

TEJA COTTAGE

Teja Cottage was located between Stanley House and the West Store on Ross Road.

In December 1852 John Pownall Dale, the first Colonial Manager for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd (FIC) paid a deposit of £1 on Lot 6 and in January 1853 he paid the balance of £14. Presumably Teja Cottage would have been built in the next few months.

On 13 November 1858 James Lane, the new Colonial Manager of the FIC reported to London that he had let Teja Cottage to Captain Sibbald, the Governor's brother-in-law, for £30 per annum and that he had had to do some repairs and painting and Captain Sibbald was well satisfied.

On 3 February 1859 James Lane reported to London Office that he had had much difficulty in making an intelligible schedule of the Company's property; that some deeds were defective and that he had had them remedied by re-execution and *that "the half acre of Land on which Teja Cottage is built was the selected "Town Lot".*

On 5 February 1859 James Lane reported: *"You will observe by the returns the great demand for Vegetables. The price (3d per lb) for all sorts wd amply repay the Company for cultivation – at present it has been so neglected that I have had to get almost the whole from the Settlers at 2d per lb. The being able to supply Vessels with Vegetables Milk Butter &c determines their coming to the Coy for their other wants. I have had the peat dug out & the ground made ready for sowing next Season betn Malvina & Teja Cottages & behind the former – abt an acre – it was a mass of peat it will next yr produce a good crop."*

Crown Grant 132 comprising of half an acre, lot 6 in Section O fronting to Ross Road and rear to John Street, was issued to the Falkland Islands Company Ltd 8 September 1859.

In September 1860 James Lane offered Teja Cottage to the government for an annual rental of £30 but Governor Moore replied that at present the government had no requirement for such a house.

In the 1877/1878 financial year £350 was spent on additions to Teja Cottage.



Teja Cottage from the north, October 1878

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In 1888 the sum of £35 was spent on outhouses for Teja Cottage and in 1895 a further £79 was spent on the property.



Teja Cottage (to the left of Stanley House) – circa 1890s



Teja Cottage from the air – 1936



Teja Cottage (to the left of Stanley House) from the north



Teja Cottage gardens and house taken from Stanley House – Stanley Harbour in front

Teja Cottage was demolished in 1938 by S Shannon and the materials sold to him for £116-3-5. 3 Fitzroy Road was built from the materials and still stands to date.