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MISCELLANEOUS
LETTERS TO THE
COLONIAL
GOVERNOR
Governor Rennie

[TRANSCRIPTION
OF EARLY
VOLUMES]

22 January 1850
to 31 December
1851

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Mr Baily's house
Stanley 22nd January 1850

Sir,

It was with much regret I received your Excellency's letter between 6 and 7 o'clock last evening.

2. Instead of obtaining redress for the violent assault against me proved and acknowledged by Mr Baily I have received a reprimand; and a notice that your Excellency has preferred a charge against me, your own Clerk, of exhibiting myself disrespectfully of the Magistrates which is to be substantiated by witnesses from my letters to your Excellency and before the Court and Magistrates constituted by yourself. Because I have expressed my opinion which I still hold and shall repeat in the Court without meaning any disrespect to the Magistrates; that in all cases within the jurisdiction of a Magistrate I prefer a regularly legal Gentleman duly appointed by the Crown to decide on them according to the law and custom of England, but more especially in cases of robbery, my serious dis-

appearances

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The Governor.

appearances of persons, sudden deaths &c, as in fact it would create a greater feeling of security.

3. I beg to have your Excellency's permission to attend the Court when I shall be properly summoned to appear, and to inform your Excellency that I cannot consent to have any charge against me disposed of without the letters containing the same being read verbatim, for it would be manifestly unfair towards me to do otherwise as I dispute the truth of the accusation. It may be necessary also for me to refer to the Standard Note book of the Magistrate's inspection and I beg to request that your Excellency will allow Mr Langdon to produce it in Court.

4. Having proposed to your Excellency to be reconciled with Mr Bailey on receiving an apology from him through your Excellency expressing his regret for having committed himself as he did, and asking for your Excellency's protection for the future without award, I wish to make one more effort for the same object: I consent to do so now, and I will leave my selection in your

Excellency's

Excellency's hands without any condition from your Excellency.

5. If these terms be unsuccessfully offered, it only remains for me to state that I must keep the whole correspondence I have had the honour to have with your Excellency from the day of your arrival here on 27th June 1848, to the Right Honorable Colonists whose decision I firmly believe will be more favorable than what to this hour I regret to find is your Excellency's; but in the most respectful manner I beg to add that in Mr Bailey's place" with me your Excellency's intervention is worth that of half a dozen of the Magistrates all of whom are doubtless honorable Gentlemen.

Trusting your Excellency will read this letter in a friendly spirit.

I have &c.

Signed

Jas Edmonds

Second Clerk.

Court House
Stanley 29th January 1850

Sir,

In reply to your Excellency's letter just received desiring me to give you immediate information as to my object for requiring the Story book, and whether I know of any dishonorable or untrustworthy conduct of any Officer belonging to that department, I beg to state as to the latter I know of none; and my reason for asking for the Store book is solely for the purpose, in case a question should arise respecting my having possession of the Survey notes, in a manner I might be able probably to satisfy Mr Bailey and your Excellency upon that point.

2. I can have no difficulty in offering an apology and that most respectfully; that if the Magistrates have taken offence at any expressions to be found in my letters to your Excellency I regret that I used them. And with respect to Mr Bailey if he will accept his regret for having struck me I shall be happy to accommodate the affair this day amicably with him.

I have &c.

(signed) Jas Edmonds
Second Clerk

P.S. Since the above was written I am happy to inform your Excellency that Mr Bailey and I are as friends as we ever were, and the reconciliation took place

(signed) Jas Edmonds.

Stanley 24th January 1850

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's letter of this date, stating therein, that as there are now six Prisoners confined in the Temporary wooden jail here, your request that I will give orders to the detachment under my command, that, in case of any disturbance among the Prisoners, they will give such assistance to the Jailor to preserve the peace, as occasion may require, in any emergency: I am to acquaint you in reply, that instructions have been given accordingly.—

I am &c

Signed

J. Reid

Capt. & Staff Officer

Comm'g Prisoners

His Excellency

Governor Penne

Stanley

Colonial School
Stanley 29th January 1850.

Sir,

In the enclosed you will find a report of the school from the day that it was opened on the 8th of June 1849 until 31st of December 1849, stating the number of children, distinguishing Boys from Girls and the number actually attending, the mode of Instruction and the progress made the rate of contribution paid also the number at each rate.

I should wish suggest to His Excellency that an Officer should visit the School frequently, and a Book be kept in which he might enter his remarks.

I am &c.
signed
W. Williams
Schoolmaster

J. R. Longen Esqre
Chief Clerk

Report of the Colonial Government School from the 8th June 1849 up to 31st December 1849.

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Report of the Colonial Govern

June 8th

Number	Names	Age	Sex Male	Sex Female
1	Henry Talbot	10	1	"
2	George Short	12	2	"
3	John Gillespie	11	3	"
4	James Suggs	8	4	"
5	Wm Yates	12	"	1
6	Rosa A. Tyack	11	"	2
7	Ellen Mary	6	"	3
8	Helen Yates	11	"	4
9	Alice Yates	10	"	5
10	Jane Phillips	9	"	6
11	Amelia Suggs	11	"	7
12	Mary Yates	7	"	8
13	Robert Yates	5	5	"
14	John Talbot	8	6	"
15	Thomas McDonel	8	7	"
16	Francis Adderly	8	8	"
17	John Smith	7	9	"
18	Edward Suggs	5	10	"
19	John Starkes	7	11	"
20	Ann Simpson	5	"	9
21	Henrietta Higgs	5	"	10
22	Mary A. McDonel	6	"	11
23	Nelly Driver	11	"	12
24	John Gainey	7	12	"
25	Charlotte Short	7	13	"
26	James Payne	4	14	"
27	William Bremen	5	"	14
28	Eliza Starkes	5		

ment School Falkland Islands from

1849 up to December 31st 1849.

Date of Admission	Class 2nd	3rd	4th	Instruction Reading	Writing	Ciphering	Remarks	Rules of the School
13th Aug 1849				Reading	1		Quick but inattentive	
				Spelling	2		Rather at home	
				and Explanation from the Dictionary. Reading in the New Testament and Arithmetical Tables			Attentive and regular Slow Very quick Very quick Very quick Slow Slow Careless Careless Slow Quick Rather Slow Progress	
				Afternoon Arithmetic and the Rudiments of Grammar. Spelling and Reading from Mayor School book			Very slow Middling Progress	
				Spelling words of three Syllables Alphabet			very slow	

The Scholars are expected to be in School at 9 o'clock and Save the Sabbath Evening in the manner directed in the Rules and Orders of the School which are to be read and explained to them every Monday Morning.

That it is intended to add to the Monday Arithmetic Class a class for the purpose of instructing the more advanced Pupils in Geography and Grammar and that the School will commence at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Rewards and Punishments will be given to the Pupils of the School in the manner directed in the Rules and Orders of the School.

Signed William Williams Schoolmaster

Stanley 31st. jany 1850

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's letter of yesterday's date, and to acquaint you, that, in the evening, I paraded the Prisoners under my command, and read and explained to them the contents of that Letter.

I am
Signed J. Reid
Capt. & Staff Officer
Comg Prisoners

His Excellency
Governor Bonnie
&c. Stanley

Stanley
31st Jany 1850.

My dear Sir

With reference to the Governor's letter to me of yesterday's date, in which he concedes to the Prisoners to become purchasers at the sale of Suburban ~~Lands~~ Farms allotments advertised to take place tomorrow, on certain conditions, and desiring that intending purchasers shall signify their wishes to you, I beg you will inform His Excellency that I myself am desirous of becoming the purchaser of one, or even two, of those farms sections, giving up as an equivalent for the amount of the purchase money, (whatever that may come to,) the value of acres out of my rural grant - and subject to the same conditions as that accorded to the Prisoners, viz approval by the Right Hon.ble the Secretary for the Colonies.

I remain &c.

signed

J. Reid

Jas Longden Esqre
Chief Clerk
Govt Office
Stanley

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Stanley Feby 1st 1850

Sir

I have to request on behalf of myself and partners that we may be allowed to enter on the occupation of the district of land laying between Port Louis on the N. and the S.E. arm of Salvador on the S.W. including Long Island. We shall be ready to purchase one hundred and sixty Acres of land directly the same can be surveyed and sold - and to take a lease of the grazing land to which this purchase will entitle us.

I have &c
signed B. J. Sullivan

His Excellency
Governor Pennie
&c &c

Stanley July 5th 1850.

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Excellency's letter of yesterday's date; in answer to which I beg to reply that I shall take advantage of the earliest opportunity to lay before Mr Lafone, the contents of your Excellency's communication, & feel confident that Mr Lafone will give an early reply and such assurances as will fully meet your Excellency's views.

2nd In the meantime I beg to inform your Excellency, that I am prepared to provide during the summer months of the ensuing year, a number of Cattle of not less than 150, animals of a mixed class and age say horned Cattle of one year old and upwards, at a price not exceeding 30 shillings per head. In all probability I might provide larger supplies than the number above mentioned and during the same period say from January to the end of April, this independent of supplying Cattle required for consumption.

3d. Allow me to suggest to your Excellency that settlers intending to Establish farms

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farms on the Falkland's; ought to prepare themselves to establish during the summer months say from November to March, as at other seasons they would labour under great disadvantages at the same time allow me to offer to Strangers coming here (my advice should such be desired) on their first establishing as well as be ready to assist Our Establishments for their better information &c &c.—

I have &c.

Signed D A Williams

Stanley Feby 7th 1850.

Sir

In reply to your letter of this days date I regret to say that I cannot answer your enquiry with any degree of accuracy as I have never counted the congregation; as well as I can guess and from enquiries I have made I should consider forty as a fair average for the morning service and ten for the afternoon the smallness of the average I attribute to the bad Church accommodation which is simply a log room used during the week as School room, several respectable persons having told me that the reason of their not coming to Church is that they cannot procure Pew regularly.

I have &c.

signed

James Leith Moody
Col. Chaplain

J. D. Longden Esqr.
&c &c

Stanley 8th Feby 1850

Sir

I beg to enclose for your Excellency's information the Copy of a Memorial addressed to me, and Signed by the whole of the Detachment of Sappers under my command, and which I have to inform your Excellency, it is my intention to forward by this Mail to the Right Honble the Secretary at War.—

I was this day informed by the Master of the Royal Mint that he does not expect to be able to sail till Monday the 11th.—

I am &c
Signed J. Reid
Capt. & Staff Officer
Convicts Prisoners

His Excellency
Governor Fannin
Stanley

Stanley 2nd Jany 1850

The Memorial of the Pensioner enrolled for Service in the Falkland Island Force

To Captain Reid Staff Officer of Pensioners

May it please you Sir.

Your Memorialists humbly sheweth that they were enrolled for service in the Falkland Island Force having agreed to certain conditions as read and explained to them and a copy of which was given to some of them in a book entitled "Memorandum of the Conditions on which it is proposed to enroll Pensioners for Service in the Falkland Islands" the terms of which were very liberal to the Pensioners and which terms they were led to believe would be carried out but on their arrival in this country they found that the climate had been misrepresented and that they have no chance of earning a livelihood by Agriculture or cultivating the soil, at the same time acknowledging that a few vegetables or pot herbs can be raised in sheltered spots but at so great cost or what is equal to it great labour and time as to be beyond

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the reach of poor men except as a luxury

Your Memorialists further sheweth that 18 of the houses are laid out to be erected on a most exposed situation near the top of a hill towards your Memorialists had often brought to your notice, that the Governor might be induced to alter the plan and bring them lower down the hill, and on Monday the 31st December 1849, they were marched to Government House to His Excellency's decision. When they were told that if His Excellency brought them down the hill he would not give them garden ground to their houses, this made them all content to the plan remaining as it was being convinced that a house without a bit of ground is very uncomfortable at all times, at the same time they feel confident that this was not the plan contemplated by Her Majesty's Government at home.

And your Memorialists further sheweth that His Excellency the Governor on a former occasion promised to give two acres of suburban land in lieu of the ten acres of rural land at first contemplated, but which His Excellency now declines, saying that he has not land sufficient

sufficient but your Memorialists can see plenty of Land where they could be located if His Excellency should only will it. In proof of which your Memorialists would direct your attention to a Government notice of 12 acres of Suburban Land for sale on 2nd February which land is in fact a continuation of the ground on which the Barrack now stands, and within 170 yards of the easternmost cottage, and in a direct line.

And your Memorialists also shewith that the Land pointed out to them on the 31st December 1844 is useless to them for cultivation, and the distance is so great from their houses, being 3½ miles, that they respectfully decline accepting it until some further reference is made to the Home Government.

In conclusion your Memorialists trust they have not exceeded the liberty usually granted to persons of their Class, in respectfully in representing what they consider a grievance, and they hope you will be pleased to convey their sentiments to the Right Honble the Secretary at War.

And your Memorialists as in duty bound will ever pray

(signed) by thirty Non Commissioned Officers and men forming the whole of the Detachment.

a true Copy
Signed J. Reid
Capt Staff Officer
Coming Pensioners

Stanley 9th July 1850
Jas. Last 11. A.M.

Sir

I have within the hour received your Excellency's letter of this date, and in reply to acquaint you, that when you addressed the Seamen under my Command yesterday, and demanded to know why they had delayed sending in their Memorial, dated the 2nd January, till the present time, and receiving no answer from them, I to the best of my recollection, answered "I have to answer that Sir" and upon you then asking me why, I had not forwarded it, I did think, reply, that I had not thought proper to do so, as the Memorial was addressed to me and not to your Excellency, and I added that I had only then done so out of courtesy, as I was still in doubt whether it was necessary whether you should be made acquainted with its contents or not.

I have to add that I cannot exactly bring to my recollection the precise day the Memorial came into my possession but I should think it must have been within a week at farthest from its date.

I am &c.
(signed)
Capt. & Staff Officer
Comm.g Pensacola.

His Excellency
Governor Pennie
Stanley

P.S.

P.S. I have omitted to mention that when your Excellency complained that the Mail was about to close and that there was no time for you to answer the Memorial I distinctly offered to keep back the original of the Memorial in my possession, till the next Mail, if it suited your convenience. and I mentioned the same to Mr Longden your Secretary officially before I saw your Excellency.

Signed J. Reid
Capt. & Staff Officer.

Stanley 12th Feby 1850.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's letter of this date, acquainting me that you had forwarded to Earl Grey Secretary of State for the Colonies the Copy of the Memorial of my Detachment of Thirty Pensioners &c and requesting me to read the Letter at my early convenience to the Detachment. I have now therefore to report that I did so immediately after their dinner hour.

I would appear however from a report made to me by my Sergt Major, that your Excellency in person had the day previous already communicated this intelligence to a party of the men when at work, and that your Excellency had also on that occasion, stated to the Sergt Major in the hearing of the same party, "that you were still ready to give "to each of the men of the Detachment Ten Acres "of Suburban Land, in exchange for their forty "acres of rural allotments". Permit me therefore to observe that, considering what has already passed, regarding the Land & Allotments of the Detachment, I think it would be but just to me, and in the regular course, that any communication your

His Excellency
Governor Kennie
Stanley

Excellency

Excellency has to make to the men on that, or indeed any other subject affecting their interests, should be made through me, or at any rate in my presence: - I am otherwise placed in a false position with them, and subjected to be asked questions as was done in this case, which I was unable to answer. -

I am &c.

signed J. Reid

Qr. Mr. & Asst. Commy.

Commy Sentences.

Stanley 13th Feby 1850

Sir,

I beg leave to enclose a Memorial addressed to your Excellency from Lieutenant William Stokes, Commander to the Detachment, praying to be allowed the use of a workshop wherein he could carry on his calling.

The 2nd Blacksmith's shop being small and fully occupied, I have to recommend the prayer of Stokes's petition to your Excellency's favorable consideration.

I would at the same time suggest, what your Excellency contemplated ordering some time ago, the erection of one or two of the Sergeants houses in line with the Barracks, to serve temporarily as workshops for the Shoemakers &c. of the Detachment, and the foundations of which have been completed some time.-

I am &c.

signed J. Reed
Capt. & Staff Officer
Commg Settlement

His Excellency
Governor Fenwick
Stanley

To His Excellency the Governor
of the Falkland Island

Honored Sir

I humbly beg to direct your attention to the few following lines hoping they will meet your kind consideration and favorable reception Having been sent by the Right Honorable the Secretary of War as a Blacksmith and Armourer to the Falkland Island and being informed by Colonel Sullock the Military Superintendent that a Work Shop would be provided for me on my arrival at my destination which indurced me to purchase about 10£ worth tools and since I came to this Country I have been disappointed in having my sheltered place to work or keep my tools from the ungleymency of wind and rain which the best part of tools I have in possession is completely spoiled from the Continual rain and besides a great number of small tools for want of place to keep them Having a great deal of work in hand belonging to different people in the Island and having no sheltered spot to keep me from the wind and rain I humbly implore your Excellency's kind consideration to allow me a place to fix my work bench in any place you would

work

wish to place me would be taken as
a mark of your favour and be ever remem-
bered by your very humble

and Sergeant Sergt
(signed) William Sobas.
Pensioner.

13th Feby 1850

Stanley Falkland Islands.

Stanley 16th Feby 1850

Sir

I have the honour to inform your Excellency that the West Wing of Government Barracks is ready for the reception of 17 families. The Division is also so far advanced as to enable the single men to occupy it, as the materials of their present temporary residence is required for use.

I have &c.
(signed) A Wooley
Surveyor General

His Excellency
The Governor.

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Stanley 15. February 1850

Sir,

No. 1. I have to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's letters numbered 2 & 3 of the 13th Instant.

I shall confine my reply at present to the first, and to that part of it wherein you say "you feel it to be your "duty to denounce in the most decided "manner the impropriety of retaining a "document in my hands for so lengthened period, containing statements "of an erroneous nature, accusing you "of tyranny & the prospects of my men, "by your change of purpose &c."

No. 2. The Memorial of the Petitioners Sir, being in my opinion founded on truth, I reject your admonition as unjust, and I spurn the unfounded accusation you bring against me in this, and more strongly in other parts of your letter, charging me with forwarding a Document which I know to be false: - and I would state firstly, I blame altogether on the mere matter of forwarding the Memorial, I think Your Excellency should change your mind with a spark of [illegible] when you pray Blame me &, how your Excellency came

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Governor Pennie
&c
Stanley.

came to consent to forward it with all its presumed inaccuracies, without referring it to me for correction? and why did you put it to the men assembled after your perusal of it, and you had erased what you thought proper, whether they would have it sent by this mail or the next? particularly after I had offered to you, in their hearing to reclaim the original bill the next morning if you wished it; and secondly, if any thing has taken place of this matter at all allied to falsehood, it may possibly rest with your Excellency, but I deny that a tittle of it rests with me. Your Excellency's departure from your promise, made to the deputation of Settlers on or about the 5th of November last, appears to me to have been the principle of all the dissatisfaction which has since been engendered.

N.3. On the 8th Instant when the Petitioners were drawn up by your Excellency's order to hear your observations upon this memorial, you "viva voce" declared you had never publicly promised to exchange their grants for Suburban, you admitted that you had done so privately as you were pleased to say to me, - but you persisted in asserting that you had never done so publicly;

upon

upon the Serjt Major, Corpl Gilmore and Pte Doyle being four of the five individuals who had composed the before named deputation, received by you on or about the 5th Nov.r as before stated, assisted by myself - reminded your Excellency of what had taken place, in the Library of your own office, when you exhibited to them & myself a Sketch of the Cottages as they were then intended to be placed, and promised that every man of the Detachment should have two acres of land, as appeared on the Sketch, radiating out from their Cottages; and you authorized the said deputation, as they deemed to be very agreeable to the plan, to communicate it to their Comrades outside, which they did. So being reminded of all this as I have before said, your Excellency stood in presence of the whole Detachment decidedly in error.

No. 4. But will it be credited, that following this denial of your Excellency of ever having publicly sanctioned the before named exchange of rural land for suburban, - you should all at once "shift your ground," and almost in the same breath, declare, that you had never refused such exchange being made;

when

upon the Lieut. Major, on the part of the question being mooted, also reminded your Excellency, that on the 31st Dec. last, as the detachment was being marched off from the Govt. Offices (where you addressed them) for the purpose of viewing their rural land, he had mentioned to you your offer of some Suburban land near Captain Sullivans, - when you answered him "We cannot entertain that at present. And I now add, it never has since been brought forward.

No 5 Your Excellency in attempting to bring forward your Letter to me of the 30th Ulto. as proof of your desire to permit the Settlers to exchange Rural land for Suburban ones, in my humble opinion, prevent me to remark, most sophistically, the cases being perfectly dissimilar, - in the one instance can you persuade to give two acres of Suburban land in lieu of ten acres of rural, - in the other the Tenants are permitted to become purchasers of certain Suburban Acre lots, to be put up to public Auction, at the upset price of £5 an acre, their rural ten acres being taken for as much as it was worth, £5 in part payment of what the Colony might realize, and subject to the approval of the Right Honble the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

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The man however did not relish the proposal of yr Excellency, not even Capt. Talmage (by whose account you persisted to make the letter you did to me) even he did not purchase, altho some of the Lots were knocked down at the upset price. But this sale after all only occurred within the last few days, and did not much concern the Inhabitants.

No 6. I have now to conclude by recapitulating, that your Excellency has on a former occasion accused me of misleading my men, and in the present instance you have given it as your opinion that my conduct in Shortsmithing the Sentinels. Was no real to the Right Honble the Secretary at War consider'd the Mutiny Act, under the head of making false returns, what your next accusation against me may be remains to be seen, but thus I do know, that I shall endeavour to prevent you raising your own character on the ruin of mine, which I am proud to say, during a course of thirty years of public life had never before been so assailed.

I am Sir
Signed
Your most Obedt Hble Servt
Comm. Skinner

Stanley 16th February 1850

Sir,

I beg to transmit enclosed a Memorial, addressed to your Excellency from the Pensioners under my command, and which was placed in my hands this morning.

I should appear the men had your Excellency's instructions to address you on their official capacity, but were directed to send their Memorial thro' me.

I am &c
signed
Reid
Capt. & Staff Officer
Comg Pensioners.

His Excellency
Governor Fenwick
&c
Stanley

Memorial

Stanley Falkland Islands
16th February 1850.

Sir

Your Memorialists most respectfully requests, you will be pleased to have their Houses built immediately, with two acres of land as convenient as possible to each house, according to your Excellency's proposition which was all we required since it was first proposed.

His Excellency
the Governor, and
Commander in Chief
of the Falkland Islands.

Sir

We are
with the greatest
respect your obedient
and humble servants

(Signed)

Henry Felton
John Smith
John Brown
John Morris
Thomas X Dogmid
Thomas X Kellick
Patrick X Fleming
William X Creigh
James

Signed James Roddy
" Patrick X French
" James Rocking
" Darby X Dreghnan
" William Stokes
" Thomas Simpson
" Thos Gilmore
" Mark X King
" John Shaw
" Timothy X O'Neil
" Patrick Byrne
" Edward X Roach
" Wellgam X Brown
" Matthew X Adderley
" William X Lowry
" Wm Morris
" Mathew X Humphreys
" Robert Gillispie
" James Brown
" Thos Mc Donnell

Stanley 18th Feby 1850.

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's letter of the 16th Instant, requiring me "to report from documents or to the best of my recollection, whether I have ever heard the slightest intimation of an intention on your Excellency's part to withdraw the conditional proposal, made by your Excellency to the Tenants to exchange their 10 acre rural lots for an equivalent value of suburban land, subject to the approval of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State".

2. To the best of my recollection this proposal was first mooted about 3 weeks after the arrival of the Tenants at the interview granted by your Excellency to Captain Reid and a deputation from that detachment; but there are no minutes of that conference in the Office to enable me to state positively who took place. I have remembered your Excellency offering (if the men made an unanimous application to you) to exchange their rural land for a similar value of suburban land, subject of course to the approval

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&c. &c.

nal of Her Majesty's Government. No such unanimous application ever has been made, and to determine the question your Excellency directed the Department on the 31st December to be manned out to view the nearest rural land, which "unless some well founded objection was raised to the grant within a week" your Excellency decided to allot them.

3. On the 30th of January last your Excellency again offered them an exchange on the 1200 land principle, affording them the value of their Rural land (£5) in any purchase they might make of the special lots then advertised for public Auction, but none of the non commissioned Officers or Privates acted on it.

4. I am not aware that your Excellency ever declined to give the Pensioners two acres of Suburban land for either two acres of rural, or that the defacement ever made an official application for such exchange, until the 16th Instant.

I have &c.

Signed

J. Le Longden

Chief Clerk

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Stanley 18th February 1850

Sir,

I beg to transmit enclosed a Letter of this date addressed to your Excellency, & signed by the whole of the Detachment of Pensioners under my command, requesting your Excellency to allow them to exchange their Ten acres of Rural Land for two acres of Suburban Land, which they have this day chosen with the concurrence of the Surveyor, and situated immediately at the back of the allotments laid out for their houses and in which latter they also found themselves to rest satisfied with their choice, and in the event of their prayer being granted, to renounce all claim to their Rural Land.

I am Sir
Signed
J. Reed
Capt & Staff Officer
comm'g Pensioners

His Excellency
Governor Kennie
&c &c
Stanley

Stanley 18th February 1850

May it Please your Excellency

We the undersigned beg that your Excellency will allow us to receive in exchange for our rural land of Ten Acres, Two Acres of Suburban Land, which we have chosen with the concurrence of the Surveyor General situated at the back of the allotments your Excellency has laid out for our Choices.

And we bind ourselves to rest satisfied with this Choice, and renounce all further claim to the rural land aforesaid, except in case of the Secretary of State disapproving of the arrangement when of course our original claim will be renewed.

And we the undersigned will ever pray.

His Excellency
Governor Rennie
Commander in Chief

Signature of the Sen.s

Stanley

(signed) John. Morris
Henry Fitzroy
John Smith
Matthew Addesley
his X mark

John

Signed John Brown
" Thos Gilmore
" William Brown + his mark
" William Keyes + his mark
" Patrick Fleming + his mark
" William Longley
" Walter Humphreys
" Patrick Byrne
" Wm. Murray
" James Reddy
" Edward Tarpey
" John Hart + his mark
" Timothy O'Neal + his mark
" William Jones + his mark
" Thomas Haines + his mark
" Hugh Gallagher
" Thos. McDonell
" James Brown
" Darby Brennan + his mark
" Patrick Tyrrell his + mark
" Thomas Killalea his + mark
" Mark King his + mark
" Thomas Dwyer his + mark
" James Hoofing
" Thomas Tyson
" William Stokes

Stanley 18th Feby 1850.

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's letter of the 16th Instant and in reply to state that after a diligent search I can find no document relating to the Tenements with the exception of one dated the 20th of December 1849 wherein your Excellency desired me to accompany Captain Reid and Tenements to view the Survey land situated on the Murrell River and to point out such as open to their selection. And that it would be necessary for me to inform the Tenants that no nearer approach to the Settlement could be considered rural allotments. and that unless some well founded and reasonable objection be communicated by you within one week, Your Excellency would consider the allotment as settled, and it would be surveyed as soon as circumstances would permit I have already had the honour to report to your Excellency the decision come to at that time by the Tenants in my letter of the 11th January 1850

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His Excellency
The Governor

D. As to verbal instructions I can only bring to my recollection the instructions given to me by your Excellency just before starting for the above contemplated purpose. Your Excellency told me first to show the Sojourners the rural land and if they could not decide upon choosing their 10 acres there I was to point out to them any tract of unappropriated Crown land not beyond Captain Sullivan's to the Eastward as he had previously received instructions, I accordingly did so and left them.

I have &c.

Signed

S. P. Cutler

Surveyor General

Stanley February 25th 1850

Sir

I shall feel obliged if you can allow me to be supplied with 700 Bricks from the Govt Stores for the purpose of erecting a chimney in the House we are now putting up on the Long Island District, there being no means of procuring any from the Storekeepers Dept here at Stanley

I have &c
signed
D D Sullivan

His Excellency
Governor Kennie

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Montevideo 17th Jany 1850

Sir,

Please to pardon the liberty I take in addressing you, but having lost my Vessel the "Ann" with all my Papers & the present is to pray of your Excellency, to grant me a copy of the undermentioned documents, relative to my going to Port Famine, Straits of Magallanges in search of Captain Sims & Co. Mr Douglas taken prisoner by the Indians, I having allowed Mr Moore to copy the same, during my stay at Stanley, as he kindly suggested to me I should always be able to refer to them in case of need.

Sam Bc

Signed M. S. White

His Excellency
Governor Stanley
Falkland Islands

One document granted by H. B. Majestys Consul. Montevideo. Mr Martin Ward
Two documents granted by His Excellency Governor. Montevidez Port Famine Str. of Mag. written in Spanish
Two translations of the same in English by Governor Montevidez Secretary
Signed M.S.W.

Stanley 28th. Feby 1850

Sir,

I request you will direct me to be furnished with a copy of your Excellency's written address, this day forwarded by you to the detachment of Pensioners under my command, on the 8th Instant.

I am Sir
your
obt. Servt.
J. Reed
Capt. Staff Officer
Comm. Pensioners

His Excellency
Governor Lennie
&c. &c.
Stanley

Long Island
Beachley Sound
February 28th 1850.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform your Excellency that I have completed the Survey of 160 acres in Mamie Bay.

I have also the honour to request your Excellency will allow the Osprey to fetch my things as soon as convenient. In the meantime I await the arrival of Capt. Sullivan to go over his sum.

I have &c.

Signed

H. Bailey
Surveyor General

To His Excellency
The Governor

Stanley March 4th 50.

Sir

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that the Eastern Wing of the new Barracks is now ready for the reception of the remainder of the Sandom: etc.

I have &c.
(signed) J. A. Bailey
Surveyor General

His Excellency
The Governor

Stanley 4th March 1850

Sir,

I have this instant received your very peremptory & extraordinary Letter of this date, and I am totally at a loss to conceive what fresh cause of offence I can have given, to lead you to come to the inference you say you have done, as stated in the first paragraph of that Letter.

2. Your Excellency surely forgets that on the 26th Ult.o I received a Letter from you addressed to the Right Hon.ble the Secretary of State for the Colonies, consisting of forty pages of Foolscap, reporting the whole of what you term my proceedings since I came to the Colony, and which report you sent me for my perusal, with permission to make such comments on it, at any convenience, as I might think proper.

3. Now as that Letter contains some most unfounded statements, besides ungenerous, as well as unjust, misconceived inferences & conclusions, of course time to answer, and I very plainly tell you I am not to be driven to do so hurriedly.

4. Your Letter of the 13th Ult.o did not specify what retrieve you do require,

His Excellency
Governor Fennie
&c &c
Stanley

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and certainly did not indicate whether they were to have a retrospective effect or not. But to prove that I am quite willing to furnish you with certain returns, I was this very day engaged in making copies of those I think you are entitled to, but really my hand would require to be of the power of a Steam Engine to enable me to keep pace with your Attorney's Epistolary Correspondence.

Sir, Sir I should almost think, forget, that I have other duties to perform as well as write out any Copy Letters. The very day for example, within an hour before the receipt of your letter, I received from Mr. Longden "applying to Capt Mooney's directions that the Detachment of the New Barrack should be forthwith occupied by a portion of the Detachment, directed to vacate their present quarters," - this requires arranging.

Being the commencement of a month too, I have likewise at this time to be prepared for your Office the usual Estimate and Duplicate for the working pay of my Detachment for last month. Acquittance Rolls also in Duplicate for the same: also to see the Pay account properly charged & balanced, besides my other Office Duties, so that I have quite enough to do, and must have time to do my work

7.

In answer to the pecuniary question contained in the 4th paragraph of your Letter, I am not aware of any Rations being actually due, except those before enumerated, and which I have before stated I am at present at work upon.

I am Sir
Signed J. Reid
Capt & Staff Officer
Coming Settlement.

Stanley 6th March 1850

Sir,

I beg to annex the copy of a letter addressed to me by Serjt Major Felton of the Prisoners under my command, in which he states your Excellency made him a promise, some Months ago, of permission to continue in the room of the old Barracks he at present occupies, till his own cottage could be erected: and with regard to which I have only to observe, that as far as my consent is necessary, I shall be very glad if your Excellency continues to him the indulgence he solicits.

I am &c.
signed
Reed
Capt. & Staff Officer
comg Seamen

His Excellency
Governor Kennie &c
Stanley

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Stanley 5th March 1850

Sir

I beg to call your recollection to a statement I made to you about three weeks ago viz, that H.E. the Governor had given me permission to remain in the Barracks I am now occupying, but finding that an order has been received from them that the whole of the Detachment are to go into Barracks, and my family being so large that it would put me to great inconvenience.

I most respectfully beg that His Excellency will be good enough to allow me to remain in my present quarters until my Cottage is built, hoping you will be so kind as to approve and forward my application.

I am &c.

Signed

Henry Fellon
Sergt. Major
R.E.

Capt. Reid
Staff Officer of Pensioners

a true copy
(signed)

Reid
Capt. & Staff Officer
Comm. Pensioners

Stanley 7th. March 1850

Sir,

In reply to your 2nd. letter of the 4th. Instant, but with reference to the 4th. paragraph of it, I beg to remind your Excellency that I have repeatedly pledged to you on my instructions, at least upon three different occasions, the first immediately after my arrival the second on I think on the 5th. of January last, and the 3rd. or 4th. or about 24th. or 25th. Dec. last, when your Excellency wished me to charge the cutting of that agreement, and which I believed to your Excellency was not intended by that Instructions: and on one of those occasions I perfectly remember to have offered to leave them with your Excellency for perusal, but which you declined; all this happened of course not in Mr. Longden's presence, you cannot therefore say that I have had any wish to keep you unacquainted with their import.—

But strictly speaking I am not quite certain that I am bound to comply with your Excellency's demand to furnish you with a copy of these Instructions, or even to part with them, as your Excellency offers in order that they may be copied by your

His Excellency
Governor
&c. &c.

Yours
Stanley

Sir, I have honour to make Returns from them of every thing happening on the subject of Churches, of which I beg to transmit enclosed for your Excellency's Information.

I am however sorry to inform you that I am not called upon to furnish you with any Returns of my Lists for the Province at large, as I accordingly monthly to your Office, by forwarding Returns and Muster Rolls &c. in duplicate of every Military Corps.

I am &c.

Signed

Robt. Pilkington

Asst. Staff Officer

Commg. Provinces

His Excellency

Governor Rennie

&c. &c.

Halifax

"Extracts" from Instructions issued by Lt. Col. Tulloch, Military Superintendent of Pensioners, to Capt. Reid Staff Pensioners, for his guidance, previous to his leaving England. Bearing upon the subject of Returns, the modes in which they are to be made up, and forwarded from to the War Office.

2nd. August 1849.

Page 8
Last paragraph "The Governor has been instructed by the Colonial Department to supply you with funds for the pay and pensions of the men and your own allowances, on your monthly or quarterly Estimates, but in that Estimate you must give credit for the advances made to you before leaving the Country, or such portion thereof at least as you shall be able to recover from the men in the course of the quarter stating in a Memorandum below what amount will remain due of such advances after the Amount of the Estimate has been received"

Pages 10 & 11
1st paragraph "The Colonial Allowance of 50£ per annum guaranteed to you during your service in the Falkland Islands will not enter your Pay Lists, but will be a charge on the local revenue of the Colony, as to which no doubt the Governor has received instructions from the Colonial Office."

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2nd Paragraph "You will forward to this Office every quarter a Pay List made out according to the form you have taken with you, and you will be careful so long as the men receive Pay that it is entered separately from their Pensions" and so forth.

Page 10. 11.
2nd Paragraph. "You will bear in mind that with your Pension Pay List, Declarations must be forwarded to show that the men are in life at the period to which the Pay List refers" – "in the event of any death" – and so forth nothing but Pay, Pension and small contingent charges connected with funerals expended, or the repair of arms or clothing can be entered in these accounts: any other disbursements which may be found necessary must be made on the authority of the Governor, and charged in special accounts, or if he insists on your charging them you must forward his special order to that effect for your examination."

Page 14. You must keep a record of your proceedings, shewing the manner in which the men have been employed throughout each week; and for the first year

you

"you will, as often as opportunity can be obtained, forward reports as to their conduct, the progress they have made in the erection of their houses, and the cultivation of their land, on which occasions the Secretary at War will be glad to receive any suggestions from experience may enable them to offer, either for the benefit of those now or of those who are intended to follow them."

True Extracts
Signed J. Reid
Asst. Staff Officer
Comm'g Settlement

Stanley 6th March 1850

Stanley 8th March 1850.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's letter of yesterday date, and in order that the public service shall not suffer through any refusal, but being excited, I have now enclosed for your perusal the Original of my "Instructions" drawn up in the shape of a Letter, addressed to me by Lt. Col. Pollock, Military Superintendent of Pensioners, for my guidance on landing in the Falkland Islands: but which however I only now do under Protest, and in consequence of the threat contained in the 2nd paragraph of your Excellency's letter before quoted, - and although I practically alluded to a stoppage of the supplies.

I am &c.

Signed Reid
Capt. & Staff Officer
Comm. Pensioners

His Excellency
Governor Fenner
&c. &c. Stanley

Stanley 10th. March 1850.

Sir,

With reference to your Excellency's letter of the 13th. Ulto. (also referred to in Mr. Secretary Long's letter of the 1st. instant) I now beg to enclose copies of the Diary and Distribution of Work performed by the Convicts under my command from the date of their landing in October 1848, till the 31st. of January last, up to which period a similar return had been made & transmitted by me to the Right Honble. the Secretary of War, on two different occasions, the 1st. on the 17th. December last, the second on the 10th. of last month.

My Report on the conduct of the Detachment also accompanied those returns, of the first I unfortunately kept no copy, the second, that of the 10th. of February is enclosed.

These are the only "Returns" I have made to the Home Authorities since my arrival, but my Pay Lists & the requisite vouchers connected with them, being what I term Accounts, were also as a matter of course transmitted.

His Excellency
The Governor
&c. &c.
Stanley

I have the honor to be
Your Excellency's
most obedient
humble Servant

Referring therefore to Chapter 1st Section 2nd & Clause 5th of the Colonial Regulations, and seeing that the issue of Provisions from the Detachment Store is duly accounted for by me monthly, & the ashound real cash, is invariably left undrawn in the Govt. Shed: that our small stock of Ammunition is, and has been all along, in the Govt. Magazine, of which Your Excellency keeps the Key, and that there are no Fortifications on the Island, I should hope I have now fulfilled all that Your Excellency requires under the head of Returns.

I am &c.

Signed

Capt. & Staff Officer

Comm. Pensioners

P.S. A Copy of "Regulations & Instructions for Staff Officers" is enclosed, for your Excellency's information.

No 1. (Copy)

Stanley 10th February 1850.

Sir,

I have the honour to hand in a statement of the work performed by the Convicts under my command for the month of January last, and to state that the repairing of the Barrack is nearly for the occupation of the men, and the Sick will be so, I should hope, in little more than a fortnight.

I am sorry to observe that I am under the necessity of inflicting a rather severe punishment (with the concurrence of the Governor however) on one man, Private Patrick Lynch, for making use of abusive language to, and assaulting a non commissioned Officer but it had I must observe to an example and warning to the rest.

A good deal of drunkenness exists and I regret to say that some of the women are as much addicted to it as the men, upon the whole, the Detachment are obedient & well behaved & work well.

I have &c.

(signed) J. Reid
Capt & Staff Officer
Comng Convicts

The Right Honble
The Secretary at War
War Office
London

A true Copy
Signed, J. Reid.

Stanley 21st March 1850

Sir,

Hillary
No 1.
26th Feby 1850.

I have now to return enclosed, your Excellency's Report of my Proceedings since I came to the Colony, addressed by you to the Right Hon.ble the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and to acquaint you in reply, that from the lengthened nature of that Report, I do not deem it advisable to make a long comment upon it, - the more especially, as by last Mail I have transmitted to the Right Hon.ble the Secretary at War, complete copies of my correspondence with your Excellency, up to the 1st of January last, and a portion from that date up to 9th of February: - and as I further purpose transmitting to the same authority, a continuation of what has since occurred up to the present date, I shall leave with confidence my case in his hands, and in that of the Right Hon.ble the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

I cannot however close this Letter without adverting to the 2nd Paragraph of "your Excellency's Report," - In that paragraph you not only place on official record, what formed the subject of a "private & confidential conversation" I had with your Excellency shortly after my arrival here, and which you assured me should be confidential on the disappointment

His Excellency
Governor Pennie
Stanley

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of my hopes with respect to the Colony, but what is still worse, you therein state what is downright untrue, - I mean in that part of the paragraph wherein you say, "and "asked me if I would put your hand in an "application to Her Majesty's Government for a "duration of service". Well I must solemnly deny having ever made such a request to you, or said anything to you, which by any possibility could be construed to it.

You previously embodied a considerable part of the paragraph above referred to, but not the most objectionable part, in a Letter addressed to myself dated the 12th of January last, wherein you allude to "my dissatisfaction "and discontent with all your measures &c "ever since I came to the Colony". That Letter I left unanswered, for the sole reason, that I could not answer it without committing myself, by having to contradict your Excellency in a manner which at that time I could not bring myself to do: subsequent events however have convinced me that I am now called upon, as any honest man and a gentleman, to rebut falsehood, whenever or by whomsoever it is attempted to be used against me, and at whatever sacrifice. - The dangerous, unjust, & ungenerous inferences and conclusions "I come to on your Report", and adopted by in my Letter of the 4th Instant, I leave to be detected by the "Home Authorities", on their perusal of our correspondence.

I am &c.

(signed) J. Reed
Capt. & Staff Officer
Comm.g Pensioners

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Stanley Jail 22nd March/56

Your Excellency

Sir

Herewith I humbly beg your Excellency will call Mr. Andrews before you about what I am in prison now for: as I was ignorant of anything to come to pass as he washed your Excellency for me to do it for him, as before God and Her going from under my hand to your Excellency I had neither thought in heart or mind to defraud him out of one farthing's worth of property or anything else but to protect it for him. I am willing to do anything, but your Excellency my property is open to the world under the protection of a lonely woman. I have a writ hearing sent to me by which I hope your Excellency will be pleased to take it into consideration as I am under sentence of three months imprisonment and twenty five pounds fine to which I am very willing to pay any thing that your Excellency thinks right I hope you would let me as soon as your Excellency will oblige Your humble Servant.

(Signed) Mary

Your Excellency

Jos. A. Rennie

Stanley

Stanley 27th March 1850

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Mr Longden's letter of the 23rd Instant, purporting to be written by direction of your Excellency, and requesting me immediately to furnish you with a copy of every document, that I have sent to the Secretary at War, which contains comments or changes on the Administration of the Government of this Colony, - and that I will not in future transgress the Colonial regulations which are clearly defined, and imperative on the mode in which all officers serving under a Colonial Government are to conduct their correspondence: and I have to state in reply, that I have very carefully read over the pages of the Rules and Regulations for Her Majesty's Colonial Service, sent me by your Excellency's direction some days after the last Mail had sailed, which bear on the subject of correspondence, and I cannot discover that I have in any way transgressed those Regulations in doing what I have done.

In Chapter VI. Sec: V. clause 1st it is laid down that if an Officer serving under a Colonial Government, or a private individual has occasion to address the Secretary of

His Excellency
Governor Pennie
&c &c
Stanley

"Stake" "he must at all times make the Colonial Government the medium of his "communication." Now as I have never yet had the honour to address any communication to that high functionary, I cannot make out that any correspondence directly with the Right Honorable the Secretary of War, is in any manner contravening the Colonial Regulations. Until therefore I am convinced to the contrary, I shall continue to act as I have done, and meanwhile beg to decline complying with the request of Mr Longden's letter, written by desire of your Excellency.

I am &c

Signed J. Reid

Captain & Staff Officer

Comng. Seamen

Stanley 28th. March 1850.

Sir,

Adverting to my Letter addressed to your Excellency dated yesterday, and more especially to the last paragraph of it, I have to state, that upon a reperusal of Clause 1st. Sect: V. Chap. VI. on the subject "Correspondence of Individuals" in the Rules and Regulations for Her Majesty's Colonial Service, and on a reconsideration of the same, I deem it but just to put your Excellency in possession of what I did intend to the Right Honble the Secretary at War, (previous to the sailing of the last Mail, and to the receipt perhaps of the Colonial Instructions concerning your Excellency and myself: the transmission of the Pensioners' Memorial, &c

Letters

Copies of which Letters & receipts are herewith enclosed.

In doing this however, I do not resign the right, I presume I possess, to correspond direct with the before named Authority, or any other Functionary, on any subject I think proper, without communicating with your Excellency, or sending the same or copies, thro' the Govt. Office here - always provided, such Document, does not contain Matter reflecting on your Excellency, or on your Govt.

I am &c

(signed)

J. Reid
Capt. & Staff Officer
Comm.g Pensioners

His Excellency
Governor Kenzie
&c &c
Stanley

Copy

Stanley 6th February 1850.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit for your information a Memorial, dated the 22d of January last, addressed to me by the convicted Prisoners under my command, complaining of the Allowance by Her Gracious Majesty the Queen, whereupon Eighteen of their heads are proposed to be rewarded; and also of the distance from the Settlement, and the quality of the Lands, which on me has decided they shall have allocated upon for grants, granted to each Prisoner by Her Majesty's Home Government.

Feeling satisfied on my conscience that the Petitioners have just ground of Complaint in both the instances brought to your notice, I have to entreat Sir you would interpose your authority, and prevent their suffering so serious an injury as is contemplated, by having the Governor instructed to make a better Selection, and one more in consonance with what I conceived was intended by you and the Right Honble the Secretary of State for the Colonies for them.

I have &c.

(Signed) J. Reed
Colonial Staff Officer
Convicts Pensioners

The Right Honble
The Secretary at War
War Office
London

Copy

Stanley 8th. Feby 1850

Sir,

I have the honour to represent to you that, in consequence of certain occurrences which have taken place since my arrival here, connected with the location of the Settlers on the rural land, and the projected site of their houses in the settlement, I deem it necessary in justice to myself and them to hand in for your information, the whole correspondence which I have had with Governor Fenner on the subject, up to the 4th. of January last.- the original of His Excellency's letters are sent, and true copies of mine.

I regret that I am urged to this course in consequence of the Governor's unprovoked treatment of me, in presence of the whole of my detachment of Pensioners, assembled by his orders on the 31st. December last, when he deliberately charged me with "misleading "my men."

Feeling conscious that I was most unjustly accused, I, indignant at the imputation, at the moment called upon His Excellency to: hand the pen, which he refused, and turning on his heel insultingly added "you will "await a rule for it."

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The Right Hon.ble
The Secretary at War
War Office
London

I can therefore Sir only throw myself on your protection, and I trust to solicit you will take such steps in the matter as to you may seem proper.

I have &c.

(signed) J. Reid
Capt. & Staff Officer
Comdg. Pensioners

11th & 12 Inst.

30th Jany

P.S. I beg pardon for adding in a Postscript that I have more recently had to report further correspondence with Foreman Haynie respecting a "Lean to" or Kitchen for the middle part of the Barrack;- as also a communication from him throwing open to the Pensioners the privilege of becoming purchasers of any portion of the 15 acres of subdivision land advertized for Sale on the 2nd Instant,- but those I shall make the subject of separate Letters if possible by this Mail, if not by the next.-

Signed J. Reid
Capt. & Staff Officer

Copy

Stanley 9th February 1850.

Sir,

I have the honour to acquaint you, that having forwarded to Governor Fitzroy on the 8th Instant, a copy of the Pensioners Memorial, which I took the liberty of transmitting to you on the 6th a correspondence ensued of which I beg leave to transmit copies.-

Governor Fitzroy I have reason to believe entertains the opinion, that all my official correspondence should pass through him, as I am not of that opinion however, I have not done so: and I take this opportunity of stating that I consider it a very injudicious proceeding on the part of the Governor, appointing the Pensioners and addressing them in the hurried manner he has now twice done. On this occasion it was 2 past 4 in the afternoon, the men had been working hard all day, some of them ditching and standing up to their ancles in mud and water, and the Governor actually kept them waiting for 1½ hours, a great part of the time drawn up in front of the Government Offices, listening to his address. The consequence was the men became impatient, and some of them actually went so far as to ask leave to go to their

Barracks.

The Right Honble
The Secretary at War
War Office
London

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This certainly does appear to improve their discipline, and I have therefore to request your Instructions how I am to act on a similar occasion.

I have &c

(signed) J. Reid

Capt. & Staff Officer

Comm. Prisoners

Stanley March 30th 1850

Sir

I take the liberty of addressing your Excellency a second time in reference to the sentence lately passed on me by the Magistrates, which however just pressed so heavily on me, as to compel me again to solicit your Excellency's favorable consideration of my case, and to afford me such assistance as I trust your Excellency will consider me deserving of. I admit having acted wrong in this matter but not to the extent or with the bad purpose imputed to me: Mr. Andrew is willing to forgive any injury that I may have done to him, and I therefore pray your Excellency to render me your aid in mitigating my punishment so far as to allow me liberty to attend to my property in the day time only having no person whom I can trust to superintend it for me and as otherwise, my complete confinement for three months will subject my goods to great loss and damage.

Should your Excellency grant me your indulgence this time, I promise for the future to conduct my business with such prudence and propriety as to give no cause for any complaint to be made against me.

I have &c

To His Excellency
The Governor
Govt House

Signed
Murry

Stanley 1st. April 1850

Sir

I have the honour to forward the enclosed accounts with Memoranda of Agreements for work performed by James Dethleff

I have &c.

signed

H. Bailey

Surveyor General

His Excellency

The Governor

Stanley 29th April 1850.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit enclosed an application from Sarah James Hocking of the Enrolled Pensioners under my command, soliciting to be appointed to the situation of Schoolmaster, now vacant in the Settlement.-

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From the various testimonials here with also enclosed, Sarah Hocking appears to have borne an unexceptionable character during the six or seven years she served in the Royal Marines, and her conduct since she joined the enrolled Pensioners has also been very good.

As to her qualifications as a teacher I cannot exactly speak, under all the circumstances however I think I may safely recommend her to your Excellency to be provisionally appointed to the situation, until a better educated man can be obtained.-

I have &c

(signed)

J. Lloyd

Actg Staff Officer.

Commg Pensioners

His Excellency

Governor Rennie

&c &c

Stanley

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Stanley April 29th 1850

Sir

The situation of schoolmaster to the Settlement having become vacant, by the embarkation last week of the late Schoolmaster for California, and as the greater number of the scholars are children of the Pensioners, I respectfully beg leave to offer myself to your notice as a candidate for the appointment. I beg to forward my testimonials of character during my service in the marines; and I hope that my conduct since I entered this Force has given you satisfaction. I have therefore to request you will be pleased to recommend me to H.E. the Governor for the appointment.

I am Sir

Signed

James Hockings
Pensioned Pensioner
Stanley

To Capt. Reed
Staff Officer of Pensioners
Stanley

Copy

Name of the Party James Hosken
No. 183 Her Majesty's Ship Impregnable

Entry	Appearance	Discharge	Rating
17th Oct 1842	October 22nd	8th June 1843	Pr. Mar 3 Class

Age 22 Stature 5 feet 8½ inches Fresh complexion

Conduct very good

This Certificate given by virtue of the Act 4 Geo IV. Cap. 25.

Signed Robt Smart
Captain

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Copy

Name of the Party James Hooker
No. 117 Her Majesty's ship Cambridge
3rd Class.

Entry	Appearance	Discharge	Rating
30th June 1840	30th June 1840	16th Oct. 1842	Private Marine 3rd class.

Age. 25 Stature 5 feet 8½ Inches Pale Complexion

Completion of 7 years Service 28th Dec 1845.

This Certificate given by virtue of the Act II Geo IV Cap. 20.

Conduct good.

(signed) Edw. Barnard
Captain.

Copy

R. M. Barracks
Plymo Dock Decr 1845

The bearer hereof J. Hoskin served in my company at Head Quarters between four and five years during which time his conduct was very good.

Signed Thos Wearing
D. Major.

Copy

These are to certify that James Hoskin served as a Private Marine on board Her Majesty's Ship "Cambridge" under my command from the 30th of June 1840 until the 16th of October 1842 when he was discharged by order of the Commander in Chief in the Mediterranean unto Her Majesty's Ship Impregnable; he is a steady attentive good man and his conduct in general gave perfect satisfaction to his Officers and myself.

Given under my hand at Stonehouse this 20th day of December 1842.

Signed Edward Codrington
Capt R.N.
late Commanding the Cambridge

Copy

No. 11.

Private

	y.	m.	d
	16.	8.	29

No. 5582.

	y.	m.	d
Winchester	0	9	12
Cambridge	2	3	17
Queen	0	0	5
Impregnable	0	7	18
Total	3.	8.	22

This certifies it appears by the Books of the Plymouth division of Royal Marines that 79th Co. James Hocken late a Private in the above corps served honestly and faithfully for the space of six years, 8 months and 29 days, and was discharged on the 28th day of September 1845 for diseased testicle and debility of right ear, contracted subsequently to his entry in the service. Admiralty Order dated 23rd September 1845. 79th Co. James Hocken Private, states that his testicle was first got during drill in the early part of February last. He was then aged 26 1/2 years 5 feet 8 3/4 inches high - but having stated to have left his discharge with the Dist. Com. of the Admlty this Certificate is granted in lieu

given under my hand at the R.M. Bks. Plymouth this 13th day of November 1845. Of good character his name not appearing in the Defaulters' Book, and he states that his testicle was first got during Drill in the Month of January last.

To all concerned

Approved

(signed) C. Beatty
Colonel Commandant

(signed) J. N. Maline
1st Lieut for Adjutant

City of Hanley 30th. April 1850

May it please your Excellency.

I have a deal of Boards of Bread lying outside of my Store and it is getting very wet by rain and getting destroyed and if your Excellency would be so good as to let me out for to look after the same for a few days to put my property into Store and to return any Charge by the day that your Excellency may think pleased, and Moreover that I have Mr. Lawson a very heavy bill and it comes due next month, and I would like to get out to make up my Accounts, and settle with them, and to collect some bills that is owing to me, and to be able to meet the same as Her Majesty told me to write to your Excellency that you might mitigate my sentence - on the day that they committed me to prison, your Excellency I feel my health very bad through pains in my bones from close confinement since I came into prison. I hope this will be the last time that I shall trouble your Excellency under the same circumstances.

And your &c.

Signed

Murry

To His Excellency

Governor Kennie

Liverpool 28th November 1848

Per Swiss.

Dear Sir

I take the liberty of addressing you, & at the same time I have the pleasure of enclosing for you some family letters which I have no doubt will be very acceptable. I also send you a copy of a letter, which I addressed to Lord Grey on the 14th Instant respecting protection for the Islands, & his Lordships answer to same which I am sorry to say is not very satisfactory, as it would be much better if you could have a small vessel of War placed at your disposal. I shall see if anything more can be done, as I am just leaving for London. This Vessel takes out 8 or 10 passengers who go out well clothed & provided for. I have obtained them free passages, but without any further compromise.

Trusting that you & your Lady & family are in the enjoyment of perfect health

I remain &c

(signed) A. R. Lafone

George Rennie Esqr.

Falkland Islands.

Copy

Liverpool 14th Nov. 1848.

My Lord

Nearly a year has now elapsed since I addressed Governor Rennie previously to his departure for the Falkland Islands, respecting the natural necessity of some protection being given by H.M's Government to the lives and property of settlers in the above mentioned Islands. His Excellency acknowledged the receipt of my communication & promised that it should be laid before your Lordship. Many persons are now turning their attention towards that colony & I have no doubt that numerous persons both with Capital and without, would be induced to emigrate there if they felt the security which is always necessary in order to establish confidence.

Not having heard anything further upon this most important subject I take the liberty in the name of my brother Mr. J. P. Lafone of Monte Video to call your Lordship's most serious attention to this matter.

I beg leave to enclose extract of my letter to Governor Rennie under date 23rd. November in last year the contents of which I believe to be strictly correct & the necessity of the protection as pointed out therein, say a small vessel to be placed on that station becomes more apparent daily. Therefore

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The Right Honble
Earl Grey &c &c

I must respectfully hope that your Lordship will find it expedient to recommend to the Admiralty that a small vessel of War should be fitted out & sent to that Station with as little delay as possible.

I have &c

(signed) A. R. Lafone

Copy

Downing Street
24th. November 1848

Sir

I am directed by Earl Grey to acknowledge your letter of the 11th. Inst. respecting the necessity of providing for the protection of the settlers and property in the Falkland Islands; & I am desired to acquaint you in answer that His Lordship called the attention of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to this subject in the early part of the present year & that their Lordships have instructed the Commodore to despatch a vessel of War to visit the Falkland Islands occasionally whenever the general exigencies of the service will admit of it.

I have &c.
Signed
T. Hawes

A. R. Lafone Esqre.

Private

Monte Video
8th. May 1849

My dear Sir

As since my last, dated 8th. March last, I have no news from the Islands, & being fearful lest the correspondence then forwarded (per "Tatapsco") should not have reached its destination, I now enclose duplicates of same. Since that period, I have little new respecting the pending question. My letters per "Packet" from my brother, state that the Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners had only just given in their report to Lord Grey; so that he had not, as yet, been made acquainted with its purport. I trust soon to hear that the affair has been arranged, so that an end may be put to the present suspense - alike prejudicial to the interests of the Colony and to my own.

I forward by this conveyance, a number of Newspapers & letters. I have received none since the sailing of the "Tatapsco"

With Mrs Lafone's kind regards to Mrs Rennie

I am &c.
signed
Sam.l T. Lafone

Jeorge Rennie Esqre.

&c. &c. &c.

Private

Liverpool June 4th 1849

Dear Sir,

I addressed you a few hasty lines per "Nautilus" and now take the liberty to inform you that I had an interview on Friday last with Earl Grey, I am most happy to say that his Lordship being relieved from some very weighty matters, which as the Navigation Bill &c &c &c he has now time to attend to our business, and I rejoice to announce that his Lordship appeared to be lenient with us, and has promised to come to a final conclusion in the course of a few days. I most sincerely hope that you will not have found it requisite to stop our works, as such would bring about very serious consequences; I am told at the Colonial Office that they do anticipate such a step being taken, and certainly were anything of the kind to take place, it would be most unfortunate, particularly to take place at a time when I am expecting my prolonged labours to be crowned with success. I feel convinced that we can do much good for the Colony, and as soon as we are put upon the footing wished for, we shall act with energy and bring much capital into the Islands. I hear that the Convicts are to leave this early in August, everything is preparing for their departure. I regret much to find that nothing is doing about the Ship I wish you could

To George Kennie Esqre

&c &c &c

could find it convenient to write about it.

Desiring that this will find both you and your family in the enjoyment of health, and partly reconciled to the Naval change.

I remain &c.

signed A. R. Lafone

P.S. For more security I take the liberty of enclosing a letter for Mr Williams, which you perhaps will excuse.

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J. Common Law

30th Nov. 1849

Sir

I have the honor to enclose for the information of His Excellency the Governor a Bill of Lading for a case of Sacks of Smuggled Tobacco

I have &c

Signed J. Baillie

The Colonial Secretary

&c. &c. &c.

Falkland Islands

Encd

8/30

14th Nov.

1/4 Mercury

Shipped in good Order and well conditioned, by George Squibb Esqre in and upon the good Ship called the "Mercury" whereof is Master for this present Voyage W.M. Snelling and now lying in the River Thames, and bound for Falkland Islands.

addressed
The Officer administering the Government Falkland Islands

1 Box
To be taken from alongside at the risk and expence of the Consignees.

One Box containing Acts of Imperial Parliament being marked numbered as in the Margin and are to be delivered in the like good Order and well conditioned at the aforesaid Port of Falkland Islands (the Act of God the Queen's Enemies, Fire, and all and every other Dangers and Accidents of the Seas, Rivers, and Navigation, of whatever Nature or Kind soever save Risk of Boats, so far as Ships are liable thereto, excepted) unto the Officer administering the Government or to his Assigns, Freight for the said Goods to be paid in London, Ship lost or not lost, with Primage and Average accustomed. In Witness whereof the Master or Purser of the said Ship hath affirmed to three Bills of Lading all of this Tenor and date, the one of which Bills being accomplished, the others to stand void.

Dated in London, the 14th day of November 1849.

Contents unknown to
(Signed) W.M. Snelling

London 33 Upper Seymour St.
Portman Square

Hond Sir

Trusting you will excuse the liberty I take for the cause of suffering humanity I beg to state that there are at Sea Lich Island East of Patagonia several poor men who are unable to leave that angst desolate place owing to its being so far from the usual route of ships, my own dear Son being one amongst them. Trusting to your kindness I submit your powerful interference in this matter, begging should a ship be going that way you will desire them, to call & relieve those unfortunate men who are no doubt dying of hunger. I beg to say my son was in the employ of Mc Killop and Co of Glasgow and from correspondence I have with that firm also former letters from my son I know that he and several others are there and of course in a most deplorable condition. I take the favourable opportunity of sending this by a friend by the California starting this day. I may never forget the immediate obligation I shall be under in your relieving my great distress of mind if so benevolent an action please to excuse this ill written and hasty note my having had but few hours notice of the

Chance

Chance of writing.

Sam. Fe.
signed
Mary Nelson

Jany 16th. 1850

P.S. Without doubt you may have heard of the conflict &c. May 5th between the crew of the Avon and the Natives on an adjacent Coast but I am confident my son was not on that ship but was left on Sea Lion Island in charge of Stores.

Stanley 6th May 1850.

Sir

I have the honour to represent to you, that the period of six months, under which the Convicts under my command, generally to their conviction of service, became bound to give them to Government at a certain rate, having expired on Saturday last the 4th Instant, I beg to receive your instructions as to the Rate of Wages they are to be retained at, for the future, distinguishing Mechanics from Labourers, and also if any alteration is to take place in their Superintendence.

I have &c
signed
J Reid
Capt & Major Commg
Convicts

His Excellency
Governor Denne
&c
Stanley

Stanley 10th May 1850

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Mr Longden's letter of the 9th instant, being in answer to mine of the 6th addressed to your Excellency, respecting the future employment, supervision and pay of the Convicts of the Detachment of Sentinels under my command and in reply I have the honour to state that although I cannot offer an opinion on the question, founded on former experience, having never before in the course of my service been similarly situated, at the same time quite concurr in the proposition of your Excellency contained in the 2nd paragraph of Mr Longden's letter. I would with however, that on your Excellency's decision being known, application to the Detachts, it might be accompanied by an announcement, that all the Convicts may in future be employed as Civil Labourers, either in the service of Government, or in that of any of the Colonists, they are more willing to consider themselves under any Military superintendence & control, and more especially, that so long as they remain in Detachts, they will be expected, & held, to conform to such rules & regulations as

His Excellency
Governor Denzie
&c &c
Hobart Town

as I have since laid down for the order and interior economy of the same.

I have &c.

signed

Reid

Asst Staff Officer

Comm Seamen

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Stanley Falkland Islands
May 15th 1850

Sir

I am desirous on behalf of myself and Partners to purchase 160 Acres of land including the old Government buildings at Port Louis, and to enter on the occupation of the adjoining district, as soon as the same can be surveyed.

I have &c
signed D. Sullivan

His Excellency
Governor Fitzroy

Stanley 15th. May 1850

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit a Memorial addressed to your Excellency from Corporal Thomas Gilmore of the Convicted Pensioners under my command, praying your Excellency would be pleased to remit a portion of the fine of Five Pounds imposed on him by the Civil Magistrate on the 2nd. of April last.

In bringing Corporal Gilmore before the Bench on the occasion alluded to, I only, in my opinion, performed a painful part of my duty, the more especially as I believed the Corporal, from the numerous Testimonials in his possession to have conducted himself thro' life with unblemished character: but as he did require on this occasion to be convinced of the impropriety of his conduct towards his wife, I felt under the necessity of bringing him before the Bench, - and for the sake of example

Copies in name the beside his discharge

The supremacy of the law in the case having now however been vindicated, - and Corporal Gilmore being really in every other respect a most well conducted & deserving soldier, (as his numerous Testimonials

His Excellency
Governor Pennefather
&c. &c.
Stanley.

animals Eight in number, besides his Discharge will testify, and as he has since his Conviction shewn true contrition for his past conduct, & the Fine also being paid by procure for the animals position in life, I Plea of Mitigation has it a fit case for the exercise of your Excellency's prerogative of mercy, and I have therefore to request you will take the case into your consideration and be pleased to remit such portion of the Fine of Five Pounds as your Excellency may deem fit.

I have &c.

signed

Reid

Capt. & Staff Officer

Comm. Settlements

To His Excellency Governor
Bourke &c &c &c

The Petition of Corporal Thomas Gilmore of the Enrolled Pensioners.

Humbly sheweth, that your Petitioner having been brought before the sitting Magistrate on the 2nd. of April last by his Captain, was fined by the Bench in the sum of Five Pounds Sterling, with twelve shillings and six pence costs, for assaulting his wife; - which fine your petitioner paid at two instalments, but being much above his means it has straightened his circumstances very much to pay it, as he has to borrow from the money, and his whole Quarter's pension went first. Your petitioner does not attempt to justify his conduct, he however trusts that his former good character, testified to by the accompanying copy Testimonials, as well as Petitioner's Discharge from his Regt., shewing that he left his Regiment with four Good Conduct

Badges,

Badge, awarded him for twenty one years faithful service in the Army. I will endeavour Excellency to take a lenient view of his case, it being the first time he ever brought before any Tribunal Civil or Military, and be graciously pleased to remit a portion of the Fine of Five Pounds.

And for which act of grace Your Petitioner will ever feel truly grateful.

Signed Thomas Gilmore
Corpl Enrolled pensioner

Stanley Falkland Islands
18th May 1850.

Stanley 20th May 1850.

Sir

I have the honour to inform your Excellency that in conformity with the instructions contained in the second paragraph of your letter dated the 13th instant I informed the pensioners through Captain Reid their commanding Officer of their different rates of pay they are to receive as Artificers & Workmen & Labourers 3/ per diem carpenters according to their efficiency Serjt. Smith 3/ Gillespie Private Brown 3/ & the Serjt. Major 5/ as their foreman. Captain Reid has since informed me that the pensioners expressed their perfect satisfaction with the arrangements laid down by your Excellency.

I have &c.

(signed) Arthur Bailey

Surveyor General

His Excellency

The Governor

Stanley 4th June 1850.

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of a communication (from Mr Longdon handed to me yesterday) under date of 1st inst. in which your Excellency informs me that Mr Lafone's Correspondents in London are under the impression that two sums of 360£ each had been paid by me into the Colonial Chest and requesting an acknowledgement from me that only one such sum had been paid by me, and likewise that no other sum had been exacted from me which acknowledgment it was your Excellency's intention to forward to the Right Honble Earl Grey and thus relieve the Messrs Jones Bateman & Co from the misapprehension under which they at present appeared to labour on that point.-

First, In answer I beg to state to your Excellency that I should regret (that in expressing the differences which formed the basis of my communication to Your Excellency the Right Honble Earl Grey bearing date 26th April 1849) if Mr Lafone or his Correspondents should labour under any erroneous impressions on this head

Secondly, I shall by an early opportunity inform Mr Lafone that only one sum of 360£ has been deposited which forms part of the question

concluded

His Excellency
Governor Pennie
Stanley

alluded to and the subject of my protest of the 26th. Augt 1848.

Thirdly I beg to state that I cannot admit that other sums were not exacted from me by your Excellency as is clearly shown in the correspondence and proclamation of April 1849, on the subject of Sale of Cattle to Captain Sullivan and others from which documents the Messrs Jones Bateman & Co may have inferred that other sums were deposited.

I have &c

Signed R. Williams.

Stanley 12th June 1850.

Sir

In reply to Mr Longden's letter of the 8th Instant, and also to a second from him of this date on the same subject, requesting to be informed for your Excellency's information" what "decision I had arrived at respecting my choice "of rural land to which I am entitled, but "of which I have not yet been placed in possession

I beg to acquaint your Excellency in reply, that I should prefer to defer intimating my selection at the present time.

I am Sir
(signed) J. Reid
Capt. & Staff Officer
Falkland Islands

His Excellency
Governor Fitzroy
&c.
Stanley.

Stanley 12th June 1850

Sir,

In reply to Mr Longden's 2nd letter of the 8th Inst, also referred to, in his of this date, desiring to have, for your Excellency's information, "my opinion when the Pensioners under my Command will be prepared to receive the Plots and Sow to which they are entitled under their conditions of Service, in order if necessary that before Mr Williams's departure for Monte Video, you may take the requisite steps to ensure their delivery".

I have to state that according to the Pensioners' conditions of service, they do not appear to be entitled to their Plots and Sow until they are located on their Land, which I need not inform your Excellency has not yet taken place, the ground so far as I know to the contrary not yet having been surveyed or marked out into Lots or allotments for them by the Surveyor General.

Besides, (were even this done) on referring to my written Instructions the Pensioners are not to be put in possession of the said Stock, till they have Buildings put up for their accommodation. I would therefore under all the circumstances say, that it will be quite time enough to think of delivery of the Stock, at

His Excellency
Governor Bonnie
&c &c &c
Stanley

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his passage after the return of Mr Williams from Monte Video, which Mr Longden in his letter of the 8th states, it is expected will be about the end of August or beginning of September.—

I am &c.

(Signed)

J. Reid

Capt. & Staff Officer

Comm Pensioners

Stanley 15th June 1850.

Sir

With reference to my two interviews with your Excellency when I informed you of my desire to visit Monte Video for the purpose of consulting Mr. Lafone on various subjects I have the honor to inform your Excellency that as my absence will only be for a short period say from this date to the end of August and at a season when all work is at a stand still that I trust no inconvenience may be felt during the period of my absence either by the Colonial Government or others at the same time should any unforseen and urgent circumstance transpire I have authorized Mr. Alfred Andrew to act for me.

Repeating to your Excellency an offer of my services.

I have &c.

(Signed) R. Williams

His Excellency Governor Fenwick

Stanley.

Stanley 15th June 1850

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Excellency's letter of yesterday's date and in reply beg to state that I will engage to supply the Colonial Government with Flour & Potatoes as requested on my return from Monte Video.

I have &c.

(signed) R. A. Williams

His Excellency Governor Fannin

Stanley

Stanley
June 20th 1850

Sir

I have the honour to report to your Excellency the completion of the interior arrangements of the centre building of Prisoners Barracks.

I have &c.
(Signed)
Arthur Bailey
Surveyor General

His Excellency
The Governor

Stanley June 21st 1850

Sir

I have the honour to inform your Excellency that I proceeded on the 19th instant to Point William and held a survey on the Mangiva wall and other Govt. property.

I consider ninepence a yard the lowest valuation I can put on the wall including the Corral, old house and timber lying about.

I have &c.

(signed) Arthur Bailey

Surveyor General

His Excellency

The Governor

Copy sent 21/6

Government House
Stanley 28th June 1850.
Her Majesty's Coronation Day

Sir,

I beg to make the following reply to your Excellency's letter of yesterday's date, handed to me by Mr Longden, on my taking my seat in the Office within an hour after receiving it yesterday your Excellency's Despatch box, in which I found you furnished me every of the schedule of despatches, transmitted to the Secretary of State, by the Schooner "Vigilante" on the 17th Instant, and Lastly, too, Mr Longden gave me the Cash book, to commence copying therefrom, the usual quarterly Return ending on the 30th Instant

2. Being quite unaware of the hour that I reached my Office yesterday morning, owing to the rainy weather making it dark and foggy; I can neither admit nor deny, that the alleged time noted on your Excellency's letter was the correct one; but I would observe, that it has always been my desire to be punctual in the performance of the duties of my department, and as it is your Excellency's wish that I should spend more hours at the Office than has been customary, I will, to give your Excellency greater satisfaction, endeavour to be here henceforth, before 10, o'Clock, A. M, as I have done this

His Excellency
The Governor

this morning, unavoidable accidents not preventing it, and I have already given directions to my Cook and Laundress, Mrs Watson residing near my dwelling, to have my collation prepared every day at One o'clock P. M. instead of half past 2, as formerly; and should there be any business of pressing emergency requiring to be attended to, on my return, I shall consider it but the necessary fulfilment of my duty to remain with Mr Longden, (or Falconer, unasked), until it be despatched, as heretofore —

I have &c.

(Signed)

Jas Edmonds

Second Clerk.

Stanley
16th July 1850

Dear Sir,

I return you the Cash box with thanks for the use of it.

Several of my men indeed I may say almost all with one or two exceptions, are getting very badly off for boots; and they are not to be purchased in the Settlement, under those circumstances I shall feel obliged if you will request the sanction of H.E. the Governor to the issue of three pairs for them, being one pair for man from the Government Store, for payment. - May to add I.O.U. I should feel obliged for a pair for myself on the same terms.

Remain &c.
signed
J Reid.

J. Longden Esqre
&c. &c.