

Stanley Harbour

April 15. 1864

Sir

In pursuance of the plan adopted by the South American Missionary Society for introducing Christianity amongst the Nation of Tierra del Fuego, I desire your Excellency's permission to bring over from time to time to the Falkland Islands certain Nations of the above Country for purposes of Christian instruction and civilisation.

The Society's Station is on Keppel Island in the West Falklands.

The plan of operations has been sanctioned by the Colonial Office at home, as well as by preceding Governors of this Colony.

I desire likewise to inform your Excellency that one of the Nations of Tierra del Fuego, who has been recently in England, died on his voyage out on the 2<sup>nd</sup> inst.; and on the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. was buried at the Society's Station, according to the rites of the Church of England.

The lad's Christian name was John Allen Gardner; his native name Uroopa.

I have the honour to be, Sir,  
your Excellency's most Obedt<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Walter Stirling, B.A.  
Superintendent of S.A.M.S.

Excellency  
Thomas Robinson.