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1. Before I reply to Mr Stanford's letter below, I would be grateful to know if there are any points I should be aware of.
2. Perhaps the Harbour Master could comment.

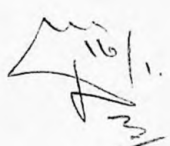


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as far as I can see there are no points that should be brought to HE's notice



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~~There~~ There are no particular points that we can suggest for inclusion in your reply to Mr Stanford.  
But I have placed below Jim Lawrence's minute of 17 January as which you may wish to draw.



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NEW MEXICO HISTORICAL REVIEW

The University of New Mexico  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87131

September 11, '78

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Dear Chief Secretary,

It appears that a few of us will once again visit Stanley in January. The objective this time is to examine the VICAR OF BRAY with the notion of returning her to San Francisco's Maritime Museum. She's an English ship, as you know, but the last of the Gold Rush era vessels and of considerable interest to California and the National Society. The group will consist of a naval architect (yet to be selected), Joe Sawtell who was with us briefly last season, Throckmorton, and myself . . . to watch over Peter. I am also thinking of bringing my 9 year old daughter; she's a bright, self-reliant girl who would benefit from such an experience. And she is still young enough to travel at half fare.

In the past five months I have sent off some thirty-plus letters and packages to Stanley and have yet to receive a direct reply. Are we as non grata as all that? you'd better let me know if we are.

Look forward to seeing you once again.

Sincerely yours,

Eric Berryman

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Gilbert band

CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE

THE SECRETARIAT

STANLEY

FALKLAND ISLANDS

9 October 1978

Ref: LEG/10/45

Dr Eric Berryman  
New Mexico Historical Review  
University of New Mexico  
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Thank you for your letter of 11 September, notifying me that you expect to be returning with another group early next year to examine the "Vicar of Bray". This sounds fine and, provided everything is done in full accordance with our Protection of Wrecks Ordinance, I foresee no difficulties. Naturally I take it that you are also in direct contact with the Falkland Islands Company, on whose land the vessel now lies. They, presumably, will have to give agreement for your staying at Goose Green.

You mentioned that you had sent off some 30 or more letters and packages in the last five months and had had no reply. I am sorry to learn of this. The only explanation that I can offer is that almost nothing seems to have arrived. I myself only know of your letter of 4 April to me, to which I sent an immediate reply (containing an explanation) on 26 September immediately it had arrived. It would therefore seem that the rest of the mail has still to get here. I understand that the Harbourmaster has also received a letter from you; but this was very recently and he indicated that it did not call for reply. I hope this explanation will serve to show that we are not deliberately remaining silent, for it is an axiomatic custom of the Secretariat at least to acknowledge letters with the least possible delay. We would not wish to appear discourteous and perhaps you would let me know if you think that there is anything that we ought to be doing about the missing mail.

With all good wishes,

JOHN MASSINGHAM

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NEW MEXICO HISTORICAL REVIEW

The University of New Mexico  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87131



October 23, 1978

Dear Chief Secretary,

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Many thanks for your letter of October 20th; I have learnt that post from here to Stanley has taken as long as five months. The various magazines, press clippings of the ST MARY arrival in Maine, and so forth are starting to get there. One of the packets included a book on southwestern Indian pottery for you, which is probably lost by now. I could not imagine that the process would take so long, hence my query. I am getting replies now, but I shall stop sending post via Britain. Much too time consuming.

The VICAR belongs to the National Society, I believe. It was formally handed over by the FIG at a ceremony in London with telegraphic congratulations from H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh, Senator Kennedy, and other notables in the U. K. and this country. The only major provision I can think of is that if the bulk is removed, the FIG is owed a new jetty. If you know of something that ought to be secured by us before arriving I would appreciate hearing about it. I am trying to avoid the informational gap we suffered last season and since I am the coordinator this time will only have myself to blame if things go awry.

I wish that you could do something about the mails, but fear that the problem is simply part and parcel of communicating with the Falklands.

With sincere regards.

*Eric Berryman*  
Eric Berryman

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PETER STANFORD  
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His Excellency J.R.W. Parker O.B.E.  
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Your Excellency:

This will introduce Dr. Eric Berryman, Research Professor of History at the University of New Mexico and our Secretary to the Falkland Islands Project, who is the coordinator for this season's survey of the Vicar of Bray.

As you know, ownership of the Vicar was transferred to the Society by the Falkland Islands Company at ceremonies in London. This most generous and public-spirited gesture to the American people during the Bicentennial by the FIC now makes it possible to consider seriously the return of the vessel to San Francisco.

As the last survivor of the 1849 Gold Rush, the Vicar's historical association with California and the development of the West cannot be over-emphasized. The present survey is a vital first step in the process.

The Society deeply appreciates any assistance you may be able to provide the team. Dr. Berryman acts as our representative and speaks for the Society in all matters related to historic ship preservation.

Yours sincerely,

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Marine Archeologists

1. Shortly after arriving in the Falklands on last Friday's LADE flight, Dr Eric Berryman turned up at the office for a brief chat, accompanied by a photographer, Mr Nicholas Dean, who appears to be connected with Maine Maritime Museum. I invited them home for drinks on Saturday evening. You may remember that Berryman visited the Falklands last year, to arrange the transportation of the "St Mary" wreck to Maine. He is here on this occasion to assess the possibilities of the "Vicar of Bray" being removed from Goose Green to its original home, San Francisco. He has no idea whether this idea is a starter, and it appears that he is here for a brief reconnaissance visit only.
2. Berryman is accompanied by eight other people, including Mr and Mrs Joseph Sawtell, who have financed this visit; Sawtell took part in last year's activities. Diane Page, the UPI correspondent based in Buenos Aires, is also with the party. The group left for Goose Green on Sunday morning, having chartered the Norwegian yacht which arrived here last week.
3. I asked Berryman how he intended to ship the wreck back to San Francisco. He was very vague on this point, although he did say that perhaps Naval transportation could be deployed. The wreck is apparently very large, and will need to be cut into sections and then reassembled in San Francisco. I mentioned to Berryman that the Harbour Master was in the UK at the moment, but he would be returning this week. Berryman will be contacting him on his return.
4. Peter Throckmorton, although keen to visit the Falklands again, is not proposing to do so this summer. Berryman is quite aware that Throckmorton overstepped the mark last year and admitted that he had been very embarrassed by the way in which he (Throckmorton) had upset everyone. However, the expedition had, on the whole, been a great success. It also looks as though the film made here "The Ghosts of Cape Horn", is likely to receive wide acclaim.
5. The "St Mary" exhibit in the Maine Museum is attracting a great deal of attention. The Museum are intending to invite a couple of Island representatives to the formal unveiling ceremony this coming July.

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6. Berryman is leaving the Falklands on 26 January. He will probably contact me before his departure, to report what progress has been made.

*Lawrence Lawrence*

M A M Lawrence (Miss)  
17 January 1979



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23 January 1979

Mr Peter Stanford  
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Thank you for your letter in which you introduced Dr Eric Berryman who will this season be the co-ordinator for the survey of the "Vicar of Bray". I am glad to think this will be yet another occasion on which we can demonstrate our co-operation in the safeguarding and preservation of relics of our joint maritime heritage.

I hope the team has every success in its work, and you may be assured we will afford it all the assistance we can.

J R W Parker  
Governor