24 Feb 1868.
E.C.

Falkland Islands Company.

N^o: 359.

p. 'Aholé'

Sir,

I devote this Despatch to remarks on the Cargo of Stores by the above Vessel.

2. We made enquiries about Mark Lane Sweepings or other cheap Poultry Food but learned that Indian Corn is admitted to be the cheapest, since inferior kinds are so liable to damage on a voyage.

The Tobacco in bond from Bremner is very good indeed, the order was for 3 boxes but by taking the balance of a parcel of boxes, we obtained it at a reduction of 3 p. c. N^o: 4 to 47 is the balance of the 'Matilda's' Present which not being ready for her we prepared for the 'John Wallers' but shut out of that Vessel, this will account for some of the Shippers having 2 Invoices.

As the 'Aholé' had space & required a little more Deadweight we have put 50 tons House Coals on board, these can however be used for Steam Coals if required for that purpose.

At the suggestion of one of the Board some Liebig's Extractum Carnis is shipped, it is now much used by invalids & families as well as Ships making long voyages.

Of the Glazier's Diamonds formerly sent by Coutts & Co: do not cut Glass well, they can be resal if returned to this country, as they are sparkles of genuine stones.

Please get Capt. Forby to compare Frost's Rope with what he uses on board the 'Aholé' from Reed Lough & Co: of which he speaks in the highest terms.

Some Jams are sent from Gillon & Co: to compare with Morton's it being reported that the lower price of the latter is in consequence of the weights being deficient as well as the quality not so good.

We have also shipped bottled Fruits from House & Co: and Hill & Jones for comparison as to qualities & prices with Morton, Bill Jones has also put up some Sweetmeats assent out for Dean, which we understood were highly approved of.

As M^{rs}: John M. Kinnon wrote to this Office that Capt. Dyer had failed to bring out the Clock she wanted we have sent 4 cheap Mantlepiece Clocks and two Cuckoo Clocks, also two cheap Watches, all of which are really good & may be depended on.

House has sent a Memo about two qualities of Milk & Cocoa being manufactured at the present time.

As the season allows of Seed Potatoes

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being procured we send a small assortment & trust to hear of their getting out in serviceable order. As the 'Whole' carries a large cargo we have sent a few crates of cheap

Cookery to fill up from Mr. Leslie I have doubled the order for Compressed Hay, the quality of this is uncommonly good. we also ship two lots of 300 Deals extra sawn in the usual manner as there was space to spare through the anticipated tonnage not being shipped by her. Three different kinds

of Dinner Knives & Forks are sent by Morton, please say which are the best sort for future shipments. Kissen & Parker

have prepared the Camp Cash Orders & supply a Bill Form Book of business Cards with your name as Manager. A Spiff's Glove of the same kind as the 'Maid's' suitable for one of the Schooners is shipped, this order has been long on hand.

The larger sized Bridle Bits have been made for us, we should like to know if these & the Spanish Spurs are of the proper form.

Some new American Lanterns are sent, they are very useful for Country places, the Captain knows how to set them up - as we could not obtain Candles as in them, Beach has put up some Wax Tapers & small Composites which can be used in them.

Silvers' have sent some Leather Leggings & Gaiters which we understand will sell well. There appears to be some mistake about the Cit Cloth Table Covers ordered from Evans,

as they have sent some of the same kind as procured from Short & Staff in the usual way. Turner & Co. have shipped an assortment of Boots & Shoes for comparison with Burrows & Son, we believe Dean no longer deals with the latter, as Turner & Co. ship so largely for him.

We send 10000 Navior Bricks for deadweight as we understand they meet with a ready sale at Stanley. Messrs. Wild inform us Spirits & Wines have gone up but they have placed us on the best terms possible.

A first rate Coffee Roaster is sent, we are told the Coffee is better if the roasting is finished by its own heat by being turned in the cylinder when taken off the fire & that it ought to be cooled as quickly as possible by rapid motion in the Vibrating Cooler.

Preserved Salmon &c. are obtained from a Jersey House Le Gruchy &c. who have establishments at Newfoundland whereby the cost is much lessened. The Board has entrusted the Butter &c. to Messrs. Yalms & Son & trust they will give satisfaction, the prices

may appear high but the quality is to be depended on, and the Suppliers maintain only the best articles should be sent for long voyages I find such goods give satisfaction at the Cape and other Colonies. There are some Staples amongst the Iron goods to be used for the Iron Wire Fencing in case you are able to procure some Wooden Posts. We are able to supply the Charts of Stanley Harbour and Stationery as ordered by your last Despatch. Some Sheep Dip is sent from Mr. Biggar who has proved its goodness, he says if the Sheep are dipped in this twice a year Scab is sure to be prevented, a little Oil or Grease may be added to mat the Wool together, he says three men can dip 600 Sheep in one day, the tubs are for mixing the Dip & the lattice work to drain them on. No. 427 is a case of Prayer Books & Bibles sent to the Presbyterian Scotch Settlers by the General Assembly of Scotland, they are to be distributed free amongst all the Shepherds & the Directors beg you will attend to this carefully & return a List of those who have had them.

There are three Cases of Marine Clothing from the Admiralty, freight on which is paid here.

The following are to be delivered free -

721	Case for Greenhields	from his Pieter
721, 2	Two Cases for Cobb	" " Father
887	One " " Elliot	" " "
890	" " " Mr. Clinton	" Fulton
889	" bale " Travis	" his Mother
1061	" case " Miss Watts	" her Brother
1062	" " " Janet Heron,	her Boy left behind at Swazana
1063	" " " Shervland	from his Brother
1064	" " " Agricultural Soc ^y .	from Majorin & Co.
1155	" pkge " Mr. John Mr. Finnon	" her Parents
1156	" case " Robinson Gov ^r .	" his Mother
1163, 4	Two " " Turner	" Smith
1266	One " " Smithen	" his Father
1276	has Parcel for Dean & Son	from Dean Gen ^r .

The following are to be conveyed free if they do business with the Company, otherwise a charge is to be made -

886	One case for Waldron	from his Brother
1160, 1, 2	Two " & 1 pkge for P. Am ⁿ Miss ⁿ Soc ^y .	from the Secretary in London.

I remain, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,
 J. Coleman
 Sec^y.

No. 359.

24 Feb'y. 1878.

The Secretary
of the N. B. C.

Amosby.

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London, 39 A. Gracechurch St. 26th Feb. 1868.

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Falkland Islands Company.

N^o 360.

Mr. 'Whole'

Sir,

The French Mail delivered Duplicates of your Despatches 9 and 10 on the 19th inst., but the Directors regret to find that almost all of the former is illegible through bad copying and request that more pains may be taken by the Clerk in future, as upon failing to copy properly by the press he ought to have been kept up at night to make a written Copy - I am however to take note of those parts we can decipher.

2. Desp 9 P 3. As you appear to want a new Account Book we have referred to Flight & Foster about N^o 1430, which is said to be a Ledger ruled Journal style, as time does not permit to make one we send a Ledger divided for Debtor & Creditor on each page and a Journal, which can be used as a Ledger if approved of, should these Books not answer your present purpose they will doubtless come into use at a future time.

3. Par 22. The Board regrets to learn that the Buildings have not been kept in proper repair, they are glad to find you have set about attending to this and trust they will in future be carefully looked after.

4. Par 23. We are sorry to hear you do not approve of the Scotch Women Servants, before your Despatch arrived arrangements had been made with Mr. Biggar to procure some young women and they could not be altered, we trust the three now going out will prove more useful than those per 'Beta'

5. Pars 28, 29. From the few disjointed legible words we cannot learn much about the 'Coquimbana', Mr. Forster's Despatch 7, 10, merely reported that she was a total Wreck and had been sold to Pedro Buena, who, it was believed, would not make much by his purchase.

I remain,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Coleman

Secy

Frederick E. Cobb Esq
Colonial Manager

Stanley.



London 28th Feb. 1868.

N^o. 361.

M^r. Athole

Sir, This Vessel being now ready for sea I beg to inform you that she has ten Passengers under the Emigration Compt^{rs}, for whom we shall require a Landing Certificate, their names are -

George Thomson	Wife & Infant	} Shepherds
Joseph do		
Robert M ^r . Lean		
James M ^r . Guire		} Farm Laborers
William Quilly		
Jeese Phillips		
James Black		} Female Servants
Isabella Thomson		
Catherine M ^r . Kirdle		

The six Men are under the usual Agreement with the Co. and the three Women have undertaken to repay £15 as part of the cost of their passage out, as well as a small advance for they had to provide a few things.

2. Referring to Despatch 357 PM about the Pig Iron ex 'Mary Sparks', we now enclose Delivery Order for this from the Assignees of Messrs. Klingender & Co. Esqrs, dated the 8th instant at Liverpool, and correspondence, showing that the same is sold to the Compt^{rs} at Twenty Shillings per ton, if you have means to weigh it before being put on board the 'Athole', it would be as well to remit your Draft on the Directors at 90 days sight in payment of same.

3. The Board has granted that the Yacht for yourself is to be carried free though it will cost some expence in fitting &c. - N^o. 1276, contains Lloyd's Register of Shipping and the Business Cards, in charge of the Captain. There are some live Stares for the Governor from the Zoological Society, which the Directors trust will reach Stanley fit to be turned out to add to the Game on the Falklands. There is also a little Terrier Dog belonging to yourself put on board by your Cousin.

I remain, Sir,
Your obed^t. Serv^t,
J. Coleman
Secy

Frederick E. Cobb Esq
Colonial Manager
Stanley.

Enclosures,

Triplicates N^o 354, 355.

Duplicates " 356, 357, 358.

" Letter for Camp Manager

Charterparty.

Emigration Agreement

Two Land Orders for £100 each N^o 21, 22 Parts 1-

Landing Certificate

Pig Iron Delivery Order

" Correspondence Eddis to A.R. Lafone 12 Feb 88
A.R. Lafone to Eddis " "

Stouse's Memo on Milk

Contents of Cases 1273 and 1275.

General Invoice £ 4473. 14. 11

74 Detailed Invoices

Six Agreements with Men

Three " " Women

Receipts	G. Thomson	14. . . .
	J. do	11. 10. . .
	M ^c Lean	10. 15. . .
	M ^c Guire	10. 10. . .
	Quilley	7. 20. . .
	Phillips	5. 10. . .
	J. Black	6. 10. . .
	J. Thomson	6. . . .
	C. M ^c Hirdle	6. . . .

Bill of Lading

Receipt for Yacht & Gear

Letters.

3 for Cobb

2 " Travis

2 " Turner

1 " Smallbones

1 " M^cCall

No. 361.

28th Febry. 1868.

The Secretary
of the A.S.P.

Mass 1868

London, 39 A. Gracechurch St. 31st Mch 1868
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Fuldaund Islands Company.

N^o 362

per Courtenay

Sir,

We avail of this Vessel conveying Stores for Mr Deane to forward the following Enclosures.

2. The Clerk having unfortunately omitted to give me the Glaziers' Diamonds invoiced by Mess^{rs} Coult's & Co^{pe} per Athole to be enclosed in the Despatch they are now sent forward together with a case for Mr's John McKinnon but directed to the Company's Colonial Manager.

3. I enclose Copy of Letter from James Smith to myself and Reply to him, which will show you that the Board is quite alive to the necessity of maintaining your authority so that the Island Employes may know that they must appeal to you upon every point. The Directors would be satisfied at learning that you had discharged some of the illdisposed men as an example but conclude you will from time to time reward the deserving ones of which number they consider James Smith the Finer and Shepherd to be.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Frederick E. Cobb Esq
Colonial Manager
Stanley.

J. Coleman
Secy

Enclosures.

Triplicates Nos 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361.

Two Glaziers' Diamonds from Coult's & Co^{pe}

Copy of Letter from Smith

do " Reply " Coleman

Additions to Lloyds Register for 2nd & 16th Mch 1868.

Letter for Smith

London, 39 A. Gracechurch St. 8th April 1868
E.C.

Falkland Islands Company.

N^o 363

Dr. Shannon

Sir,

The Original of Despatch N^o 9 being now to hand the Directors are enabled to answer it. The Journal Entries will give you full information about the Bills received and the Accounts.

2. Par 3. The Board has long been aware that the Ledger must have been most imperfectly kept and the Account Books sent out for Athole will enable you to dispense with an unbalanced Book, which has caused so many complaints. We perceive that you have struck a Balance in the Ledger by the Balances for 31st December 1867, sent home in N^o 12, and we trust it will now be entered up with care in order to keep it balanced. The Directors do not consider it could be of any service to send the Old Ledger home and it might be required at Stanley at some future time for reference.

3. Par 11. The Paper of Information respecting Fire Insurance has been shown to the North British and Mercantile Office, who will communicate with you respecting an Agency, they do not however unfortunately hold out any hopes at present of being able to reduce the premium on the Company's Buildings and Stores.

4. Par 12. The meagre report upon your Camp Inspection has not realized the anticipations of the Directors, who expected to receive a kind of diary of your tour specifying the Stations visited, name of Shepherds,

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whether married or single, the number of Sheep, their condition, ages &c., the range of country over which they grazed, the distance from the neighbouring stations, situation of House, whether garden attached, Horses in use and sundry other details, to enable the Directors to get a clear insight into the working of the Sheep Farms and they wish you to enter into these particulars whenever you journey into the Camp.

5. Par 14. We are much concerned to hear your Report upon the Sheep having lost so much Wool from Scab, as we were led to believe this disease had been nearly eradicated, Mr J. Mc Elymont, the Gentleman who has taken up so much land on West Falkland, considers that Scab will never be banished from our Sheep until the Australian system of dipping entirely in Tobacco water and sulphur is adopted, and being a practical Sheep Farmer his opinion and advice are entitled to consideration — he says the whole of the grazing Districts North of Choiseul Sound is unclean land, from the quantity of scabby Wool distributed all over it and that if the Sheep were to be dipped and cured of Scab, they would catch it again immediately from the insects which have existed in the Wool adhering to shrubs, rocks &c. — he believes the plan of spotting the Sheep with Tar and Oil on the part where a sore appears is not suitable for an effectual cure, the Scab insect having already travelled through the wool to another part of the skin, and he does not hold with the idea that the Tar and Oil is needed as a protection to the animal from the cold weather, since the climate of the Falklands does not require such a precaution not being so cold as the central part of Scotland and the snow not lying any depth or for any time, the herbage also of the Falklands he says is sufficiently

succulent to keep them in full condition the whole year round — the plan he advises is to have a dipping apparatus erected near Darwin Harbour with steam boiler &c, where the sheep can be entirely immersed in the warm dip, until the whole fleece and skin is thoroughly saturated, then to be kept for a week or fortnight under close examination, if necessary dipped again and then passed into Laforia, this to be carefully done with every flock and the Grazing Stations North of Choiseul Sound to be left unoccupied for a year or eighteen months, until the frosts and wind had thoroughly destroyed the diseased wool scattered about, as he has known a scab insect to live for 30 days upon a watch glass without any food, so that considerable time must be allowed for its destruction when it has the wool and yolk in it to exist on. This would necessitate application to the Governor for permission to allow these lands to lie fallow, or if not to keep them stocked with 50 Cattle or Horses, as by Clause 4 of the Proclamation of 4th April 1861, and the Board considers that the Government would doubtless consent to the occupation being deemed good, if half the number of Stations had residents upon them, as we presume only one man would be required to look after the Cattle on two Stations — it will of course be necessary to make a full representation of the whole subject to the authorities and learn their views before any steps are taken.

Mr. McElymont further informs us that the absence of Tax will enable the Wool to grow in a more natural way, and we shall certainly reap the double benefit of its absence, in the enhanced price obtainable for the Wool, as all Brokers object to the quantity used, and the saving of the expense of

of purchasing Tar and Oil. He also says that he intends to wash his Sheep before shearing, you report in Par 15 that a few Bales of Wool will be washed for experiment, we are afraid however our Wool is of too coarse a nature to repay such an expense, and we have always heard that washing after shearing reduces the weight in a much greater proportion than washing before shearing, as by the latter arrangement the weight of the wool on the sheep's back is increased from the yolk from the animal.

6 Par 16. The Directors are glad to see that you are endeavouring to get the Governor to allow of Land Purchases near Darwin Harbour, and consider your representations, as ~~per~~ Letter to Governor of 9th January last, quite correct, for the clause in the Proclamation of 31st July 1849 is evidently intended to protect the Lessee against the Land occupied by him being sold to strangers, should the Governor not accede to your request the Board will be prepared to support you by representing the case to the Colonial Office here.

7. Par 18. The Board regrets to find that Mr Forster has behaved wrongly about the Grazing Station North of Nos 17 and 18, and think you have done well to let the License dated 13th May 1864 drop, but suggest the consideration whether it is necessary to make application for this Station, as apparently the Company already has sufficient Land for present use.

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8. Par 20. The Directors have read with much interest your notes of the trial re 'Coquimbana', they cannot at present take any steps in the matter but will be prepared if necessary to act, they think you have done quite right to show attentions to Captain Miller - we trust you will furnish full particulars of the survey of Tyssen Patch by Captain Wilson Mayne and others, as well as of any further proceedings about this wreck.

9. Par 34. The Board wish you to be careful in purchases of Patagonian Skins as they will not pay to ship to England for some fetched much less here than they cost at Stanley, if you can sell to the Men of War well and good, but do not send any home in expectation of making a profit by them.

10. Par 37. Application has been made to Mr. Forster for the Letters said to be returned to him, but he informs us that he has not received any, we have therefore written to the Post Office on the subject and learn that we shall have to apply to the Colonial Office.

11. Your Despatches Nos 11, 12 and 13, of the 4th, 15th and 16th January, arrived per French Mail on the 24th ultimo, the Directors were much pleased to find you had secured the business of 'St. M. S. Nassau' and 'Narcissus'.

12. Despatch 13, b. The Board has made several attempts to induce Steamers going round to the West Coast to call at Stanley for Coals, but are always met by the objection that there is no inducement for this course, as calling at Monte Video enables them to secure both Passengers and

Cargo for that Port, if the present tide of Emigration to the Falklands continues, both the Colonial Office and the Post Office may be able to increase their offer for Mail Service, and if the Shipments of the Company to and fro could be arranged for regular periods, it would answer our purpose to place all our business in the way of Steamers sailing from London.

13. Your Despatch No. 14 of 24th January arrived on the 6th instants, the Directors are extremely pleased to find you have made so good a remittance, and still promise more; Paragraph 9 was drafted before this arrival and falls to the ground on your present explanation.

14. We shall bear in mind your proposal about Ship Carpenters getting out, should any such offer themselves, the Carpenter of the 'West' wished at one time to emigrate, but there was no opportunity then offering, and when the 'Whale' was taken up, he had already sailed in another ship, it would be well if you could bring the advantages of the place before any good Carpenter you find on a homeward bound ship, and if he would leave his address here, care should be taken to inform him of the next Vessel sailing for Stanley.

15. The Directors are glad to hear the Butchery will now again become remunerative and trust the Camp Manager will not relax in his efforts to keep up a supply of Tame Oxen.

16. The Board quite approves of the line of conduct you have pursued respecting the 'Coquimbana' and trust your surmises as to Lloyd's Agency may prove to be correct, we post to you Shipping Gazette of

the instant containing account of 'Coquimbano'.
The Directors think you have done right to go round
with Captⁿ Mayne to the Wreck, as you will doubtless
be able to arrange for returning through Lafonia, and
thus get a further insight into the Company's property.

14. We regret to inform you that the Athole
was detained until the 20th ^{ullⁿ in the Channel,} so that you must not
expect her until the end of next month.

I remain,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Coleman
Secy.

Enclosures.

Triplicate Despatches N^{os} 359, 360, 361.

Duplicate do " 362.

" Land Orders N^{os} 21 and 22.

" Bill of Lading ff. 'Athole'

Island Administration Ledger & Journal Entries

Letter for Cobb from his Cousin

do " Capt. Gorley " " Wife

do " J^r. Smith " the Secretary.

No. 363

8th April, 1878.

The Secretary
of the S. H. C.

London

10th July

1878

London, 39 St. Gracechurch St. 8th May 1868.

E.C.

Futland Islands Company.

N^o. 364.

p. 'Onaida'

Sir,

The Directors received your Despatches 15 & 16 of the 29th February and 2nd March, as well as the Duplicates p. 'Frankoc', on the 2nd instant, and they are much gratified at the amount you have been able to remit - it is a pity that you did not send Duplicates for the French Mail as M^r. Dean and your Cousin received Letters by that opportunity so that the 'Foam' reached Montevideo in time, but even if she had not they could have been forwarded by the Liverpool Steamers or those to this Port of Antwerp, which often bring Letters very rapidly from the River Plate.

2. Despatch 15, Par 3. The Directors have not heard anything about M^r. Pyne being appointed Governor, if they learn of the post being offered to him they will endeavour to attend to your wishes, but they thought the present Governor was likely to remain and wish you to obtain his views upon this point, as his term will not expire for some years.

3. Par 5. The Directors are glad to hear that M. Secombe has been successful for his employers the Zoological Society, but regret he should give you trouble and expect such impossibilities - our Despatch 35th, 11. will have told you that he is to return p. 'Ahole' and the Board trusts this will be attended to.

4. Par 6. The new form of Store Cash Voucher is approved, we notice the numbers of the separate Vouchers are continued the 1st Jan^y. being 230, the last Voucher received in Despatch 9 is n^o. 227, dated 24th Dec^r. 1867, the present plan will prevent such ommissions of single vouchers save postage.

5. Par 7. The Board is glad to hear that the Governor tells you the Land Orders will not expire through lapse of time if not used at present, but consider it would be better, as such a large amount is now outstanding and more Orders

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may be purchased, that this opinion should if possible be given to the Company in writing, so that their interests may be properly protected should a question arise at any future time, and they trust to your management to obtain such a letter from the Governor: it is observed that the Governor's Reply to Mr. Forster of the 24th June 1867 quotes an Extract of the Lease of No. 8 Grazing Station, which prevents more than 1000 acres being purchased, this must be borne in mind in order that such a restriction be abrogated when the Leases under the Proclamation of 31st July 1849 are put upon the same footing as those of the 4th April 1861 - for it is of great importance to extend the Company's Freehold Land around Darwin Harbour Settlement.

6. Par 10. The Directors will endeavour to learn if Mr. Forster is going out for Mr. Dean and in that case will hint what may occur on his arrival - your Despatch 9, 18. first reporting this misappropriation stated that you had heard from Mr. Turpin and Mr. Dean that he had offer to transfer this Station to them, if possible you must obtain direct evidence of this in some tangible shape fit for proceedings in Court, as upon his arrival the letter would not be likely to implicate him: it is singular that Mr. Forster sent in his Despatch 7, announcing the matter, his application of 8th May 1867 on his own behalf signed by himself without the words Colonial Manager, the License dated the 13th May and his Letter to Green Shields of the same date, which, with the statement in the Despatch, that this Station was for the Comp^y, quite deceived the Board and no objection was made to the application of License being personal, should you consider that adverse steps can be taken this must be borne in mind. Should Mr. Forster ever become Manager for Mess^{rs}. Dean & Co the Directors are of opinion that your position will have become so safe through your good management that he will find it difficult to reduce the business of the Company.

7. Par 15. The Board regrets to learn that the present clip of Wool is so short as from the fall in the value of this article it will cause a serious diminution of the Company's

revenue - They trust increased efforts will be made to eradicate the scab as it is impossible for the Sheep to increase properly if injured by this disease, this is evidenced by the small addition to the Stock of Sheep for the year.

Referring to N^o 363, § about the Grazing Districts North of Choiseul Sound trying fallow to destroy the Scab insect, we have been informed by an old Australian Settler from that Colony that it was the custom to clean foul land by burning the grass, this might be tried on a small scale for experiment at the Falklands, though it is thought that the damp nature of the climate will prevent its being fully carried out.

8. Par 16. As the 'Whole' is a large vessel you will be able to buy the New Island Wool from Capt. Packe - the Pig Iron ex 'Mary Sparkes' will, with the Hides, sufficiently ballast her & this will be assisted if you are able to secure the Copper ex 'Coquimbana'

9. Par 22. Respecting the 'Fairy' the Board thinks it would be well to send her to England for a proper repair provided she can be brought home on favorable terms, it seems here this can only occur through some cargo being thrown upon the Islands by a ship in distress, whose crew could be made use of under one of the States to navigate her at a cheap rate, for as her repair if done thoroughly would be expensive great economy must be exercised in getting her to England.

10. Par 24. The Colonial Remittances have been made, the North British Mercantile Insurance Co^y will send Dr. Watts' Policy through you and consider it as the first Insurance opened by your Agency, in order that you may obtain the Commission of 10% payable by the Fire Office.

11. Regret to inform you that the Italian Bill for 12.1.13.6 of a 'Volante' remitted to Mess^{rs} Hocquard & Co for collection, as advised in your Despatch 5, 8, has only produced 11.1.19.10 through the Exchange being $46\frac{1}{2}$ - we trust you received by next Mail the parcel not forwarded by them, we have asked them to explain this omission.

12. Desp^h 16 P. 2. We have no means of giving you further information about the Credit of the 'Matilda's' Cargo of June 1867 than the Realization in Despatch 353, as there was not any detailed Account sent home of the cost of the Adventures by her - This apportionment of proceeds of cargoes to part of the cost of them in Adventures has always been an uncertain matter, since those purchases of the same kind as the Company's Produce cannot be sold separately, it is therefore not possible to make a precise return upon the same and it only remains for an approximate judgment being formed whether Adventures pay, bearing in mind that they are often useful as remittance to cover the cost of Stores sent out, that the Co's Produce must be sent home & that the vessel generally has room for such extra cargo.

13. Messrs Forbes Knight & Co. have written to complain of certain charges on the Goods ex 'Orange Nassau' not shipped to 'Matilda' to San Francisco but sold at Stanley, we forward Correspondence and request some explanation of the matters referred to in their letter to Messrs Dean & Son of the 8th ult^o.

14. During the examination of the Accounts for last year it was discovered that there were some errors in the calculations & additions of the Store Stock Taking, I am desired therefore by the Auditors to request that these figures may be carefully checked in future - you will perceive from the Journal Entries that the extra amount of 47.15.2 for Goods in Store has been passed to account, which increases the entry of 11,184.10.6 sent in Despatch 355 to 11,232.5.8, the balance therefore to commence the present year is 17,401.4.11 to debit of Island Adm^t. 1867/8, and not 17,353.9.9 as given in last Despatch.

15. You have not reported anything lately of Mr. Waldron, we should like to know how his employment of the 'Diana' is proceeding, the number of Sheep landed, the time of her voyages from West Falkland to the River Plate & back, & the average rate of deaths on her passages, &c. - we ought also to have heard how the 'John Walkers' succeeded with Capt. Packe's Cargo, it is said she is loading for London by Messrs Dean & Son. Mr. M. Edymont has some cargo for his undertaking at West Falkland and would have shipped it direct if we had had a vessel going, now

vessel going, now he means to send it via Montevideo and will leave for the River Plate about the 15th July, in order to purchase Sheep Benge a vessel to carry them down.

16. At the request of Mr. Raynbird, a gentleman well known to the Co., we have given a letter of introduction to you to Mr. Ernest Holmsted and Mr. Bertrand, two young men proceeding to the Falklands from Montevideo in order to look about them and decide whether to settle in the Colony or not, and we beg your kind attentions to these Gentlemen, since any one forming an establishment must in a measure benefit the Company. Though we have had many replies to our Advertisements for Sheep Farmers & have furnished the Scotch people with an outline of our intentions, (as per copy of letter sent in 358), none of them have proposed any terms, when we hear from you what arrangements could be made & the portions & positions of the Co.'s Land suitable for a commencement of the kind, we could propose some definite terms and thus secure one or more to try such a speculation.

17. Enclosed is Extract of Colonial Report for the Falklands having Gov^r. Robinson's Letter of 3 July 67 to the Colonial Secretary - Land Proclamation for West Falkland of 21 June 67 and the Surveyor General's Letter of 20 June 67.

18. We presume the cost of the 'Celestine' destroyed in Mr. Waldron's service, as per N^o. 15, 8, will be charged to his account, or repaired at the cost of the person who navigated her so improperly.

19. Your letter of 6 Jan 68 to Greenshield's speaks of appointing a Travelling Superintendent to examine the flocks, will not this lead to a division of duty which the Camp Manager ought to attend to personally, it is recurring to the old style of one person being appointed to look after another's duty, surely our present Camp Manager has sufficient energy to go round periodically himself, pray consider this as economy must be the order of the day.

I remain,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Coleman

Secy.

Enclosures.

Duplicate of Letter of 8 Mch 68.
 Triplicate Despatch N^o 362.
 Duplicate do " 363.
 Copy of Letter of Introduction 30 Apr 68.
 Correspondence with Forbes Knight F.G.:
 F. K. H. to Office 8 Apr
 " " " 17 "
 " " " 21 "
 " " Dean Hon 8 "
 Office to F. K. H. 18 "
 5 May
 Colonial Blue Book Pages 146 to 150.
 Ledger Entries
 Remarks on Accounts
 Journal Entries
 Greenshields' Ledger Account
 Letter to Smallbones from his Mother.

London, 39 A. Gracechurch St. 8th June 1863.
E.C.

Falkland Islands Company.
N^o 365. P^o 'Seine'

Sir,
I beg to acknowledge your Despatches N^o 17 received on the 9th ult^o, N^o 18 on the 1st instant, N^o 19 on the 21st ult^o and N^o 20 and 21 on the 1st instant, which have had the Director's careful attention, who are gratified that you have made such good Remittances, viz: ex Despatch 19 £199.16.2- ex N^o 20 £99⁷. This morning your N^o 22 has come to hand with Navy Bills for £243 and £100.

2. N^o 17, 2. The Board is pleased that you obtained the business of the 'Ida Diegler' & that Capt. Reynolds thinks well of Stanley - it is singular that he did not have a Chart as several have been left at Mess^{rs} Shaw Savill & Co's Office and one, if not two, put on board his vessel - your suggestions about altering the Charts as respects supplying Water shall be attended to, and should matters progress as favorably under your management as hitherto the Directors will take steps to send out a boat for watering ships, though if the Force Pump ex 'River Derwent' is as valuable as you represent it will be better to dispose of it here, since the large Force Pump made by Fowler & Co. in 1862 and fully repaired and sent out p^o 'Matilda' in Nov^r 1866 will answer the purpose.

3. 17, 5, 6. We regret you have not been able to secure the Copper ex 'Coquimbana' for the 'Ashole', there will however be enough deadweight for her without it. The Board considers you have done well to support the new Baker by supplying him with Flour and trusts you will be able to continue this arrangement.

4. N^o 19, 3. The Directors are much concerned to hear of the deplorable loss at the Boca by fire from the deliberate carelessness of a Shepherd, and think that for the sake of example the man Grierson ought not to have been allowed to escape punishment for such a serious loss to the Company, especially as you say he bore a bad character before this occurred. Our former advices have intimated that the Board wishes some decisive steps to be taken to enforce strict obedience to the Camp Manager, and as M^r Greenshield's is so lenient they trust you will not allow the next flagrant case of damage or disregard to orders to pass without due punishment.

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Stanley.

5. 20, 6. Your observations about the Hulks 'Margaret' and 'W. Shand' appear so reasonable that the Directors will at once take steps to learn whether a Government Boat could be procured at a reasonable price & sent out to the Islands juryrigged as you advise, if this cannot be done we might obtain a large old Teak built East Indian man, which would answer the purpose equally well. It is unfortunate there has been so little demand lately for Coals as if possible to get a suitable Vessel it would be an excellent opportunity to send out a quantity as considerable deadweight will be required. You have lately omitted to give at end of Despatches the stock of Coals on hand, please attend to this.

6. 20, 9. The Government has informed us that a second payment of the £40, on account of the Cable Killing Case had been made to the Company, so the amount has been refunded.

7. 20, 19. You have done uncommonly well to get the Coaling of H. M. S. 'Elio' and I am glad to find the Coals sent out are superior to those we were strongly advised to ship.

8. 20, 20 & 21. The Directors will attend to your wish about sending out a Pig Boat which can be rowed fast in order to enable you to compete with others in boarding ships quickly. The Envelopes of Despatches 11, 12 & 13 have been carefully examined but do not appear to have been injured in the least.

9. 19, 4. In consequence of the neglect shown by Messrs. Brocquard & Stewart the Board has decided to appoint Messrs. B. Melian & C. to be the Company's Agents in Montevideo, in case you have not already made arrangements with anyone else, and we write by this Mail for Mr. Melian to put himself in communication with you.

10. 19, 5. The Board will send out a new Diving Apparatus by a Steamer to sail hence on the 13th prox^o consigned to Messrs. Melian, if necessary you had better obtain the Governor's sanction for it to come down P. 'Foam' in September next, as it will not be mercantile cargo: - your subsequent Despatches do not give particulars of the top of the Apparatus.

11. Desp.^t 21. The Board's suggestions to you in Desp.^t 363, founded on Mr. M. Clynmont's experience & evidence, will have shown you that we are quite alive to the necessity of instituting the proper means for curing the Scab, and we are glad your attention is now particularly directed to this subject - so many remedies have been sent from this country and declared useless that we despair of being able to effect a reliable cure except through Tobacco Water

and Sulphur, though we hope the Lotion sent P. 'A Whole' through Mr. Biggar will be carefully tried for he assures us it is efficient & cheap. Should you find that the present mixture of Tar & Oil does not succeed this winter the Directors wish you to take immediate steps to use Tobacco Water by procuring some strong Brazilian Tobacco from Montevideo, as well as some Sulphur, we shall request Mess^{rs} Melian to forward average prices of these articles at Montevideo to enable us to judge whether the next ship could take a supply at a cheaper rate.

12. The Board considers you do quite right to support Mr. Greenhills so as to make him the sole director of the Camp men & trusts you will be able to get him to be more firm with them. Our last Despatch informed you that we had given a letter of introduction to you for Mr. Bertrand, whom you mention, and if possible to make terms with him for a Sheep Farm on shares the Directors would concur in such an arrangement, it is a pity you did not state what references he had given as we might thereby have discovered something about him, enquiries are instituted & a reply was promised this day but it has not yet arrived - what you say about the benefit of a Colonial experience is quite correct and if Mr. Bertrand succeeds with a flock on shares he might be further promoted.

13. 21.9. Respecting a further supply of Shepherds we are informed by Mr. M. Clymont that he does not intend engaging any here because more suitable men can always be obtained in the River Plate, this we have heard before and the Company's new Agent might be able to engage some men on reasonable terms, as there are always such people who have been through some difficulties & are willing to take low wages, & what is of great importance have become initiated into Colonial life and Sheep farming operations, you had better therefore write up to Montevideo and request them to let us know the result.

14. Mr. Dean tells me that Mr. Forster is not going out to manage affairs for him.

15. As so much was lost on the 'Colonies' Bill you had better instruct the Agents at Montevideo to remit to you when the Exchange on London is unfavorable, or retain the amount towards your next purchases if they allow interest on a current account.

16. Since drafting the foregoing we notice the

remarks on Coals in Despatch 22, 3 and are of opinion you will make the Coaling of Steamers pay, we presume you have not sold the whole of the 'Beta's' Coals but have mixed them with the old, or else we cannot comprehend how there are 100 tons remaining for profit - the balance on hand also does not tally for if 156 tons are deducted from 1135 tons, the stock as per Return dated 2^d March, there remains 979 tons whereas you say 600 to 700 tons only - we shall attend to your requirements in Coals when opportunity offers for no doubt small quantities fresh and fresh are better.

17. Mr. Emile Boyer of Stanley has ordered a 22 feet Boat to be built by Mr. John Walters of Exmouth to be sent out in pieces by our next Despatch: These boats with the Dingies would soon fill up a large ship.

I remain,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Coleman
Secy.

Enclosures.

Ledger Entries.

Journal Entries.

Letter pr Cobb from Rhodes Cobb.

No 365.
Feb. 27, 1875.
The Secretary
of the A. S. B.
Australia.

London, 39 A. Gracechurch St. 16th June 1863.

E.C.

Falkland Islands Company.

N^o 366.

S^r. 'Newton'
via Liverpool.

Sir,

I avail of the above Steamer direct to Montevideo to inform you that it is the Board's wish should you make any arrangement with M^r. Bertrand (or with any other parties) upon Sheep Farming on Shares, that he is to pay down his share in cash so that he has a direct interest in the working of such a speculation: we have received a favorable reply to our enquiries as to M^r. Bertrand's respectability but no mention is made of his means.

2. The Directors desire you to take, as many precautions as possible against Fire at Darwin and in the Camp, since Insurance at out-lying Stations is out of the question - they think some of the most ill behaved might be discharged, as it would be better to be shorthanded than troubled with careless men, costing so much in wages &c. and leading astray the well disposed.

I remain,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Coleman
Secy.

Frederick E. Cobb Esq
Colonial Manager
Stanley.

No 366

18th June, 1878

The Secretary
of the R. & B.

London 25th Aug.

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London, 39, A. Gracechurch St. 8th July 1868.

E.C.

Falkland Islands Company.

N^o 367.

M^{rs} 'La Plata'

Sir,

On the 20th ultimo we received M^{rs} French Mail Original and Duplicate of your Despatch 23, dated the 30th April, and Original of N^o 24, dated the 1st May, M^{rs} 'Diana' to Rio Grande, with their Enclosures in due order.

2. N^o 23, 2, 3. The Directors think you have done well to undertake the Government Contract for building the Gaol, they will endeavour to send out the Indent ordered in due time, it would have been better if the latter had mentioned the Tradesmen from whom you advised these goods being procured in order that the most suitable things might be shipped.

3. N^o 23, 4. I am glad you have returned the Letter from the Shepherd addressed to me, direct, as all communications ought to come through you - our Despatch 362, 3. will have shown the men we mean to support your authority.

4. N^o 23, 6. The Directors feel you have only done your duty in strongly drawing their attention to Sheep & Seal, and will not be surprised to learn that steps have been taken by you, subject to their approval, to place the Camps Management upon a different footing: they hope that any arrangement you may already have entered into with M^{rs} Bertrand will have been made subject to their confirmation, as they are indisposed hastily to pledge themselves as to the future. They have reluctantly come to the decided conclusion that M^{rs} Greenshields is very inefficient and quite expect to hear that you have arranged for his leaving the Company's service. Should you not already have entered into engagements with M^{rs} Bertrand, or have made them as the Directors hope subject to their approval, they desire me to say that the following are the terms on which they are willing to engage him, viz: - For two years certain at Four Hundred Pounds

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(£400) but only Two Hundred Pounds (£200) to be drawn by him per annum, and if at the end of each year the Sheep are proved to the satisfaction of Mr. Cobb to be then entirely free from Scab, Mr. Cobb to hand to Mr. Bertrand the remaining half of that year's Salary - the decision of Mr. Cobb to be absolute on this point. The Directors beg to remark that the increase from £150 per annum to £400 is a very large one and they are not disposed to go further than that amount, nor to agree to any stipulation about a percentage on net profits or on the wool clipped, both which conditions are likely to lead to difficulties in adjustment. Should however Mr. Bertrand succeed in fulfilling his professions as set forth in your Despatches 23 and 24, more especially as to overcoming the Scab and also as to working the Camps business well & efficiently with half the present staff of Shepherds, he may rely on the Directors being ready to treat him liberally, indeed it would be their interest to do so. The replies from Mr. Bertrand's references mentioned in No. 23, 7. are satisfactory as to his probity & general conduct, but they do not know anything of his means.

5. The Board are not disposed, unless you have already done so, to enter into arrangements with Mr. Greenshield to work a Sheep Farm, at all events they would only assent to it on the most limited scale and with stringent conditions in their favour, as they consider Mr. Greenshield has totally failed in effecting the benefits expected from his appointment. The Directors would wish him to be arranged with by giving him six months' salary, (according to the terms of his Agreement) rather than let him continue six months longer to mismanage their concerns.

6. The Board are impressed with the need of having the pastures of the Sheep purified by firing the grafs or otherwise, as a necessary step towards eradicating the Scab and they hope that this point will enter into Mr. Bertrand's plans for putting an end to the disorder.

7. No. 23, 7. We are sorry to learn you have had to suffer from one of the old style of malicious reports against the Company for we had concluded this sort of thing had died a natural death, as you have however not succumbed to the difficulty thereby raised the Company will probably not be subject to such in future.

8. Respecting the proposed plan for devoting Lively Island to fattening Sheep & for boiling down it must be borne in mind that keeping the Company's establishments together is a prime necessity in order to economize labor, should it prove necessary to maintain a Dipping Apparatus it will be better to provide a boiler for warming the solution by steam, this could also be used for boiling down purposes & eventually the Co's Wool might be packed & other things done by steam power, so that if all these are conducted at the chief station, Darwin Harbour, the outlay for labor will be reduced to a minimum.

9. The ship per Steamer 'City of Brussels' sailing hence on the 13th for Montevideo, consigned to M^r. Bernardo Melian, the following Goods, -

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|----|------------|------------------|---------|--------------------|
| 16 | 3 gal bbls | Spirits of Tar | 1 case | Seeds |
| 5 | 5 " | drums Turpentine | 2 " | } Diving Apparatus |
| 10 | scut kegs | Flour of Sulphur | 1 wheel | |
| 3 | hhds | Tobacco | | |

this Steamer finally leaves England on the 18th instant and is due at Montevideo towards the end of August so that the 'Foam' will be able to carry them down as they are not Merchandise for sale, we write by this Mail to Captⁿ. Smithers requesting him to look after these things: The Tobacco is the strongest Virginian Leaf to be obtained costing 5 per lb, a cheaper kind could have been sent but it would not have had sufficient strength for the purpose - we learn that four ounces to one gallon water is the decoction used in Australia, to which is added one pound Sulphur to increase its pungency, the Spirits of Tar & Turpentine are added for the Sheep badly scabbed & it is advisable to tear up the scabs before application.

10. The Diving Helmet has been altered by the projection of the airpipe being turned downwards this being the improved mode of manufacture, we send an extra dress not knowing whether the one shipped by 'Matilda' July 6^y was lost with the Pump &c, after being used these dresses should be hung up to dry and never be put away when damp. In the case of Sundries we send the two Flags wanted by the 'Fairy' and Store Flagstaff - some new Charts of Stanley Harbour, the price of Water being omitted - Oliver's Manual of Shipping Law - Postal Guide of January - Emigration Report of this year - Load Draft of Ships published by Salvage Association of Liverpool -

Chart of Islands, colored for Leased & Purchased Lands & marked with the Districts taken up on West Falkland, please inform us the part leased by Messrs^{rs} Bertrand & Switzer & whether any more has been taken up - enclosed is also Silver's Circular about the Colonies, it would be well to have some information about Statistics of Prices at Stanley as it would be inserted for the Falklands.

11. I have the pleasure of communicating to you the following Resolution, which was passed at the Annual General Meeting on the 26th ult^o and enclose the Report and Accounts adopted at that Meeting -

"Resolution 5. That the thanks of the Meeting be given to the Officers of the Company, Mr. Coleman the Secretary and Mr. Cobb the Colonial Manager, for the great attention devoted to their respective duties."

12. We send Copy of Correspondence with a Danish Gentleman about some of his Countrymen emigrating to the Falkland Islands, the Company will not be able to assist them in providing accommodation for their passages in consequence of the liabilities which might be incurred on account of the Alien Law; we should like to hear what is the present bearing of this Ordinance upon the Colony, for as the place requires labor such a prohibition of immigration must be detrimental to its progress.

13. The Board trusts you have been particular in giving the number of Sheep clipped for the Wool, coming home from 'Whale', and have stated the exact number of bales of Wool destroyed by fire at the Boca & whether they are this year's clip or part of the 25 bales left behind by the 'Matilda' last year, for there is some discrepancy in this matter, as the Produce Return of 1st March gives the number of bales of Wool as "about 310", which with the 25 left behind makes 335 - on the 13th March a fire occurred at the Boca, which, according to Despatch 19, 3, burnt about 20 bales, yet in the Produce Return of 1st May the number of bales is again entered 335: the Correspondence with Green Shields ex N^o 23 has omitted two Letters from him, dated 17th March and 16th April, the former may have stated the exact number of bales burnt. The Directors have never received any particulars of this fire nor estimate

fire nor estimate of the value of property destroyed.

14. Mr. M. Clymont will not leave England until the 3rd prox^o and will take out his things with him per 'Hepler' from Liverpool.

15. A Mr. Blatchford has enquired about her Brother Joseph Eastlake Lee who went to the Falklands with Lieut. Smith, he was last heard of in 1844 and was then reported to be possessed of property, perhaps some of the old inhabitants or the Government records may be able to give some intelligence of what became of him.

I remain, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
J. Coleman
Secy.

Enclosures.

Triplicate N^o 363.

Duplicates " 364, 365, 366.

Correspondence with Mr. Petersen.

Annual Report of 26th June 1868.

Journal Entries.

Letter for Cobb from Rhodes Cobb.

Ledger Entries.

Island Administration 1867/8.

<u>Dr.</u>			
June 20 -	To Sundries	Bills Payd	✓ 400. " "
July 11 -	" Cash	to James Lane	✓ 100. " "
<u>Cr.</u>			
June 20 -	By Sundries	Bills Recd.	✓ 79. 10. "
23 -	" Cash	from Zoological Society	✓ 34. 15. "

No. 364

The Secretary
of the I. A. B.

San Francisco, 1878

London, 39 A. Gracechurch St. 8th Aug. 1868.

E.C.

Falkland Islands Company.

N^o 368.

S^r. 'Danube'

Sir,

On the 15th ult^o we received your Despatch N^o 25 of the 18th May, with Enclosures, and are sorry to hear the Store is so badly off for Flour, there is a difficulty about this article since it does not prove so good after a second voyage when shipped from this port, and the uncertainty of the shipment when ordered from Valparaiso prevents us sending a small quantity by any vessel hence, as Mess^{rs} Croft & Co may have shipped in the meantime and when the supply would be overdone, we have now therefore requested them to inform us the moment there is likelihood of their being able to induce a vessel to call at Stanley, in order to be able to judge whether it would be prudent to send a small quantity by any opportunity from this port, if good sound flour is procurable at present we shall ship some.

2. 25, 4. The Italian Government has been informed of the wreck of the 'Peru' and we have asked them to appoint you their Consul for the Falklands. The French Admiralty has been made acquainted with the capabilities of Stanley, this is to be communicated to their Men of War, enclosed is Copy of the Correspondence.

3. 25, 7: On your former mention that the 'Fairy' required extensive repairs, the Directors thought it would be better to send her home as cheaply as possible for this purpose, you now state that it would be better to sell her & buy a new vessel, this may be so, but at present we can hardly see our way to such an outlay as we are intending to purchase a Hulk, which will cost at least £2000, so that if you remitted £600 for the sale of the 'Fairy' (it was understood she was valued at nearly £800) there would still be another £500 required for the purchase of a suitable vessel to replace her, under these circumstances the Board considers it would

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be as well to keep her going for the present at as moderate an outlay as possible.

4. 25, 3. We are glad to see you have at length set an example to the ill behaved by the dismissal of Robert Bonner, but we do not perceive on what grounds you have offered him a passage to Montevideo and a present of £5, since if he acts contrary to his Agreement dismissal without compensation should be the punishment, and being a British born subject he cannot bring any liability upon the Company with regard to the Alien Law, so that if he falls (as you seem to fear) upon the Government the laws can surely provide means to make idle men work for their keeps.

5. 25, 10. Respecting a Cure for Scab we send you Extracts of "Carr's Prize Essay on the Scab in Sheep", as published by the Melbourne Government, which gives full information upon the subject and proves that if Tobacco Water and Sulphur are properly used as a Dip, the disease can be eradicated.

6. 25, 11. The Directors perceive you are looking after Bonner's Land for the purpose of using it as a clean land for the Sheep after being dipped, this is in accordance with our remarks in N^o 363 on the necessity for allowing the Scab insect to die off upon the Choiseul Sound Lands, and we hope you will not let the matter rest until the whole of the Co's Sheep are free of this baneful disorder. With respect to purchasing Land the Board cannot hold out any hopes at present of being able to provide funds for the large quantity you speak of, however much the value of Land may eventually rise in the Colony, they think more attention ought to be bestowed upon the Co's Freehold, Lafonia and adjacent Islands, which would by this time have been considerably improved, if it had been grazed like the Choiseul Sound Land.

7. 25, 12. The Board is pleased to find that the new Settlers on West Falkland are likely to do their business with the Company and hopes you will give them every encouragement towards this end - we shall do our utmost to support you with Stores. With regard to a Shipping Port on West Falkland, which you say will be Port Egmont, though this is on the Northern part of the Island and seems difficult of access from the numerous Islands round it,

it will be necessary to furnish further particulars of the part definitively fixed on and then we will get the Admiralty to issue an enlarged Chart of that part of the Coast, when we should be able to learn the extra cost for a vessel to call there as well as at Darwin.

8. 25, 13. The Directors have always been of opinion that the Falklands would prove a good Sheep country, and are well satisfied to find that you are so sanguine upon this point, after hearing the experience of those who have seen other Colonies, careful management has been the great desideratum. Now that you have gone into the matter so thoroughly they look for a great improvement; they trust the saving to be effected in Sheep Dressing will be turned to good account in purchasing Wool, Oil & other merchantable articles for shipment home, as it is essential we should quickly get returns for the Stores sent out in order that we may provide fresh shipments.

9. 25, 14. We are sorry to learn that the Co's Wool is becoming so coarse, the last Rams sent off 'Beta' were all chosen for fine close wool and if they do not lead to any improvement a different breed must be obtained - Mr. Harding, a Passenger from New Zealand off 'Ida Tieger', advises Romney Marsh Sheep and wishes to send out a couple of Rams to Dr. M^r. Clinton, Mr. Webster the Wool Broker recommends this breed as now being largely exported to New Zealand & Australia, perhaps we may allow a few to be shipped by our Vessel if arrangements could be made for their serving some of the Company's Ewes.

10. 25, 15. Respecting the difficulty of Medical Attendance for people in the Camp, we complained in the course of 1866 to the Colonial Office, but could not obtain any redress or alteration upon the present practice of the Medical men at Stanley.

11. 25, 16. We are obliged for the particulars of the Holdings of Land on West Falkland, the acreage of Nos 9 and 10, Hammond & Dean, is left out, please supply this.

12. In consequence of Mr. Dean's procedure in the matter of the Wreck 'Coquimbana', Lloyd's Agency for the Falklands is declared vacant, applications will be received

until the 10th March 1869, and the Directors wish you immediately on receipt of this to forward a proper application, open through this Office, which they will send in and support, mention should be made of some references besides the Company.

13. By Book Post we send the Engineer Officer's Navy List for May last and 3 copies each of new Sailing Directions for Magellan Strait, lately issued by the Admiralty, being Nos 3, 13 and 24 of South American Pilot. As the 'Alert', 'Mutine', 'Foult' and 'Sparrowhawk' are ordered home from the Pacific Squadron we have written to their Captains to send new Charts of Stanley Harbour.

14. Mr. Dean's Wool ex 'John Walters' was sold on the 1st ult^o and realized 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ per lb all round, being $\frac{1}{2}$ per lb advance on that obtained last season, the Wool was coarse & heavy in condition, rather a mixture of breeds, but a low kind English predominated.

15. Enclosed is General Invoice £ 296.4.4 and five detailed Invoices for Goods shipped to 'City of Brussels' for Montevideo to the care of Mr. Bernardo Melian, I trust he will be able to forward them by the 'Foam' so that they may be received with this Despatch.

16. The Board is taking steps to procure a Hulk to stow 1000 to 1500 tons Coals, but must wait a little to pick one up at a reasonable rate, it is proposed that she shall load Steam Coals at Cardiff, earn a freight to Montevideo & then go down to Stanley with just sufficient to ballast her.

17. In order to guard against future accidents from Fire the Board sends some particulars of Iron Buildings from Rowson Drew & Co; so enable you to judge whether they would be cheaper or more suitable than wood & stone.

18. The Letter from Thomas Watson to myself was about a young woman named Isabella Mathison going out to be married to him, I wrote to her but learn that she cannot leave her situation until November next and have therefore replied to Watson to this effect, which you will please send on to him after perusal. Has any arrangement been made for young men wanting their sweethearts to bear a part of the expense of sending them? The Board thinks this should

thinks this should be done so as to induce saving habits amongst the single Shepherds, and it might be made the means of rewarding the good ones by charging a less share of the expenses to them than to the careless ones.

19. The monthly Instalment of £3 paid for Mr. Greenhields to his Sister is now sent to his Father, the Sister having written to say she is married & had only received it for her Father; in making any change with Mr. Greenhields this monthly payment must be borne in mind should a final settlement be made.

20. We learn that there are advices from Stanley to the 22nd May, but can hardly credit it as we are sure you would always write by every opportunity.

21. The Company has chartered the 'Matilda', as per enclosed Charterparty, at £650 out, £500 if home to London, Liverpool or well known Port, if home for orders £550, upon such terms we hope to make a handsome profit if there is any cargo from a damaged vessel waiting to come on: the Board will not take up a Land Order as there are no Emigrants going, though passages have been offered to Mr. Turner's Sister and to Mary Ann Johnstone who formerly wished to join her Sister at Stanley. The 80 tons House Coals and 24,000 Building Bricks will be procured at Hull, which will, we believe, be advantageous as to price & quality - we shall ship the Rowing Boat mentioned in N^o. 20, 20, also three Dingies - the Specie ordered by N^o. 24, P.S. - the whole of the Provisions ex N^o. 23 and the Additions ex N^o. 25 - a further supply of the Sheep Dipping Materials - we shall endeavour to get her off by the 9th proc. so that any orders by the French Mail would be in time.

22. Your Despatch 5, 10 having spoken so favorably of Capt. Dyer was one of the inducements to take up the 'Matilda', when he arrives in London we shall hear what his ideas are for the Board thinks that if he were to settle at the Falklands he might be advantageously employed by the Company.

23. The Directors have heard that Capt. David Spain R. N. is likely to be the new Governor of the Falklands, he was Resident Officer in the Transport Service at New Zealand, we have written to him offering our services if necessary.

I remain,
Sir,
Your obed^t. Servant,
J. Coleman
Sec^y.

Enclosures.

Secretary to Minister of French Marine 22 July 68
 The Minister's Reply 25 " "
 Extracts of Curri's Prize Essay on Scab in Sheep }
 and Duplicate of same for Camp use)
 General Invoice £296.4.7. of 'City of Brussels'
 5 Detailed Invoices of above.
 Rowanson H^o on Iron Buildings 10 July & 6 Aug 68.
 Ledger and Journal Entries.
 Charterparty of Matilda 7 Aug 68.
 Secretary to Thomas Watson 3 Aug 68.

No. 368.

5th August, 1868.

The Secretary
 of the H. & B.

Corporation of the
Falkland Islands Co.

London 8th September 1868.

N^o 369. P. 'Oneida'.

Sir,

On the 18th ultimo the Duplicates of Despatches 26 and 27 arrived by French Mail, which enabled us to order the extra goods required and arrange many things for the 'Matilda'. The English Mail was delivered on the 1st instant.

2. Despatch 26, 2. We regret to hear that the Parcel sent so long ago as December last P. Despatch 355, 11. has not been forwarded by Messrs Hocquard, you will already have learned from Messrs Schuth & Melian that they have undertaken the Company's agency at Montevideo, and as we instructed them to obtain this parcel we trust you received it by the July 'Foam' down. As we have shipped the right kind of Tobacco & Sulphur for Sheep Dip, which will arrive with you at the end of this month, there will be no necessity to order any from Montevideo, especially as the 'Matilda' will convey a further supply.

3. 26, 10. After your expressed intention to place the Camp Management under efficient control should no improvement take place, the Board is disappointed and surprised to find that this decisive step has not been taken, so that in consequence of waiting for the 'Athole' and Mr. Greenshield's subsequent illness the season for action had been lost, they must to hear by next advice that you remedied this without further delay.

4. 26, 13. As regards the Wool purchased from Heppel Island, if the quality is not much better than Mr. Dean's we shall make a loss at the prices you have paid - we hope it will be marked different to the Company's clip in order to its being specially examined & reported upon: we believe the Sheep there are from the Company's stock with a cross of some Leicesters, as they have not suffered from the Scab and yet have never been dressed it is evident

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that this disease is not indigenous to the Falklands.

5. 26, 17. We wrote to Mr. Biggar about James Mc. Guire's sweetheart Agnes Hobbs, he has seen her but she cannot come this time not being in good health.

6. 26, 18. The Directors think you may conduct any business for the Letters on West Falkland provided you see that the Company is perfectly secure in your so doing, the payments to the Government being so small the Board considers it should not be undertaken without it may lead to larger transactions, otherwise it would not be worth the time it would consume in correspondence.

7. 26, 19. Respecting Repairs & Supplies to Ships not insured at Lloyd's it appears that Copy of Protest and Notarial Copies of Survey, if survey was held by competent surveyors, is all that the Owners & Shippers can require; should it be thought necessary to certify any document the certificate of Consul in case of Foreign Ships or of any responsible authority on the Islands is sufficient.

8. 26, 20. Every effort is being made to obtain the Consulship of the North German Confederation & the Directors believe they will be successful: the Italian Government also seem disposed to appoint a sub-Consul or Agent at Stanley in which case the choice will fall upon yourself, though the appointment will be more honorary than otherwise.

9. 26, 21. Respecting a Steamer between the River Plate & the Falklands, we presume you allude to a project mooted by Messrs Schull & Melian, we have written to those gentlemen for full particulars of their ideas & intentions as the Board would certainly support such an undertaking if possible and wish you to send all such information and particulars as may be useful in enabling them to move in the matter.

10. 26, 24. The cost of the Land Order for 'A Hole' was not entered to the Island Administration Account as it was thought better to defer the entry until the balance of the expense on this account could be passed to the Island Administration which will now be done as the second instalment has been received from the Emigration Commissioners leaving the outlay for Land to be £20.

11. 26,25. The Zoological Society will meet your last Account of £206.16.3 for M^r. Lecomte.

12. 26,26. The Board sanctions the sale of the 'Fairy' provided you consider you get a full value for her and will look out for a suitable vessel to replace her. It has been determined not to purchase a Stalk here in consequence of the great additional expense there will be in sending her out, the Directors think you had better secure one on the first favorable chance & have instructed Mess^{rs}. Schuth & Melian to look out for a Stalk, stating that the Company could go to £600 or even £500 for a strong suitable vessel.

13. The Directors wish it to be understood that in any arrangement with M^r. Bertrand, he himself is to have the management and to be answerable to you without M^r. Switzer undertaking to fulfil his duties in case of need, as it will never do for the Company to have any mixed services, M^r. Bertrand must be the Company's servant for the period arranged for.

14. The Board notice that you were about to go into the Camp, they consider the inspection of their country operations to be of paramount importance and observe that you have now been eleven months at the Islands and have only made one tour of inspection & a short trip to Port Pleasant so they look forward to your next report to relieve their anxiety upon all sheep operations and they hope to receive such a detailed report as to the condition of all the flocks at the different stations, together with full description of the stations & how kept, with the names of the Shepherds at the different Houses. Your Paragraph 24 in Despatch 26 relating to Sheep after visiting Port Pleasant is so ambiguous that it cannot be understood and at the same time alarming, nor is it possible to conceive that W^m. M^r. Gill did his duty to dress the sheep in such a manner when he was convinced it would be fatal, had he done his duty he would at least have protested against it to M^r. Greenshields & it is very clear that had he taken the interest in the care of his

flock as he is bound to do they would never have been in such a lamentable state a preventive is better than a cure and it is quite evident that Mr. Greenshields has not been as active & energetic as this most important & main branch of the Company's business requires and henceforward the Directors request you will dedicate more of your time in visiting all stations and so when want of care is visible have the evil remedied at once as it must be quite clear to you that the prosperity of the Company depends chiefly upon the well doing & increase of the Sheep.

15. Referring to your account in Despatch 25, 4 of the Wreck of the Italian Ship 'Peru' we have been asked for particulars by Messrs. H. Clarkson & Co., who represent the Underwriters of Genoa, as there was a report that the crew had burned the wreck before leaving her, be good enough therefore to furnish further intelligence.

16. Respecting your remarks about Mr. Forster having obtained £30000 here for his Dock & being about to proceed to Jersey to raise a further large amount, I imagine all this is mere report for he told me about three weeks since that he had not moved in the matter, not having time to devote to it and the times being against raising subscriptions for Companies; he gave me the enclosed Card of his present business of Flour & Crushing Mills at 43 Kirby St., Hatton Garden, which does not look like the monied man he appears to be represented at Stanley.

17. The Board having been informed that the 'River Forth' had delivered more Coals at the West Coast than had been put into her by the Owners made a claim on Messrs. Hargrove Ferguson & Co. and recovered £32. 15. 2 for an estimated quantity of 20 tons as belonging to the Comp^y. - it appears that these Coals were not weighed out of the ship at Stanley as Mr. Forster trusted to the Captain & Mate's statements that all had been delivered, which was corroborated by Mr. Rutter though it turns out the latter had not gone into the hold or he would have perceived that the boards separating the Co^y's Coals from the Ship's Coals had not been cleared - it is evident great carelessness was shown

carelessness was shown in this matter and it will be necessary in future to receive all Coals by weight, we were enquiring about the price of a Coal Weighing Machine as used in this Port, it is Ten guineas, but remembered that the 'Solway' took out one in 1857, you must therefore give orders to have this found, cleaned & used for receiving and delivering Coals - there is no excuse for not having weighed the 'River Forth's' Cargo as two tubs or baskets weighed full and the number of such delivered being counted would give the weight received.

18. Mess^{rs} J. H. Esmay & Co. have complained that the 'Arrow's' account (received in N. 26) was charged 7 1/2 per cent for Commission & Interest, whereas they had only paid 5 p. cent on former transactions, as their vessels being in the West Coast trade are likely to call frequently. The Board has consented that in future this charge is to be 5 p. cent - they consider £6 for Notarial Fees very high, we wish you to send some explanation of this for it certainly appears a large amount, they say that much more voluminous & complicated matters have been charged much less.

19. By the 'Matilda' we shall forward Letter from Mess^{rs} J. H. Esmay & Co. of Liverpool, dated the 14th August last, placing their vessels under the Co's charge whenever they call at the Falklands & giving the names of their fleet 28 in number - also one from Mess^{rs} Ogilby Moore & Co. of London, dated the 4th inst., giving a List of 5 Vessels - the Directors beg you will attend to these ships with every care.

The 'Matilda' will leave
the Docks on the 11th inst.

I remain,

Sir,

Your obed^t. Servant,

J. Coleman
Secy.

Enclosures.

Triplicates of N^{os} 367 & 368.

Corporation of the
Falkland Islands Co.
London 11th Sept^r 1868.

Sir, N^o 370. M^{rs} Matilda'

This Vessel being on the point of sailing with a full Cargo of Stores I have to inform you that she carries two Passengers, Sarah Turner in the Cabin to join her Brother the Company's Storekeeper and Jacob Resyck, intermediate, for the South American Missionary Society: the cost of provisioning the former is Twelve Pounds, of the latter six pounds, so that M^{rs} Turner will have to pay that amount with something extra for her passage, she has had Five Pounds advanced for outfit as we hold her Brother's authority dated the 31st Aug^r 1866 for an advance and the expenses of her passage out. The South American Mission Society pay £18 for their passenger and give the Comp^y a guarantee holding us harmless from all liability upon the Alien Law, as he was born in Surinam, you must however see that all the formalities respecting the Alien Law are carried out.

2. There are some Government Goods freight paid here, respecting these and Admiralty Goods you need never trouble to get signatures for them as we always arrange that the freight is payable here on shipment, and that neither the Company nor the Vessel incur any liability on account of conveying their Goods as we only do it to oblige them. We have allowed M^r Deane to ship three cases Boots to be delivered one month after arrival of ship at Stanley as they are stores shut out of the 'Courtney'.

3. The following Goods are received for residents at the Islands, if they do business with the Comp^y a charge need scarcely be made, those for our own people are to be free -

- 569, 1362 - G. Amⁿ. Missionary Soc^y from the Secretary
- 944 to 946 - Waldron from his Brother
- 947 - Watts " "
- 948 - Turner " M^{rs} Green
- 949 - M^{rs} Sharpe " M^{rs} Wallace
- 950 - Travis " Fearn
- 951 - G. Burgess
- 952 - Holmsted " Wood H^o., said to be Medicines,

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- 953 - Travis from his Mother
 1321 - Elliot " " Father
 1368 - Robinson, Harmonium from Chappell & Co.
 1376 - Snithen from his Father
 1377 - Travis " Ridgway
 1291 - Waldron, Cartridges from Eley & Co.

It will be observed amongst Waldron's Goods a large bale of Roofing Felt, we only gave permission for Private Effects: a Boat has been built by Mr. Wallers of Exmouth for Enile Boyer, it is charged £5 paid here being 2 tons @ 5/-; there is also a Cart for Wm Lupton, the freight at the same rate. £5.12.6 is not yet paid. There has been an enquiry about Agricultural Implements going out, if any of the Settlers on West Falkland require such they had better refer the makers direct to this Office.

1. We ordered some Wire Fencing of the same kind as for 'Matilda' July 6th but regret there is not room for it, we shall endeavour to get it out as deadweight for Mr. Dean's next ship: if we could have filled up with compressed Hay it would have been sent but it is impossible for every corner is quite full. There is a case of Books & a parcel for Mr. C. Montague Dean free.

I remain, Sir,
 Your obedient Servant,
 J. Coleman
 Secy.

Enclosures.

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| ✓ Triplicates N ^{os} 364, 5, 6. | |
| ✓ Duplicates " 367, 8, 9. | |
| ✓ Certified Copy of Charterparty | |
| ✓ Specie Bill of Lading | ✓ Memo on Stores |
| ✓ General do | ✓ List of Office Cases |
| ✓ Mr. Forsker's Card. | ✓ Timber Acc ^t from Dawson |
| ✓ Psmay & Co's Letter 14 Aug | |
| ✓ Ogilby & Co's " 14 Sep | |
| ✓ French " 13 Aug | |
| ✓ Letter for Tho ^s Watson | |
| ✓ do " Col ^l Secretary | |
| ✓ Sarah Turner's Receipt for £5. | |
| ✓ General Invoice £ 1,444.14.10 | |
| ✓ 6 th Detailed Invoices | |

Corporation of the
Falkland Islands Co.

London 8th October 1868.

N^o 371.

p^r. 'La Plata'

Sir,

I have the pleasure of informing you that the 'Marilda' left the Docks on the 11th ult^o and passed Deal on the 14th with a very favorable wind, so we anticipate she will make a quick passage and arrive a few days before this Despatch: unfortunately the Plough ordered for M^r. Bertrand was not sent to the Docks, so that N^o 984 is not on board though the Captain signed Bill of Lading, through a misapprehension, believing it to have been shipped. I have also to report that the 'Marilda' received three packages intended for the 'Maid of Glanwern', loading for Nazari, through their being marked the same as the Company's Goods with E, the numbers being 709 one bale, 710 one case, 711 one bale, of which the eight Invoices amounting to £54. 8. 8 are enclosed and the Board wish you to sell them to the best advantage for the St. Katharine Dock Company and remit the proceeds as soon as possible by a separate Bill; there is not to be any freight charged upon them, had it not been for their being not altogether suitable for the Stanley market the Directors would have paid for them here, should it be advisable the light gloves V^s might be sent up to Montevideo where they would surely bring their cost and expenses.

2. The Board has much pleasure in forwarding your appointment as Belgian Consul for the Falkland Islands and trust it will add to your importance at Stanley, the Directors do not think it will occasion much additional business for the Store, but they depend upon your carrying out all arrangements connected with this appointment with the utmost regularity.

3. When you first complained about the Letters addressed to M^r. Forster upon the 'Orange & Nassau's' business not being delivered to you as his successor, we wrote to the General Post Office and learned that the Falklands Post Office was not under their control, on the information in Despatch 26, 12. that this had occurred again, we addressed the Colonial Office, who reply that they had not received any returned

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Letters and that they had sent a Copy of our Letter to the Governor for his report, so the Directors trust this may lead to better management at the Stanley Post Office - the Colonial Office made enquiries at the General Post Office for the missing letters but they have not been discovered.

4. We have to inform you that Mess^{rs} Scheuth & Melian write word on the 28th August that they had received the Sheep Dipping Goods &c ex 'City of Brussels', as advised in Despatches 367, 9 and 368, 15, which were deposited in the Custom House, and that the 'Foam' would not return to Montevideo for a couple of months, we trust there is some error in this as we used our best endeavours for it to arrive by the 'Foam' at the end of September to be in readiness for spring operations.

5. As your stock of Steam Coal does not diminish it will not do to send out a further quantity of 250 tons, as mentioned in Despatch 22, 3, to arrive in December next; should the present stock really be found to have deteriorated we must leave it to your judgment to promote the sale by a reduction in price.

Mess^{rs} Croft & Co of Valparaiso write on 1st August that they were about to forward in ten days time, M^{rs} Barque 'Ellen Lamb', 500 to 600 sacks Flour, 10 bags Walnuts and 10 pkgs Dried Peaches & Apples, which you had ordered, this they wished to be insured at £250 which has been done.

We understand Mr. Dean will charter a vessel as soon as the French Mail comes in, he has promised to convey the Plough & the Iron Wire Fencing. By Book Post we send one dozen Seaman's Almanacks for 1869 being the only small ones obtainable up to the present time, as the next Mail will only arrive after the commencement of the new year it will not be advisable to send anymore.

6. The Directors have obtained two more Ships Introductory Letters from Mess^{rs} Both Bon of Swansea and Mess^{rs} Tatham & Co of London.

7. A Cart was sent for W. Luxton from the country with Mr. Boyer's Boat, which we allowed to be shipped M^{rs} 'Maiden' on the understanding that the Freight £5.12.6 was paid here, we learn now that this cannot be done as it was forwarded by a working man, Tho. Groves who was on board the 'John Wallers', in return for kindnesses received by him at Stanley, if possible therefore this freight may be reduced for though it measured the amount charged, the interior of the Cart was able to be

filled up with small packages of our own Cargo. There have been enquiries about a House going out for Mr. Picketney, we shall refer the builder to Mr. Dean for his vessel.

8. The Board has to draw your attention to the fact that your anticipated provision for the £400 Bill (as Mr. Despatch 23, 9) has not been realized - we are aware of the difficulty of making remittances when ships do not call in for supplies & repairs, but we had hoped you would have been able to collect a Cash Balance from the sale of Stores part of which could have been sent home by Government Bill and part in Specie Mr. 'Atkole', this does not appear to have resulted from the transactions to the end of May and we presume must be attributed to the heavy expense of Wages and Farm Acc^t., the Board wishes therefore to impress upon you the necessity for the most rigorous economy in all branches of the Company's undertakings.

I remain,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Coleman
Sec^y

Enclosures.

- ✓ Duplicate N^o 370.
- ✓ Two do Bills of Lading for 'Matilda's' Cargo.
- ✓ Four Ships Introductory Letters, Bath, Tatham, Penryn & Agilby.
- ✓ Two Belgian Government Letters dated 5 & 10 Sep 68.
- ✓ Brook's Invoice for Almanacks & -
- ✓ Ledger Entries. Journal Entries.
- ✓ Remarks on Accounts.
- ✓ Letter for Cobb from his Cousin
- ✓ do " Dyer " the Secretary
- ✓ List of Invoices for 'Maid of Glanvern's' Goods
- ✓ Eight do detailed about above.

No 341

8th Decr 1878.

The Secretary
of the I.C.C.

Corporation of the
Falkland Islands Co.

London 7th November 1863.

N^o: 372.

P. 'Oneida'

Sir,

I regret to inform you that we are without any advices from the Islands in consequence of the 'Athole' being still out and Mess^{rs}: Schuth & Melian having posted the Correspondence received by them ex 'Foam' by the Steamer 'Hepler', which has not yet arrived at Liverpool.

2. The Directors consider you have been very remiss in not writing by the 'Joseph Thomson', which left Stanley on the 28th July and delivered her letters here by the 12th October, for as the 'Athole' sailed the day following all her arrangements must have been completed, so that you could have sent Copy of her Despatch and full particulars of her Cargo and Passengers. The French Mail arrived on the 21st October without any Duplicates from you - The English Mail was delivered on the 3rd instant without any Despatch from Stanley, though we had a Letter from M^r: Greenshields; Mess^{rs}: Schuth & Melian report that your Letters were received too late for the French Mail, we cannot however understand ^{how the 'Foam'} was late for the French Steamer with regard to the Company's Correspondence, since several letters which could only have come up by her were delivered here on the 21st ult^o: via Bordeaux - at all events there is something wrong since if you had posted the regular Despatch at Stanley in the proper manner, it would have reached us on the 3rd inst^o, and if the Duplicate handed to Capt^r: Smithen for posting at Montevideo was not in time for the French Mail, it could have been sent on by the next Steamer. It will therefore be necessary for the Board to receive an explanation upon the matter and they must impress upon you the necessity of writing by every opportunity.

3. The Board regrets that though you ordered on 30th April 2 1/2 tons Tobacco to be sent by first Mail & the like quantity by sailing ship with the Indent for Stores, you have requested Mess^{rs}: Schuth & Melian to procure 10 tons more -

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as soon as possible after arrival of your order 3 tons Tobacco were forwarded by Steamer and the second quantity was shipped off 'Matilda': the first 3 tons arrived at Montevideo on the 20th August notwithstanding which Mess^{rs}: Schuth & Melian have purchased 5 tons more and have chartered a vessel at a heavy expense to convey these & other goods to Stanley, such an outlay will cause a positive loss for as your Despatch 26, 10 said that the Sheep Dressing would have to be delayed until October or November, it would have been wiser to wait for our execution of your wants, or at all events to have ordered only a very small quantity from Montevideo in case of the London supply being delayed. The Directors wish to know how it was you did not send up the 'Fairy' for the goods at Montevideo, as this would certainly have been less expensive than the amount of freight (£200) paid by Mess^{rs}: Schuth & C^o: to the "Frederick Hermann".

1. The Board considers Mess^{rs}: Schuth & Melian have not used ordinary discretion with respect to your order for 10 tons Tobacco, they write us under date of 25th September, "We have been informed that the quantity of Tobacco ordered by Mr. Cobb would be sufficient to supply the whole of the 'Estancias' of this Republic, and it is upon this foundation' that we have considered prudent to send half of the quantity' asked for." - and yet having 3 tons then in hand for you from England they must needs purchase 5 tons more, bringing the weight shipped up to within two tons of the quantity reported to be sufficient for fifty times the number of Sheep possessed by this Company; we forward Copy of Letter to them on the subject.

5. We advised in N^o: 365, 10. that the Diving Apparatus would be sent on P. Steamer & that you had better obtain the Governor's consent for it to be brought down by the 'Foam', this does not appear to have been attended to as Mess^{rs}: Schuth & C^o: report that Captⁿ: Smithen had refused to receive anything & even if the Governor's permission had been given he could not take goods, as for Mr's Letter to you of 16th Sept^r., should such be the case the Board considers some representation ought to be made to the authorities here, complaining how much the local people in command check the progress of the Falklands, though the Directors can scarcely credit that the Governor

would not give his sanction that a few matters urgently needed for the good of the Colony might be shipped on an emergency.

6. We learn from Mess^{rs} Cross & Co^s of Valparaiso that they had shipped to Stanley J^r. 'Ellen Lamb' 500 sacks Flour, for which the Board has accepted their Bill for £370. - This with the goods you are now having down from Montevideo will make a considerable addition to the heavy shipments from England, which are already double the amount of last year, so the Board trusts to increased sales & quick remittances to place them in funds again & enable them to continue the business.

7. We have had a visit from Cap^t G. W. Nickels who commanded the 'Fairy' in 1862 and 3, he is now in the 'Ella Norton' bound to San Francisco & has a Letter of Introduction to you as I have endeavoured to induce him to call at Stanley on his way out: he used to trade with the Indians & Patagonians and has a great idea of settling at the Falklands or on the Coast at Rio Negro or elsewhere, so the Directors will thank you to show him all possible attentions, for if he carries out such an intention he would be a very useful man to create a trade with the Coast. He informs me that there is an excellent Salt Deposit at the South end of Fonda Beach in Latitude 46.28 S. Longitude 67.31 W., which is superior to that shipped from Liverpool or Montevideo - he believes that good Salt can also be obtained at Port Desire, so we mention this in case of your running short or any of the smaller craft going that way might profitably fill up with a quantity.

8. Mr. Dean has chartered the Brig 'Elizabeth Brown', 234 tons register, to sail at the end of the present month - he has given permission for the Iron Wire Fencing & Plough shut out of the 'Mabilda' to be shipped by her & we shall probably send 3 cases Preserved Fish from Wotherspoon (de Gruchy & Co^s) and a few Sticks from Christy, which were not ready for the last shipment.

9. The Directors have obtained further Ship Introductory Letters and now send those from Mr. Theodore C. Engels of Antwerp, dated 23rd October - Cannon & Co^s, Aberdeen, 26th October - Cockenden & Maypee, London, 29th Oct^r - Richardson & Co^s, Swansea, 29th October - and Copy of Mr. Engels' Letter of the 23rd October, to which we call your attention so that any

vessels not on his list but chartered by him may be looked after in the same way: we have just received one from Messrs Hargrove Ferguson & Jackson of Liverpool, dated yesterday, with a good list of vessels, thirtyeight in number.

I remain,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Coleman

Secy.

Enclosures.

Duplicate of Despatch N^o 371.

" " Capt. Nickels' Introduction, 20 Oct^r

Copy of Letter to Schuch Melian, 7 Nov^r

" " " from Engels, 23 Oct^r

Ship Introductory Letters from

Engels of Antwerp

Connon H^o: " Aberdeen

Ockenden Maype " London

Richardson H^o: " Swansea

Hargrove H^o: " Liverpool.

Letter for Rutter from Capt. Nickels.

Am 25 Nov

John H. H. H.

The Secretary

7th Nov. 1848

No. 372.

Corporation of the
Falkland Islands Co.

London 3rd December 1863.

N^o. 373.

M^{rs}. Elizabeth Brown

Sir,

I have much pleasure in reporting that the 'Athole' arrived on the 9th November, with Despatch 28 and Enclosures, after a quick passage from the 29th August, which relieved our anxiety since it was reported by Lloyd's Agent that she had sailed from Stanley just one month earlier on the 29th July - this fact renders part of Paragraph 2 Despatch 372 incorrect, but the paragraph holds good with the exception of this modification that the 'Athole' sailed a month later than there mentioned.

2. On the 12th November we received your Despatches 29 and 30 which had been posted at Montevideo by Mess^{rs}. Schuth Melian by the Pt. 'Kepler' to Liverpool, and it is evident from your instructions outside the bulky Letter that they did wrong not to detain it for the English Mail, though of course this error could not have occurred had it been properly posted in Stanley as mentioned in last Despatch. On the 19th ult. your Despatch 33 p. 'Johann Hermann' to Montevideo arrived through the French Mail, with Duplicate of N^o. 32, which was not sufficiently legible to be understood and as the Original came to hand on the 1st inst. I am desired to return it to show how imperfectly it has been copied. On the 1st inst. the Despatch M^{rs}. Antonio Dinant was delivered from Swansea, it contained Duplicate of N^o. 31 the 'Charles Jackson' not having yet arrived.

3. Desp^{ch}. 28, 7. The Directors think you have done well to dispose of the 'Fairy', the price is good considering how neglected she has lately been, it will be necessary to return her Certificate of Ownership to be delivered up to the Custom House here - if desirable Mess^{rs}. Bertrand & Pwitzer can forward particulars for registration of the Vessel in their names. The Board is taking steps to procure a suitable Vessel for Island service.

4. 28, 14. The Directors are glad to find that you have at length dismissed two of the worthless Shepherds but do not perceive that you have exercised any severity in the matter, since upon a direct breach of agreement by utter neglect of his work you dismiss Craig and yet allow him six months wages, which is a premium to idleness and may be an inducement to other unruly spirits desirous of change to do likewise for the purpose of dismissal upon such easy terms. On the arrival of Barclay M^{rs}. 'Athole' he claimed to be sent to Scotland free, this was peremptorily declined both for himself and family, but on it appearing from your Despatch Captain Forley's explanation, coupled with the representations of W. Johnstone and M^{rs}. Barclay, that she was to be

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sent home. Proluctantly agreed to purchase a 3rd class Ticket for the latter their children and so despatched them to Dumfries, though I would Barclay he ought to have been punished by having to bear this expense - had the fuller detailed accounts of his misdeeds (ex N. 29) arrived as it might have done before the 'Attole', he would not have been treated so leniently as he was, for I should not have felt justified in paying for his wife's journey to Dumfries after the manner in which you say he has always behaved towards the Company.

5. Whilst on this subject I may remark that we thought that as you knew how many more men are engaged than are actually needed, you would have readily embraced any fair opportunity for discharging some of the bad ones, since considering how well the Comp^y stands its employes there should be no sentimentality in taking the first advantage of any decided breach of agreement to reduce our expenses; I am sure the remainder that their whole duties must be faithfully performed. The Directors believe that when any Shepherd becomes dissatisfied it is little use endeavouring to retain his services and think it would be preferable to get rid of such, though a number of Sheep might on occasions be lost thereby as this would be trifling to the amount of wages they cost & the injury done by their careless habits, for the Board is of opinion it would be far better to be short-handed than with a number of rough prople half employed - for they make no doubt that if extra work were given to the industrious ones & paid for accordingly they would be satisfied with such reward and the Company would get more and better work for a less outlay.

6. 23, 19. You say that you purchased all the property of the 'Peru' for £350 but Despatch 25, 4, in reporting the wreck of this Vessel, stated she had been given to Captⁿ Pain and the 'Fairy' for salvage services in rescuing the crew, please explain this discrepancy; there is no entry of this payment for 'Peru' or Advontures.

7. Respecting the Pig Iron ex 'Hory Sparkes' bought by the Company at £1 per ton, you report the weight was 4 1/2 tons but draw upon the Directors for £45. 10. - without giving any reason to the Board or Mr Eddis to account for the overpayment of £1, we shall therefore feel obliged by your explaining the matter.

8. There is a serious omission in not supplying an account of the cost of the purchases sent home per 'Attole', this must be attended to in future by a detailed statement being forwarded with the Vessel. Your remittances of Bills were very welcome, in future you must endeavour to arrange for Foreign Bills being made payable in England.

9. Despⁿ 29, 28, 10. The Board is not disposed to enter into any arrangement for establishing a Store on West Falkland or commencing a partnership with any one for such an object, as the Settlers there can establish one for themselves or purchase from the Company at Stanley. Respecting the charge for Produce home this

must be regulated by the Charterparty of the Vessels employed by us for this purpose & care must be taken to allow a profit upon the freight payable home - it appears to be the general opinion that the Wool not being hard pressed cannot be carried at less than one penny per lb.

10. 29, 9. The Directors do not see their way to sending out a Vessel so soon for the next home cargo though of course it would be advisable to save interest if possible, but by starting off the Wool so early in your summer prevents the collection of Hides which are necessary for the ballasting of a vessel, should we be able to obtain a suitable craft for Island service she would take out a small assortment which would render it less necessary for a further supply to be sent soon afterwards, but the Board must impress upon you the fact that without remittances to cover the cost price of the Stores it will be impossible to continue the supplies, the profit from the sale of the large quantity of Stores shipped ought to pay the expenses of the Island Establishment, leaving the Wool, Hides &c. to be devoted to Dividend, whereas the profit made at the Store last year was only £1954.5.7, though it was not charged with Interest on Capital or Commission for purchasing & attending to shipments here or any proportion of your's & Mr. Travis' Salaries.

11. 29, 14. The Directors regret that they cannot feel it right to depart from the terms of the Agreement you entered into with the Company respecting your undivided attention to their interests.

12. Decr. 30, 3. The Board considers it would be better not to enter into any further arrangements with Sheep Farmers on shares until the experiment with Mr. Greenshields has been proved. There is no definite account of the manner in which Mr. Greenshields' Agreement is closed, in anticipation of his service ceasing we did not pay the £3 instalment on the 1st Nov^r, you do not mention any arrangements on this point.

13. Decr. 31, 2. We forward Copy of the first page of Decr. 30 which you say was omitted to be copied in the hurry of getting ready for post, the information here given substantiates the latter part of the second paragraph of the Board's last communication.

14. 31, 5. As you have received three supplies of Sheep Dressing materials fr. 'City of Brussels', 'Matilda' and from Montevideo, amounting to over 9½ tons Tobacco, 3½ tons Sulphur, 175 gals Turpentine and 234 gals Spirits of Tar, we consider the quantity sufficient and shall not ship further till we hear upon the subject - it is reported that the North American Tobacco shipped hence will prove far stronger than the Brazilian in nicotine, the poisonous quality requisite for destroying the Scab.

15. 31, 1. By the Ship's Introductory Letters you will have perceived that your suggestion respecting Vessels trading to the West

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Coast has been anticipated, we enclose two more letters signed by Mr. G. C. Tru fant, much engaged with American vessels & whose name will have weight with his countrymen, and Mr. Brodie both of London, and the Board looks forward to much profitable business through these introductions.

16. 31, 7. It is not absolutely necessary that a Survey Report up a Ship should contain a clause that the Surveyors signing same are ready to affirm their opinion upon oath, since it is understood that any person appending his name to a document is stating what is correct & would make oath to it if necessary.

17. Desp.ⁿ 32, 2. On mentioning to Capⁿ Gorley that the 'Athole's' Account was One Pound short for the Stevidore's Charge, he said that he had paid this extra sum to Rutter & held his receipt.

18. 32, 7. If the Company's actions respecting Ships prove to the Underwriters that the matters have been conducted with good faith no certificate would be required to the various documents, but in case of large outlay it would be satisfactory to append to the Survey Report a certificate of any responsible person, such as the Governor, Magistrate, Notary Public &c., that the Surveyors are respectable people, in the case of Foreign Vessels the Certificate should be by the respective Consuls - the reason why Lloyd's Agent's Certificate is generally looked for is that having been well recommended before appointment to the Office, the Underwriters consider him an honorable man who would not certify to an incorrect statement.

19. 32, 8. With regard to your claim for extra expenses incurred by yourself the Board cannot entertain the matter, since it was expressly explained to you at the commencement of your engagement that the Salary allowed was to cover every thing - the Directors are convinced that with good management the Islands will pay, but until this is proved by the Managers enabling the Directors to meet the Shareholders with a Dividend, the Board cannot make any addition to the Salaries.

20. Desp.ⁿ 33, 2. We are sorry to hear there are complaints about the Timber, but are of opinion it cannot be so bad as described by the Surveyor. Hear therefore this complaint arises more from the old style of Governmental opposition to the Company.

21. We understand you received a Colonial Remittance from Quilley of L⁵ when the 'Athole' was at Darwin Harbour, & yet there is no account of it though your advices are dated fully six weeks after that time.

22. Your Despatch 14, 2 informed the Board that some Silver Plate would be sent home fr^m 'Athole' for realization to the credit of Furniture

the credit of Furniture Account this appears to have been overlooked. As regards the purchase of Produce the Board's instructions in N^o 354, 10. seem to be unnoticed for the New Island Wool @ $6\frac{1}{2}$ $\text{\$/lb}$ & the Keppel Island Wool at $7\frac{1}{2}$ and 6 will not realize the cost unless the sale is very favorable.

23. From Mess^{rs} Schull & Co's Correspondence we learn that you had sent them some Mercurial Ointment (not required now for Sheep Dressing) to be disposed of at Montevideo, and we are sorry there is no mention made of the price it stands to the Comp^y nor the shipment which delivered it, as this would have enabled us to give them some idea of its strength and cost - I hoped on first hearing of this that it would have been possible to precipitate the Mercury, and thus realize it, by melting the Ointment, but understand from the makers that this cannot be done, unfortunately we cannot hold out hopes of being able to sell it here.

24. In going over the Stock of Stores on hand the following observations occur - the 32 Polk as 16.12.8 are too many of such an article - Buttons seem to be in excessive quantity, also braids as well as other small haberdashery articles - Composition Nails 45.15.10 is a heavy item - 45, 2 inch Chest Locks are too numerous - there are actually $11\frac{1}{2}$ tons Bar Iron - 25 Bedroom Grates - a great number of Chisels - Sardines are in too great quantity, also Chicory, Cattle Food, Sand Paper, Blacking, 385 lbs Soap, Cayenne Pepper, Scotch Whisky, 5 bbls Mackerel, Sena, Spice, 76 doz boxes Matches, Slate Pencils, Scrubbing Brushes, Singlets, Drawers &c it would be better to get rid of some of these articles in excess by reducing the prices.

The Hulk 'Snow Squall' is entered at £80 but being sunk at the end of the Jetty to make a landing place she cannot be a Store on hand - a Sewing Machine is entered at £14, should this be the one sent out expressly for M^r Forster and by his account taken by the Governor on his leaving, we ought to see whether we cannot ^{with} make him pay for it, though on second thoughts why cannot it do for M^r Bertrand as the additional Indent dated 10 Sept^r says she wants one & that was the Florence Co's best with all appliances. Was not the Washing Machine also sent out for some one?

25. We are enabled to ship by this vessel, by permission from M^r Dean, a few things shut out of the 'Matilda', on condition that the Stores for sale are not to be opened until the expiration of two weeks from the date she commences to discharge M^r Dean's Cargo at Stanley to which stipulation the Directors request your particular attention: the General Invoice amounts to £187.13.10 and is accompanied by 5 detailed Invoices. There is also a Quarter Cask of Sherry for yourself sent on board by your Cousin M^r Rhodes Cobb.

I remain,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Coleman

Sec^y

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14th December 1868.

26. Referring to Par^{ts} 19 I am directed to inform you that since the arrival of the Original of Despatch 32, the Board has been able to enter fully into your claim for expenses incurred in entertaining strangers on the Company's behalf, and has this day resolved that £50 (Fifty Pounds) per annum from the date of arrival in Stanley be allowed you for this object.

27. Despatch 30. The Directors are quite dismayed at your account of the awful waste of Property & Live Stock in the Camps and cannot understand why you did not perceive this bad state of affairs at your first inspection and thus have prevented its continuation for so many months longer, they are of opinion that under the desperate circumstances described by this Despatch you have done right to place the Camps under new management, and they trust Mr. Bertrand will have sufficient experience & energy to bring this, the most important branch of the Company's undertakings, into proper working order. The Directors regret however that they cannot confirm the Agreement with him since it differs considerably from the proposal submitted by N^o 23 upon which they laid down certain principles in N^o 36th, 4: they would allow it to be acted on during two years with omission of a percentage on the sales of Company's Produce, (though they might feel disposed to grant a bonus upon the increase of the Sheep, this being the true criterion of successful management) and after that time, if the Board is satisfied with the progress made, an Agreement could be drawn up with well digested clauses upon this and other points, in which case Mr. Bertrand might rely upon liberal treatment.

28. The Agreement under discussion is contradictory as to the time for the Scab to be cured, one part stating the disease is to be eradicated within one year, though the end allows Mr. Bertrand two years for this purpose; neither is there any proviso for termination of engagement should the Scab appear after the expiration of two years - nor for the maintenance of the natural increase of the Sheep, since the flocks could be kept clean by the diseased animals being killed off. The Directors also perceive that there is no mention that Mr. Bertrand is to reduce the present excessive number of hands employed in the Camp, as this reduction of expense was one of the inducements held out for his engagement at a heavy salary, the Board trusts you will be particular in seeing it carried out. Respecting a travelling Superintendent if Mr. Bertrand considers it necessary to employ one of his Shepherds to look after the others, he ought to be the best judge on the matter, but everything must be arranged with the strictest regard to economy consistent with efficiency.

29. In making these remarks the Directors do not impugn Mr. Bertrand's intentions to act honorably towards the Company, but it appears to them that taking advantage of your desire to place the Camps under experienced management, he has made most favorable terms for

himself as you seem to have deferred to his opinions entirely and raised him to a more remunerative position than you hold yourself. You have not reported the date of Mr. Bertrand undertaking charge of the Camp nor is the Stocktaking of Cattle & Sheep sent. The Directors wish you to forward Copies of all the Correspondence with the Camp Manager.

30. Desp.ⁿ 30, 4. The Board will take care to attend to your feelings regarding instructions to the Camp Manager being sent through you, but cannot bind themselves never to write direct as some emergency might require this course of action, should such a case occur you will be furnished with copy of the correspondence.

31. You mention a Station called Cochilla Alta as we have not heard of this before please inform us its position, name of Shepherd, number & kind of Sheep &c.

32. Desp.ⁿ 31, 6. The Directors are sorry to hear of your having sent away the Company's Rams in exchange for animals, which, judging from the New Island Wool must be of an inferior breed, for it is acknowledged on all hands that the Cheviot breed has done remarkably well; you must understand that long Wool ought to be the Company's aim, the climate not being suited to fine wool, which also, animal for animal, does not pay so well, since the Merinos only clip 3 or 4 lbs at outside against the Cheviots 8 and 10 lbs, if the breed and climate enables the long Wool to be grown of a lustrous quality so much the better, but our endeavour ought to be for a long strong wool. The Directors will try and arrange for a continuous supply of fresh blood and will certainly ship by each of the Company's Vessels a few young Rams, but they trust care will be taken to form a home flock for keeping up the pure blood, so as to be able to give a change of Rams to the distant stations: we have not received a word of advice about the style of animal & quality of Wool of the Rams sent out Mr. 'Beta' last year.

33. It appears from the number of Cow Hides, 778 by the 'Whole', that sufficient caution has not been taken to prevent an indiscriminate slaughter as none but barren or very old Cows should be killed, and the above is considered out of proportion to the whole number of Hides.

34. We have this day received from Mr. Forster three Letters relating to the 'Orange Nassau' from De Groot 26: 5 Aug 67 and 6. 11. 68, and Buchanan Wilson 26: 8 Apr 68, (two of which seem to be the Letters referred to in your No. 26, 12) and enclose Copies of same though perhaps it will not be necessary to take notice of them as the whole affair must surely now be settled - we retain the originals to show they were only delivered by the Post Office at Mr. Forster's address yesterday, for there ought to be some notice taken of such extraordinary delay.

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Sec^y

Enclosures.

Triplicates N^{os} 369, 370, 371.

Duplicate " 372.

General Invoice L 187.13.10

Five Detailed Invoices

Bill of Lading

List of Parcels

Ship's Introductory Letters from Bath Hon, Tatham, Engels,
Connon H^c., Ackenden, Richardson, Trufant,
Hargrove H^c., Brodie.

Illegible Duplicate of Despatch 32.

Copy of first page of Despatch 30.

Copy of Letter to Schuth & Melian 19 Nov 68.

Remarks on Accounts.

Balance Sheet of Island Accounts.

Profit & Loss Statement of Island Accounts.

Copies of Reports on Hides, & Sealskins ex 'Alkohol'.

do " 3 Letters about 'Orange Nafsan'.

Journal Entries.

Coleman to Cobb, Letter.

No. 373

3rd Dec. 1878

The Secretary

of the Admiralty

Corporation of the
Falkland Islands Co.

London 8th December 1868.

N^o: 374.

M^r. 'Danube'

Sir,

Having written so fully on the 3rd & 4th inst. by the 'Elizabeth Brown', which left the Docks this morning I have only to enclose Duplicate of her Despatch 373 and to inform you that the 'Charles Jackson' has not yet arrived.

2. We learn from the Wharf to day that there are only three casks Seal Oil M^r. 'Whale' instead of four as M^r. Bill of Lading and advices, it is reported that all the Oil has been again examined without discovering more than this quantity of Seal Oil so there will be 41 casks Penguin Oil to account for instead of forty casks.

I remain,

Sir,

Your obed^t. Servant,

J. Coleman
Sec^y.

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Stanley.

Enclosures.

Duplicate N^o: 373

do Bill Lading

do Coleman to Cobb 4 Dec

do Ship's Letters - Hargrove, Prufant, Brodie.

Copy of Letter to Schuth & Melian of this date.

Ledger and Journal Entries.

Copy of Letter from Hall & Webster of this date.

Letter for Cobb from Rhodes Cobb

do " do " Capⁿ. Gorley

do " Switzer " do

London. 8th December 1868.

Ledger Entries.

Island Administration 1867/8.

<u>Dr</u>	Dec 1 - To Sundries	Transfer of Colonial Remittances	} 20. . . .
	" - " do	Transfer of Diving Apparatus	} 125. . . .
	3 - " do	Bills Payable	350. . . .

Island Administration 1868/9.

<u>Dr</u>	Oct 29 - To Sundries	Bills Payable	370. . . .
	Nov 14 - " do	" "	45. 10. . .
	Oct 28 - " do	Insurance	1. 11. 3
	Nov 25 - " Cash	N. British Fire Of ^{ce}	7. 12. 3
		Colonial Remittances	20. . . .
		asff. Despatch 29, 15.	27. 12. 3
	Dec 1 - " Sundries	Petty Cash for Cobb Farm	2. 14. 6

<u>Cr</u>	Nov 9 - By Sundries	Bills Receivable	458. 2. . .
	19 - " do	" "	415. 15. 8
	Dec 1 - " do	Transfer of Colonial Remittances	} 20. . . .
	" - " do	Bills Payable for Athole's Acc ^t	} 93. 15. 6

<u>Dr</u>	Dec 1 - To Sundries	Bills Payable for Capt. G. Athole	} 19. . . .
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No 344.

5th Decr 1858

Mr. Lambton
York K. L.

Amr. 24 Aug 59

N^o. 375.Corporation of the
Falkland Islands Co.M^{rs}. 'La Plata'London 8th January 1869.

Sir, I have the pleasure of informing you that the French Mail delivered on the 21st ult. Duplicates of your Despatches 34 and 35 - the original of the latter came to hand on the 6th inst., but the 'Ellen Lamb' is not yet in. The original of Despatch 31 arrived on the 14th ult. I regret to report that the 'Elizabeth Brown' met with damage in the River & the Channel which obliged her to put into Dartmouth for repairs, she is expected to sail again at the end of this month.

2. N^o. 34, 10. We are glad you have received a supply of Flour from Valparaiso and have again written to Messrs. Cross & Co., instructing them to attend to all your demands without waiting for the Board's confirmation to orders: I wish you would let us know the exact cost per pound of Flour from Chili, in comparison with that from England to guide us in shipping hence.

3. 34, 15. N^o. 373, 32 informed you that the Board is taking steps to send out some young Cheviot Rams, for your guidance in breeding an Extract of a Letter from M^r. A. R. Lafone, dated the 6th inst., on this subject is enclosed, to which the Board directs your particular attention and considers that on the formation of a home flock for rearing Rams, none should be sold until there are more than the Comp^y. can require for their own use.

4. 34, 16 & 35, 8. Your application for Lloyd's Agency was delivered at once, it was unfortunately addressed to M^r. Leyfang, the Secretary of Lloyd's Register of Shipping, instead of to B. Charles Stephenson Esq, the Secretary of Lloyd's. It affords me pleasure to inform you that the Board of Underwriters at Antwerp have appointed you their Agent, the diploma will be sent here shortly. We have applied to Ellwood Walter Esq, Secretary to the Board of Underwriters at New York, for their Agency in your favor.

5. 34, 19. The arrangement about Emigrants going out under Land Orders is as follows - the C^o. pays £100 which entitles them to nominate five persons, of this amount £90 is returned to the C^o. on production of departure & landing Certificates, this leaves an expense of £2 on each person, at a moderate computa-

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-tion the provisions must be put down at £8 and the passage at £10 even in a ship chartered wholly for Stores, so that the outlay upon each Emigrant may be estimated at £20, for which the Company gets 50 acres of land, this will only feed 10 sheep, so that without it was absolutely necessary to send out people to attend to our flocks this emigration arrangement would not pay: if the upset price of the land were reasonable it might be a different thing, but at 3/- per acre so little is obtained.

£ Cash paid in	100	Cr Cash returned	90
Provisions 5 people @ £8	40	Land received 250 acres	} 100
Passage " " " 10	50	at 3/- p. acre	
	<u>£ 190</u>		<u>£ 190</u>

6. 35, 2. We could not take any steps about Ann Stocking till the arrival of the original as the duplicate was so indistinct, we wrote on the 6th offering passage and barn this morning she could probably be ready by the middle of next month, the new arrangement for getting the vessel off earlier may interfere with her going - we do not think of taking up a Land Order so her Brother will have to pay her expenses, besides her age 40 years would almost preclude her passing without being a member of a family emigrating.

7. 35, 6. We wrote to the Florence Sewing Machine Co. and learn (as per Copy of Letter enclosed) that the Machine sent out for 'Matilda' July 6th, not being a double Lock Pitch, did not require the Lever T, which the purchaser Mr. Bailey considers to be missing.

8. Your Despatch 32 enclosed two receipts of Mr. Lecante for £4.10. - and £2, both dated 2 July 68, but as you did not ask for the collection of this amount I thought they were duplicates of the batch received ex 4.26 and paid for by Zoological Soc. as 206.16.3 on the 18th Sept., however on making up this account in the Island Ledger it was found it did not balance so the above two amounts have since been collected, this does not even make it correct so a copy of the account is sent, shewing a difference of 2.3.8 still due to the Co., for which they cannot make a claim for want of vouchers; it appears strange that such simple transactions are not brought to account in a proper manner.

9. Referring to it. 373, 6. the Journal for July explains the payment of £350 being for Adventures sent home for Athole as the Ship's Pump by her could only be sold as old iron at a great loss it will be put in working order and sent out for sale or use on board one of the vessels.

10. Since our last remark upon the strength of various Tobaccos for Proof Wash we have learned on undisputed authority that the Kentucky & Virginian Leaf Tobacco is the best for this purpose, we therefore wrote to Messrs. Schuth & Co. on the 23rd ult., as per Copy enclosed, to this effect telling them not to send you any

more South American Tobacco; since then we have had confirmation as regards our opinion on this point from a leading article in the 'Daily News' of the 28th ult., copy will be forwarded to you, which asserts that United States Tobacco is the strongest in Nicotine: we shall ship some 3 tons American Leaf by our vessel.

11. Respecting the Belgian Consularship we have received the Laws & Regulations, Escutcheon, Flag & Seals which will be sent on by first opportunity. On the 15th ult. I wrote to the Belgian Ambassador here enquiring when the Queen's Exequatur would be furnished, not receiving reply I called & learned from the Chief Secretary that an answer had been addressed to me at Stanley on the 24th ult., this you will please claim on arrival, open & send back to this Office: from explanations it appears that the Foreign Office was applied to for the Exequatur in September last, this necessitated an enquiry to the Governor through the Colonial Office, so pending his reply we shall not obtain this document until the middle or end of March next.

12. The Board has the greatest satisfaction in reporting that through an improvement in the market the Wool ex 'Aholé' has sold remarkably well, we send you an Epitome of the sale showing that the Cheviot realized the best price, thus confirming our expressed intention to adhere to this breed and our regrets that you should have commenced using Rams producing inferior Wool - it is evident that washing our Wool will not answer as the price does not compensate for the loss of weight, and though the Southdown fetched as much as the best Cheviot the smallness of this growth of Wool, animal for animal, enables the Cheviot still to bear the palm.

I am directed to caution you against purchasing Produce at the high prices you have done, we are not yet furnished with the purchase account of the New Island Wool, but taking the landing weight at 15,723 lbs & calculating 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent there is a loss of upwards of £50 (Fifty Pounds) though no freight or agency expenses have been charged: again the Kelped Wool bought at 56.3.4 brings in only 111.14. Freight & Agency expenses being also omitted. The Board considers you ought rather to take these goods on consignment giving Bill on the Directors or advancing Cash to the half of the estimated value, on arrival in this country they could be sold according to directions & the proceeds remitted by the following Mail, of course you may depend upon all produce entrusted to this office being disposed of to the best advantage and treated in the same way as our own, since the Co. has a direct interest in obtaining the highest price for all Falkland Islands productions. The Penguin Oil does not appear to be a profitable adventure, it is still on hand the offer being £25 to 28 the ton of 252 gallons against the cost £20 (at $\frac{1}{4}$ per gal) to which ought to be added freight and agency expenses, and it should also be borne in mind there is always a loss in the gauges between your

purchase and the landing here, as well as the allowances for bottoms
of and the cost of the casks: some consideration must be given to
the fact that the Sealers are customers at the Store through the
money paid for their Oil, but so little profit being realized at the
Store this does not go for much - another thing may at times render
the purchase advisable, which is when your Cash balance is large,
no Government Bill procurable and a quantity of Oil offers for our
use just starting home, when of course it forms a remittance
against the cost price of Stores sent out to you.

13. The particulars of freight to be charged on goods by
this Company's ^{Vessels} must always be specified, on making out the acc'ts
for Leon's Oil & Packer's Wool with primage it was proved this
was not allowed by the Bills of Lading the claim had to be abandoned.

14. As it frequently happens enquiries are made here
about ships at the Pelands, it will be better to send report of
arrivals & departures by every Despatch, taking care to give the
sailings of those vessels arrived remaining in harbour at the last report.

15. Enclosed is specimen of a new Chart of St. Aubrey Strait:
which has been largely distributed, some have been mounted & are
exhibited at the Collectors of Customs and various public Offices:
should you ever have occasion to transact business at Newport,
Monmouthshire, we hold Messrs James N. Knapp Esq: that they
should be recommended to you, they hold the United States
Consulate and are Agents for the New York & Boston Underwriters.

16. We perceive from one of Mr. Bertrand's Letters
that Mr. Greenshield has been on the Company's Farms and
tampered with one of our Shepherds (L. M. Donald), you do not
report any steps taken to prevent a recurrence of such dishonora-
ble behaviour, but in case of need we trust you have taken care
to warn Mr. Greenshield that his going upon the Company's
^{land} where our own Shepherds are employed will be considered a
trespass, to be treated with the utmost rigour of the law.

17. You have not reported any result to the prizes
offered to the Shepherds in August 1867 as per Despatch 1,
please let us know whether this scheme was carried out & if
any benefit accrued. It will be necessary to send from
time to time the stock of Wool Bales and the probable require-
ments for the future year, this must be especially done after
each shipment of Wool from the Colony.

18. Your last Despatch has seem to expect another Cargo
of Stores as you say the 'Athol's' is nearly sold and that the
'Marilda's' will not last long, the Directors are glad to hear
the sales are so rapid but they look for the money to be returned
as quickly as possible

as quickly as possible so that our debts may be paid and more Stores purchased and sent out. The Board decided on the 5th inst to charter a vessel to carry out Stores & bring back Produce, she is to be of 250 tons Register or upwards and was to sail by the middle of February, but learning this morning that the 'E. Brown' will be detained till the end of this month it may be well to endeavour to get her off earlier so as to arrive before or about the same time as Mr. Dean's vessel and thus compete in the sale of Stores, at all events you can tell the inhabitants that our vessel must arrive soon & that the goods of 'E. Brown' have met with damage &c. You still appear to think it would be advisable to enter into some arrangement for establishing a Store on West Falkland, but the Directors wish you to bear in mind that the Co's funds ought not to be used to support the settlers there since we require the cash at home, let them of course purchase as much as they require from our Store at Stanley & their own vessels can be employed in trading to & fro to their own and other people's settlements.

19. Though anxiously looking out for a Schooner for Island service we have not yet found a suitable one, it appears Capt. Pain would be a good commander, he is willing to go on the same terms as he had for the 'Fairy', I granted him a Certificate which enabled him to enter for examination as Master, should he pass we may engage him and send a schooner out shortly after our vessel has sailed.

20. As there is but little chance of realizing the Mercurial Ointment we have told Messrs Schuth & Melian not to send it there, we trust you have already given them some idea of its cost & instructions for its disposal, should there really be no sale for it anywhere they had better send it back to Stanley when this can be done in one of the Co's vessels free of charge, then it could come home in the woodship without expense, as it might be possible to sublimate it and so save some of the mercury.

I remain, Sir,
Your obed^t. Servant,
J. Coleman
Secy.

Enclosures.

- Triplicates No^o 372, 3, 11.
- Confidential Letter from Secy to Col^l Ma^r } of this date.
- Copy of Letter from Florence S. M. Co 24 Dec 68
- do to Schuth & Melian 23 " "
- Extract of Letter from A. R. Lafone 6 Jan 69
- Ball & Webster's Report on Wool ex Athole dated 27 Nov 68.
- Epitome of Wool Sale 23 Dec and 3 Sale Acct^s of 5 Jan 69.
- Zoological Society's Acct^s of a Lecomte.
- 'E. Brown's' Freight Acct^s 31.10.4
- Journal Entries.
- New Cht of P. N. Ma^r

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London, 39 A. Gracechurch St 19th Jan^r. 1869.

W. Liverpool Steamer
to Montevideo,

F. C.
Falkland Islands Company.

Sir,

N^o 376.

Bearing in mind your observation that Despatches sometimes come down from Montevideo before the English Mail I send this to Messrs Schuth & Melian, in hopes of its going on at once, in order to inform you that the Board has chartered the Barque 'Victoria Tatham' of 326 tons Register to take out Stores and bring back Produce; from the enclosed Charterparty you will perceive that the discharging and loading days at the Falklands are reduced from forty to thirty weather permitting working days, so which we did not object on account of the cheap freight £1300 for which she goes and seeing that you said the home Cargo would be ready next month, the Directors trust therefore that the utmost despatch will be given, as they not only want the Produce home but also wish to please the Shipowner and obtain future vessels at a like moderate rate.

The Pudent to be executed will be the same as the 'Mabilda', excepting the few alterations you have since made, and we shall fill up with Flour, barrelled Sugar, Bottled Beer, Timber Oil Casks or anything offering to be obtained at the last moment. There will be nearly three tons Leaf Tobacco & full supply of other things for Sheep Dressing.

The 'Victoria Tatham' is a very fast vessel so we trust she will have favorable weather & arrive before or at the same time as Mr. Dean's 'Elizabeth Brown', for I am straining every nerve to get her ready by the 30th instant and to the present we have not heard that the 'E. Brown' has commenced receiving her Cargo again, which was all discharged at Dartmouth.

There will be thirty young Cheviot Rams as she has an excellent deck for Sheep through the boats being carried on the deckhouse - the Passengers will be two of your Brothers and Ann Hocking on her Brother's Account.

2. I have to inform you that H. M. S. 'Megera' will sail for Rio de Janeiro and the Falklands about the 14th prox^o with Lieut. J. D. Drury and party of Sergeant, Corporal and 18 Privates of the Marines to relieve Capt. Elliot, whose Father Genl. Elliot wished me to say that he does not send anything by our vessel in consequence.

3. Original of Despatch N^o 34 arrived on the 12th inst. Duplicate of this will go by French Mail, the Enclosures are, Copy of Despatch 375, Copy of Confidential Letter of 8th inst., Copy of 'Victoria Tatham's' Charterparty.

I remain, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

Frederick E. Cobb Esq
Colonial Manager,
Stanley.

J. Coleman
Secy.

No. 346

19th May 1889

The Secretary
of the F.R.S.

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London, 39 A. Gracechurch St. 30th Jan. 1869.

E.C.

Falkland Islands Company.

No. 377.

P. Victoria Tatham

Sir,

I have great satisfaction in pronouncing this Vessel ready for sea with three Passengers, your two Brothers and Ann Hocking, 30 Cheviot Rams and a full Cargo of General Merchandise - the Board trusts that as she has been most expeditiously loaded she will make a rapid passage, arriving before Mr. Dearn's 'E. Brown' and thus secure a quick sale for her Stores since she will reach an exhausted market.

2. We find Mr. Bailton has been troubling your Brother with correspondence to get out a case surreptitiously, though we granted him permission to send goods direct to the ship, and has passed a Case under his address, which will come under the category of parcels to be paid for unless he deals at the Store & is thus entitled to this privilege.

3. Taking into consideration your desire to benefit your Brothers the Directors cannot, under the liberal manner in which they will be provided & the good accommodation they have, charge less than £25 each for their passage - as Ann Hocking is not allowed Beer & her Brother must be charged at least £20, she has had an advance of £3 . . . which is to be repaid by her Brother.

4. The Admiralty have shipped some Stores which are to be paid for here after sailing of ships so you need not return any receipt for them, should the Bill of Lading not get out in time you can deliver to Capt. Elliot under his guarantee.

5. The Captain holds Certificate for Gratuity of five shillings for each Sheep delivered alive in good condition, the Mate has one for three shillings each Sheep.

I remain,

Sir,

Your obed^t Servant,

J. Coleman

Secy

Fred^k E. Cobb Esq
Colonial Manager
Stanley.

Enclosures.

- Duplicate Despatches 374, 5, 6.
- Confidential Letter from Secretary 8 Jan 69.
- Charterparty Bill of Lading
- General Invoice £4839 .. 2..1
- 69 Detailed Invoices
- Notes on Cargo Ann Hockings Receipt £
- Ships Introductory Letters - Le Lacheur & Lou Frost Brothers
- Letter from Florence Sewing Machine Co: 24 Dec 68.
- Extract A.R. Lafone's Letter 6 Jan 69.
- Report on Mohle's Wool 27 Nov 68
- Catalogue of do do Sale 23 Dec 68
- Epitome .. do do do " " "
- 3 Acc^t. Sales do do
- do do 127 Fur Sealskins
- do do 1434 Sheepskins
- do do Loose Hair
- do do Pig Iron, Old Copper
- do do 3 cks Seal Oil
- do do Bones
- do do 2,747 Palled Hides
- Journal Entries
- Zoological Society's Account
- 'Elizabeth Brown's' Freight Note
- Report on Mohle's Sheepskins, Tallow, Hair.
- Copy Anderson's Letter 30 Jan 69 about Biscuit
- " Brownson's Credit Note £1.10.0 for error in
- Merilda's Invoice Sep 68.
- Letters for Cobb from Secretary
- Travis " "
- Smallbones - Parents
- Phillips " "
- Quilley " "
- Dean " his Father
- Travis " Mother
- List of Parcels Contents
- Extract of A.R. Lafone's Letter 30 Jan 69.

No 344

Nov. 1834

The Secretary
of the Stock Co.

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Notes on Stores for 'Victoria Tatham' - 30 Jan 69.

The House Coals are better than the last, they will be found to give out more heat & will not deteriorate so much on being kept.

The Lime is sent not stacked, for safety it is packed in air tight casks which are cased in casks having Stacked Lime between, this quick Lime will go much further than the stacked.

We send two Boats from Exmouth which Capt. Dyer said were well suited for the Islands, the 1st is 6 in longer than you stated as requisite but is a cheap useful Boat - there are also 8 foot Dingies from Forrest, from whom at the last moment we have procured a second hand Boat, 8 ft long, at a very moderate price to fill up.

A plain good Wool Press is sent, as near the dimensions of the Company's Wool Bales as could be obtained.

As Mr. Bertrand in one of his letters speaks of the need of a Medicine Chest we ship one for 25 men and upwards. He also speaks of requiring a glass for searching out the stray Sheep, the Microscopical of 'Mabilda' will therefore come in well, for I believe them to be more powerful than usual.

Clothing from Silver's is made with great care, they have put up some of a better quality for sample in Case 4238, upon which we shall look for your special report.

Boots & Shoes are given as before to three Houses - Messrs. Hornum having lately had some Government Butchers not required, we send 3 cases of 50 each assorted invoiced at $\frac{2}{3}$ per pair, the original price being 1/- per pair. We have also secured from them a job lot of French Boots 2 doz each Emperor, Elastic Lides & Lace Balmoral at 1/- per pair, such goods could not be made at $\frac{2}{3}$ - or $\frac{1}{2}$ -

Rum, as one of your additions says this must be first class we have shipped two puncheons Demerara @ $\frac{2}{3}$ superior to the last, and two puncheons real Jamaica at 7/- per gallon.

Messrs. Truman have kindly put some Shout in firkins for us.

The Moist Sugar ordered in hds is sent in barrels as being more convenient packages, this would have been done with the Demerara but no smaller cask than a hhd was to be obtained: the Raisins, Currants &c are good this time being new fruit.

Not being able to obtain American Cheese fit to ship an equal quantity of Double Gloucester is sent, Butters are extremely dear from the great drought of last year.

The Biscuit is sent in Iron Tanks this mode of packing is 166 ff. cent more than barrels, but I suppose you are considering the barrels are useless in Stanley and the Tanks will bring home Oil, it must however be borne in mind that conveyance of Oil in Tanks costs 3/- per gallon against $2\frac{1}{2}$ ff. gal. in Casks, with the latter there is always a leakage so that the security of the Tanks may be cheap at the extra halfpenny; you

must not run away with the idea that the Tunks can be sold at the Oil Auction also much, giving out that the Tunks have to be paid for extra stops the sale of the Oil in the present day, all this must be considered in buying Penguin Oil which hangs on hand here even when offered at a low rate.

50 lbs Flour are sent which being kilndried is asserted to be safe for keeping - we thought of sending the Indian Corn in Tunks but as it would have required six it was too expensive.

The ship for sample some Ginger Cordial from Scotland which is highly recommended. As you approved of Jams from Gillow the whole supply comes from him this time - Fruits are divided between him and Morton.

Sheep Shears of the original kind cannot be obtained, so only four dozen of a really good sort are sent instead of 6 doz - the Captain has two of these Shears for use on the voyage, likewise two Ear Markers which I had ordered as we expected two distinct lots of Rams up and it would have been necessary to mark them differently.

A Company's Flag is sent for hoisting at the main on approaching the Islands, should it not be required or be too large for the Stanley Store Flagstaff, it must be returned for use another time.

There are not any Vestas sent as the stock on 30th June was heavy & the 'Matilda' had a large supply.

For Sheep Dressing we sent two hogheads Leaf Tobacco as before at 5^d and one hhd at 6 1/2 ^d lb, the former is Virginian and is supposed to have 3 ^d lb of Nicotine, that at 6 1/2 is Kentucky & is reckoned to contain 5 ^d lb of Nicotine, if the latter is not required for Sheep wash it can readily be sold for smoking being very good - there is an extra supply of the other ingredients Sulphur Spirits of Tar and Turpentine.

Mr. Stickeney writes word the following recipe is a never failing cure for Scab "5 gallons Tobacco Water, 2 pints best Spirits of Tar, 2 pounds Sulphur, this will do 20 Sheep" - he says "the strongest Leaf Tobacco is the best for the purpose and also the cheapest to buy."

Since copying the Despatches does not appear to succeed with you we send two kinds of Copying Ink, some Underwood's N:2 which will make several copies some days after writing and some Queen's a new Ink, which has been tried here & found to be good, copying the next day (this is written with it).

The Sheep Provender is the Patent Compressed, they are provisioned for 90 days & as each package is one day's consumption you will know what ought to be landed; the Pen being strongly built will turn into some use.

The Piano for Mr. Travis is to be conveyed freight free.

The Matches ordered by your Despatch 35 for Mr. Fell

and Juan Echandi are obtained from Hasluck & are of superior workmanship, as he had not any at exactly £7 I have chosen two at £7.10/- each, the difference One Pound beyond the Colonial Remittance is debited as Stores, so the men can take their choice and pay the balance.

You have ordered Powder Flasks with belts, these are seldom used, we send two kinds to enable you to say which is most approved of. As the 'E. Brown' has not yet sailed with her Almanacks we send 1 dozen Hannay's which are now obtainable.

A Sewing Machine from Wheeler & Wilson is chosen as being well recommended, it has the advantage of enabling the user to sit square to the work & is lightly driven, without much noise.

Croft & Blackwell have sent some Infants Food, which we presume is what you intended by Liebig's, though the quantity is not so much as you asked for.

In order to fill up the following has been shipped extra - 50 barrels Canadian Flour such as is sent to St. Helena for Ship's Stores so it may be depended on.

Timber from Walker which could be obtained at a short notice as his wharf is close to the Docks & he has sawing machines on the premises, please report if his timber is fit for filling up in an emergency another time.

50 bbls Crushed White Sugar, 30 barrels Bottled Ale, 40 barrels Bottled Porter, 20 bales Compressed Hay, a number of Oil Casks made up.

The following are for Residents at the Islands, those without remark may be charged freight if you think fit, since carrying goods in this manner is of course against the Store.

- 662 Piano Travis Free
- 657/659 3 pkges Waldron
- 910 1 case Packer
- 916 1 " Tools J. Smith free
- 1115 1 " Books Cobb free
- 1142 1 " Dr. M. Clinton
- 1143 1 Harrow, Thickney
- 1144 1 Case J. Am. Miss. Soc.
- 1240 1 " Seeds Cobb free
- 1298 1 " Mincing Machines Capt. P. Smith
- 754 1 Net Cobb free
- 307 1 case Yellow Metal Cobb free
- Leete & Baillon 2 bales
- Rev. C. Bull 4 cases Freight charged here.

Victoria Bathurst

John W. Bathurst

N^o 378.

Corporation of the
Falkland Islands Co.

M^{rs} Victoria Tatham'

London 2nd February 1869.

Sir, Through change of Captain at the last moment this vessel could not start yesterday morning, the gushy weather prevented her moving in the afternoon for this morning's tide and as the evening will be so dark she is detained until tomorrow, this enables me to report that Mess^{rs} Christy sent part of their order in a second case N^o 1299, the invoice of which not being delivered here is not included in the General Invoice, so will have to be entered in the next shipment - some high Books ordered at Boman's were not ready in time.

2. The present commander Captⁿ Tho^s Couch was in the 'Cormorant' when she took the Copper ex 'Coquimbana' and Captⁿ Miller R.N. from Falkland Sound to Liverpool.

3. The Directors must impress upon you the imperative necessity of a report upon the 30 Cheviot Rams by this Vessel & that the utmost care be exercised in landing and gradually getting them on to pasturage food, we enclose extract of M^r A.R. Lafone's letter of the 30th ult^o on this subject - as they are young the greatest circumspection must be exercised as to putting them to the Ewes and on no account ought they to serve more than forty the first season - all are marked with two notches on the near ear.

4. Captⁿ Nain has obtained a Master's Certificate and has sent in a proposal for engagement with the Company to command the new Schooner on the same terms as formerly.

5. We have obliged Lieutⁿ Drury, the new Commander of the Marines by conveying a Dog for him.

6. The Captain has signed two Bills of Lading for the Government Stores, one for the Rev^d C. Bull's Goods, Freight to be paid here, and one for Baillon's two bales, freight payable in Stanley, our Cargo being all entered on one Bill of Lading, to be delivered as per Cargo Book with the Vessel.

7. Since writing the above Mess^{rs} Christy's Inw^o £10.12.⁰⁰ has arrived and is enclosed for your guidance: please deliver the letter herewith to the Officer Commanding the Royal Marines.

I remain,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Coleman
Sec^y.

Frederick E. Cobb Esq
Colonial Manager
Stanley.

Private Mail in
nothing from the Vessel

16
London, 39 A. Gracechurch St. 6th Feb. 1869.

E.C.

Falkland Islands Company.

N^o 379.

M^{rs} Elizabeth Brown

Sir,

Understanding that this vessel is now again ready for sea we take the opportunity of forwarding some Enclosures and telling you that the 'Victoria Tatham' anchored at Deal in the Afternoon of yesterday and has doubtless proceeded by this time.

2. On the 4th inst. the Directors received M^r Travis' Letter of the 15th Dec. last with the welcome remittance of £501. 16. 3, the 'Swiftsure' having made a rapid passage home, we also heard from Capt. Dyer that the 'Mabilda' arrived safely on the 24th Nov. - as you have not written it is presumed you were absent in the Camp, in future it will be better to leave a Despatch notifying occurrences to your departure to be finished up by the Clerk, so as to avail of such favorable opportunities for receiving intermediate intelligence quickly.

I remain, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
J. Coleman
Sec^y.

Frederick E. Cobb Esq
Colonial Manager
Stanley.

Enclosures.

Triplicate Despatches N^{os} 375, 6, 7, 8.
Copy Confidential Letter from Secretary of 8 Jan 69.
" 'Ashole's' Wool Pale Epitome

Journal Entries.

Ship's Introductory Letter signed by Le Lacheur V^{on}
Letters for Cobb and Travis from Coleman M^{rs} V. Tatham

London, 39 A. Gracechurch St. 8th Feb. 1869.

E.C.

Falkland Islands Company.

N^o 380.

N^o 'Onaida'

Sir, By the enclosed Duplicates of our late Despatches you will learn all that has taken place and I have now only to inform you that it is believed the 'Victoria Tatham' left the Downs on the Afternoon of the 6th, though contrary winds will unfortunately not have allowed her to get far down the Channel. We are informed that M.M. P. 'Megara' is to sail from Deptford on the 10th, but having to call at Rio will be two months going out.

2. We forward your Diploma as Agent to the Board of Underwriters at Antwerp, with Copy of their Chairman's Letter of the 2nd instant relating to the remuneration allowed, the Directors must you will pay particular attention to any vessel insured by the various Companies named therein.

3. The Memo on Stores N^o 'Matilda' in N^o 370 stated that the Casks of Bafs' Ale were not charged and would have to be returned, this is not the case as the invoice was made out on a wrong form, so they need not be sent back but can be sold or used for Oil as usual.

4. I had hoped to have been able to send the Journal Entry of the 'Victoria Tatham's' Shipment but find it impossible from delay in getting Invoices and the uncertainty of the Freight & other charges - it appears that Davis has entered 5 bales Compressed Hay amongst the Sheep's Provender, so the amount £4. 11. 3 will have to be debited to Store from the Sheep Account.

I remain,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Coleman

Secy.

Fred^o C. Cobb Esq
Colonial Mailager
Stanley.

Enclosures.

Duplicate Despatches N^{os} 376, 7, 8, 9.

" Bill Lading 'Victoria Tatham'.

Antwerp Diploma & Letter.

Brokerage on 'Athol's' Wool.

Account Sales of Old Rope, Tallow, Cable &c ex 'Athol'.

Davis' Sheep Provender Acc^t. 49. 6. 5.

Rowson's Credit Note 30/-.

Letters for Cobb and Travis from Coleman.

J. H. M. J. N.
'Megera'

Corporation of the
 Falkland Islands Co.

London 15th Feb^y 1869.

N^o 381.

Sir,

avail of this opportunity to forward Enclosures as at foot and to inform you that the Directors have engaged Capt. Henry Pain as per press Copy of Draft of Agreement herewith: we are in treaty for the Schooner 'Lorus', of 125 tons Register, which will be despatched from Gosport with a small assorted Cargo in about a month from this date.

2. I am desired by the Board to send an Extract from a Newspaper relative to the Curing of Fish, in case any thing can be done to create an industry of this sort at the Falklands.

3. We regret exceedingly to report that the 'Victoria Tatham' sustained severe damage from a Crew Steamer when riding at anchor in the Downs on the evening of the 12th inst., no lives were lost though her Bowspit, Foremast &c were carried away, she is now in Dover Harbour repairing and her Owner, Mr. Tatham, is using every exertion to have her ready for sea in a week's time, though we fear she may be detained a few days longer, still you may depend upon her being despatched as soon as possible.

4. Should the French Steamer bring advices from the Falklands in reasonable time we may be able to answer them by this vessel from Devonport, failing that we shall send a Despatch for her to Rio de Janeiro as she may not leave that Port for Stanley until the 11th of April next.

I remain, Sir,
 Your obedient Servant,
 J. Coleman
 Secy

J. C. Cobb Esq
 Colonial Manager
 Stanley.

Enclosures.

Duplicate N^o 380. Duplicate Account Sales.
 Acc^t. Sales Old Rope, Tallow, Cable ex 'Atoll' and Brokerage on Wool.
 Copy Antwerp Letter 2 Feb 69.
 " Draft of Pain's Agreement
 Newspaper Extract on Fish Curing.

Corporation of the
Falkland Islands Co.

London 4th March 1869.

N^o: 382.

M^{rs} Victoria Tatham

Sir,

The detention of this Vessel by the unfortunate collision in the Downs enables us to acknowledge your Despatch N^o: 36, which arrived M^{rs} French Mail on the 22nd ultimo - we hope the 'Victoria Tatham' will leave Dover on the 6th as the Captain seems confident we will get arrive out before the 'Elizabeth Brown' which sailed from Dartmouth on the 20th ult^o and carried three Despatches. The Letter from Stanley dated 15th Dec^r last is now numbered 35, a.

2. N^o: 36, 11. Respecting the inspection of the Company's Camp business what has been done in this way formerly must not be any criterion to yourself, the Directors sent you out as a young man of energy at a heavy salary to look after their interests in every respect, and until they are satisfied with M^r: Berkland's course of proceeding they wish you to attend to this department as closely as possible: we have already intimated to you that the Store business at Stanley should not lead to the neglect of the Company's main operations in the Camp, and as the Directors sent out a well qualified Clerk in 1867 we trust he has by this time been fully initiated into the whole business, and therefore takes such an interest in the Comp^y: as to be able to fill your place if anything occurs at Stanley during your absence.

3. Par 22. We are looking out for freight to send 3 or 4 00 tons Welsh Steam Coals but the Board will be sadly pushed for money to pay for all these Stores, since your Remittances are not adequate to the Supplies sent you from this side, the Bills for £1,62.19.4 were most welcome and we trust the visit of the Flagships will lead to a handsome amount being sent home, as your collection of Adventures for Wool Ship will not be able to be realized for months to come.

4. Par 25. We think Lettlers at the Falklands should pay ten per cent (10%) upon Cost, Freight & Charges of all goods ordered thro' the Company for working their speculations or businesses, if it is clothing food or articles for personal use the charge should be at least fifteen per cent.

5. Par 27. We cannot send the Mercer family without funds are deposited at Stanley for this purpose, we do not mean to ship any more people but those who are actually paid for, as the Company's requirements for Shepherds &c, considering the number of our Sheep and the care they require, are amply provided for.

Frederick E. Cobb Esq
Colonial Manager
Stanley.

6. Par 29. The Directors think you did well to go round the Islands with the Governor in the 'Oberon' as you have doubtless added to your stock of experience - they are glad to learn you found Darwin in a better state, the improvements you mention are such as every man of care & energy would make on commencing the management of such an undertaking, and we trust they will continue, Colonial experience is what the Comp^y ought to have had long since. Par 36. Mr. Bertrand's Report of 28th December last does indeed give a frightful picture of the mismanagement of the Camp, we look upon it that he has detailed the worst aspect so that there may be the greater credit for altering such a state of affairs, though on the other hand if the case is really as depicted so much the more blame to those who allowed it to become so bad.

7. Par 32. The Directors are much annoyed that you should draw upon them to meet Messrs. Bertrand & Switzer's liabilities for the purchase of their speculation at the Falklands, the New Island Property, as they do not consider the Company's funds ought to have been employed in such a manner, even though Messrs. Bertrand & Switzer may have deposited security with you; this shows that they are persons without capital, who have used the C^y as a stepping stone to obtain a footing in the Islands for their own advantage, and is evidence that the Board acted right in not allowing you to establish a Store on West Falkland for their benefit - though you say they will bear all expenses on the Bill it is not a transaction into which you should have entered, even if receiving high terms for the accommodation, for knowing how necessary it is to make as many remittances as possible drawing on the Directors can only be allowed in cases of emergency.

8. The Board has purchased the Sch^r. 'Lotus', she is fitting out at Gosport and we hope she will be ready for sea by the 22nd inst^t, her cargo will consist of 50 tons House Coal, 8,000 Bricks, 12 bbls Cement and Timber to fill up.

Premain,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Coleman
Sec^y

17
London, 39 A. Gracechurch St. 8th March 1869.

E.C.

Falkland Islands Company.

N^o 383.

P^r. 'La Plata'

Sir

We have this day received your Despatch 3rd and are much pleased that you have sent another remittance of £200.

2. Par 4. A Money Order Office being open at Stanley Colonial Remittances from the Shepherds and others must pass through it and not through this Office - we informed you by Despatch 3rd, 12 that payments to Mr. Greenshields' Father had ceased after the 1st October 1868.

3. Desp^r. 36, 21. I delayed answering this in hopes the English Mail would have brought better copy of your letter to Mr. Byng, but such not being the case we can only inform you that Mr. Forester has acted truthfully in the matter and brought the letters the moment they were returned to him, as instead of their being sent back by the Mail of 30th June or 31st August, they were detained at Stanley for the 'Antonio Vincent' and sent home by her - a complaint of this was prepared for the Colonial Office on the 16th Dec^r last (on receipt of communication from General Post Office on the subject) but was not sent in as the occurrences took place so many months previously, and as the Colonial Post Office authorities had already been called to account I considered that would be enough to make them more careful in future, you can tell this to Mr. Byng if you think necessary.

4. Desp^r. 36, 25. The Cart lately sent for Mr. Switzer is from a Reading Manufactory through Mess^{rs}. Rowson & Co., had we received intimation to procure it from Mess^{rs}. Crookill & Co. at the time of the order it could have been done, are the latter's goods to be sent out in future? - same applies to Australian Saddles from Brace & Box of Walsall, but we have the satisfaction of informing you that these were made by the Foreman who used to work for that house, so are sure to be the right thing.

5. Respecting the Bill you remitted drawn on Mess^{rs}. Girvin & Slater of Liverpool, we understand their means are not extensive so that in future heavy repairs to any of their ships ought to be protected by Bottomry Bond, to come into force in case their Captain's Draft is not accepted or not honored at maturity - some such principle as this ought to be adopted for costly repairs.

Frederick C. Cobb Esq
Colonial Manager
Stanley.

or supplies to any vessels whose owners are not well known, as the Company runs a great risk at times by attending to the business of ships without security.

6. The Board is rather pleased than otherwise to find that the Governor does not allow Penguins to be killed at Bird Island next season as the remittances of Penguin Oil have not paid lately, 35 casks ex 'Atthole' being sold at £25 per tun, the 6 casks remaining being valued at £20 per tun.

7. We are sorry to learn that Mr. Waldron has been endeavouring to obtain one of the Company's good Shepherds, the Board wishes you to understand that enticing a person away from his employment is an indictable offence, should further attempts be made by any Settlers the matter ought to be strictly taken up to put a stop to such dishonorable proceedings.

8. The Directors notice you wish to have a kind of Banker's Cheque Book prepared for persons to draw upon the Company, such a business must be commenced with the utmost caution and can only be allowed to those who constantly keep a balance of Cash in the hands of the Comp^y, as our funds should on no account be used for advancing money to needy persons desirous of establishing themselves in the Colony, since the Directors wish to deal only with those who invest their own money in the Falklands and have no idea of starting persons without means, as such never work so well if they only trade upon other people's Capital.

9. We have been allowed a Discount of 10 per cent upon Truman & Co's Invoice of Beers for 'Victoria Tatham' - the Cabin Beds and Utensils by this vessel are bought by the Company so can be retained or used for any passenger coming home - she will most unfortunately not be able to leave Dover until the 12th instant.

I remain, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

J. Coleman
Sec^y

Enclosures.

Duplicate N^o 382.

" Private Letter from }
Secretary 14 March 69

Horn's Invoice Turpaulings &c for 'V. Tatham' £5.6.

Original for 'V. Tatham'
Duplicate " Mail
Triplicate to Lieut. Drury at Rio de Janeiro
for S.M.S. 'Megara' -

Corporation of the
Falkland Islands Co.

London 12th March 1869.

N^o 386. Mr. Victoria Potham.

Sir,

The detention of this vessel enables us to inform you that we chartered yesterday the Barque 'West' to convey Coals from Swansea as per enclosed Charterparty. We shall ship about 500 tons Coals, the 40 tons Salt & if possible the few other goods you ask for, as well as 30 Rams and two Whale Boats, these are procured on Capt. Paine's suggestion for sealing purposes and were intended to go out on the deck of the 'Lotus' but I am glad this larger vessel will be able to take them instead.

2. The 'West' is to sail hence by the 27th inst. I do not think we can expect her to leave Swansea before the end of next month though all possible despatches will be used - should we find that two or three Engines can be purchased at a fair price at Swansea we may send them: we are taking steps to obtain a Hampshire Lark to go out with the Sheep as you say they are better than the Scotch Shepherds.

3. Capt. Stackpole of the 'Swiftsure' has just called he speaks very highly of Stanley and will probably address a letter to one of the Magazines as he considers he saved time through touching at the Falklands for he reported his ship here in 45 days, the letters being actually delivered in 49 days, so it is a pity the Colonial Postal Authorities did not take advantage to send a larger Mail by him.

I remain, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
J. Coleman
Secy.

Frederick C. Collett Esq
Colonial Manager
Stanley.

Corporation of the
Falkland Islands Co.

N^o. 385.
Mr. 'Lotus'
London 2nd April 1869.

Sir,

The Directors having now fitted out the Sloop 'Lotus' for Island Service and placed Capt^m. Henry Pain in command of her, as per stamped Agreement herewith, lay down the following instructions respecting her.

2. Care is to be taken that she is always well provided before leaving Stanley on any service, for not being insured the greatest precaution must be taken to prevent injury or loss, her rigging, sails &c. are of the best description and the Anchor & Cable (specially made for us) have been proved to the Admiralty seat as per Certificates on board.

3. The 'Lotus' has cost a heavy amount she is however a most substantial vessel and Capt^m. Pain assures us she will be able to make her pay well, as if not required for carrying Stores to Darwin & bringing back Produce or Live Stock, or employed for the West Falkland settlers, she could run up to Montevideo with Passengers and bring back any Cargo needed by the Colony: she has a space below which can be readily prepared for 2nd class Passengers in case of any wrecked Sailors going up, and her excellent accommodation aft will enable good fares being obtained for Cabin Passengers. Capt^m. Pain having a Certificate N^o. 89,544, dated the 22nd Jan^r. 1869, will be able to carry the Mails should the Steam be incapacitated from running. You will also perceive that the Agreement with Capt^m. Pain enables the Vessel to go sealing, if he can prove to you that the risk would not be too great and there was a likelihood of success, he also considers money may be made by going to the Patagonian Coast for Guano as he knows a place where some good dry Guano is to be obtained, which he says would pay for a trip home, but all adventures of this kind must be arranged between yourself and the Captain with all due regard to safety & economy, it being borne in mind that the primary object of the 'Lotus' is Island service.

4. The 'Lotus' is classed in Registre Veritas 5/6 A.1.1. as per Certificate N^o. 3,540, dated the 19th March 1869, on board - should it be necessary at any time to have her inspected Mr. Ubbelohde is the Surveyor at Buenos Ayres: the 'Lotus' is

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to have the 9 foot Dingy which comes out by the "West" and be allowed for one of the Boats carried out by her. The Chronometer is one of the best make by Barraud, N^o 3275, who has given guarantee to exchange it within three years if not performing satisfactorily, it will go well without cleaning for 3 years and is on no account to be entrusted to any one at Montevideo, arrangements must be made at the end of three years to send it here for cleaning, and we shall get the Captain of one of the Steamers to Montevideo to carry it out and keep it going - if you get a good Chronometer out of any wreck it had better be sent home for being put in order and returned by one of our vessels, for use during the absence of this new one.

5. Captⁿ Pain has had three months Advance to the end of June and has left authority here for his family to receive £5 (Five Pounds) monthly commencing for the month of July, the first payment to be made on the 1st August next: as he requires more Tobacco than the Customs would allow for such a short voyage. He has supplied an extra box of Cavendish, which is entered on the Manifest as Cargo but belongs to the Captain he having paid for it - the vessel is liberally provisioned for three months for nine men, the crew being composed of Captain, Cook & Steward, Mate and 5 able Seamen, it having been our intention to ship a Carpenter from the Dockyard as supernumerary, but hearing that the Marines to be relieved may settle at Stanley we feared one or two Carpenters might remain and thus the market would be overstocked. One of the Seamen is to have ten shillings (^{10/-}) extra per month for keeping the Captain's watch, which he informs us will save the expense of shipping a second Mate.

6. Your Despatch 38 arrived on the 19th March and on the 22nd we received N^o 40 with Duplicate of N^o 39. The Directors are gratified that you have been able to accomplish the Commodore's Repairs in so short a time and will be pleased if Captⁿ Colville can mention the capabilities of the Port in the Newspapers, you are however under a misapprehension in supposing that Captⁿ Dyer received £50 from the Company for writing to the Shipping Gazette and leading Captⁿ Colville to believe that the Board would make him a present for so doing - anything presented to Captⁿ Dyer has always been for extra attentions to our Passengers, Cargo & we should therefore not feel justified in making a present to any Captain who wrote to the Newspapers about the Falklands. We send the Shipping Gazette of 30th ult^o containing Captⁿ Præpooles's Letter about his calling at Stanley in the 'Swiftsure'.

7. The Board has much pleasure in communicating that the Committee of Lloyd's has appointed you their Agent for

The Falkland Islands and trust this will lead to increased business for the Company - the Directors wish you to pay particular attention to the instructions issued by the Committee upon the reports required by Lloyd's, as the Company is answerable for the Agency being conducted in a proper manner since you hold it as our Colonial Manager, consequently all engagements pass to the Company's Credit, you will of course take care that all vessels under your care meet with quick despatch and are charged as moderately as possible - the Diploma of Lloyd's, Letter and Instructions accompany this Despatch.

8. Despatch 38, 2. We are glad to hear the Sheep are clipping so well, our endeavours to get this Wool home early have however been frustrated by a series of unfortunate circumstances, for though the 'Victoria Tatham' sailed from Dover on the 20th ult. she went ashore at Dungeness and had to put into Dartmouth, whence her Owner took her to Plymouth where a small leak being stopped she sailed on the evening of the 30th ult. with your Brothers in good health, but Ann Hockin had left the vessel the day before, we shall offer her a passage by the 'Lotos' and the 'West' but even if she declines going her Brother must be charged with her advance of £3 and expenses on board the 'V. Tatham'. We regret to report that three of the Rams died before leaving Plymouth.

9. We send the Shipping Gazette of 19th Feb. 1869 containing an account of the wreck 'Coquimbana' & the salvage of her Copper, it is evidently drawn up to give the utmost credit to the parties engaged in the recovery of this Cargo at the expense of every one else, and as it impugns the conduct of Capt. Couch who brought the Copper to England in the 'Cormorant' now commands the 'V. Tatham' we draw your attention to it & beg you will understand that neither his owner, Mr. Tatham, nor the Comp^y. attach importance to the accusations against him, as some are proved untrue from the circumstances of the case & others fall to the ground on investigation.

10. We communicated to the Newspapers your report upon the Earthquake on the 2nd January & the singular weather between that event and the 12th January.

11. The Treasury Bill for £53.11.3 ex Despatch 36 has been accepted for £53.11.0 only in consequence of some discrepancy in the Governor's advice of the same.

I remain, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
J. Coleman
Secy.

Enclosures.

Triplicates N^o 381, 382.

Duplicates " 383, 384.

Bill of Lading

General Invoice of Stores L _____

6 Detailed Invoices

Captⁿ Pain's Agreement dated 27 Feb 69.

Secretary's Private Letter " 4 Mch "

M^r Langdon's " " 19 " "

Belgian Government " received 22 " "

Lloyd's Letter & Diploma of M^r Cobb's Appointment

do Envelopes

Schmitt Melian's Letter & Account of 29 Jan 69.

Ship's Introductory Letter - Jones Bro^r.

Charterparty of 'West' dated 11 Mch 69.

Letter for Lieutⁿ Drury from Secretary.

Ledger and Journal Entries.

Shipping Gazette of 19 Feb 69 abt. 'Coquimbana'

The Register of the 'Lotus' is dated 23 Mch 69 -

her Official Number is 14,567 - port London,
port number 59 in 1869.

Her Tonnage is $115 \frac{62}{100}$ tons.

" Letters for Signals L. N. R. C.

The Secretary
of the S.S. Co.

2nd April. 1869

No. 385

London, 39 A. Gracechurch St. 19th Mch 1869.

E.C.

Falkland Islands Company.

Sir,

The Company's Schooner Lotus being appointed by the Post Office authorities to carry a Mail Bag I am instructed by the Secretary to forward the enclosed Journal Entries at the same time I take the advantage of this opportunity to congratulate you on being the successful Candidate for Lloyd's Agency at the Falklands, hoping that through that source a large amount of business will pass into this Company's hands.

Please acknowledge the arrival of this Letter and oblige

Your obedient Servant

J. Langdon Clerk

Fred^{ke} C. Cobb Esq

Colonial Manager

Stanley.

Corporation of the
Falkland Islands Co.

London 8th April 1869.

N^o 386.

fr 'Douro'

Sir,

Having written so lately by the 'Lotus' there is not much to communicate but we have much pleasure in acknowledging your Despatch N^o 41, which arrived this morning and contained a welcome remittance of £530.

2. The Directors have read with much interest your first General Report dated the 11th January 1869 and are pleased to find you are so sanguine of the success of the C^o; it is encouraging to learn that the next clip of Wool is likely to prove abundant and they hope your anticipations may be verified - they are glad to perceive you consider Scab is subdued and they trust the utmost caution will be exercised to prevent it ever again becoming so general & ruinous. We are pleased to find your attention is turned to reducing Camp labour as it is only by a diminution of expenses and employees that the Company can expect to extricate itself from its difficulties, we do not however exactly follow out your calculations of the reduction in the staff, since on comparing the Camp Wages Account we cannot find that 21 hands have left the service, the Quarter to 31 Dec 67 had 59 persons, Quarter to 31 Mch 68 65, to 30th June 61 people, the account of Quarter 1 July to 30 Sep 68 is missing and must be forwarded, the Quarter to 31 Dec 68 had 64 hands, thus there must be some error in these Returns or you have been misinformed, the Directors trust nevertheless now that your attention is directed to the matter that you will get M^r. Bertrand to carry out his proposal of working the Camp with a great reduction of laborers.

3. The Board is now advertising in the Shipping Gazette and Maritime Register the advantages of Stanley for Shipping needing supplies, repairs &c so you had better send detailed list of the prices of Stores, supplies, repairs &c and any further information necessary to enable this Office

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to answer enquiries about the Port.

4. I am sorry to inform you that through the 'Lotus' being delayed the Mail Bag made up for her is forwarded by the present Steamer as it is a direct Mail, we were anxious she should carry a Mail to show the Colonial Authorities that the Post Office here considered her fit for the service, this not having been carried out we enclose original Letter of the 8th ult^o from the General Post Office agreeing to send a Mail by her. The Mate of the 'Lotus' Mr. Wootton has had an advance of £5 for first month of voyage and Capt. Pain had £4 at last moment to give his crew at Gosport, in addition to the advance notes for £16 signed in London. I had hoped to have sent out my own Vessel £5 but the accounts are not all in, still being the direct Mail I may state that her cost will be fully £1800 and the Voyage Account about £150 - vessel & Cargo are insured for £2000 out -

5. The 'West' is now at Swansea & will soon commence taking in her Coals so that probably she will be able to sail about the 17th inst^o.

I remain,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
J. Coleman
Sec^y.

Enclosures.

Triplicate N^o 384

Duplicate " 385

" Bill of Lading of 'Lotus'

" Letter Coleman to Cobb 5 Apr 69

" " " Drury 2 " "

Post Office " to Secretary 8 Mar 69

Realization of Cargo ex 'Whole', Nov 68, £7,193. 3. 10

Two Account Sales of Oil ex S^o.

Journal Entries

P.S. The 'Lotus' was to leave Portsmouth this morning having been detained since the 6th by foul winds.

London, 39 A. Gracechurch St. 23rd April 1869.

E.C.

Futland Islands Company.

N^o 387.

p. 'West'

Sir,

Since our last I have taken the sense of the Directors respecting a charge to Settlers at the Islands for taking their Drafts on England in payment of their Accounts, as mentioned at Par 2 of Despatch 41, and it is considered the Company ought to charge 2 1/2 % (two & a half per cent) for this convenience, your observation that our taking Government Bills at par ought to be a precedent for receiving other drafts on the same terms does not apply, since we take the Government paper for our own convenience to make remittances, whereas Settlers' drafts are received by us to oblige the Drawer in settling his account on that side by payment here, thus saving him keeping a Cash balance to meet his expenses.

2. As there is always a difficulty in procuring freight at Valparaiso for the Flour required at Stanley, it appears to the Board it might be advantageous to get it landed at Sandy Point by the Liverpool Steamers, whence it could be fetched by the 'Lotus' and it might happen that there would be one or two passengers desirous of proceeding to the West Coast who could be landed there, so we have made enquiries at Lpool and learn that Flour from Valparaiso could be landed at Sandy Point at about 6/- (sixty shillings £. ton); two of these Steamers & Itineraries are enclosed.

3. By the accounts you will see that the 'Lotus' cost more than anticipated but the Company has obtained a vessel which will not require any large outlay for years to come, we depend upon her being worked to advantage and the account of her expenditure & earnings being kept clear so as to show how much she makes: we should advise her Voyage Account being kept for the whole year through in one running account to avoid taking stock of Stores &c at the termination of each trip or service, so that there may be only one stock taking on 30th June each year when her provisions &c, if sufficient in quantity, can be taken as stock on hand to begin her duties for the next year, and as she ought to be debited with interest on her cost & depreciation, should her earnings permit five per cent ought to be

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charged for interest and £180 per annum so that the vessel stands free in ten years time, should it be possible to be arranged in this manner.

4. On the 19th inst. we received your Letters from Darwin Harbour of 2nd and 3rd February and from Stanley of 20th idem in Mr. Travis' Despatch of the 19th February, now numbered 41 a, together with 3 Bills for £337.10. which proved a very welcome remittance. The Directors are pleased to find you have been actively employed in looking after Camp work and trust your expectations that this department will now be carried out with success may be realized.

5. The French Mail was delivered on the 21st instant. Messrs. Schuth & Melian wrote word that the 'Foam' had not arrived, but I learn (this being written at Swansea) that yesterday duplicates of your Despatches 42, 3 and 4 were received by the Antwerp Steamer, but they do not contain the anticipated remittances which is a great disappointment.

6. This vessel carries thirty Cheviot Rams of the same character as those despatched by last vessel, the Board means to adhere to this breed for the present learning on all sides that the Wool they produce will grow better than any other kind in the Colony of the Falklands.

I remain,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Coleman

Secy.

Enclosures.

Duplicate N^o 386.

West's Charterparty

do 2 Bills of Lading

Invoice of Cargo £768.15. and 13 detailed Invoices

Coleman's Letter to Cobb 4 Mch 69

Langdon's do " do 19 " "

Western Cubs, Topsham, List of Agents. &c

Wages advanced for Crew of 'Lotus'

Pacific Steam Co., Dates of Steamers Lpool to Valparaiso

Journal Entries

Business Cards with Lloyd's Agency & Belgian Consulate

George Tigwell's Agreement & Receipt for £7.

Corporation of the
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London 8th May 1869.

N^o. 388. P^r. 'Oneida'.

Sir,

On the 22nd ultimo the Antwerp Mail delivered Duplicates of your Despatches N^{os} 42, 43, 44 and on the 30th ultimo the Valparaiso Steamer brought N^o 45 from the Straits of Magellan - the Originals of above were received on the 3rd instant by the English Mail.

2. N^{os} 42, 4. The Directors regret you consider Captⁿ Pain would not be a suitable Commander for the Island Schooner, he is now appointed to the 'Lotus' and from what we saw of him and the strict injunctions given to him as to care, economy and energy in working his vessel the Board hopes he will prove an efficient servant; they however look to you to keep him up to his duty as you will be able to detect any wasting of time in harbours by periodical examination of his log book.

3. 42, 15. The Board still thinks it would distract your attention and lead to troublesome business to establish a Store on West Falkland, they would be sorry to lose the custom of the settlers but believe they could be retained by moderate charges for Stores at Stanley, if purchased in large quantities, which could be delivered at a cheap rate by the 'Lotus', she conveying their other requirements and bringing back their Produce either for sale to the Company or shipment to England.

4. 42, 16. We do not understand how you can consider that £1954.5.7, without the expenses of management &c, is a good Profit for the working of the Store for the year to 30th June 1868 and trust the present year will show a far different result - nor can we agree with you that "the Store was nearly empty from July to October 1867" since the Stock on hand on 1 July 67 was £8362.17.4 - nor could it be deemed empty "from February to July 1868" when the Ledger Balances of 31 Mch 68 show a debit of £6675.15.8 and the detailed Stock of Stores on hand at 30th June 1868 amounted to £14,575.2.10.

5. 42, 16a. With regard to Mr. Greenfield's Account the entry in June 68 of £200, being the regular Salary for one year to 30th June 1868, does not show that he received six months salary in lieu of notice, as he continued in charge to 26th July 1868

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this matter must therefore be further explained.

6. N: 42, 27. Respecting the Agreement with Mr. Bertrand the Board perceives that you have not taken any steps to obtain a modification of same in accordance with their remarks in the Despatches you have answered, they trust that the anticipations you express of the benefits to be derived from his engagement may be realized, but they beg you will also see that his professions of extra savings in the Camp working not particularized in the Agreement are carried out as far as possible.

7. Despatch 43. The Board are much pleased with your full diary of Camp Inspection & trust you have found the same beneficial in increasing your knowledge of the Company's business, as they feel sure your personal inspection will promote our welfare and lead to all the servants performing their duties with more care and interest. We have followed your description of the new measures for Sheep Dipping with interest and are glad to find matters are so well arranged, feeling confident this remedy will eradicate the Scab, and though you lament that the non-arrival of the Tobacco prevented the dipping until after shearing will not this have a good effect, since it can be more effectually done after the wool has been removed?

You state that the Butchery Cattle will ultimately be drawn from Ceritos, this appears a long distance from Stanley & will militate against the Cattle being in good order for killing. The Directors are sorry to learn how much you have suffered from a sprained ankle but trust rest at Stanley has recovered it - they desire me to state they quite admire your decision in shooting your dog for chasing Sheep and hope this example of carrying out rules to your own detriment will have a beneficial effect upon our people.

8. N: 43, 3. We are most gratified to learn that there are more Cattle in Lafonia than expected and think an effort should be made to secure a good number for next year's cargo, the Directors therefore leave it to your best judgment to obtain an adequate number of Horses in the cheapest manner by means of the new Sch. 'Lotus' or otherwise, but the utmost care must be taken to provide for the safety of the vessel as she is not at present insured for Island service since we declined a rate of 12 Guas. per cent.

9. 43, 2. Stronger Wool Bales shall be sent in future, with the stock already on the way for 'V. Tatham' and 'West' there will be sufficient we imagine for the next year's clip, so the Wool vessel of next spring must carry the supply for the 1871 clip, our reason for the lighter kind was that they were

packed & shipped by ourselves close to the place of shipment, so that more care was bestowed than coming long distances up country and not being tightly pressed did not require the strength, now however that the Wool increases & bales must be kept down better bags may be requisite for tighter packing.

10. Despt. 43, 4. The Directors are sorry to hear that Mr. Bertrand has been annoyed at the false accusations brought against him by Charles Kingsford, they are quite satisfied with your explanation of the occurrences believing you would take care to thoroughly sift the matter & protect with the utmost jealousy this Company's interests, but as you represent the Board at the Falklands and have already given your testimony to his integrity, they consider it would be an act of supererogation to write to Mr. Bertrand that they feel satisfied he has not wronged the Company.

11. Despt. 43, 7 & 10. We think you do well to take steps to clear Lafonia of Scab and the proposed measures appear likely to succeed - enquiries shall be made respecting corrugated Iron Houses which shall be sent if possible, also more Tobacco and the Tanks for boiling, these requirements will be expensive and though you hold out hopes of the cost incurred up to the present time being reimbursed by the extra Wool to be realized in the Autumn of 1870 it will be difficult to keep the matter going, still the Board will use its utmost endeavours to support you on the principle of not starving the concern when better prospects appear to be opening, in hopes the clip of Wool to be received in 1871 will thoroughly set us straight, though this is a long time to look forward to as the Proprietors anticipate a Dividend from next year's working.

12. Despatch 44, 2. We are much surprised at the information about the 'Foam', we had heard she required extensive repairs and it is therefore unaccountable if these have been done the Government should then dispose of her, you will however have such a craft in the 'Lotus' as will enable you to have great advantage in competing with any vessel for carrying the Mails or Cargo - if the accounts of the 'Foam' given to us be true she cannot be in the sound state you describe.

13. Despt. 44, 6, 9. It is unfortunate that Mr. Turner has been decoyed away from the Store, we are about engaging a Storekeeper to leave, with his wife, by the Mail Steamer of next month to go down by 'Foam' or other vessel and arrive end of July. Care will be taken not to allow goods to be shipped by our vessels, you are mistaken about Turner having obtained shipments, he never had more than a small box from his Brother in law Mr.

Green, a Draper at Hammersmith, he wrote for colonial goods from his old employers Jorry Paget & Co. but they honorably declined to allow their clerk to attend to the order as they supply the Comp^y. Respecting Mr. Bull chartering a vessel, let them do so their expenses will then begin and they will discover that the profits are not so great as the Colonists imagine, with our opportunity of chartering for the round we can always get out one cargo in the year at a moderate rate & thus can afford if necessary to lower prices and reduce their sales, besides who will attend to their purchases in the close manner this office does, pray take care however that your Indents are more descriptive to enable us to ship a good assortment.

14. 44, 10. On Capt^m Dyer's return he applied to be engaged by the Comp^y as Marine Superintendent or any other berth at Stanley, but the Board has declined to enter into any arrangement with him at present, I believe he would have done us good service but it is better not to have appointed him when there is no regular situation open.

15. Despt^y 45. We regret your disappointment in not coating H.M. S. 'King dove' but you cannot expect to be always so successful as you have been latterly - we endeavour to learn about the destination of H.M. Vessels but find it difficult, you may depend the matter is not lost sight of. This Despatch came home by the Pacific Co^y S. S. 'Panama' to Liverpool in 53 days so this route could be availed of at times for Duplicates. We are sorry to find the 'Narcissus' is coming home for we had expected with anxiety a good remittance from her visit to Stanley.

16. On arrival of the 'Penrith' at Liverpool Capt^m Napton represented that the two barrels Beef obtained at Stanley 15th January last, costing £15, proved bad, one had to be thrown overboard, the other was inspected by an agent for us and being certified to be unfit for human food the cost has been refunded: should these two casks of Beef turn out to have been shipped from this port you must send full particulars & proofs to enable us to claim for this loss.

17. The 'West' sailed on the 24th ult^o with a favorable wind, we hope the Sheep will arrive safe, please say whether it is necessary to go to the expense of a Shepherd for future shipments when the Captain and Mate receive gratuities for each animal landed alive in good condition, since we ought not to increase our employees at the Islands and yet cannot get a man for the passage out only. A week after the 'West's' departure we received a letter from

received a letter from Ann Hockin stating she was prepared to go out by any vessel, the matter must now however rest till the autumnal ship, even then we should not be justified in going to any expenses about her without you report that her Brother would be answerable and has arranged for her charge by the 'Victoria Gatham'.

I remain, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,
 J. Coleman
 Secy.

Enclosures.

Duplicate N^o. 384.

Triplicates " 383 to 386.

'West's' Charterparty

do two Bills of Lading

Adkins' Invoice for £12.15. of 'West'

Duplicate Coleman to Cobb 24 Apr 69 Private

" do " Pain " " "

Letter for Mr. Perry Mate of 'V. J.' from his Wife

do " Capt^m. Saubry of 'West' " " "

No. 388.

Gett May, 1889

The Secretary
of the S. S. C.

Corporation of the
Falkland Islands Co.
London 8th June 1869.

N^o 389,
P^o La Plata

Sir,

We have the satisfaction of reporting that a Storekeeper will proceed by this Mail to take charge by the time Mr. Turner's notice expires. The Directors have engaged Mr. Henry Ernest Junr for this office at £150 (One Hundred & Fifty Pounds) a year with a House to live in and believe he will prove a very suitable person, having had colonial experience as well as been in business here; he gives Security for £100 and has entered into an Agreement to serve for three & five years: he is accompanied by his Wife, we were in a difficulty as to Furniture since one of the inducements held out was that the wife could add to the income by boarding & lodging Captains, we understand there is a small amount of furniture belonging to the Company in the Storekeeper's House, which assists towards this end for not having a vessel going out just now we could not send Mr. Ernest's Furniture, it will therefore be necessary that he be made comfortable in this respect somehow or other until his own can be forwarded by our next ships. Mr. Ernest has had an advance of Twenty Pounds (£20) against his Salary as p^o receipt enclosed.

2. As the last Mail did not bring intelligence from Mess^{rs} Erds & Co about the 'Neptune's' Bill for £108.17.7 as reported in N^o 36, 28, we wrote them on the subject and mentioned that we might obtain Flour from them through the Liverpool Steamers to Punta Arenas, requesting to hear their views upon this project, their last of 2nd March states that they have an order from you on hand for 600 bags Flour and some sundries.

3. Mr. Jans Petersen, a Danish Gentleman with whom we were in treaty many years ago, Brother to the one alluded to in Despt^r 367, 12, has enquired whether we could rent him an Island, or part of our land, with some Horses, Cattle and Sheep, half of the produce to belong to the Comp^y; he wishes to send out a vessel for fishery purposes and would commence a kind of settlement with one or two families, drawing his Stores from us we buying or forwarding to England his Produce - as any establishment of this kind must benefit the Islands the Board looks

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favorably upon his proposition and will endeavour to find some freight for the vessel he purposes sending out, especially as the want of remittances will preclude our despatching Stores by an autumnal ship as usual, and yet it is of importance to get out the Tobacco, Tanks, Houses & other requirements for Sheep, which could be managed if his vessel went about Aug^r. or September.

4. Some years since we became answerable at the General Post Office for postage of letters to inhabitants of the Colony to prevent the detention of their correspondence, the Office having now asked for another list we have given the following names, should you wish any others included please specify them -

Robinson	Travis	Pain	Watts
Cobb	Bertrand	Wootton	Drury

we shall now add Ernest.

5. N^o 42, 45. Enquiries have been made about the report of the 'Lotos' loading at Cardiff for the Falklands but without effect, so we believe it must have been an erroneous statement. I beg leave to correct the impression, N^o 42, 33, that the 'Matilda' left out anything for D^r. M^r. Clinton, his relations were informed of the opportunity but M^r. Fulton only called on the 14th Sept. (the 'M' having sailed on the 11th) to say he had a parcel, which, being required, we advised had better be sent on by the next Steamer being the direct Mail out.

6. The Directors perceive you have signed the Copy of Cash Book for November last and are glad to find this practice is again revived, they will thank you to continue it in future to every month.

We have received on your account from the North British Fire Office £5.12.10 as Commission on the Insurances effected by you.

In the Journal for Nov^r. 68 you have paid to the Credit of Directors £5162.7.2 for 'Matilda's' Cargo, in which amount is included the £30 for Specie by that vessel (see General Invoice sent in N^o. 370) but in the same month you again credit them through Cash with £30 for Specie, this latter entry being a repetition must be altered by the amount being credited to Store through Directors.

7. A case of Kitchen Garden Seeds goes out by this Mail.

I remain,

Sir,

Your obed^t. Servant,

J. Coleman
Secy.

Enclosures.

- Ernest's Agreement & Receipt £20.
- Secretary's Letter to him on 2 June
- Ledger & Journal Entries
- Lawson's Dwd^r. of Seeds £3.2.~
- Letters to Cobb & Pain from Coleman
- do " Miss Watts " abroad (arrived 10 May)
- do " Capt. Pastry " his Wife
- Zoological Letter to Gov^r. Robinson.
- List of Sundries in Case of Seeds.
- Ship Introductory Letters - Merchants Shipping Co. } in charge of
- E. C. Friend & Co. } M^r. Ernest.

P. I. I have the pleasure of informing you that we have insured the 'Lotus' at £1500 all risks, for twelve guineas per cent, during one year to commence from the expiration of her outward policy, she can therefore go to the Rio Negro for Horses or sealing to any part, should there be therefore a favorable opportunity for a consort to accompany her to South Georgia or the Shetlands under safe guidance during your next summer she might make a very paying voyage.

J. B.

No. 389.

St. Louis, 1889.

The Secretary
of the B. & O.

N^o. 390. Corporation of the
 Falkland Islands Co.
 Messrs 'Douro' London 8th July 1869.

Sir, On the 2nd inst. we received Messrs English Mail your four packages containing Duplicate Despatches 46, 47, 48, Original Despatches 49, 50 and their Enclosures, as Messrs Schuth & Melian hesitated posting the Duplicates, which were too late for the French Mail, by any other Steam as they might chance to be delayed. The Directors are thankful for the five Bills making, with the extra from Messrs Richardson & Co. for the 'Antonio Vincent', a remittance of £660.15. though they had trusted to receive twice or even thrice this amount, looking to the fact that your remittances had been so small lately.

2. We were much disappointed at not receiving the Duplicate Despatches by the French Mail on the 21st ult. Messrs Schuth & Melian wrote on the 14th May that the 'Foam' had not arrived, if she left at the appointed time, the 30th Apr., it was a very long passage, but if she had been detained at Stanley without a pressing reason representations ought to be made at the Colonial Office on the subject, since it should be the earnest endeavour of the Island Authorities to make the postal service, as certain as possible, from your last Despatch it appears she was only delayed one day so that her sailing qualities cannot be much or else Capt. Smithen takes it very leisurely.

3. Despatch 49, 9. We regret to find you think Capt. Pain would not be a suitable Commander for the Compt., he is already appointed to the 'Lohus' and we trust he will prove a good choice, the only thing we have heard against him is his being too lenient and mixed up with his crew, but having now a Master's Certificate and being raised to a good command, we anticipate his position will alter his behaviour in these respects; one of our inducements in engaging him was the very good character you gave him, as well as the Certificate he held from the Colonial Shipping Master. As regards John Stephens we do not think from all we have heard that he would be a reliable Captain when left to himself at a distance from the Islands.

Fred^o. E. Cobb Esq
 Colonial Manager
 Stanley.

(49, 11)
4. The Board approves of your having made an example of Wm Wright and Andrew Watson by allowing their full term of imprisonment to be inflicted for disobedience to orders. This will doubtless have a good effect upon our other servants. Perceiving that Wm Cook lately deceased left some property, which has been taken possession of by the Government, we have taken steps to discover his relations in order that the proper person may claim it. For some time past we have ceased communication with Mr. Biggar as we considered he did not do us justice.

5. 49, 13. We are glad to learn that one of the boats of the 'Blue Jacket' has been rescued & the crew landed at Stanley by the 'Antonio Vincent', we look for a detailed account of the action against the boatswain for opening the boxes of bullion, from the numbers of the bars of Gold handed to the Government it appears the boat must have had three boxes, though Capt. White reported there was only one box put into each boat when they left the ship - I believe some instructions have been sent to the Brazil and Cape of Good Hope Stations to send one of H. M. Vessels to search South Georgia Island for the third boat.

6. 50, 3. Respecting Mr. Travis' Letter of 30th April requesting a rise of Salary the Board have taken the matter into consideration but as he is still a bachelor they do not think his expenses ought to be so heavy as represented, I have been directed to answer him to this effect, as pt. enclosed Letter, which you will please peruse & hand to him.

7. Referring to my Private Letter of 4th March last we can inform you that Mr. Switzer now at the Falklands is the same person as therein described since we had a visit from his Wife who had been expecting a remittance from him for some time for the maintenance of herself and four children - she has received some money by the last Mail and appears willing to go out if we can offer her appropriate accommodation.

8. On the 14th ult. Capt. Dyer left in our charge eleven Watches which he had brought home for repair in the 'Matilda' expecting to be chartered out again and so return them - The owners are Williams 1 gold, C. Williams 1 gold, H. Hunter 1 silver, Reives 1 silver, B. Wilson 1 silver, Turner 1 silver, Felton 1 gilt Hunter 3 silver, and 1 old Silver Watch Aldridge - The charges on them are £4.11.6, they will be returned by first opportunity.

9. The Gazette of the 15th ult. contained notice that you had been appointed Italian Consul, on the 18th we received the Royal Decree by the King of Italy and N. M. Exequatur which are enclosed - The Escutcheon, Flag &c arrived on the 24th & will be forwarded as soon as possible, perhaps by next through Mail. The Directors have applied for Consulates to Sweden & Norway, America and Chili.

10. The Newspapers will have informed you of the decease of Mr. Alex. R. Lafone - our present Directors are Will^m. Boucher Esq. Chairman, - W^m. Hughes Esq. Vice Chairman. Col^l. J. H. Macdonald, James E. Robinson, Emanuel Boucher and Foster Morrisore Esquires.

11. The Flying Squadron under command of Adm^l. G. J. P. Hornby consisting of the 'Liverpool' Captⁿ. J. O. Hopkins, 'Leffey' Captⁿ. J. O. Johnson, 'Endymion' Captⁿ. G. Laoy, 'Scylla' Captⁿ. J. Herbert, 'Barrosa' Captⁿ. Rob^t. Gibson sailed from Plymouth on the 19th ult., the 'Phoebe' Captⁿ. G. Pytheasa will join at Brazil, and are expected to visit the Falklands about July of next year. We sent Charts, Postal Service Office List of Stores (as pt. copy enclosed) to the Admiral, since then we learn some of the prices are incorrect, we are expecting full particulars upon these points in reply to Des^p. 386, 3.

12. Referring to Robina Boyd's Account we find Seven Pounds (£7) still owing to the Comp^y. for the advance to her of £10 at Swansea in July 67, her last payment was in Dec^r. following, as the Journal is received to March 69 this shows 15 months to have elapsed without any Cash from her, we consider you ought to insist on this account being closed at once.

13. Des^p. 50, 4. We shall make some enquiries respecting a Presbyterian Minister, in the mean time you had better learn what the men would really subscribe and state the accommodation the C^o. could offer at Darwin.

14. As your Remittances are so short, showing that the Stores are not going off, we shall not send an autumnal ship, but may start the Wool vessel a little earlier, though it is best to time her so leave the Islands after your summer so as to get the tide collection - we shall have to provide an extra stock of Coals for the Flying Squadron and the difficulty is now to forward the Sheep requirements to be in readiness for the shearing in December - there are some Stores for Mr. Bull waiting shipment, which, with ours, might induce a vessel to call in passing, it is reported Mr. Dean will charter the 'E. Brown' out again as I stand well with him he might oblige us not being Stores for sale.

The 'Vittoria's' Letters were delivered this morning.

I remain, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
J. Coleman
Sec^y.

Enclosures.

- Triplicate 387 - Duplicates 388, 9.
- Dup^s. Coleman to Cobb & May 69.
- Invoice of Warches, Captⁿ. Dyer £4.11.6
- Prices to Flying Squadron.
- Particulars of Insurance of 'Lotus' for one year at £1500.
- Ship's Introductory Letters - Brooke & Worthington, Beynon.
- Letter from Italian Ambassador.
- " Coleman to Travis 8 July 69.
- 17th Annual Report for Col^l. Manager.
- Journal Entries.

No 390

8th July. 1859

The Secretary
of the State

N^o 391.Corporation of the
Falkland Islands Co.

Mr. 'Oneida'

London 7th August 1869.

Sir,

On the 2nd instant we received your Despatch
51 Mr. H. M. S. 'Megora' at Spithead - Mr. Dean had told
me some days previously that he had received his advices by
this vessel on the 7th ult. from Ascension, so that Mr. Hutchison
did not unfortunately carry out your wish as expressed in Par 1st.
We are sorry the 'Megora' did not coal at Stanley I are afraid
that as economy is now the order of the day at the Admiralty, H.
M. Steamers will not require the quantity of Coals and Supplies
they formerly did.

2. Respecting the missing part of the Duplicate of
N^o 49 the want of it did not cause any inconvenience, in con-
-sequence of the Original & Duplicate being delivered at the
same time, as detailed in our last Despatch.

3. N^o 51, 3. We are concerned to hear that you
consider the terms of Capt. Pain's Agreement with the Company
too favorable for himself, as we always endeavour to avoid this
since every one tries to make the Company pay as high as pos-
-sible, and too ready acquiescence in their views is rather an
inducement to make them think the Comp^y can afford every
demand: we received no ideas from you respecting the terms to
be offered to the Captain of the new Schooner, and so could only
be guided by old Agreements with other Captains, in this
manner Capt. Pain's Agreement was drawn up and the Board
looked upon it as a fair thing for both sides - with respect to his
permanent engagement we trust the 'Lotus' will always be kept
in active employment as there must be constant duties for such
a vessel, and being always on pay and taking a pride in his vessel,
we believe Capt. Pain will find his time fully occupied in looking
after her properly, as we consider the deterioration of the 'Fairy'
arose in a great measure from her being laid up & it being no
ones duty to attend to her. Enclosed is Copy of Letter to Capt.
Pain on the 2nd April, which he had to show to you.

4. The Directors are prepared to countenance and
support as far as possible all well disposed persons settling on
the Falklands, though in their present financial position they
are not able to assist any one pecuniarily, still you are at liberty

Frederick C. Cobb Esq
Colonial Manager

Stanley.

to counsel and afford credit to those who commence business at the Islands with Capital of their own, as the Board does not wish the Company to be looked on as a monopoly but desires to improve the Colony with a liberal spirit.

5. 51, 15. We have always made a practice of sending the Invoices of Stores by the vessel conveying them in case of the Mail letters miscarrying or being delayed, however in future if a direct Mail is likely to get out before the ship, we must endeavour to obtain triplicate Invoices of the chief selling Stores and forward them through the Post, so enable you to prepare for sale immediately on arrival of ships.

6. 51, 16. We have written to Captⁿ Purvis of N.M. 'P. Macoon', Senior Captain on the South American East Coast Station, to interest himself about the Falklands, which no doubt he would have done as his Father, the Admiral, was a large Shareholder and the shares are still held by his Executors, but I regret to inform you that he will not hold this position long, being ordered to the West Indies, Captⁿ Cecil W. Buckley of the 'Pylades', now in the Pacific, will be his successor, to whom I have asked Captⁿ Purvis to recommend the Falkland Islands.

7. N: 49, 6. Manufactured Tobacco for Sheep Dressing is not the right thing, the original Leaf Tobacco only ought to be employed, the manufacture and the ingredients used therein have to be paid for and both of these deteriorate the strength of the leaf so that the poisonous quality, the ingredient most required in Sheep Dip, is reduced in power, for as Brazil Roll, Plug and all manufactured Tobaccos are adulterated with molasses, licorice, water &c it necessarily follows the Nicotine in them is weakened, for though the decoction from them appears strong on account of its dark color, this is an element of weakness and equivalent to so much dirt, which is entirely useless; when Tobacco begins to decay the strength of the poison is diminished.

8. In N: 49, 8. you state that Ballast costs seven shillings ($\frac{7}{-}$) per ton, has the price been raised lately? We always inform Captains & others that it is 5/- (five shillings) per ton, which used to be the charge: please ^{say} how many tons can be supplied in a day, where it is usually obtained, whether a ship's own boats can procure it & any other necessary information.

9. We are informed that the Rev^d W. H. Stirling is coming home to be consecrated Bishop of the Falkland Islands, this will be a great disappointment to the Rev^d C. Bull who has

so long expected the appointment - we forward notice about Iron House the South American Missionary Society are preparing to send out to Terra del Fuego, this will be shipped to Stanley and may be part of the inducement for a vessel calling there en route to the West Coast, by which we trust to get out the Sheep requirements in time for the next shearing, this will now be more difficult to arrange as the Rev. Bull's Stores for Goss' Estate are withdrawn, in order to be sent by a Schooner which will be purchased by that Firm for Island service.

10. Despatch 50, 2. Although you mention that on arriving from Darwin you found the 'Antonio Vincent's' Account deficient £1, you did not inform us that this amount was to be collected in excess of her draft and this was not done until on checking the additions it was discovered the above sum had still to be received.

11. Enclosed is printed circular about Wool from the Bradford Chamber of Commerce, which contains some good remarks & instructions, we shall probably forward them a Sample of the Wool ex 'Victoria Tatham' in order to get their opinion & advice.

12. No. 51, 10, 14. Penguin Oil of a good sort has realized here lately £28 to 30 per tun, it was light colored & clear of extraneous matters, in buying this article the leakage in casks coming home, cost of casks, difference in gauges here & in the colony, length of time on hand before shipment, interest on outlay, freight, insurance, landing charges here &c. must be considered, so that without purchasing leads to a good business at the Shore, or the price is below the average to effect immediate sale, the Board would rather have the cash remitted home if there is not a likelihood of its being shipped soon after purchase: of course some is always useful and at times indispensable for ballast for the woolship.

Respecting Fur Seal skins the market here is in an uncertain state at present from recent large importations, we send copy of letter from Messrs Oppenheim & Co. of the 6th inst. (an excellent authority on the subject) who are of opinion that Falklands Furs might be worth 18/- to 20/- each, but they recommend caution. Hair Seal skins should be regulated by Vestib's Prices Current, the present prices being 4/9 to 5/6 each.

In both these cases the best guide for you is the cost of different Adventures at Stanley, compared with the account sales of the same as rendered to you from each cargo received here.

13. From present appearances the Board will not be able to ship Stores this autumn for want of funds, but if the 'V. Tatham's' Produce Cargo turns out favorably we shall be enabled to start the Woolships off earlier than usual, as you stated in Despatch 42, 16, that the Hide collection is ready by the end of January, so we could arrange for a vessel to be there by that time.

which, sailing from the Islands at the end of February would enable the Wool to come into the May sales of next year, when if realizing well we may extricate ourselves from the present financial difficulties - still it will be necessary for you to be economical in your expenditure and careful to remit as much and as frequently as possible.

14. The Directors trust you will take the utmost precautions against Fire both in Stanley, at Darwin and in the Camp, they wish to know what are the regulations in case of accidents, the means at hand for extinguishing fires at Stanley & elsewhere, and desire that if there are no rules at present in force such may be instituted without delay.

15. We send the last Navy List & shall forward two works on Average by next vessel, if no opportunity beforehand the Diaries will be posted by the October Mail.

I remain,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Coleman
Secy.

Enclosures.

Bradford Chamber of Commerce Wool Committee Report
dated 27 July 69.

Notice from S. Am^r. Miss^r. Soc^y. at Iron House.

Ledger and Journal Entries.

Copy of Letter Secretary to Pain 2 Apr 69.

" " Appenheim " Anning Cobb 6 Aug 69.

Confidential Letter from Secretary to Colonial Manager
dated 6 Aug 69.

Letter, Coleman to Cobb 7 Aug 69.

By Book Post

Navy List for July

Gentleman's Magazine " August

Wm. Lambton
per H. H. H.

per August, 1869

N^o: 391

N^o 392.Corporation of the
Falkland Islands Co.P^r. 'La Plata'London 8th Sept^r 1869.

Sir, On the 17th ult^o your Despatch 52 was delivered by the French Mail and on the 23rd we received Duplicates of N^{os} 53, 4, 5 by the Belgian Mail P^r, the 'Foam' having arrived at Montevideo too late for the French Steamer - the English Mail was delivered on the 30th ult^o with all Enclosures correct - the 'Elizth. Brown' has not yet arrived.

2. The Board is glad you have been able to send £315 in Bank Notes & trusts to receive further remittances for the repairs &c of the vessels under the Co^s care. We are pleased to find the 'Lohis' made such a rapid passage out.

3. Your Despatch 52, 2. reports arrival of 'Lohis' and 'Victoria Tatham' and acknowledges receipt of our Desps^s 384, 5, 6, which would imply that they arrived by said vessels, but this cannot be since the last was by the Mail P^r, so in future we must ask you to state the dates of arrival of Despatches when acknowledging same.

4. N^o 52, 3. We have been very fortunate with the Sheep per 'V. Tatham' for having been on board upwards of 4½ months the loss of five out of thirty shows they were of a hardy kind & well attended to, you have not reported anything about their feeding &c so I must take care to ask Capt^m Couch all particulars on his return - we trust the Camp Manager will be careful in keeping these Rams for our best Ewes and we shall expect his report upon them and their progeny, also whether their age is suitable &c.

5. We have furnished Mr. Engels all information about the 'Sea Witch' and offered our services &c, sending intelligence about the Mails out & in, but have not had any reply, we trust he has sent you full instructions so that this vessel may not be delayed longer than necessary, for it must be our great endeavour to get damaged ships away as quickly as possible, so as to bring the port into good repute for repairs.

Frederick E. Cobb Esq
Colonial Manager,
Stanley.

6. N^o 54, 2. Respecting the two Whale Boats built for the C^o at Capt. Pain's suggestion we presume such large boats would not be carried by the 'Lotus' unless on a sealing expedition otherwise they would be knocked about in getting in & discharging cargo, so that if when she goes up to M. Video they are not considered necessary I imagine the gig & a dinghey will then be needful for the Schooner, but in this we must leave the matter to your judgment bearing in mind that it will always be the wiser course to make the Captain comfortable so that his best energies may be devoted to the C^o's service: as we had the opportunity of leaving good fittings in the 'Lotus' on her purchase we thought it better to do so for the credit of the Company so that if possible a passenger traffic might be established with M. Video, the Board does not consider therefore that Capt. Pain need be deprived of his Carpet, as by the terms of Mr. Travis' Agreement it does not appear that he is entitled to a furnished residence, for the extra £10 a year to be allowed him if the C^o did not provide a House could not have implied that he could obtain a furnished place for that rent, consequently if you think he ought to be provided with Furniture you had better let some Carpet be issued from the Store for his use.

7. We shall endeavour (N^o 54, 4.) to send a Bricklayer and Ship Carpenter but are always in an uncertainty as to what wages we ought to offer, please state the amount on which Artizans can live comfortably at Stanley, what we can afford to give, if one of our Cottages could be devoted to a family - and the Wages we are safe in allowing to Shepherds, bearing in mind that House & Beef is provided for them & they cost money getting out, since from the late Emigration going on from Great Britain and the general improvement of the working classes I fear we shall have to raise the inducements to go to the Falklands.

8. N^o 54, 7. You state that the amount of Cash £3 advanced to Ann Hockin had been paid by her Brother and that you did not know of any further expenses on her behalf, on referring to the Journal Entries sent in Despatch 385 you will perceive that £12 was paid by the C^o for provisioning her, this must also be collected - she now offers to go out but we shall not take any steps till we hear the above provision money has been repaid and an amount deposited by her Brother against her further expenses.

9. N^o 54, 9. You have not reported anything lately about the 'Foam', we perceive she still carries the Mails though you express a hope that the 'Lotus' will be engaged for this purpose, one of our former Despatches instructed that the 'Lotus'

Accounts were to be kept in such a full manner as to enable us to see what her outlay and earnings really are, and I shall feel obliged if you will state what you consider to be her average monthly expenses, detailing the items, in order that if anything arises with the Colonial Office we may be able to tender for Mail service; we understand she does not pay Port Charges at M. Video when carrying the Mail but does that free her when she takes in cargo for Stanley afterwards? We have written to Messrs. Schuth & Co. (as per copy enclosed) about her taking all Cargo offering at M. Video & have commenced enquiries upon your suggestion that we might obtain cheap freight to M. V. I make use of the 'Lohus' going down with the Mails to convey these stores, I think this could only be done through Steamers, which, arriving at a fixed time, would enable the goods to be transhipped alongside into the 'Lohus', otherwise the expense of landing, storing & reshipping would come heavy, besides the damage to the goods from these different operations & the extra Insurance for risks in M. Video harbour &c.

10. N^o. 54, 9. You propose that the 'Lohus' should leave Stanley in the middle of one month for M. Video and remain there till the middle of the next month & then return to Stanley for Island duties, taking her average passages to be ten days this would allow her 20 days in each port, the time at M. Video is too long & the period for Island service is too short, could not the latter be lengthened by her leaving Stanley on the 10th of the month & starting from M. Video as soon as the Mails arrive. We send the present Mail Service Table and a proposed Service whereby 35 days are allowed for Island service, the Letters being delivered in the same time as at present, but the Replies are received quicker: the new regulations to be established shortly of the Ocean Steamers going thro' to M. Video may cause an earlier arrival there on the 10th of the month, when perhaps it could be arranged for the Mail Schooner to wait till that time, which would shorten her period for Island service by 5 days, but would expedite the letters.

11. N^o. 54, 12. Preps will be taken to alter the Agreements as it stands to reason that we ought to pay the Shepherds at a cheaper rate than the Colonial wages, since we incur the expense of taking them out & the liability of their return.

12. N^o. 54, 13. The overcharge of £11. 8. 3 in Silver's Invoice has been recovered and we have fortunately succeeded in obtaining the balance of £12. 10. 0 from the Zoological Society, pray take care that the horse left by

their Agent is sold to the best advantage.

13. N^o. 54, 27. Captⁿ. Packe has made a hurried visit here but did not mention anything about his Sections of Land.

14. N^o. 54, 23. With regard to the Belgian Consulate you must be guided by the rules sent out to you, but the Directors believe it is usual for Consuls to report direct to the Foreign Ministers of the Countries they represent.

15. N^o. 54, 24. The Board is gratified to find that Mr. Bertrand thinks so highly of his position under them as to throw up his speculation at the West Falkland, it is however a pity that such a pushing man, as Mr. Pwitzer appears to have been, could not have remained here to work the matter, since he would doubtless have behaved properly and been successful, it is beneficial to the Falklands for old settlers from other Colonies to commence business there.

16. N^o. 54, 25. Respecting the 'Fairy' being repurchased as a consort for the 'Lohis' to the South Shetlands, the Directors would not object to such a plan being carried out, if she can be procured cheaply & both her Commander and Captⁿ. Pain prove to you that there is reasonable chance of the voyage being safe and successful, we fear however this permission will arrive out too late for you to act upon it during your approaching summer still the matter had better be borne in mind; you state the value of the Fairy is £400, how can this be when we only received £600 for her & she has since been ashore, whatever repairs may have been done to her we trust you will only purchase her as a bargain.

17. Despatch 55. Messrs. Nicholson & Sons have complained that your report upon their vessel 'San Fernando' is in such strong language as may prejudice the ships, we have explained that the expression "bad condition" was used by the Newspapers, as you had stated she was in a "deplorable condition" from the damages sustained in the severe weather she had encountered: they seem to think the time proposed to be consumed over the repairs is very long.

18. Despatch 54, 13. I omitted to reply to this that Messrs. Le Lacheur & Son were originally established at Guernsey where they build most of their fine vessels, they trade largely with Costa Rica and other parts of Central America.

19. This intended to issue the orders for Stores upon the Indent ex N^o 52 by the middle of next month and start the Wool ships the last week of November so that she may get out the end of January, this will enable us to see the Stock of Stores at end of June delivered here by the November Mail, and as the December Mail goes on direct we shall send triplicate Invoices of the important stores to enable you to prepare for immediate sale on arrival as suggested by you in Despt^o 51, 15 - also some printed notices of the Stores about to arrive. Mr. Dean is going to charter the 'E. Brown' on her arrival or some other vessel, by which means we hope to get out the Sheep Requirements.

20. N^o 54, 20. This information is not sufficient for us, N^o 390, 11, will show you we require the prices at Stanley of a great number of articles, also N^o 391, 8 about the Ballast must be carefully answered. The Board wishes to know the reduced charges made to employes and the names of those who are granted this favor.

21. You will have heard that Mess^{rs} Croft & Co. have sent you a cargo of Flour from Valparaiso pp. 'Conrad', you had better send price p^o pound this costs into store, including the charge for Insurance, as notified in the Journal entries.

I remain, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
J. Coleman
Sec^y

Enclosures.

Triplicates 388, 9. Duplicates 390, 1.
Duplicate Letter to Travis 3 July
" " " Gov^r Robinson " "
" Private " " Cobb 6 Aug
Copy " " SchuM^r & Co. 1 Sep
" Silver's Credit Note L11. 8. 3
Two Mail Service Tables.
Journal Entries.
Letter Coleman to Cobb 7 Sep
do do " Bertrand 8 "

No. 392

8th Sept. 1889

The Secretary
of the S. S. S.

N^o 393.M^r 'Douro'

Corporation of the

Falkland Islands Co.

London 8th October 1869.

Sir, Since our last there have been no advices from the Islands, the Original of Despatch 53 was delivered by the 'Elizabeth Brown' on the 9th ultimo. We have received the Chronometer which will be thoroughly repaired & sent out in going order by our next vessel for use in case of need, should you get another fit for repair it had better be sent home to be put in order, as an extra Chronometer might sell well or prove of great service at times.

2. You do not reply to N^o 386, 2 in N^o 54, the missing Camp Wages Return, Quarter to 30 Sep 68, must be furnished. N^o 54 did not contain Stanley Wages Return for Quarter to 30 June last.

3. At the last Board Meeting the Directors took into consideration your application in Despⁿ 54, 6 to be allowed the fees from Lloyd's Agency, and though such duties will be attended to in the Company's time they are willing to waive the point and allow these fees to be received on your own private account, but trust that neither Shipping nor Store business will be allowed to interfere with your duties in the Camp as the Board looks upon this department as of the first consideration. I have not been able to learn anything about fees, every one says let a fair charge be made according to the circumstances of each case and neither Shipowners nor Underwriters will complain.

4. In N^o 49, 16. you asked for a Stonemason, we had instituted enquiries for one but did not proceed with the matter on learning that M^r Sparkes, one of the Marines who is a Stonemason, was returning to Stanley, he left by the Liverpool P^W. of the 30th ult^o, we conclude you will be able to secure his services when necessary - there is however a Bricklayer's laborer offering from Basingstoke & as you approve of those lads we may engage him as he would answer for a Sheep help.

5. We send Copy of new Agreement for Shepherds the clause for their giving notice at the end of two years being left out - also one on which we should engage Artisans being for three or four years only, with proviso that if they wish to leave at end of two years they can do so by giving six months notice and paying the cost of their passage out to enable the C^o to obtain a successor, we believe the paying of their passage will be a

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bar to their leaving upon a slight cause, but if a man is careful and saves money to get free so much the better as the Colony cannot have too many of such a class of settlers. As other Sheep Farmers do not appear to send out Shepherds we presume they obtain their requirements from our time-expired men, we should therefore like to know the names of all persons taken out by the C^o who are in the service of other parties in the Colony, we forward List of people sent out by us since 1859 and request you will place against their names what has become of them, returning this paper by first Despatch.

6. We enclose Copy of Letter addressed on the 5th inst. to Earl Granville, the Colonial Secretary, respecting the Land to be chosen by the C^o for the Land Orders, which we have requested may be allowed from Section 3 on account of our Establishment being placed there and its being close to our Freehold - we are promised that if possible instructions will be transmitted by this opportunity to the Governor, being the direct Mail out.

7. Referring to our request (392, 9) for the monthly expenses of the 'Lotus' we forward detailed account of same, which, as far as can be judged here, shows that it ought not to be considered less than £90 per month, so that without she earns something by passengers & freight to & from Montevideo, the £900 allowed by Government for Postal Service would not pay her expenses, tho' the service she performs for the C^o during the 35 days she can remain at the Islands would warrant us undertaking this business, it being of so much importance to have the Mail Service regular: we still look for your detailed items of the 'Lotus' expenses.

8. Mess^{rs} Croft & Co's Bill for £559.2.~ has been accepted to pay for the Flour &c sent to you by the 'Courad' - as you will have a large supply there will be no occasion to ship Flour by the Woodvefel.

9. N^o 54, 16. It has been impossible to enter into the Tramway for Darwin Harbour for want of particulars, we ought to have a large sized plan to scale of the whole place, with inclination from the wool shed to the shore, high flow water mark, whether a road running between the establishment and the sea, and all other explanations you may consider necessary: we send prospectus of the Wire Tramway C^o, which appears a cheap principle of carrying out such a want, by means of a rope running over poles from which the goods to be carried are suspended, but think plain angle iron laid down on continuous sleepers could be more cheaply executed & would answer the purpose, as the wood shipment only takes place once a year though we suppose you wish to use such a tramway for the Stores to Darwin. The above applies also to cost of Iron Jetty, you

ought to send length, breadth, depth of water along its length, nature of ground for foundation, whether screw piles can be used and such like information; a plan and section of the ground at & from the shore to the end, with approaches, rise & fall of tide, distance between high & low water mark, &c: &c: will be required.

10. As the Commission of 2 1/2 p. C: due to Mr. Bertrand as Camp Manager on the net proceeds of Produce will have to be calculated on the Cargo ex 'Victoria Talham', we should like to have your ideas as to what rent ought to be charged to the Farm Acc: for the land on which the Sheep are kept, and whether, during the arrangements upon his engagement, anything was said as to a charge for the use of Lafonia in supporting the cattle that supply the meat for the Shepherds as well as the hides, and if any interest must be put down for first purchase & expenses upon the Stores sent out for Camp use. We trust you will have taken care to keep the purchased Produce of this cargo distinct from the Co's collections, as of course that portion will not carry commission for Mr. Bertrand.

11. We send a Pamphlet issued by the Natal Land Co: showing the assistance they afford to emigrants settling on their farms, and as general opinion favors the idea of small farms at the Falk-lands it will really be necessary to arrange some plan whereby one of our good Shepherds when out of his time might be located upon an island, or promontory easily separated from the mainland, and conduct a Sheep Farm on shares, this would enable some idea to be formed as to the proportions of increase of sheep which could be allowed upon such an undertaking, or what rent would compensate the Co: for the use of their land - there are several points in such an affair which can only be solved by an experiment of actual working, so the Board think it would be well to institute one as soon as possible. One consideration in letting part of the Co's land should be the improvement resulting to same from the breeding & manuring of the sheep, also that if the stock of Wool increases the Co: stands a better chance of getting good prices for their wool, as if in large quantities manu-facturers would purchase it for a continuance instead of just taking as an experiment the little lots now offered: we should also be better able to get extra labor at shearing & dipping times and one or two doing well in this way would induce others to commence & thus the population would increase & benefit the Co: by consumption of our mutton, for it must be borne in mind that as our flocks increase there will be a number of Sheep suitable for butchery through loss of teeth.

12. In order to assist the arrangements for separate Farms on the Co's Estate we have obtained large scaled Charts from the Admiralty, which the Directors request you will fill in

as to the land beyond the coast, so that we may know the position of the rivulets, configuration of the ground, divisions by hills &c in order to obtain a general knowledge of the place and understand the explanations & proposals you will have to make for carrying out such plans. This will also inform us of the position of the Wire Fencing sent out, of the erection or suitability of which (there being two lots shipped at different times) not one word has been reported. The Charts will be forwarded by the 'Voluna' in order that they may be perfected and sent home by our Wool Vessel.

13. Having occasion to see the Secretary of the Emigration Commissioners he observed that but little information was furnished from the Islands for the Colonization Circular, so we forward N^o. 28 with remarks and shall feel obliged if you will draw the Governor's attention to the various points, as the Emigration Office require some official notice, but we wish you to supply what is wanting and any other information considered necessary or useful.

14. Mr. Dean's Cargo of 'Eliz. Brown' appears to be a very large one, all the Directors asking how he obtained such a number of Hides, we send epitome of the sale of these at excellent prices & the Wool at a fair rate, the Penguin Oil is not sold being apparently held at about £29 or 30 W. tun. Mr. Dean has taken up the 'Voluna' of 245 tons Reg^d. Capt. Milligan, to convey a cargo of Stores, her lay days will terminate on the 20th instant: he has allowed us to ship the following Sheep requirements - 3 hds Tobacco, 60 kegs Sulphur, 30 jars Tar Oil, 8 drums Spirits Turpentine and we hope they will be out in time for use, I had almost forgotten 3 Boiling Tanks - we shall send the Office Diaries & what Almanacks we can to arrive by the New Year.

15. By the Wool vessel we shall ship 6 Iron Houses for Shepherds use as per order in N^o. 43, 8, and 3 more Tanks, as N^o. 43, 10, not executing the two intended for Bertrand & Switzer - all the Boots will be from Burrows - there will be a Lather.

16. Enclosed is Phip's Introductory Letter from Mess^{rs}. Joh. Co. Godeffroy & Hon of Hamburg, with names of their 19 ships.

17. Mr. C. H. Williams, Mr. Waldron's friend goes out by this opportunity.

I remain, Sir,
Your obed^t. Servant,
P. Coleman
Sec^y.

Enclosures.

- Letter to Col^l. Office, 5 Oct.
- List of Persons sent out by C^o.
- Particulars of 'Lotus' Expenses.
- Agreements for Shepherds & Artisans.
- Epitome of Sale of Dean's Hides & Wool.
- Prospectus Wire Tramway C^o. Ledger & Journal Entries.
- Godeffroy & Hon's Ship Letter, 6 Oct.
- Letter for Cobb from R. Cobb
- do " Miss Watts " Prague

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8th October, 1849
The Secretary
of the W.M.S.

London, 39 A. Gracechurch St. 26th Oct^r 1869.

E.C.

N^o. 394.

M^r. 'Voluna'

Falkland Islands Company.

Sir,

We received on the 21st inst. ex French Mail your Despatch 57 M^r. Peruvian War M^r. to Rio and on the same day learned from M^r. Dean that the 'West' arrived on the 22nd July and that the 'Victoria Tallam' sailed on the 23rd August - this vessel delivered your Despatch 56 on the 22nd inst. having made a good run home in 59 days.

2. M^r. G. Lennon Hunt the British Consul at Rio has remitted a Bank Bill at 90^{ths} for £1250. 16. - the proceeds of the Peruvian Bill for £1263. 8. 8, one per cent 12. 12. 8 being deducted for the usual commission - when you wish to transact business at a Foreign Port where the C^o. has not yet appointed an Agent would it not be as well to address Lloyd's Agents, so you can learn their names from the List of Members &c. supplied to you by Lloyd's.

3. This vessel chartered by M^r. Dean carries out by his permission a few Shazp requirements for the C^o., she has had to shut out some quantity of goods and could not take 32 casks of Sulphur being too large for the man hole of the Boiling Tank in which there are already 10 kegs of Sulphur, so I allowed M^r. Dean to fill up that tank with his goods, the other two Tanks are packed with Tar Oil & Turpentine. Could not the Tars & Baskets which contain the Tar Oil be preserved and sent back for future shipments. As our vessel will not arrive

till after the new year we take the opportunity of sending some Almanacks, you ask for 1/2 doz Nautical Almanacks of next year, but as 1/2 dozen were sent on 12 Sep 68 we only now forward two; the Hannay's Almanacks are not yet out, so a supply will be forwarded by our vessel.

4. I have the pleasure of reporting that you have been appointed Consul for the North German Confederation and send a sealed box from the Consulate General containing - The Patent of H. M. the King of Prussia - Two Consular Seals - The Exequatur of H. M. the Queen - Book of Consular Instructions - Letter from the Chancellor to yourself, also one from the Consul General - which we trust will reach you safely and lead to much business for the Company - as the Government do not supply a Flag we shall forward one.

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Stanley.

5. N: 56, 8. We imagine you must have heard that Mr. Bull has some one here purchasing Stores for him and have perhaps confounded it with Mr. Turner - I can now inform you that the order was sent to Messrs Henry P. King & Co. of Cornhill, (Successors to Smith Elder & Co.) and has been ready for some time, but as they could not obtain freight for these Stores, Mr. King has purchased the Schooner 'Prene' of 60 tons to take them out and be sold there, she cost £563.12.~ which will be considerably increased by fitting out and is to sail from Liverpool shortly, but as the Stores will have to be sent from here by railway they will be expensive when delivered at Stanley: one report is that the 'Prene' has been bought by Mr. Charles Williams of Stanley to be used for sailing; we understand she is a very good craft having been a yacht formerly, she is in Lloyd's Register.

6. Par 16. Letters for the Falklands if not fully prepaid are returned to the writers, we shall become answerable for the extra names you have given.

7. Par 24. The last edition of the Mercantile Navy List goes out with this.

8. We are glad to hear you find such an improvement in the Sheep and trust all your expectations will be realized, the 'Victoria Tallman' has certainly brought a fine Cargo, the Hides are come to a good market and we expect to do pretty well with the Wool. Capt. Couch reports favorably of your mode of conducting business and the improvements visible everywhere and the Board trust that as you have so far retrieved the Company you will not relax in your efforts until the undertaking proves to be the success which it is entitled to become.

9. Referring to our last about the large scaled Charts we now send the following -

Choiseul Sound, Admiralty, with Sections in pencil
do do large size tracing mounted with soundings
do do do do do to be returned with
do do North Shore tracing alterations &c.
do do South do do

our vessel will convey these two last mounted for your use, so these can be returned with full information on them:

Brenton Loch & Darwin Harbour Tracing Mounted not ready
do do do do do for return
with position of Establishment, Sheep walks &c. &c.

- Lafonia on scale double the size of Admiralty Chart
- Old Charts of Stanley Harbour on thick Paper
- " do " do do showing Fairy Cove Farm
- 2 do " do do mounted on rollers
- Plan of Stanley with queries to be answered,
alterations to be made and returned.

You will doubtless find time to attend to the matters by the time our Wool vessel returns, so that the Board may know more particulars of the Company's Property than we have hitherto been able to obtain.

I remain,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
J. Coleman
Secy.

Enclosures.

- Triplicates N^{os} 390, 1.
- Duplicates " 392, 3.
- Triplicate Coleman to Cobb 6 Aug
- Duplicates do do 7 Sep, 8 & 12 Oct
- Catalogues of Dean's Cargo ex 'Elizabeth Brown'
- Bill of Lading of this Vessel
- General Invoice £ 219.8.
- 8 Detailed Invoices
- List of Contents of Office Case
- Price Currents.

will go by Wool ship

N. 394

26th Dec. 1859

The Secretary
of the A. S. B.

Corporation of the
Falkland Islands Co.
London 8th November 1869.

N^o 395.
M^r Onida'

Sir,

On the 29th ultimo we received Originals of your Despatches 58, 59, 60, by the Belgian Mail P^{ost} via Falmouth and as there was not anything delivered by the English P^{ost} on the 3rd instant, we presume you did not send Duplicates to Montevideo. M^r Travis arrived here the same day but unfortunately did not bring the Store Stocktaking for which he had been detained.

2. We do not know anything of M^r C. H. Williams beyond that he was a Solicitor at Cheltenham. He called here several times & received all the information & advice I could give him, but when questioned as to means and connections he never gave any direct answer, so you will have to be cautious about making advances to him without security in case he requires assistance, he always professed to be willing to do his business through the C^o in return for our attentions & the Board wish you to let him have the benefit of your experience, if he consults upon any matter relating to his farming on the West Falkland.

3. Your account of the Wreck of the Italian Ship 'Peru' is sufficient and shows the C^o has not obtained any part improperly, the Directors do not think they will hear anything upon this matter. Lloyd's Secretary forwarded a copy of your Letter of 31st August, but they do not intend taking any steps.

4. Respecting Post Office Orders M^r Quilley has forwarded her Son's Letter, dated 22nd June, saying he had remitted £3.10. - whereas the Order N^o 56 was for £3 only, please look into this.

5. M^r Waldron's Bill £183.1.7 has been accepted, but I am sorry to report that Mess^{rs} W. Nicholson & Sons have refused to accept their £850.5.11 for the 'San Fernando', in consequence of the total amounting no more than the estimate you mentioned to them & the report you make of their Captain's behaviour, which, they say, shows that he was incapable of judging whether the repairs were properly done and because he has not forwarded all the accounts & papers, we doubt not however that they will eventually meet the demand, still it shows that there should be caution used in heavy repairs to have evidence of their necessity, as curious enough this being a disputed matter you have not sent even the ship's Account or any papers. On the discussion it came out that Shipowners are not liable for any Cash given to the Captains themselves but only for necessary repairs and supplies actually put on board, you must therefore in future take care not to advance money to Captains, but pay for everything yourself upon proper vouchers, fortunately M^r Travis was here to prove that Captⁿ Roberts had only received about £10 to 15 to pay some petty

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Colonial Manager
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expenses. Messrs. Nicholson's objections arise in a measure from your work of supererogation in warning them of their Captain's excessive drinking, though this was honorably done & well meant, and a duty the Directors wish you to continue by forwarding such information to owners through this Office, it of course, coupled with the character of Stanley, had rather an adverse effect, but now that the C^o has more control over shipping at the Falklands owners will gradually learn that business is conducted honorably.

6. The Board approves of your having sent up the ¹¹⁰Lotus to Montevideo for Horses & trusts she will be able to obtain a good supply & return early with them so that there may be a large collection of hides for our next cargo: the instructions to Capt. Pain are explicit and the Board has addressed him, as per letter enclosed, to be handed to him, urging him to economy & attention to Company's interests and obedience to yourself - we are grieved to hear your account of him, it shows he has not been able to bear promotion, the Directors trust however that strictness on your part will restrain him - the Inventory of 'Lotus' appears to be correct.

7. The Board are satisfied from the Accounts and Mr. Travis' explanations that you have remitted what you could, nevertheless the cost of Stores, Bills &c. drains our resources to the utmost and causes serious inconvenience & expense in obtaining advances to meet these outlays, the Directors are much gratified at receiving such a large cargo of Produce from 'V. Tatham' which they believe will realize good prices and make the year's transactions profitable, but meantime, having to purchase an extensive assortment of Stores, financial matters cause uneasiness, they trust your anticipations about the sale of expensive remedies for Sheep dips and the increase of the Wool will prove true & then the C^o will make progress, but we shall hardly be able to declare dividend until some part of the Debentures raised for Store Capital are paid off, under present circumstances they thank you for the suggestion about circular to Shareholders but they must not raise expectations until the course is more clear.

8. Mr. Travis had an interview with the Board and has explained many matters to me, as you had not mentioned upon what terms he kept Stanley the Directors at his request allowed his salary to run on, but could not grant the expenses of his passage home as there was a Cabin at his service on board the C^o's vessel 'V. Tatham', so that the amount paid by Messrs. Schuth &c. £52.10.~ and all other expenses will have to be debited to his acc^t: he only saved four days by travelling per Steamer 'Tehurus' per Belgian N^o. on 3rd prox^o from Falmouth.

9. We have chartered the 'Victoria Tatham' again at £1400 (Fourteen hundred Pounds) out and home and though

the Owner reluctantly allowed us to insert 40 days for loading at the Islands, the Board assured him the utmost expedition should be used and beg you will attend to this and arrange accordingly, for this precaution was only taken in case of the cargo not being quite ready as she will be with you earlier than former Woolships. copy of Charter party is forwarded.

10. By the 'Voluna' which sailed from the Downs on 30th ult^o we forwarded the Watches brought home for repair as mentioned in N^o 390, 8.

11. The Stock of Coals was not given in last Despatch.

I remain,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Coleman
Secy

Enclosures.

Duplicate N^o 394

" Bill of Lading ff. 'Voluna'

" Letters Coleman to Cobb 26 & 27 Oct 69.

Copy 'V. Tatham's' Charter party

Journal Entries

Letter Coleman to Pain 8 Nov 69.

P.S. By letter received this morning from Stockholm we are informed that it is not the intention to establish at present a Swedish and Norwegian Consulate at the Falklands.

N^o 395

Gen Nov. 1869

The Secretary

of the

London, 39 St. Gracechurch St. 1st Dec^r 1869.
E.C.

M^r. Sch^r. 'Prene'
via Liverpool

Falkland Islands Company.

N^o. 396.

Sir, We only heard a short time since that this Vessel was ready for sea so write a short Despatch by her.

2. We were disappointed that the 'Huesaquina' at Liverpool on the 24th ult^o did not bring advices, but your Despatches 61 and 62 ex 'Glenairn' via Queenstown were delivered this morning, I immediately sent for M^r. Travis and explained matters to him, as he leaves for Falmouth to return to Montevideo by the Belgian Sth of the 3rd instant.

3. Mess^{rs}. Nicholson & Sons have not yet accepted the Bill for the 'San Fernando' so that your remittance in N^o. 62 is very acceptable - we are in hopes the Captain's Acts may be here every day from the West Coast as the want of this Cash is very inconvenient.

4. Several unforeseen circumstances have hindered the loading of the 'Victoria Tatham' so we shall not be able to get her off until the 30th or 31st instant, she will carry out a very large and valuable Cargo and will we trust make quick passages so that her return Produce will pay for the Stores she now carries out. There will be 12 1/2 Adult Passengers on board being a married Philician - painter, two married Farm Laborers from Hampshire with families, two Scotch Shepherds and an English Lad, also a young female Servant and Serj^t. Butler to join his wife and family at Stovley.

5. We understood this vessel is fully loaded with Stores for Goss' Estate through the Rev^d. C. Bull - but as the Mail of the 5th inst^o goes out direct there is no need to say more at present.

6. Patmore forgot to say the 'V. Tatham' will have 15 Cheviot Rams for us and three Rams for M^r. Shickney.

I remain,

Sir,

Your obed^t. Servant,

J. Coleman

Sec^y.

J. E. Cobb Esq
Colonial Manager
Stavley.

N^o 397.

M^r 'La Plata'

Corporation of the

Falkland Islands Co.

London 8th December 1869.

Sir, I regret to inform you that the 'Prené' left Liverpool hurriedly without our Despatch, tho' it was written on the very day her Charterers Mess^{rs} Henry S. King & Co called here to say she would take letters, it appears their correspondence also arrived at Liverpool too late, as this is the direct Mail it may not prove of consequence though it is annoying to have our communications delayed.

2. The Board has to call your serious attention to the fact that the bales of Wool ex 'Victoria Tatham' sold to the Comp^y by Mess^{rs} Bertrand & Switzer, weighed at the Co's scales the same as our own wool, all show heavier weights at Darwin than in London, though with the Co's clip it is just the reverse as the landing weights are, with only 14 exceptions, more than the shipping weights, this looks very suspicious and bearing in mind that there was a great difference between the buying & landing weights of the New Island Wool brought home P. Ashole, the Directors wish you to look well into the matter as they will not be content to pay for the Wool at M^r Bertrand's weights and consider the difference in the weight of the 'Ashole's' Wool ought to be allowed for in some way: we send Copy of the Wool weights from Darwin certified by M^r Travis and myself, and copy of Mess^{rs} Goch & House's Landing Weights ex 'Victoria Tatham'.

3. We have had a visit today from the General Post Office to point out that the Falkland Mail Service will be changed through the acceleration of the Royal Mail S^{vc}, I send a copy of the alterations as given to us but have not time to go through it myself, as it appears to me that any alterations must come from your side, still being the direct Mail it is better to bring it to your notice without delay, the 'V. Tatham' will carry out a pamphlet of the new times of the R. Mail S^{vc} for your guidance.

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Colonial Manager
Stanley.

4. Referring to your Despatch 59, 8, the 'Lobos' Barometer and several other matters amounted to 12.15. as per Atkins' Acct. of which we believe a copy was put on board.

5. In order to encourage careful habits amongst the Company's employes the Board endeavoured to get the Post Office Savings Bank opened at Stanley, as there is a Money Office there now, but learn that at present it is limited to the United Kingdom.

6. We are still without acceptance to the 'San Fernando's Bill, we now see you sent her accounts in the 'Comrod' and took for them daily from America. In every case of a Bill on Owners by Captains there should be a Letter of Advice from the Captain to his Owner, this had better be a regular enclosure in our Despatch with the Bill and then we have not to depend upon careless Captains posting their letters. When repairs or other heavy outlays occur we should be furnished with Copies of Protests, Petveya &c. which the Clerk can copy for our use in case of need.

7. There was no Balance Sheet with the Accounts to the 30th June last and the want of the Store Stock Return caused inconvenience in ordering the Stores for the 'W. Tatham': we made out a Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement, which was fully explained to Mr. Travis and of which he took out Copies.

8. Referring to 54, 15 wherein you report some of the Camp people to be suffering from insanity, it will relieve your mind to know that it cannot be the effect of climate or living in the case of Quilley since we have lately learned that he and his family are rather queer in the head, so you will have to take precautions that he is always working with some careful man, who would look after him whenever any of these strange fits come over him.

9. You have not reported the day of Mr. Priest's arrival for us to note same in his Agreement for commencement of pay and period of service. Respecting W. Mason the new Ship Carpenter we had to allow him a House, Mr. Travis reports the Co's Cottages are all occupied so you will doubtless decide to erect one of the Iron Houses at Stanley, the plans of these have been explained to him to enable him to begin at once: we could not agree to his present terms of not receiving Wages during the voyage out without making a consideration, so it was arranged that £5 of the advance of £15 was to be allowed him, which makes him contented and does not create a precedent for others to get wages going out.

10. I was in hopes of being able to say that a vessel had been sent out to carry on the 'Sea Witch's' Cargo, as her owner M^r. Rob^t. J. M^r. Geagh, 5 Abercorn St., Belfast, called here some time since expressing such an intention, & threw out a hint that we might purchase her for a Hulk if sold cheap and have learned that she is a strong ship (having been built by Green at Blackwall) tho' small for such a purpose - since then the Agent of the Underwriters upon the Hull & P. A. has been here to learn who could best protect their interests, you were recommended as Lloyd's Agent & would act honorably for all parties concerned.

11. The Emigrants engaged for the 'V. Takham' go out upon Woodland Orders N^o. 23 and 24 for £100 each and consist of the following persons -

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|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| W ^m . Mason | his Wife | Ship Carpenter |
| George Clark | | Shepherd from Moutrose |
| Tho ^s . Goodwin | | do " Dumfries |
| George Cooper | wife & 3 children | Farm Laborers
from Old Basing |
| Nath ^l . Paice | wife & infant | |

These two are obtained through the good accounts received from Smallbones, Phillips & Co. (a brother of the latter wishes much to be engaged next time) -

Henry Edwards Farm Laborer from Dund. Newcastle and we think if he sends home good reports this neighbourhood will be a favorable recruiting ground, for it is necessary to have different places whence to draw Emigrants, as good Scotch people are now difficult to obtain.

The above make up 10 1/2 Adults and there are two Passengers on their own account, Perj^t. Joseph Butler, a pensioned Marine, returning to his wife & family, who pays a passage of Twenty Pounds - and Emily Fry, a General Servant, well known to M^r. Mason, who pays Fifteen Pounds for her passage. A man named Adell formerly at Stanley ships as extra Steward at nominal wages to work his passage out, (his wife & family are to join him next year by Steamer) so this vessel will land a number of consumers & producers upon the Falklands and the Directors trust they will be successful so that others may be induced to follow their example.

12. We have had considerable difficulty about getting all our Stores on board, even now there will be some shut out, a little Sulphur, some Paraffine, a bale of Bedding, the Compressed Hay, 3 casks Nectar and we have been obliged to decline M^r. Dean's Goods shut out of the 'Voluna', the Oil

and Lighthouse Stores for Government, and some Apothecary's Goods from the Crown Agents - Mr. Baillon also wished to send a quantity of Stores for his sons, this we declined on the score that they could purchase almost as cheap from our Store as sending out small quantities at high freight, so the Board considers if they transact all their business with the C^o and it is possible to make a reduction to them it would but be fair to do so, as their success must eventually benefit the Comp^y by raising the value of our land if Gentlrs can make farms on Gov^t lands pay.

The 'V. Tatham' will certainly leave the Docks on the morning of the 11th.

I remain, Sir,
Your obed^t. Servant,
J. Coleman

Enclosures.

- Original N^o 396 Despatch
- Wool Weights from Darwin ex 'V. Tatham'
- do do at London " do
- Land Orders N^{os} 23, 24 - £100 each.
- Reports of Wool & Hides ex 'V. Tatham'
- Notice of Stores for Sale some #. Bk Post
- Particulars of Iron Houses Packages
- do for obtaining Falkland Isl^d Insects
- Butler's & Fry's Agreements in Copy.
- Notes on Stores #. 'V. Tatham'
- Rough Gent. Invoice " do
- Mail Service Table with P. O. Alterations
- Triplet Invoice Bradbury
- Banerman
- Burrows
- Coppslake
- Croft
- Fairbairns
- Gillon
- Morton & J.
- Rouison
- Silver
- Ward
- Wild
- Yates

N^o 397
 per J. Baillon 1869
 J. Baillon
 per 6/10/69

London, 39 A. Gracechurch St. 10th Dec. 1869.

N^o 398.

F.C.

M^r Victoria Tatham, Falkland Islands Company.

Sir, Having written so lately we have only to report that this vessel is now ready for sea with the most valuable Cargo the Comp^y has ever shipped, which the Directors trust will get out in fine order & be turned to good account: we have fortunately succeeded in stowing more than anticipated, the only things shut out being 20 bales Compressed Hay and a bale of Bedding from Silver's N^o 1168 of which there is already one bale N^o 1167 on board, so that the want of this will not be felt, being of such a small amount £4.7.9 the invoice will not be altered. We regret not being able to take the Lighthouse Oil & Apothecary's Goods for the Government, we trust the former is not positively required immediately, but if so the Colza Oil now on board would answer for burning in the lamps.

2. Since our last we have received correspondence from Belfast as per copies forwarded which shows that the Underwriters of the 'Sea Witch' wish you to look after their interests, we believe the Owner has instructed Capt^m M^r Cully to ask your advice so you will have to act carefully for the benefit of all parties concerned.

3. The German Consul General informs me that by the English Law Consuls cannot make Protests though their Laws permit consuls to draw up such documents, it will always be better to let an appointed Notary act & you certify to the document, but in case of need if there is no notary to transact the business then you can attend to it yourself, taking care to make a statement of the facts.

4. Part of our Wool is sold as per Catalogue forwarded, complaint is made that it is very washing, more so than former shipments & the Brokers seem to think the fleeces should be more skirted, that is the dirty parts more cut off, as in this shipment there are not near so many bales of locks & pieces as in former lots. We look to your careful report upon the Rams by this vessel and those shipped by M^r Pickeney, which are fine animals and may suit for the vallies though not so well adapted for the cold mountainous parts as the Cheviots, should a gratuity become payable on these to the Captain & Made you will of course charge it to the Firm.

Frederick C. Cobb Esq
Colonial Manager
Stanley.

5. All the people start in good spirits & we hope to hear a favorable account of them, their advances are not so much as usual, it will be necessary to send Certificate of their arrival by the first Mail to enable us to claim the second moiety on the Land Orders.

Trusting the 'D. Tatham' will make a quick run out, get loaded with a full cargo without delay and have a favorable passage home,

I remain,

Sir,

Your obed^t. Servant,

J. C. Coleman
Sec^y

Enclosures as^{pr}
Separate List
and Two Bills of Lading.

Corporation of the
Falkland Islands Co.

London 10 December 1869.

Enclosures for Victoria Tatham

- Triplicate Despatches Nos 392, 3, 4.
- Duplicate do " 395, 6, 7.
- Triplicate Letters from Secretary to Cobb dated 26, 27 Oct 69.
- Duplicate " " " " " " 8 Nov 69.
- " " " " " " " " 8 " "
- Charterparty
- Emigration Agreement
- Land Orders for £100 each Nos 23, 24. Part 1.
- Victoria Tatham's Wool Weights, 2, Shipping & Landing
- Insects from Falkland Islands
- Office Parcels Packed
- Reports on Wool & Hides ex V. Tatham
- Packages of Iron Houses
- Tracing of Swiss Fence
- Cobb's Invoices - Cochs $\frac{2}{3}$ Mann £2.4.4 McAlpin £18.9.4
Simmitt £7.4.4
- Lawson's Two memos about Trees
- Letter for Cobb from Colernan
- " " Smallbones " his mother
- " Two " Bull " King H^o
- 'Sea Witches' Correspondence from Sinclair & Boyd 7, 9 Dec 1869 for £200
- " " Secretary to do 9 " "
- Agreements with W. Mason & receipt for £15 advanced
- " " G. Cooper " " 12 "
- " " N. Paice " " 10 "
- " " G. Clark " " — "
- " " J. Goodwin " " — "
- " " H. Edwards " " 9 "
- " " J. Butler " " 3. 10/- "
- " " Emily Fry " " 3 "
- Notes on Cargo
- General Invoice £6,569. 6. 4
- 90 Detailed Invoices
- Wool Sale Catalogue
- Journal Entries