CUBANA

The *Cubana* of London, a British Barque of 492 tons on route from Caldera to England, caught fire and was abandoned off Cape Horn during the night of 20 June 1862. All of the ship's papers were lost. **Captain Andrew PEARE** and the crew, eighteen in number, were at sea for eight days before they saw land and landed on Beauchene Island. They survived by eating penguins and limpets but were without fire. [H18, 507: D10; 328; 341: B12; desp 54; 71]

The crew were rescued from Beauchene Island by the 59 ton schooner *Victoria* and the 35 ton ketch *Perseverance* belonging to the Falkland Islands Company Ltd and brought into Stanley, arriving 12 July 1862. The *Victoria* rescued 7 men and the *Perseverance* 11 men. Captain W H SMYLEY also endeavoured to help rescue the men. [SHI/REG/1: H18; 511: D10; 319]

Several of the crew had their legs amputated and many their fingers in consequence of being severely frostbitten. The men were lodged in two cottages and warmly clothed. **George ELLIOT**, age 37 and the boatswain of the wrecked barque *Cubana*, died 13 July 1862 from lockjaw. His body was conveyed by soldiers of the Falkland Island Garrison Company to the graveyard at 2pm 15 July 1862 and he was buried in Grave H500. **William EDWARDS**, age 26 and a seaman of the wrecked barque *Cubana*, died 15 July 1862 from lockjaw. He was buried 16 July 1862 in Grave H501. [H18, 507: D10; 313; 328, 341; 343]

**Thomas HOOPER**, age 28 and a passenger on board the *Cubana*, was given passage to Valparaiso on board HMS *Tribune* 5 August 1862. [D10; 328]

**Andrew PEARE** and **David HOPKINS**, captain and mate of the *Cubana*, were given passage to Montevideo in August 1862 on board the schooner *Tilton*. [D10; 328]

By 22 August 1862 some of the men had recovered enough to ship on board merchant vessels leaving Stanley. [B12, desp 54]

Some of the seamen were conveyed on board the *Witch of the Teign* which departed 14 October 1862. [D10; 366]

**Thomas DELANEY**, age 22, departed for England on board HMS *Termagent* 6 November 1862. [D10; 398]

The Falkland Islands Government expended £422-6-1 from 12 July to 3 December 1862 on the relief of the invalided seamen of the *Cubana*. [D10; 423]
Government House
Falkland Islands
August 22nd 1842.

SIR,

I have the honour to report to you, the melancholy circumstances connected with the loss of the British Vessel "Cubana" of London, 1492 tons register, which vessel was abandoned off Cape Horn on fire, on the night of the 20th of June last, all the ship's papers were lost. The captain and crew, eighteen in number, were for eight days at sea before they saw land at the expiration of which time they landed on the Beachinoes, which are the most southerly of the Falkland Group of Islands and which are uninhabited. They succeeded in sustaining life on this Island by eating penguins and emperor penguins, and suffered partially from the cold. Since their arrival in this Port, two of them have died. They were all severely frost bitten and several of them have had their legs and fingers amputated. I have had every care taken of them, they have been lodged in the Space of the Government house, and have been warmly clothed. They are retained according to the orders of the Colonial Surgeon in whose charge they are placed. Some of them have already recovered sufficiently to ship on board Merchant Vessels leaving this harbour and I trust that I shall soon be enabled to forward the rest of them to England. I beg respectfully to enclose the statement of the Master of the "Cubana".

I have the honour to be,

The Duke of Newcastle
His Lordship's humble Servant.

[Signature]

Mr. Lord Duke.

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Government house
Falkland Islands
1st July 1862

I have the honour to request that you will consider it necessary to provide a party of soldiers from the force under your command to convey the body of one of the sailors recently landed in this ship, to the Graveyard at 2 o'clock to-morrow.

I hope you will see that under the peculiar circumstances of this case, very disappointing, I have no other course open to me than an application to you.

I beg to express my appreciation and pleasure at the kind consideration and assistance which your men have afforded.

Yours etc.

[Signature]

Capt. J. Moloney
Commanding forces,
Falkland Islands.

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Government house Colley Office
Falkland Islands
July 15th 1862

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to request your attendance at a meeting of the Executive Council at 11 o'clock on Thursday next the 17th instant to consider some questions raised by the agent of the 75 Company relative to the disposal of Town and Suburban Crown Land.

Yours etc.

[Signature]

W. Godfrey
Chairman of Court
W. Hamilton
The Rev. C. Bull M.A.
Members of Council

[Signature]

[Signature]

[Signature]
Government House,
Falkland Islands,
July 15th, 1862

Sir,
The "Victoria" having left the Port without having had an opportunity of receiving the accompanying letter, I have thought that it might be satisfactory to yourself to be put in possession of my appreciation of their services, and my sense of their kindness, humanity and promptitude in rescuing the eleven shipwrecked men from the Beaufort Islands.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

October 27th,

The B. Moore

Sir,

Government House,
Falkland Islands,
July 15th, 1862

Sir,

I think it due to you on behalf of the crew of the "Victoria" under your command that I should express my sincere appreciation of your services in rescuing the crew of the "Victoria" from the Beaufort Islands.

It has been most gratifying to me to hear the poor men speak in such grateful terms of the kindness and attention they experienced at your hands. I have therefore taken this opportunity of placing on record my sense of your promptitude and humanity.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Captain Sam Tand
Master of the "Victoria"

of Stanley

[Signature]
Government House
Falkland Islands.
July 17th 1862.

Sir,

The Colonial Surgeon Mr. Hamilton has asked me to forward to you the enclosed Regulations respecting the internees with the
insolent sailors rescued from the Tolhuasent Islands and now under his care.

2. As these unfortunate men are almost entirely dependent for nursing &c. on
the good services of the soldiers under your command, who have so generously come forward to help them,
I would request that you will make known to them the wishes of the Colonial Surgeon in order that
all his directions may be complied with.

3. I beg to thank you for your ready cooperation with Mr. Hamilton for the kind assistance
you have given, and I should be glad if you could convey to the men of your Company my
due appreciation of their conduct during this distressing case.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Capt. Molony
Gov.}

Col. Island

The Colonial Surgeon has informed me that he will
communicate with the Col. Chaplain & arrange with that
gentleman as to what times be should most conveniently
visit the patients.

Of course these Regulations will not interfere with the
bills of any person authorized by myself & of course
the soldiers in attendance will understand that the great
object of these Regulations is to ensure rest & quiet
to the sick men.
Government House.
Falkland Islands.
July 16th, 1862

Sir,

I think it due to you on behalf of the crew of the "Preserverance", under your command, that I should express my sincere appreciation of your services in rescuing one of the crew of the "Parque Kubana" in landing them in this Port.

2. It has been most gratifying to me to hear the men speak in such grateful terms of the kindness and attention they experienced at your hands. I have therefore taken this opportunity of placing on record my sense of your promptness and humanity.

Yours.

Captain Nicholls
Master of the "Parque Kubana".
Stanley Harbour.

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Government House.
Falkland Islands.
July 18th, 1862

Sir,

Referring to my interview with you on the morning of the 8th instant, I am most anxious to express my thanks for your generous offer to rescue the boat's crew of the "Parque Kubana".

I have the honor to be

Yours,

Commander M.O. Morey
Commercial Agent
Government House,
Falkland Islands,
August 23, 1862

My Lord,

I have the honour to request that you will give the necessary orders to ensure a free passage in H.M. Under your command to Falkland to a distressed British subject named in the

Barque, who is anxious to proceed to the city

2. Thomas Hooper was a passenger on board the Barque "Falkland," now at anchor to England, which steel caught fire and was abandoned at sea off Cape Horn.

Telephone

His Lordship
Captain Vincent Gilford RN
H.M. Frigate

[Handwritten note]

Referring to the muster by the soldiers of your convoy of the invalided Seamen from the ship "Falkland," I am anxious to inform you that the men who have been so employed up to the present time will receive pay in their hands at the rate of 5/- per man. I should be glad if you would cause the Colonel Secretary to be supplied with an abstract account of each man's services in the sick room.

2. I am of opinion that it would be better in future if you would set apart two of your men to be permanently engaged in attending these helpless men. I should be prepared to remunerate them at the rate of 5/- a day, which arrangement would be in conformity with the wishes of the Home Authorities. I have conveyed to me in a despatch from Lord Stanley on 11 May 1, 1868, enclosing a letter from J.D. Rendall, Esq., dated 28 April 1868, that the services of the soldiers of your Company will be dispensed with as soon as you can replace them.

Jane Cameron

[Handwritten note]

Lieutenant

Hooper.
Government House,
Falkland Islands,
13 August 1862.

I have the honour to inform you that the British Barque "Canute" Eastlake was abandoned on the opposite side in the night of
the 25 June last, that the Captain, crew 12 in number were, after having suffered the frigid
waters and misery for more than three weeks were subsequently rescued and brought into this
port.

2. Several of them had their legs amputated
and many their fingers in consequence of being
severely frost bitten, two of them have died here
from cholera, and others are progressing favourably
but slowly.

3. All these unfortunate sailors are a
very heavy burden on the Government in this
expensive colony. I would beg to earnestly request that should you find it convenient to
dispatch one of the vessel of your squadron
this islands before long you would give
the necessary orders that these distressed
seamen may be conveyed in her to Buenos
Aires from whence they can be safely forwarded
to England by the Contingent Packets. Steamers

4. I make this request to you because
I am unable to send them in a merchant ship
as in their present sad condition they
will require medical care.

5. Should any of the vessels under your
command be about to return home to England
it would be preferable to send them in her, if
you consider this distressing case sufficient
reason to order her to call here down for them.

6. In the event of your being able to
send a vessel down may I ask you to direct
that
any mails, hopes parcels to waitig at Montevi-

duction of the mail to this Colony may be brought
down.

I have to apologize for troubling you
as far length but I trust the services of
the mail will be deemed a sufficient rea
for doing so.

I have directed Capt. Peare to
enquire an interview with you that he may
better explain the sad condition of his men

Rear Admiral Tarren
Commander-in-Chief
S.E. Coast of America

Shove it

To The R. Moore

Good night Faulkland Islands.
15th August 1862

We

Shove the hounour to inform you that
have paid the passage money to the matter
of the F.D. smother. Earning £20. to put
the passage of two respective British Seamen, after
Pears and David Hopkins the Captain and the
Mate of the Clearie. Both were runway off
Cape Horn on fire or the night of the 20th inst. and
beg to request that you will inspect them
to proceed to England

May I ask your excellency to
lay among the enclosed letter or to
let to this respective despatched and in the
event of any vessel coming down here shall
feel greatly obliged if you send our mails
by her

Chajn Munro
H.M. Vice Consul
Monte Video

Shove it

Th. R. Moore

G.T.
Sir,

I have the honour to report to you the distressing case of the loss of the British cargo which vessel was abandoned off Cape Horn on the night of the 20th June last. I enclose a copy of a statement of the Captain, Chief Mate with a list of the crew, from which you will learn the full particulars.

1. The crew were rescued and brought into this port after more than three weeks in destitute suffering, so often have since died, several have their legs amputated and every care and attention is extended to them all in order to recover them sufficiently to enable them to return the passage home.

2. I have communicated with Rear Admiral Warren Commander in Chief of the Naval Forces on the South East Coast of America with a view to ascertaining whether I shall be able to forward them in a vessel of war as they will in their present bad condition require medical care during the voyage.

3. These distressed seamen are under the charge of Mr. Pyne, the Acting Chief Secretary, the acting Master, and the instructions of the Board will be attended to as regards their consequent expenditure.

J. H. Turner, Esq.
Secretary
Marine Department
Board of Trade

[Signature]

To: The E. W. Moore
For.
Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 14th inst., I beg to inform you that I have ordered the judge-keeper Peck to accompany Constable Perry at any hour you may wish, tomorrow, in search of the runaway slave, from the American vessel as he is likely to be found in the camp, besides, the judge-keeper cannot well be spared from his duty at the office.

Jane Cameron

F. J. L. More

G. W.

Mr. Goodacre
Chairman of the Camp

No. 238

Government House, Stanley. September 12, 1867

Sir,

Hearing that you are shortly about to proceed to England this 1st. of the present month, I send herewith a copy of the vessel under your command some seamen who belonged to the wrecked vessel "California" and I would request you to attend at my office at 11 a.m., tomorrow morning, that the necessary arrangements may be made in conformity with the Act 17 & 18 Vict. Chap. 102. Sec. 211.

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Sir, I have the honour to enclose herewith a list of all seamen who have been engaged or discharged or who have received relief for distressed seamen, in pursuance of the Merchant Shipping Act of 1854, in this Colony, from the 1st July to the 30th September 1862.

2. With regard to the crew of the late Bark "Carbarn," I would remark that full particulars have been sent to the Board of Trade.

The Registrar General
Adelaide Place
London Bridge.

Sir, I have the honour to transmit herewith an account of the Estate of Charles Ferguson, deceased.

2. The Ship "Anna" Schrieber put into this Port on the 23rd of August last for repairs; the same Ferguson was one of the crew, who accidentally fell from the fore-topmast-yard in a gale and was lost overboard.

3. I thought it advisable in the interest...
Sir, May I have the honor to address Your Excellency?

I am, Sir, 
Hon. Thos. W. Jones.

B. I am almost afraid that I shall not be able to send any of the wrecked men from the "Cubana" in V. Schooner, as I have already made arrangements with Capt. Brown of the vessel "W. of Thames," but I am communicating with the Colonial Treasurer on the subject. If you can make up your own opinion for the Island.

If you think there is any other assistance I can give you in this matter, I should be glad to see you on the subject.

Colonial Secretary's Office
Hon. Capt. and Indians
Sept. 29th, 1862.

I am enable to inform you that Your Excellency is unable to accept from revenue of the 20th April, for Bills on St. John Government in exchange for cash at 3 per cent. discount as various tenders have been received for the amount.

I have the honor to be,
Your obedient servant,

Hon. W. R. Paine

His Excelency, Mr. Bull
Colonial Clerk.

Hon. Capt. and Indians.
No 263

Government House
Falkland Islands
October 18th, 1862

Sir,

I have to forward you the enclosed letter from Mr. Sane, and I must request that you will be good enough to afford me any explanation, which may satisfy Mr. Sane's remarks.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

E. W. Goodlake Esq.
Stipendiary Magistrate
Stanley

No 264

Government House
Falkland Islands
October 18th, 1862

Sir,

I have the honour to request that you will allow Private Payee to be exempted from his duties of Quarte & S" in order that he may again attend on the invalided Seamen in the Hospital, for which service he will receive pay from the Colonial Government at the rate of 2½ per diem.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

Capt. J. Smolose
Commander of the Troops of the F. J. E. Garrison

Jane Cameron National Archives [D10]
Government House
Falkland Islands
October 25th, 1862

Sir,

As an opportunity will shortly occur for communicating with Monte Video and as I am anxious to forward an answer as soon as possible any of the Seamen of the Marque "Cubana" still under relief from the Government. I should be glad if you will inform me whether you consider these men fit to undertake the voyage to Monte Video and whether you anticipate any evil results likely to arise from sending them in their present state to a place where a lockjaw is prevalent.

I have the honour to be

Yours Obedient Servant,

The Moore

Henry J. Talbot Esq.
Colonial Surgeon
No. 232.

Sir,

I have the honour to request that you will order a passage to England, in H.M.S. "Terregant," under your command, for the distressed British seaman named in the margin, who was one of the crew of the Barque "Cubana" abandoned off Cape Horn on fire in the night of the 24th June last.

Yours,

T. E. Lindon

Capt. Hall R.N.
H.M.S. "Terregant."
No. 299.

Government House
Falkland Islands
December 29th 1862

Referring to my predecessor's letter No. 221, of the 13th of August last, Reporting the circumstances connected with the loss of the British Barque "Canari," abandoned on fire off Cape Horn on the night of the 20th June, I have the honour to inform you that there has been shown a bill on the Accountant to the Board of Trade, in favour of Charles Ball at four and a half percent discount in liquidation of the total amount expended by this government in affording relief to the invalids Branch of the above vessel, from the 9th July, to the 3rd December

I beg to enclose a certificate obtained from the Colonial Surgeon who attended the crew, which will show that many of the articles purchased for their comfort, which, if considered apart from the peculiar and distressing circumstances of the case, might seem to be luxurious and extravagant, were absolutely necessary.

3 I also transmit the account of disbursements incurred, accompanied by the requisite Vouchers.

[Handwritten signature]

Shane L

[Handwritten signature]

Dr. Mackenzie

F. J. Farquhar Esq.
Secretary
Marine Department
Board of Trade
Stanley, Falkland Islands,
December 26th 1852.

Thereby certify that I ordered for the use of the unwounded Seamen of the "Ring of india". two sets of extra clothing which in my opinion were absolutely necessary for their recovery.

[Signature]

Ed. Surgeon.

Col. Sec'y Office
Falkland Islands
December 27th 1852.

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to forward to you the endorsed certificate, in testimony of his Excellency's appreciation of the general good conduct of your Son, and his industry and attention to his duties in the Government School.

[Signature]

Wm. M. Pyne
Col. Sec'y.

Mr. Frederick King

Stanley.
I am sorry to trouble your Excellency, but the unfortunate position I am placed in renders it necessary for me to avail myself of the earliest opening I can communicate with my owners and others connected with the vessel.

I trust your Excellency will be good enough to arrange for a mail to leave as early as possible to be in time for the next mail from Hawaii, unless leaving the last, which will of course report by latest despatch.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

Andrew Peters

[Signature]
Shanley, July 15, 1862

To The Field, Capt. Langley, in absent-

I proceed to Quin American at order,

Ask your Excellency to send a

Draft for England by her-

Besides having myself important

Communications to her to send. The

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Governor Wilson,

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Stanley July 16 1836

Sir,

Please the honour to acknowledge your letter No. 172 of the 15th inst. enclosing, and addressed to the Master of the Company's Schooner, "Victoria," which I will take care shall be handed to him on his return. The Masters & Crew of her shares of both the Company's Schooners, "Victoria" and "Convenance," decline any remuneration for their services in assisting the 7th & 10th June of the Directors will, I feel assured, be qualified to learn that their services have been so employed.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient & humble Servant,

James Cameron

GovernorMORE:
I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 12th instant enclosing a rein of the Barque Cubian.

In return, I beg to state that nothing gives me more pleasure than to relieve or assist a fellow creature industriously. It has always been my study to do so and I hope it will continue to do so as I remain on or about these islands.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Governor and Commander
in Chief of the Salishan Islands

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Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's letter of the 25th instant, enquiring to know whether the men belonging to the vessel "Cubana" are in a fit state to proceed to England or to Mercado. I consider them sufficiently recovered to perform the voyage. Should they however be detained in Mercado, it will be advisable that they be sent to the hospital there.

I have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's very obedient servant,

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