

Respecting Military Honors for
a deceased Marine Pensioner

H.M.S. "Algerine"

Stanley

4th January 1883

Sir,

I have the honor to
acknowledge the receipt of your
Excellency's Letter of the 3rd inst,
respecting the decease of Edward
Butler a Marine Pensioner,

A firing Party from the
Detachment of Royal Marines

His Excellency

servicing

Thomas Kerr

Governor

Falkland Islands

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serving on board this ship.
will attend at the cemetery
at 3 o'clock this afternoon
weather permitting.

I have the honor to be,
Your Excellency's
Obedient Servant

Arthur Middleton

Commander

The severe winter weather we
have had I hope has not incom-
veniented yr Excellency & family.
tho I am afraid it has not
been agreeable to you, but perhaps
you have not had it so severe
as we have.

My wife joins me in
very kind regards to you &
your family circle &

Believe me

Yr very obediently

L. A. Holmsted

To His Excellency
Governor Kerr.



Adelaide Station,
Falkland Islands.

Aug^r 29th 1884

My dear Governor.

Understanding your
Excellency has ordered all
vessels coming from any com-
mercial Port should not call
at the West Falklands until
they have been to Stanley.

I trust your Excellency will
excuse me if I beg that such
restrictions may be withdrawn
for in the one instance of vessels
coming from Sandy Ptⁿ, if allowed



to call here, we should derive great benefit. 1st by getting wood at cheap rates, which if sent to Stanley and then reship'd back here would be too costly - for a vessel taking sheep to Sandy Pt^r would prefer a cheap freight to none. Again, we should be enabled to send our mail to Stanley which at the present time goes round the coast seeking a chance vessel to take it in, besides passengers could go from here direct to Sandy Pt^r and back without the loss of time and expence of going to Stanley. I am sure your Excellency will see the many reasons to grant this wish - it is a boon so much desired by the Mt. Falklands.

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Should there be a fear of dutiable things being landed to evade the Customs, might I suggest that the Farmer at whose Post the vessel calls should appoint a man as Customs Officer during the stay of the vessel.

I beg your Excellency will give your attention to this question which being a serious one for us must be my excuse for troubling you on the subject.

We are very pleased to hear your son has arrived out and will most probably pay us a visit with the Bishop, whom we are rejoiced to hear has safely returned from his adventurous trip to Orobora.

Private

Copy

Government House
7th August 1884

My dear Mr Dean

I have just received your note asking my assistance in the matter of Williams and your Father with reference to the Lease of Weddell Island and Port Edgar.

I most willingly give you all the information in my power but it would be improper to offer you any advice on a matter which at any time might become a question of law.

A Lease was granted to C. H. Williams on the 15th February 1874 of a station comprising Port Edgar and Weddell Island for 21 years at a rent for the first ten years of £124 " 12 " 9. a year and of £207 " 14 " 8 a year for the remainder of the term.

On the 10th November 1874 the lease was transferred by C. H. Williams to Alexander Lang Elder according to the provisions of the 15th Section of the Land Ordinance of 1871—"by endorsement on the back of the lease signed by the Lessee or his attorney"—and due notice of the transfer was given to the Acting Colonial Secretary

On the 20th March 1882 the lease was ~~transferred~~ transferred by Alexander Lang Elder to John Markham Dean the transfer being signed by George Markham Dean attorney to Alexander Lang Elder and due notice of the transfer was given to the acting Colonial Secretary.

Since then the Colonial Secretary has not received notice of any other transfer and therefore the present ~~lease~~ Lessee is John Markham Dean.

If I understand you correctly Mr John Markham Dean is desirous of dividing the lease, and of transferring that portion of it which relates to Heddell Island to the heirs of C. H. Williams.

This can only be done "by application to, and with the sanction of the Governor" as provided by Section 18 of the Land Ordinance of 1871. to which I refer you.

Any further information which it is in my power to supply I shall at any time be happy to afford you

Believe me &c

sd./ J Kerr

Relative to admeasurement of shipping

H.M.S. "Algerine"
Port Stanley
12th January '85

Lieutenant John A. W. Sheed

Chief
Carpenter's
Mate

Benjamin Deane

Sir,

In reply to your Excellency's Letter of this days date requesting the appointment of an officer of Her Majesty's Ship under my command as admeasurer of shipping for the purpose of measuring the Schooner "Orissa."

I have the honor to inform you

His Excellency

Thomas Kerr

Governor

Falkland Islands

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you that I have selected the
officer, and Chief Petty Officer
named in the margin who will
be ready to perform that service
at 10. am to-morrow the 13th
inst. should that time suit
your Excellency.

I have the honor to be

Your Excellency's
Obedient Servant

Wm. G. Fullerton Commander

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The Secretary, Treasury, to the Under
Secretary of State, Colonial Office. —

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Treasury Chambers
30th December 1881.

Sir

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's
Treasury have had before them Mr.
Wingfield's letter of the 21st instant
enclosing the copy of a despatch from
the Governor of the Falkland Islands,
with the estimates of the Colony for the
year ending the 31st of December 1882:
together with statements of the Assets and
liabilities of the Colonial Government on
the 7th of October 1881.

With reference to the 2nd paragraph
of Mr. Wingfield's letter relative to the
surplus which the Governor anticipates

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in the Funds of this Colony, I am to
request that you will inform the Secretary
of State that My Lords would be glad
of some further explanation in detail of
the expenditure of £1181 by the Crown
Agents on account of the Colony.

I have &c

(Sd) J. St. John.

The Under Secretary of State
Colonial Office.

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The Secretary Treasury to The Under Secretary
of State, Colonial Office.

Treasury Chambers

3rd April 1882

Sir,

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury
have had before them Mr Meade's letter of the 27th
March containing further information respecting
the proposal that the salary of the Colonial Secretary
and Treasurer of the Falkland Islands should be
increased from £200 to £350 per annum, and that
a clerk should be appointed to assist him, with
a salary of £200 per annum, and stating that the
Secretary of State will not press for an immediate
decision upon the latter proposal. I am to state,
for the information of the Earl of Kimberley, that
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in the circumstances stated in the previous letter of 16th March last that a salary of £200 is inadequate to secure the services of a competent officer to discharge the duties of Colonial Secretary to hitherto performed by Mr. Collins, and in this letter that the difficulties of the Colony will be increased by delay in the appointment of a successor to Mr. Collins, my Lords will not refuse their consent to the salary of this Officer being increased to £350 per annum.

I am to add that as the Mail Service is conducted by the Colonial Government the estimates of the Colony should provide for the whole expenditure.

I have &c
A. F. Cavendish

The Under Secretary
of State
Colonial Office

Copy

The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies to the
Secretary, Treasury -

Downing Street

27 March 1882,

Sir

I am directed by the Earl of Kimberley to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th instant stating that the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury cannot assent to the proposed increase of the salary of the Treasurer and Colonial Secretary of the Falkland Islands, nor to the appointment of an Assistant Clerk, until they have received a reply to the letter addressed by them to this Department on the 27th of January last, relative to
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the Estimates of the Falkland Islands for the year 1882.

2. I am to state that this Department is unable to furnish the information which their Lordships require as to the financial position and prospects of the Colony pending the transmission by the Governor of the return of the actual receipts and expenditure in the year 1881 which have not yet been received.

3. The Colonial Government is involved in great difficulties through the incompetence negligence and malpractices of the late Treasurer and Colonial Secretary, and these difficulties will be increased by delay in the appointment of a successor, the Governor having at present no other assistance

than



than that of his own son who is on a temporary visit.

4. In these circumstances as Lord Kimberley is satisfied that the services of a competent officer cannot be procured for the salary received by Mr Collins, he trusts their Lordships, will, without waiting for information, which may not be forthcoming for some time, enable him to fill up the vacant appointment by sanctioning the increase of salary which he has recommended.

5. I am to add that Lord Kimberley will not press for an immediate decision as to the appointment of a second officer.

6. With reference to the last paragraph of the letter of the 27th ultimo I am to point out that £500 is all that

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falls to the share of the Colony of the
expense of the conveyance of the mails
and that if the total cost, £1500 had
been inserted in the estimates of expenditure,
the Treasury grant of £1000 would have
appeared to the credit of the revenue.

I am &c.

(s^d) R. H. Meade.

The Secretary
to the Treasury,

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The Secretary Treasury, to the Under Secretary of State
for the Colonies.

Treasury Chambers,

22nd March 1882,

Sir,

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have had before Them Mr Wingfield's letter of the 16th instant proposing that the salary of the Treasurer and Colonial Secretary of the Falkland Islands should be increased from £200 to £350 per annum, and that a Clerk should be appointed to assist him, with a salary of £200 per annum.

I am to state, for the information of the Earl of Kimberley, that My Lords are unable to give their assent to the
proposed

proposed increase of Salaries until they
receive a reply to the letter from this
Department of 27th January last, relative
to the Estimates for this Colony for the
year 1882.

I have &c
(s^d) J H Cole

The Under Secretary of State
Colonial Office

(Copy)



The Under Secretary of State, Colonial Office,
to the Secretary, Treasury. —

Pressing

Downing Street

16 March 1882.


Sir

I am directed by the Earl of Kimberley to acquaint you, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, that the office of Treasurer of the Falkland Islands,

Colonial Secretary
Postmaster
Harbour Master
Collector of Customs
Clerk & Registrar
to the Supreme Court
Clerk of the Executive and Legislative Councils

to which are attached the several other offices named in the margin has become vacant through the removal of Mr. Collins the late Treasurer, who has been convicted of embezzlement and sentenced to 7 years penal servitude.

Upon the appointment in 1848 of Mr. Collins, who up to that time held the office

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office of Schoolmaster at a salary of £100
a year, the salary of the combined offices
above mentioned was upon the recommendation
of the then Governor reduced from £435 to
£200 a year, but the present Governor has
strongly recommended that the salary of the
Treasurer and Colonial Secretary should be
raised to £350 a year and that a second
officer should be appointed to discharge the
duties of Postmaster, Collector of Customs,
Harbour and Shipping Master, Clerk and
Registrar of the Supreme Court, and Clerk
of the Executive and Legislative Council with
a salary of £250 a year. Mr. Kerr considers
that the Colony could bear the increased
charge and that it could be met by a
temporary increase of taxation until the
rental

rental of the Crown lands is increased to the necessary amount

Lord Kimberley is of opinion that the salary of £200 per annum is inadequate to secure the services of an officer competent to discharge the duties of Treasurer and Colonial Secretary who should also be a person to whom the administration of the Government could be properly entrusted in the event of the death or absence of the Governor, and he also considers that the multifarious duties heretofore assigned to that officer cannot be efficiently discharged without the assistance of a clerk. He therefore proposes, if the Lords Commissioners concur, to assign to Mr. Collins' successor a salary of £350 and to appoint a Clerk to assist

assist him in his several offices with a
salary of £200 per annum.

I am &c

(S^d) Edward Wingfield.

The Secretary

to the Treasury.

(Copy)

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The Secretary Treasury, to the Under Secretary
of State, Colonial Office.

Treasury Chambers

27th January 1882

Sir,

I am directed by the Lords Commissioners of
Her Majesty's Treasury to return to you the Estimate
for Revenue & Expenditure forwarded by the Governor
of the Falkland Islands for the year ending the
31st of December 1882

The Revenue is estimated at . . . £ 5068

The Expenditure at . . . £ 5725

Shewing a deficiency of

Revenue to meet expenditure of . . . £ 657

It would appear however from the
Colonial Office letters of 20th December last and

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20th Instant that there are certain errors in the estimate of expenditure which would apparently increase it to £5830 - the deficiency would therefore be £762.

It would appear however from the Governor's Despatch of 17th October last enclosed in the Colonial Office letter of 20th instant that he anticipated a surplus of £1435 on the expenditure for the year 1881 (not £1430 as stated in paragraph 8 of that Despatch) out of which he proposed to pay certain expenditure amounting to £749 (incurred apparently on his own authority without any authority from the Secretary of State) leaving a balance of £686 to meet expenditure by the Crown agents on account of the Colony - estimated at £690.

This expenditure would seem however
from

from the Colonial Office letter of 20th instant to amount to £12,244, or £534 in excess of that estimated by the Governor. This, added to the excess of expenditure over the Revenue for the year 1882 would make a deficiency of about £1300.

My Lords hesitate to express any opinion on these estimates until they are informed in what manner this deficiency can be met.

I am also to observe that the total cost for the "Conveyance of mails" is not inserted in the estimates.

I have &c

(Sd) J. H. Cole

The Under Secretary of State
Colonial Office.

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The Under Secretary of State, Colonial
Office, to the Secretary, Treasury. —

Downing Street

20th Jan: 1882.

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 30th ulto
respecting the estimates of Revenue and
Expenditure of the Falkland Islands for
the year 1882, I am directed by the
Earl of Kimberley to transmit to you, to
be laid before the Lords Commissioners of
the Treasury, a copy of the account of
the Crown Agents with the Government
of the Falkland Islands, for the period
between the 1st of August and the 17th
of October 1881, from which it will be
seen that the actual amount of the
expenditure

expenditure by the Crown Agents on
account of the Colony during that period
was £1224⁰ 0⁸.

I am at the same time to state that
the amount of the pension of Mr. Byng
is not, as stated in the letter from this
Department of the 21st ulto £24⁰ 1⁰ 8 but
£113⁰ 6⁰ 8 per annum as will be seen
from your letter to this Department of
the 24th of March last.

I am &c

(S^o) Edward Wingfield.

The Secretary,
to the Treasury.

The Colonial Committee of the
Free Church of Scotland to Lord Knutsford. 18



Copy. Offices of the Free Church of Scotland,
Edinburgh 23rd July 1890.

To the Right Honourable
Lord Knutsford,
Secretary of State for the Colonies,
My Lord,

I have now the honor
to intimate to Your Lordship that
my Committee have resolved not to
fill up, in the meantime, the
vacancy caused by the retirement
of the Rev. W. H. Philip
from the Falkland Isles. They
have very reluctantly come to this
resolution. But from the want
of sympathy, and support on
the part of the Falkland Isles
Company

Company they have no alternative.

Thanking you for your assistance
in the past,

I remain, &c.,

(Sd.) Jas. S. MacKintosh

(Copy)

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The Under Secretary of State, Colonial Office, to
The Secretary Treasury.

Downing Street

21st December 1881

Sir,

I am directed by the Earl of Kimberley to transmit to you, for the consideration of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, a copy of a Despatch from the Governor of ^{the} Falkland Islands, with the Estimates of the Colony for the year ending 31st of December 1882; together with statements of the assets & liabilities of the Colonial Government on the 7th of October 1881.

The Governor in his Despatch states that he expects at the end of the current year to have a surplus of £681. But this calculation

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is founded on the assumption that the amount spent on account of the Colony by the Crown Agents between the 1st of August and the 17th of October was about £690, whereas the Crown Agents actually between those dates expended, not less than £1181.

In the Estimates of Expenditure there is an error under the head of Pensions, the pension of the ex-Colonial Secretary being £24.1.8 instead of £77.18.4 as stated, and the same mistake is repeated in paragraph 7 of the Governor's Despatch, the Pension list being in fact diminished by £29.15.0 the difference between Mr. Byng's pension and that of the late foreman Carpenter which has lapsed -

On the other hand under the heading "Ecclesiastical & Educational the School Masters Salary is under estimated, Lord Kimberley having

having, (in a Despatch which had not reached
the Governor when he transmitted the Estimates),
with the sanction of the Lords Commissioners of
the Treasury, authorized an increase of that
Salary, the amount of which is dependent on
the receipts from School fees, but which may
probably be not less than £40.

I have &c.

Edw. Wingfield

The Secretary
to the Treasury

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The Memorial of
Robert Christopher Packer of Stanley
Falkland Islands to
The Right Honourable Earl Kimberley
&c &c &c Her Majesty's Secretary of
State for the Colonies, sheweth.

1

That since the year 1873 your
Memorialist has leased from the
Crown all the lands marching on
the suburban lands of Stanley
which have always been considered
as reserved and not to be leased
as stock runs, a clause having been
introduced into every land Ordi-
nance reserving land as suburban
up to six miles from Stanley,
which clause has never been
repealed.

2

That in 1875 His Excellency Col & Maj
thought proper to grant a lease
of about 3500 acres of this suburban
land, bordered on the East by
part of the Common, and on the
West by your Memorialist's land
at Port Harrieth; to J.C. Dettleff,

a native of Hamburg, many years
a naturalized British subject, at
the rate of 40£ per annum.

2

That this land was forced by Col
D'Arcy on the leaseholder, the latter
having for many years kept a
herd of Milch Cows on the Common
and suburban land free of expense
which had increased to between
24300; by a threat of taking them,
at the same time, recommending
him to stock the land with sheep,
which advice he followed, thereby
at once overstocking, and in
consequence, the first bad winter,
lost a number of Cattle, and the
settlers a great many horses, which
fed on the Common.

3

That your Memorialist suffered
several years from the encroachments
of the sheep, in consequence of no
shepherd being kept, till repeated
remonstrances induced Settleff
to get rid of the offenders, the
sheep are now much reduced in
numbers and principally feed
on the Common land.

4

That soon afterwards Col D'Arcy

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leased another portion of the suburban land (including a piece which had been proclaimed as Common more than 20 years before, by Governor Rennie) to William Coulson the Government Office keeper containing about 4000 acres certainly as good as that leased to Dettleff at a rental of 20£ per annum, which was subsequently increased to 25£ per annum at which rental the land is at present held.

6

That a Memorial was sent by part of the inhabitants of Stanley to Lord Carnarvon, then Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies protesting against the lease of the Common, who they were informed in reply, was in favour of the arrangement.

7

That your Memorialist has suffered ever since from the encroachments of Messrs Bender and Coulson's sheep, the former was taken into partnership, and is supposed to shepherd the sheep which have never been free from scab,

living 6 miles off a 6 miles
boundary, and this without horses
or house on that boundary.

That your Memorialist takes the
liberty of appending a copy of two
letters written to His Excellency
the Governor, on the subject, with
the answers thereto, and he hopes
your Lordship will see the injustice
of granting these leases to those
only, who are supposed not to be
able to shepherd their sheep properly
in consequence of want of means
to erect houses or buy horses.

That a notice was posted up on
the Government Gazette board, 3
or 4 days before the sale, advertising
the lease of the land hitherto
held by Dettleff, for sale by
Auction at the C^t Secretary's Office,
and it was sold to him at 40[£]
per annum for three years
Dec^r 16th 1882, this being virtually
the only answer to the letter
addressed by your Memorialist
to His Excellency the Governor,
dated Oct 26th 1882 and appended
to this memorial.

That His Excellency was absent on a cruise round the Islands at the time, or your Memorialist would have protested against the renewal of the lease, till an answer had been received to a Memorial sent home to your Lordship by the inhabitants, asking for the control of the suburban land.

That J. C. Dettleff had given many months notice to give up the lease in question, having as he states lost money by it. He says that a short time before the expiration of his lease His Excellency the Governor sent for him and told him that in case of a tax being imposed on the Cattle and Horses belonging to the inhabitants he would probably have to pay more than the 40£, but promising him exemption from any further payment, if he leased the land as before, and that the lease should be his if he bid the 40£, even supposing there were bids up to 100£ from others at the Auction.

That His Excellency cannot expect
the inhabitants of Stanley to pay
tax for horses and cows fed upon
land virtually already stocked.

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That the whole of the suburban
land including the Common
consists of between eleven and twelve
thousand acres, that the land
will carry about 1 sheep to 4
acres, 5 being the acreage allowed
on similar land leased by your
Memorialist and by the Falkland
Islands Company.

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That in case of the suburban land
becoming overstocked which must
shortly happen it will be
impossible for any number of
shepherds with horses to keep the
sheep off your Memorialist's land,
the settlement being situated
on a narrow peninsula the only
exit being through your Memor-
ialist's land. The only remedy
would be a wire fence which
would cost about 600 £ of which
your Memorialist is quite ready

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to pay half, the settlement is²³
already overrun by sheep.

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That your Memorialist humbly
prays that your Lordship will
see fit to prevent the suburban
land from being thus leased as
the revenue would not suffer
but be rather increased by
putting it into the hands of the
inhabitants, to manage their
own way. And your Memorialist
as in duty bound will ever pray

The Right Honourable
Earl Kimberley
Her Majesty's
Secretary of State
for the Colonies

Robert Christopher Packer
Sheep farmer
Stanley Parklands

Copy

Stanley Dec^r 29th 1880

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Sir

Presuming that there is a probability that a lease of the Crown lands outside the wall at the Head of the Harbour will be granted to the present lessees Mess^{rs} Coulson & Bender for a term of three years.

1
As leaseholder of the Crown lands on all the outside boundary of the said Lands I beg to call your Excellency's notice to the following facts.
2
No shepherd is kept on the boundary and there is no house on every other sheep run in the Island where the land belongs to different occupiers each party keeps a shepherd with at least 6 horses at his

disposal who lives there
entirely.

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In this case one of the leaseholders
who is supposed to be the
shepherd lives at the Government
Office in Stanley and not being
provided with horses has to
walk 6 miles before arriving
at his boundary where he ought
to live.

3

In the spring also the sheep
come in here and eat up every
thing, all the summer, round the
houses and remain till the grass
dries in the winter

In consequence entirely of this
I have at great expense to fence
all the land I own round my
house

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Before the advent of these sheep
the settlement used to be
fairly supplied with milk,
but now, it is almost an
unpurchasable luxury, indeed

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even one man of war cannot
get it, the supply is so small;
I attribute this a great deal
to the sheep belonging to Coulson
& Bender being allowed to
encroach on the land between
the head of the harbour and
the settlement, part of it
Crown land and part belonging
to private owners, which is
the only land on this side
of the settlement where cows
can get a bite of grass.

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I also have to state to your
excellency that according
to an advertisement of sheep
for sale put up by Coulson
& Bender a month or two
ago the 4000 acres leased to
them is fully stocked as the
H. S. Comd. only allow from
14 to 1500 sheep to 6000 acres
of course all the surplus

must be fed on my land if
kept away from here.

6

I must also complain that
the sheep are left to themselves
for days together and then
the shepherd Bender wanders
over all the adjacent land
leased by me disturbing my
cattle in search of his sheep
which are continually straying
for miles on my land

7

I hope that your Excellency will
take all this into consideration
& insist on the boundaries
of the land being kept or the
forfeiture of the lease and
also that not more than a
certain proportion of sheep
be allowed on the land.

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I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient & humble

Servant

Liquid

R. C. Parker

His Excellency

Governor Kerr

&c. &c. &c.

Stanley

Copy

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Government Office
Stanley 30th Dec^r 1880

Sir

I am directed by the Governor
to acknowledge the receipt of
your letter of yesterday on the
subject of the Crown Lands -
heretofore leased to Mess^{rs} Coulson
and Bender.

His Excellency regrets that you
have the causes of complaint -
which are set forth in your letter
but he is unable to exercise
any authority or restraint as
to the number or description
of animals kept on Moody
Valley Farm, and the only
remedy for trespasses of stock
appears to be of a civil nature
and should be sought in the
Courts of Law.

The Farm in question has
been leased to Bender and not
to Coulson. I have the honour to be

The Hon^{ble}
R. C. Paake Esq^r
40 + +
Sullivan House

Sir
Your obedient servant
Signed John Wright Collins
Acting Colonial Secretary

Copy

Stanley
Oct^r 26th / 1882 27

Sir

1 I beg most respectfully to bring to your Excellency's notice once more before the present leases of suburban lands let as sheep runs expire, the hardships to me, as lease holder of all the adjacent land, of thus granting leases of suburban lands as sheep runs restricted to those of small means and consequently unable to build houses and buy horses to keep their boundary, should they wish to do so. These small holders are thereby encouraged to keep a much larger stock than their leasehold will carry at the expense of their neighbours.

2 The holders of suburban land I allude to more particularly are Mess^{rs} Bender & Coulson who now keep about 2000 or more breeding sheep spread

all over the country for 12 miles
from the settlement the greater
part of which land I rent from
G. M. Government the land leased
to them not being sufficient for
more than one third of that quantity
of sheep.

2.

The other Government lessee of land
on the same terms as Messrs Bender
& Coulson when I complained of the
encroachment of his sheep on my
land at once got rid of the
offenders

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My only remedy is a fence which
would cost about 600£ and I am
sure your Excellency will see the
injustice of forcing me to spend
this sum to defend myself from
being overrun by the surplus and
scabby stock of another tenant
of Government who would probably
object to pay his half of a fence
and does not attempt to keep
his boundary for obvious reasons.

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I think that in it would be only
fair that ^{in a} future lease your

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Excellency should make it incumbent ²⁸
on the tenant to pay half the cost
of a boundary fence I being ready
to pay the other half

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At the same time I feel satisfied that
your Excellency will be obliged in the
interest of the inhabitants of Stanley
to place some limit to the increase
of Messrs Bender & Coulson's sheep as
should I succeed in driving them off
my land their sheep will invade
the settlement which they now do
to onore extent that neither cow
nor horse will be able to be kept
within 6 miles of Stanley the sheep
having at the present time a
great deal to do with the poor
supply of milk in the settlement
or I may say want of milk.

7

Might I take the liberty of suggesting
to your Excellency that when these
leases expire the Inhabitants of
Stanley should be allowed the
option of renting the land as it
would be well worth their while
to pay half a boundary fence
to keep their horses and milch

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cows whereby there might be a
proper supply of milk and they would
have their horses available when
they wish to take a ride (nearly
their only amusement) instead of
having to send probably a day
or two's journey for them: they being
excluded altogether. When I last
addressed your Excellency on this
subject Mr. Collins then acting
Secretary was ordered to inform me
that my only remedy should be
sought in the Courts of Law.

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I beg most humbly to remark that
in this case the action would lie
more against the Landlord than
the tenant as these leases are
an infringement of every land
ordinance that has hitherto been
passed in these Islands and your
Excellency is no doubt aware of what
I should gain by an action for
prepass where there are neither
fences or roads

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I hope your Excellency will duly consider
all these facts before regranting
these leases, as I cannot think it is
your wish to force me to pay the whole
expense of so long a fence as
would

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would be required to make²⁹
my land of any value to me
with such a neighbour . .

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your obedient & humble
Servant

Signed R. C. Packer

His Excellency
Governor Kerr
41 42 43
Stanley

Copy

Government Office, Stanley ³⁰
27th October 1882

Sir,

I am directed by his Excellency the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday date, on the subject of suburban farms, and to inform you that it will be considered at the next meeting of the Executive Council.

At the same time I am to say that you will in future address letters on public business to the Colonial Secretary in order that they may be duly recorded in the Secretariat.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

Signed A. F. Blissett

Act^g Colonial Secy

Capt. R. C. Packer
Sullivan House
Stanley

"Garrett," Port Stanley
 7th March 1881

Sir,

I have the honor to
 acknowledge the receipt of
 your letter of today, in which
 you inform me that my sailing
 the day after the arrival of
 the Mail will hardly enable
 you to avail yourself of my
 offer to take despatches to
 be forwarded.

I have therefore to request
 that you will be pleased to
 inform me how long after

His Excellency
 Thomas Kerr
 Governor

The

The arrival of the Mail
your despatches will be ready,
as it is my desire to meet
your wishes in this respect if
the delay is not too great.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

Coltman James Captain and
Senior Officer

answered 22^d Decr 1881

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ALL GOODS & EMPTIES TO BE SENT TO MISTERTON STATION (G.N.R.)



Doncaster Sep 9th 1881

His Excellency The Governor
Falkland Islands

My dear Sir,

I believe I am right in
addressing myself to you to beg your
assistance in the following matter.

You will recollect during
the few days that I spent at Stanley
where I had the pleasure of making your
acquaintance and enjoying your kindness
and hospitality on several occasions my
mentioning to you that I was interested
in the sale of a Sheep Wash which is now
already very well known in the Islands.

Our firm have received intimation that
a material similar to our own in appearance
is about to be imported into your Colony, either

from the River Plate or from England
(most likely the former) and be are naturally
deserving to be protected from this infringement
of our Patent - Seeing that the Falkland
Islands are a Crown Colony and that
the English Patent ^{holds} good in them for that
reason. Here the prices for the Wash
unreasonably high and the material the only
one for the purpose to be obtained by farmers
then I think there would be some excuse
for smuggling a good imitation into the
Islands, seeing however that this is by
no means the case, I think he may reasonably
beg for protection from your government.

I hope I am not presuming
upon the kindness you have already shown
me in addressing you on the subject - but all
the while is I see no other course open to
me. The Company obtain the Wash for
their own use and will interest themselves
no further in the matter.

I have information from a private
source that a relation of Mr. Sticksley's
of the same name from Buenos Aires
intends to interest himself in the sale
of the infringement.

Any fluid back with the odour of Coal tar which turns white on being mixed with cold water constitutes an infringement of our Patent - for it is impossible to make any thing having these characteristics without infringing the same, these properties make the novelty and special utility of the invention.

The Patent was taken out in '77 and runs for fourteen years. We are protected in New Zealand and Australia by patents for those Colonies, our Agents being supplied with powers of Attorney for their protection. I will enclose you a copy of the Patent Specification for your inspection by post-mail and shall indeed feel greatly indebted to you if you could give the matter your attention.

I am preparing ^{the} Series of views of the Islands I spoke to you of when I left and hope to let you have them by post-mail. I have been building a new studio for my

Photographic work as you should
have had them by the last.

The summer in this country
has been beautiful till just at harvest
time when it has rained deplorably
causing much loss to the farmers and
greater disappointment than ever.

Please present my Compliments
to Mr. Kern and with many apologies
for troubling you with this matter of
the Patent.

I am Sir

Yours very truly

W. C. Little.

P. S. I think I should have mentioned
that the name of the trash about to
make its appearance in your Colony is
probably "Jey's Dip". Of course I need not
beg you to keep this information private
till it has made its appearance.

Raleigh at Stauley

16th September 80

Sir

With reference to your letter of yesterday's date requesting that I would give a passage to England to the captain and crew of the British Ship "David Law"; I have the honor to inform you that I shall be pleased to comply with your request. These men must embark tomorrow afternoon.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Excellency's obed^t serv^t

His Excellency
Captain R. E. Packer
Acting Governor.

(Belawdy Jays)
Captain

Her Majesty's Consulate General

Honolulu, April 11th. 1882.

Dear Sir,

A friend of mine Mr. A. S.
Clephorn, brother-in-law of the King
of these Islands, lost, by the absconding
of the man "Welles" whose photo,
with particulars is herewith enclosed,
a valuable watch as you will see
by his letter to me - If you can
do anything towards the restitution
of this watch which is of

"historic value" to my friend
I shall be much obliged -

I am

Dear Sir

faithfully yrs

James H. Worlehorn

Commissioner & Consul General

His Excellency,

Thomas P. Callaghan, C.M.G.

Governor of the Falkland Islands.

E. WELLER, WATCHMAKER,

Lived in Honolulu from April, 1879; left this city September 7th, 1880, in the "Emma Augusta," for Port Townsend, where he called himself John Smith. He swindled various acquaintances of his out a considerable amount of money, and with him a quan-



tity of jewelry entrusted to him of more than \$4000 in value. A number of valuable watches given to him for repairs also disappeared with him, (one gold watch belonging to a relative of the King, has Hawaiian Coat-of-Arms on case outside; inscription inside: "Kalakaua to Ake.")

WELLER IS 32 YEARS OLD,

of middle height, slim, and walks very straight; forehead bald, hair thin and like whiskers of light color; eyes grey; he is hard of hearing; speaks German, English, and possibly also French.

According to his sayings he has been living in Australia, Capetown and Valparaiso. Was last seen by a Honolulu merchant at a Chicago Depot.

THIS IS A WARNING TO THE UNWARY AT HIS NEXT ABODE.

For particulars address

GERMAN CONSULATE IN HONOLULU,
HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

Falkland Islands Co.

Stanley, 29th March 1882

Sir,

In reply to Your Excellency's note of this day the Auctioneer's licence held by this Company's Storekeeper expiring in August 1878 was not renewed until 23rd April 1879, again on 2nd August 1880 and on 8 Sept. 1881 for year ending 7th September next.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's most obedient servant.

J Langdon

H. E.

Governor Herr

S. S. S.

Stanley

U. S. Consulate

Port Stanley, July the 11th 1882.

His Excellency
Governor Kerr

Sir,

With all due deference to You by reason of the high position You occupy in this Colony, and all respect for the local institutions of Your Government, I am at a loss to understand Your action at the jail door yesterday forenoon, the caution by Your order attached to that door simply requiring persons desirous of visiting prisoners to obtain Your special permission, a rule upon which I would be the very last to think of infringing.

Besides, Sir, Mr. Perry holds another, a churchly office in which capacity, I as well as others are frequently necessitated to call upon him.

Yours

In view of the foregoing, I cannot conceal from myself, but that Your action in the premises, reflecting upon me indirectly, was unnecessarily severe.

Hoping You will recall Your (oral) order of yesterday, so that as heretofore I may be permitted to visit Mr. Perry (not the prisoners)

I am, Governor,

With highest respects

Your Obedient Servant

Henry S. Lasar.

W. S. Consul.

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Montevideo.

October 8. 1882.

Sir,

Since my Despatch to Your Excellency of the 23rd Ultimo I have received no further official communication from this Government relative to the surcharge upon letters from the Falkland Islands; but I have been informed unofficially by the Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs that he has read the report furnished by the Post Office to the Minister of the Interior, and that in that document the mistake is frankly admitted, and an assurance is given that it shall not be repeated in the future.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's most obedient
humble servant

His Excellency
Governor Kerr

x x x

Samuel Murray

Stanley.

1st Dec. 1887

My dear Sir,

I wish to make a couple of suggestions about the Land tax ordinance, which I hope Your Excellency will see are just. The tax is the same on freeholds and leaseholds to begin with, but the latter drop the tax as the rent rises, - that is all right. The tax, however, per section, is £4. 3. 4, the increased rent is £10; therefore, assuming that the sum required for revenue will be provided as the leases stand at present, it follows that the falling in of each section will give a surplus of £5. 16. 8, which towards the end of the ten years will amount to a considerable sum. I

think this surplus should be devoted to a reduction of the tax on freeholds, which towards the end of the time will otherwise be paying more than their share.

My second suggestion is that the tax should be remitted on freeholds sold by Government after the date of the ordinance, because the purchase money, if put out at interest, will yield a sum equal to or more than the present rent and tax combined.

I am, my dear Sir,
very faithfully yours.
Edw. P. S. C.

His Excellency

Governor Kerr.

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£100 in exchange for the
receipt in full.

I am, my dear Sir,
very faithfully yours.

Wm. E. Fox.

His Excellency
Governor Kerr.

to do do

Stanley.

10th Dec 1881.

My dear Sir,

I have been
through the accounts this
morning with Mr Langdon,
and send a statement of
payments made to the
Government, with the vouchers,
which latter I will thank
Your Excellency to return
when done with. The
total amount is £2366.18.8

of which £1000 was drawn
for in three bills for £500,
£300, £200, a further portion
being store accounts, passage
money & sundry items to the
D^o of Government, and the
remainder has been paid in
cash. I have not included
in the account the notarial
fees paid to the Col. Treasurer
on M^{rs}. Crisp's account, and I
find that no sum has yet
been fixed as remuneration

to Wither of Spedwell Isd.
for boarding and sheltering
the crew of the David's two
more than a year ago, although
promised some time since.

On £100 paid to D^o.
Keiston was, as I said y^e.
today, drawn against the
£145 rent of Port Gervis,
and Mr. Langdon tells
me that when he paid the
balance of £45 in cash
he returned the order for

"written to the Governor on
"the subject, as I do not
"know whether people are
"expected to do so or not."

I also enclose a
letter from Atkin about
the maintenance of the
David Law's crew.

and remain, my dear Sir,
very faithfully yours,

Wm. G. Love.

Stanley,
8th Sept. 1882

My dear Sir,

I am much
obliged to your Excellency
for Addison, which I
return herewith.

I have just got
a letter from Mr. Baillou
in which he says: - "I
"received your circular
"respecting the proposed
"tax, but till now have
"had no chance of replying."

"Of course I am in favor
"of a land tax, but I
"must say that it should
"be made to bear on all
"land held in any way
"in the Colony. I should
"consider it extremely
"unfair to make lease-
"holders only pay, or
"owners of freeholds and
"leaseholds only. Owners

"of land in Stanley ought
"also to pay, and that in
"proportion to the present
"price of land for towns
"suburban & country lots.
"I hope it may be possible
"to induce Government to
"give us some return for
"our money bearing in
"some way upon our
"leasees. I have not



14th Decr 1882

My dear Mr Cobh

The suggestions made in your letter today on the subject of the Land Tax were duly considered by me in Council ^{in the first place} ~~as~~ however, ^{very few} ~~some~~ of the Leases ~~would fall in till near the~~ ~~time when the Bill will~~ ~~have effect.~~ ~~It~~ lapse before the operation of the Ordinances will cease, very few of these before that period - Should there be a surplus about that time ^{it} it will be time enough to provide

by Legislation for its application
or for any difference in the
value of land sold before
that period and the amount
levied on it as freehold

In any case the passing
of the Ordinance, (which has
received the sanction of the
Secretary of State as it stands)
could not be delayed at so
late a period of the year
for reconsideration. It has
therefore been passed today and

has become law.

Should any circumstances
arise to make its amendment
desirable or expedient they
can always be considered
hereafter

With kind regards to

Dear

Yours faithfully

Wm

British Vice Consulate
Punta Arenas
11th October 1882

Sir

I have the honour to inform you that by the German S.S. "Malvinas" I forward one sack of mails, which I presume is the sack referred to in your despatch. From S.S. "Cordillera" I duly received 7 sacks and 1 parcel of mails which I forwarded per Luxon and I had no further knowledge of other mails =

The missing sack must I believe have arrived by the "Cordillera" also but I cannot account for its being overlooked when I personally sent the others on board.

I have the honour to be
Sir

Your obedient humble servant
Henry L. Reynard.

His Excellency.

The Governor of the Falkland Islands
J Kerr Esq
Port Stanley
Falkland Islands.