

Military
N^o 10.

Downing Street,
19th of July 1850.

Sir,

1. I have had under
my consideration your despatches
of the numbers and dates
specified in the margin,
respecting the settlement of
the Pensioners sent to the
Falkland Islands.

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2. The object of
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Governor Rennie.

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sending out these Emigrants was to supply the Colony with a body of men who would be capable of using arms in case of emergency, and who would, at the same time, be able to live by their own industry. They were promised Cottages and also allotments of 10 acres of Land, with a Right of grazing over an additional quantity of Land not to exceed 10 acres.

3. By the despatch now received from you, it appears

appears that you have placed the Barrack on a hill, which you considered the best site for the defence of the Town, and that the Pensioners have been placed in Cottages in an exposed situation above the Barrack, where you have allotted to them only $\frac{1}{8}^{\text{th}}$ of an acre each, for garden ground, and have offered them no other choice than to take the 10 acres promised for cultivation at the distance of $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles from their residences.

4. I regret that

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I must altogether disapprove
of your proceedings on this
subject. I will abstain from
expressing any strong opinion
about the site of the Barracks,
as the Papers are less explicit
on that than most of the
other points; although it cer-
tainly seems unfortunate that
you should have been compelled
to place it where the soil
was so extremely unfavourable
and wet. But I must entirely
disapprove of your having insis-
ted on fixing the Pensioners'
Cottages in so exposed a situation,

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and one so calculated to render them averse to the Colony. If military considerations were to prevail, you should have felt, I think, that the question was one of which the military officer sent out with these men was much the best qualified to form an opinion; and he, it appears, entirely dissented from the necessity of choosing this locality. You should also have borne in mind that, in sending out this band-full of men, the object could not be

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to form a fortified post, or select the best spots for a regular work of defence, but merely to obtain the presence of a few steady and loyal subjects, trained to arms, who could repress any sudden tumult or repel insult from any wandering vessel.

5. Still more do

I disapprove of your having given the Pensioners no choice of taking their Lots at a less distance than $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

In a Country where there are no roads, and where the
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nature of the soil and climate must render walking very laborious, to require the men to walk 7 miles to and from their work must be considered as nearly tantamount to refusing the promised boon. I greatly lament that you should not have seen that in the poor and almost uninhabited Settlement of the Falklands, with no competition for Land and scarcely an opportunity of finding any eligible occupants for it, your first aim of all should have been

been to satisfy the expectations held out to the Pensioners, and to render them contented with their position. The distinction between Suburban and Rural Lands was not of sufficient importance, in such a settlement, to weigh against the paramount consideration of giving full effect to the promises of the Government, and I need scarcely say that the Land Sales Act, to which reference is made in the course of these Papers, applies only to the Australian Colonies.

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b. I cannot admit
 the propriety of your assembling
 the Soldiers for the
 purpose of discussing their
 interests, and must strongly
 condemn your doing so in
 order to appeal, as it were,
 to the men from their commanding
 officer. I consider it
 one of the greatest abuses which
 could be made of civil authority
 to take any proceedings
 or hold any language before
 men in a state of military
 organization, having the slightest
 tendency to shake their confidence
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in their Commanding Officer, and
their respect for his authority.

By your own account, I can-
~~not~~ but believe that you
addressed the men in a
manner calculated to have this
effect, and that you thus com-
mitted an error which, on a
larger scale, might evidently
be attended with very serious
consequences. It is with regret
that I have to dissent from
the propriety of so many of
your proceedings in this matter,
but the nature of the case
renders it incumbent on me
explicitly

explicitly to make you aware of the particulars in which your conduct appears to me to have been ~~erroneous~~, and on which it will be necessary that it should hereafter be shaped on different principles.

7. I have to instruct you that the 10 acres of Land promised to the Pensioners should be assigned to them from the Suburban lands within a short distance of their habitations, so that they may be able to cultivate the land from their own houses.

houses. It may not be possible, though if possible, I should regard it as the best arrangement, and that which I should desire to have adopted, to give the men detached cottages with the Land actually adjoining, provided that the allotments were so shaped, and the cottages so arranged, as to bring them into close proximity with each other. Assuming, however, this to be impracticable, at all events no prospective advantage of the sale of Town or Suburban lots

lots should interfere with your assigning land to the pensioners in the most favorable position which can now be arranged. Having laid down this general principle, I rely on you for carrying it into effect as circumstances may best admit.

S. I entirely approve of your having assented to Captain Reid's request to be allowed to exchange a portion of his claim to rural Land for an equivalent in a suburban allotment. Considering the disap-
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disappointment which both this officer and his men have experienced in the character of the locality open to them for their habitations, I have to instruct you that Captain Reid may keep possession of the acre of suburban land which he has already selected, without surrendering on that account any part of the grant originally promised to him of 200 acres of Rural Land. But if he should wish to obtain any more Town or Suburban Land, he could of course only have the

the option of paying for it either in money, or by the surrender of an equivalent portion of his claim to rural Land.

9. You will not assemble the men for the purpose of addressing them, but will carry on your communications with them through their Commanding Officer, which is much the most likely way to lead to satisfactory results.

10 With regard to the course of Captain Reid's correspondence, it is difficult to

to lay down any universal rule; and something must be left to depend on the good judgment and spirit of harmony amongst the officers employed. On points of detail and on the payment of the men's pensions, and their general conduct, it would be inconvenient that the officer in charge of the Pensioners should not communicate direct with the Secretary at War. It will, however, be distinctly Captain Reid's duty to address to you, for the
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the purpose of being brought before this Department, any representation which he may wish to submit to Her Majesty's Government on the general condition of the Pensioners, and especially no letter should be sent home involving any matter of remonstrance or appeal against the Governor without being previously communicated to him, with a due interval of time before the next opportunity of writing to England, in order to

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admit of his transmitting with it such report and explanations as he may deem requisite. This is a universal rule in all Colonial Correspondence, and rests upon grounds of convenience and fairness which need no explanation.

11. The Secretary at War is apprehensive that the men may have been reduced to distress by the want of accessible allotments for cultivation, and he has suggested to me the question whether

whether they might not be offered a continuance of the pay which was assigned to them during their first six Months in the Colony, for a further period of six months, if they should prefer labouring on public works, to taking private employment. I regret that, as Mr Lafone's deposits, which constituted the fund for supplying this pay, have been exhausted, I cannot direct you to continue the disbursement, if it can be avoided. But it could not be permitted
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that these old Soldiers, who
proceeded to the Falklands in
reliance on the expectations de-
rived from Government, should be
reduced to want; and in case
of emergency therefore, I trust
that you will have afforded
them an opportunity of continuing
to work for the public at the
original rate of Pay; and
I shall be prepared to
make the requisite applica-
tion in that case to the
Lords Commissioners of the
Treasury for meeting the
emergency.

12. It only remains for me to mention that Captain Reid has expressed in one of his letters to the War Office a strong wish that a Schoolmaster could be furnished to the Falklands, and that he intimates an opinion that he would obtain an income of from £75 to £100 per annum. This however is a point in which I cannot act without your opinion and report. There is already a Schoolmaster borne on the Public Establishment of the Colony, and I should be
glad

glad to hear from you
whether you have reason to
consider that he is incompe-
tent, or would recommend
that some other should be
supplied from this Country.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

Guy

Military
No. 11.

Downing Street

11th of November 1850.

Sir,

1. I have received and had under my consideration your Despatches, No. 4, of the 12th February, and No. 5, of the 12th of June last, accompanied by a further correspondence with Captain Reid on the location of the Pensioners.

2. Upon

Governor Rennie

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2. Upon the question of their Lands, I have nothing to add to the directions contained in my Despatch, N^o 10, of the 19th of July last. I have no doubt that upon the receipt of those Instructions, you will have done your best to carry them into effect, and to place the Pensioners in as advantageous and satisfactory a position as circumstances would admit.

Until I shall receive your reply to that Despatch, it could only cause embarrassment, if I were to transmit to you any fresh Instructions.

3. You

3. You are aware that I consider it Captain Reid's duty, if he wishes to make any appeal or complaint against the Governor, to transmit it to this Department through the Governor, in order to admit of receiving with it the Report or explanations which would be requisite for enabling Her Majesty's Government to form an opinion on any such appeal. This is a course which it is absolutely incumbent upon him, in common with all other persons resident in the Colony, to observe, and I shall request
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the Secretary at War again to apprise him of its necessity.

4. I lament and highly disapprove of the intemperate tone of some of the communications which have been addressed to you by Captain Reid, and shall bring them under the notice of the Secretary at War. I do not doubt that Captain Reid will be admonished of the extreme impropriety of permitting himself to address to the Governor communications involving reflections upon him of a highly offensive character. But whilst I feel it due to you that this
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course should be taken, I may at the same time observe that as the substance of the questions at issue has been settled, I trust that the warmth of the feelings which they elicited may also have subsided, and that Captain Reid will, on reflection, regret having been betrayed into expressions which were personally offensive. There can be no doubt that it would be for the Public interest that good relations should exist between the Governor and Commanding Officer of Pensioners, and if Captain Reid should

should on his part show a disposition to dismiss past feelings of irritation, I shall be very glad if you, bearing in mind the good of the Public Service, will facilitate and promote the restoration of a good understanding, which is necessary for the efficient discharge of your Public duties. — I must add as a warning both to yourself and Captain Reid, that when the Public Service suffers from animosities and bickerings between Officers employed in a Colony, it rarely happens that this does not seriously injure both parties

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in such disputes in the esti=
 =mation of Her Majesty's Govern=
 =ment, and thus diminish the
 hope of advancement which those
 engaged in such disputes might
 entertain, if they should be con=
 =sidered to have deserved well
 of the public by their zealous
 and effective discharge of their
 duties.

I have the honor to be
 Sir,

Your most Obedient
 Humble Servant

G. M.

Military
No 12.

Downing Street
8.th of January 1851.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No 6, of the 12th of September last and of its enclosures, relative to the question whether the Officer in Command of the Corps of Pensioners at the Falkland Islands is entitled to Pay at the rate of 11^s or 11^s 6^d a day.

From the accompanying copy of a letter from the War Office, you will learn that the correct rate of Pay to be drawn

Governor Rennie

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by Captain Reid is $11/6^d$ a day;
and I have to instruct you
to issue Pay at that rate
to that Officer.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

Wm

(Copy)

War Office -

6th January 1851.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 16th Ultimo and its enclosure, I am directed to state that Captain Reids' Allowance was fixed in concert with Earl Grey and the Treasury at the same rate as the Staff Officers of Pensioners of corresponding rank in New Zealand.

The Under Secretary,
Colonial Office.

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That rate is $10\frac{0}{6}$
 a day with $1\frac{0}{6}$ a day of
 Command Allowance, making a
 Total of $11\frac{0}{6}$ but it appears
 that by some Clerical Error the
 6^0 a day was omitted in the
 correspondence with the Treasury
 and your Department, while in
 the letter of appointment for-
 -warded by the Deputy Secretary
 at War to Captain Reid notifi-
 -fying the terms of his Engage-
 -ment, the correct rate of $11\frac{0}{6}$
 a day was stated, and which
 has since been drawn and
 allowed in his Pay List.

It is to be
 regretted.

regretted that any such discrepancy, trifling as it is should have given rise to correspondence between the Governor and Captain Reid, and to prevent its recurrence I am desirous to request that you will explain the mistake to the former and that the correct rate to be drawn by Captain Reid is $11\frac{1}{6}$ a day.

I have &c

(signed)

L Sullivan

Military
No. 13.

Downing Street
8.th of January 1851.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 7, of the 14.th of September last and its enclosure, reporting that the whole of the non-commissioned Officers and Privates of the Corps of Pensioners at the Falkland Islands are busy in fencing, cultivating, and preparing to sow, and that they appeared contented, — but that Captain Reid had deferred

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indefinitely the selection of his
Land.

On this latter subject, I
transmit herewith, for your
information, a copy of a letter
which I have received from
the Secretary at War.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

Wm

(Copy)

War Office —

6th January 1851.

My Lord,

With reference to
Mr. Allenby's letter of the 19th
December last and its' enclosures
I have the honor to state
that it appears to me that
Captain Reid may have reasons
for delaying the cultivation of
his Land which render it inexp-
-edient to urge him as yet to
any

The Right Honble Earl Grey.

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any expenditure on that account.

When that Officer went out to the colony it was in the expectation that one, if not two Companies would ultimately be settled in the Falkland Islands. He must be well aware that it would not correspond with the economical nature of the Pension arrangements to retain an Officer on £250 a year merely to superintend thirty pensioners; and it does not appear that the Governor is so certain of their finding employment as to recommend any more being

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sent out yet.

Whenever Captain Reid finds that the Establishment originally contemplated is likely to be completed, he may consider it safe to lay out money in cultivating his grant; but till he has some assurance on that head it is perhaps best, both for the Public and himself, that he should not create any embarrassment by expenditure for which there might be a difficulty in compensating him if ordered elsewhere.

Through the Governor
appears

appears anxious to enforce on
Captain Reid the cultivation of
his land, it does not appear
that he had at the date
of his letter received your
Lordship's decision that the grant
might be taken near the
Town instead of five miles dis-
tant; and it is very probable
that Captain Reid is awaiting
that decision being communicated
to him before he makes his
selection. At all events it
seems but an ordinary act of
prudence, more especially in a
Colony of which the Capabilities
are so doubtful, that he should
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first see what the soil is likely to yield to the labors of the Pensioners on a limited scale before he involve himself in an expenditure which, if unsuccessful, might prove ruinous to himself and his family; his exertions will probably be more useful at first in superintending and directing the agricultural labors of his men than if he endeavoured to farm extensively on his own account.

I have &c
(signed) F. Maule

Military
No 14.

(Downing Street
10.th of February 1851.

Sir.

10.th of February 1851.

I transmit to you enclosed copies of a communication and of its enclosure which I have received from the Secretary at War, relating to certain rates of Pay which have been issued to the Pensioners in the Falkland Islands.

Although I have received no report from you on this subject, I take it nevertheless for granted that any amount

Governor Rennie

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of payments which have been made to the men beyond the rate guaranteed to them by the Secretary at War, have been issued by your directions. I have therefore requested that the Accounts may be audited with a view to ascertain the amount for which you will have to make provision out of the funds of the Colony, unless the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury should be prepared to make good the disbursement.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
{ Mr

Copy

War Office
3^d February 1851

Sir

I am directed to state
that by the conditions of Service
of which a copy is annexed, the
Pensioners proceeding to the Falkland
Islands were to receive $\frac{7}{8}$ per
week during the first Six Months
of their residence and $\frac{3}{6}$ per Week,
during the succeeding year, for
The Under Secretary
of State
Colonial Department

which they engaged to labor on public works for three days a week during the first of these periods and six days a month during the second. For this expense provision was made in the Estimate approved by Earl Grey and which was to be repaid from the local Funds of the Colony.

By recent Pay Lists it appears however that Captain Reid has, by direction of the Governor, issued working pay for the Quarters ending 31st Decr 1849 and 31st March last, at rates averaging from $2^{\frac{1}{4}}$ to $3^{\frac{0}{10}}$ per

per day, for nearly every day during the two Quarters. So far as can be ascertained the Men were actually employed during the whole of that period on public works connected with the Colony; but no provision having been made to meet such extra expenditure, and as it is in no way connected with Military duty, it is presumed it cannot be audited in this Department unless Lord Grey is of opinion that it should be so, with a view to repayment from the funds of the Colony in the same manner as the original

expense of sending the men
out.

His Lordship will probably
bear in mind that there is no
part of the charge connected
with this force borne on the
Army Estimates except an
allowance of £200 a year to the
Officer commanding.

I have &c

Signed) L. Sullivan

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MEMORANDUM OF CONDITIONS ON WHICH IT IS PROPOSED TO ENROL PENSIONERS FOR SERVICE IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

As it is the intention of Her Majesty's Government to settle a Company of Pensioners under an Officer at the Falkland Islands, the Secretary of War has directed the following information and conditions to be circulated to meet the enquiries of candidates.

These Islands lie adjacent to the extremity of South America, between the 51st and 53rd degree of south latitude. The one to which the attention of Colonists has principally been directed, is the East Falkland Island, about 85 miles long by 40 in breadth.

A range of hills varying from 800 to 2000 feet in height runs through the centre of this Island, from which the ground gradually declines in a succession of undulating plains to the sea coast, where the settlement of Stanley has been formed, in the vicinity which the Pensioners are to be located.

The climate has been found remarkably healthy, the temperature much the same as in the West of Ireland, or Western Highlands and Islands of Scotland; but neither so cold in winter nor so warm in summer. The quantity of rain also is less, and there is a very general prevalence of high winds.

The ground is entirely free of wood, and the soil near the Town of Stanley, is readily available for agricultural purposes: in other places there is abundance of ground for pasture, intermixed with large tracts of peat, similar to what are met with in Ireland.

All descriptions of European vegetables are found to succeed; but grain has not yet been raised in any quantity, though it is supposed that both the soil and climate will admit of the production of oats, or coarse barley.

Wild cattle, to the number of 50,000 or 60,000 head, are scattered over the Island, and from that source the Pensioners may be supplied with good meat at 2d. a pound. Rabbits, wild fowl, &c., may also be had in great quantities, and abundance of fish at the entrance of the streams. The only necessary of life which has to be imported is grain, but it is probable the Pensioners will, in a short period, be able to raise a sufficient supply of it for themselves.

At present, the Settlement consists of only a few hundred inhabitants; so that little has been done in the improvement of the land, and, as it offers very great advantages, for pasturage, the selection for this service is to be made chiefly from those Pensioners whose wives understand the management of dairies, and the making of cheese and butter, and who themselves can undertake the management of cattle, the curing of meat, and the raising of vegetables, and other supplies for shipping.

The maximum age of the candidates is not to exceed forty-five, and the maximum number of children is not to be more than four; a preference will be given to married men who are under that age, and have fewer children.

These men will be enrolled to serve for seven years, on the following conditions:—

They will receive pay at the rate of 1s. 3d. per day for a Private, 1s. 6d. for a Corporal, and 1s. 10d. for a Sergeant, in addition to pension, from the period they are called on to leave their homes till embarkation; and conveyance will be found, at the public expense, for themselves and their families, to the port of embarkation.

They will receive a free passage to the Falkland Islands, for themselves, their wives, and their families, with rations for the whole, in the proportions usually issued on ship-board, and for which no deductions will be made from their pension.

They will receive one quarter's pension, in advance, on embarkation, to be applied, under the direction of their Officer, in purchasing the necessary outfit for the voyage.

They will be provided at the Falkland Islands with a cottage of two rooms, for each family, so soon as the same can be erected after their arrival; the materials are to be taken out, in framework, from this country, and put up by the Pensioners on the ground allotted to them.

Each Pensioner will also receive a free grant of ten acres of land for cultivation, and a right of pasturage over such an extent of unoccupied land, not exceeding 100 acres, as may be necessary for his stock of cattle, and as the Governor of the Island may think proper to authorise.

Each family will also be provided with one cow and one sow, free of expense, as soon as they are settled on their land; and they will also receive such advance of pension as may be necessary for the purchase of agricultural implements, seed, cooking utensils, furniture, &c., to be repaid by stoppages not exceeding one-third of their pension.

To prevent any risk of the Pensioner or his family suffering from the want of fuel before the proper season arrives for cutting and laying in a store of peat in the Island, a supply of coals will be taken out with the Detachment sufficient for three months' consumption, and which will be issued to the Pensioners at a rate not exceeding 200 lbs. per week for each family, on their paying for such issue the prime cost thereof to the public.

To provide, in like manner, against the contingency of any scarcity being experienced from a want of supplies before the first year's crop has been got in, a store will be provided for six months' consumption, of flour, oatmeal, peas, rice, sugar, coffee, cocoa, tea, tobacco, and soap, as on ship-board, and which will be issued to the Pensioners and their families weekly, in quantities not exceeding the usual ration on ship-board, and be paid for by them at the cost price, with an addition of five per cent. for loss or waste.

From embarkation on ship-board, till their arrival at the Falkland Islands, these Pensioners will not be entitled to pay, but for the period of six months after their landing they will be allowed

7s. per week in addition to pension, and 3s. 6d. per week for the following year; in return for which they will be liable to be employed for three days a week during the first of these periods, and six days per month during the second period, in the execution of works for the improvement of the town of Stanley, or other public works required by the Government. Corporals to receive 1s. per week, and Serjeants 2s. per week extra, during the first period and half of these sums during the second.

Any pensioner, however, who prefers private employment may, with consent of his Officer, be relieved from this obligation of labouring on public works, provided he give a fortnight's notice, and abandons his claim to the rate of pay before specified; but such employment must not remove him to a greater distance than five miles from Head-Quarters, without the consent of his Commanding Officer, and he is always to be liable to recall, if the defence of the Station is found to require it.

On those days when the Pensioner is not employed in public works, as above specified, he shall be bound to labour on his own ground, under the superintendence of his Officer.

In consideration of the expense incurred in sending out these Pensioners and their families, and providing them with a residence and land, they will also be bound to attend military exercise, without pay, for twelve days in each year, and on every Sunday for muster, under arms, at church parade.

If called on to serve during any other periods, than those above referred to, in defence of the settlement, they shall be entitled to the usual rates of pay for the same ranks in Her Majesty's Army, in addition to pension.

In the event of any Pensioner thus enrolled, not attending when called out for these duties, he will be liable to the penalties of desertion, in addition to the forfeiture of pension.

On the termination of the seven years' service for which the enrolment is made, the land and cottage occupied by the Pensioner will become his absolute property, provided he has fulfilled the conditions of his agreement; and he shall, thereafter, be subject

to no further military duty than may be exacted from any other resident in defence of the colony.

In case of the death of any Pensioner while belonging to this Company, and the Governor of the Colony considering it necessary to resume possession of the cottage and ground for the benefit of the Pensioner's successor to the vacancy, the wife and children of the deceased shall either receive a free passage home, or a grant of land of the same extent as was originally held by the deceased Pensioner, together with £15, to cover the expense of erecting a suitable residence for them; and the Pensioner succeeding to the vacancy shall further be bound to pay them for all improvements effected by the deceased, or his family, as the same shall be ascertained by the Officer commanding the Company.

Each Pensioner shall receive arms and equipments similar to those which have been issued to the enrolled Pensioners in this country; as also, a great coat, coattee, pair of trousers, and cap, to be worn on those occasions when he is out on duty, and which will be renewed once in every third or fourth year, as may be required.

Each Pensioner on being enrolled shall receive the sum of £1, to be applied under the direction of his Officer in providing him with the following articles:—

- One Fatigue Jacket,
- One pair of Boots,
- Two Shirts,
- Two pairs of Socks,
- One Stock.

And which store of necessaries he shall be bound to keep up in future years, without any further issue of enrolment money; as also a sufficiency of warm clothing suitable for the winter of that climate.

In the event of the death or removal from the Force of any Pensioner thus enrolled before the expiration of the period for which his clothing has been issued, it shall revert to the Public, to be made available for the equipment of his successor.

In the case of death, an allowance of £1. 1s. will be made by the British Government, to cover the expense of funeral, &c. of the Pensioner.

As the service exacted in virtue of this enrolment will be of rare occurrence, and will only continue for a few days at a time, it is not to reckon for an increase of pension; but when employed in defence of the Settlement, these Pensioners shall, in the event of being wounded or disabled in the execution of their duty, be allowed the usual increase of pension as for wounds received in action.

Every Pensioner enrolled in this Force will, during the continuance of the seven years for which he is engaged, be subject, when under arms, to the provisions of the Mutiny Act and Articles of War; but all minor offences may be punished by such fines, or by expulsion from the Force, as the Governor of the Settlement for the time being may direct; in which case the offender will be deprived of his residence and allotment.

The annual periods of exercise will be fixed by the Governor of the Settlement for the time being; and, except on that occasion, and the others before referred to, none of the Pensioners shall be called out, either for exercise or defence, except by him or persons holding his authority for that purpose; but when so called out, they shall be placed under the General or other Superior Officer in command of Her Majesty's Forces in the Settlement, in the same manner in all respects as if they formed part of the regular forces of Her Majesty's Army.

War Office, April 1849.

Military
No 15.

Downing Street,
19th of June, 1851.

Sir,

I have the honor
to acknowledge your despatch
No 11 of the 29th of March
last containing the Report which
I requested you to furnish
upon a recommendation made
by Captain Reid, Staff Officer
commanding the Pensioners, that
another
Governor (Rennie),

Yours
Yours
Yours

another Schoolmaster should be appointed to the Colony.

I agree in the views which you have expressed on this subject. I consider therefore that the present Schoolmaster must be continued for the Instruction of the Children of the labouring ~~Class~~, and I am not prepared to recommend that the Public should be put to the expense of sending out another Schoolmaster of higher attainments for the benefit of

of Children of a superior class.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedient
humble servant

Guy

Military
N^o 16.

Downing Street
15th of October, 1851.

Sir,

I have had under
my consideration your despatches,
N^o 1, of the 11th of February, and
N^o 3, of the 27th of February last,
the former, affording an expla-
-nation of the course which
you had adopted in respect
to

Governor Rennie

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to the Settlement of the Pensioners in the Falkland Islands, and the latter, enclosing a correspondence respecting certain differences which had arisen between Captain Reid, the Staff Officer of Pensioners, and Mr. Montagu, the Stipendiary Magistrate, as to ^{the} proceedings of Captain Reid towards the men under his charge.

2. The first thing which I must do is to express the satisfaction with which I have read your account of your proceedings in regard to the Settlement of the Pensioners.

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It is highly creditable to you, and entirely absolves you from all blame on that subject.

3. With regard to the differences between the Magistrate and Captain Reid, as to the nature and extent of that officer's authority over his men, I thought it advisable to consult the Secretary at War, who must have had such large experience of the practice prevalent upon the subject; and I enclose, for your information, a Copy of the letter which I caused to be

10 June 1851

Office 5th Sept "

be addressed to the war office, together with a copy of the reply. You will observe that the Secretary at war is not disposed to admit that sufficient evidence is adduced that Captain Reid had exceeded his legitimate authority.

4. I cannot, however, but regret the want of temper and discretion which has been evinced by Captain Reid in the general course of his proceedings in the Falklands.

And you will perceive that the Secretary at war agrees with me, that it will be expedient

expedient to find means of removing him from the colony.

He will be transferred to Van Dieman's Land, as soon as a convenient opportunity can be found for the purpose; and I can only hope that, in the meanwhile, no further dissensions may occur.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most Obedient
Humble Servant.

Guy

Copy

Downing Street
10th June 1851.

Sir,

With reference to
previous correspondence I am
directed by Earl Grey to
transmit to you for the in-
formation of the Secretary
at war, the enclosed copy of
two despatches from the
Governor

L. Sullivan Esq^r

Secretary No. 1.
27th Feb^r 1851
Secretary No. 3
27th Feb^r 1851
Enclosures in orig^l

Governor of the Falkland Islands Nos 1 and 3 of the 10th and 27th of February last.

The second of those Despatches encloses papers containing a controversy between Captain Reid the Officer commanding the Pensioners, and the Magistrate of the Falkland Islands. The main point involved in that controversy, viz^t the nature and extent of the interference to be exercised by the commanding Officer over the Pensioners, is a matter on which Lord Grey would be glad to be favored

favored with the views of
 the Secretary at war, whatever
 may be the proper solution of
 that question, the papers ap-
 -pear to afford considerable
 indications of a want of
 temper and judgment on the
 part of Captain Reid. -

The first of the two
 Despatches contains the Governor's
 Report of all the measures
 which he has taken for the
 location of the Pensioners,
 and which would seem to
 have been productive of entire
 satisfaction to them. The
 Secretary at war is aware
 that

that in July last Lord Grey conveyed to the Governor a strong disapproval of his conduct in consequence of his having apparently been wanting in proper consideration for the Pensioners, and that again in November, although at that time it had been shown that Captain Reid had indulged in some very offensive expressions towards the Governor, Lord Grey enjoined him to lose no proper opportunity of seeking to establish good relations with that Officer. But his Lordship is

is bound to say, that from the explanations now supplied by the Governor he appears to show that he has always had every wish to consult both the interest and the wishes of the Pensioners, and that he was thwarted in his endeavours in a very objectionable manner. Having however put you in possession of the whole case, I am to request that in laying these Papers before the Secretary at War, you will state to him that Lord Grey must leave it to him to form his own judgment

judgment as to the fitness
of Captain Reid to continue
to hold the command of the
Pensioners.

I am &c

(Signed) H. Merivale

P.S. I have to request that
the Enclosures of the Despatch
N^o 5 being in original may
be returned.

copy.

War Office

5th September 1851

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 10th June last and its enclosures, I am directed to express the Secretary at War's regret that all the endeavours to maintain a good understanding between the Staff Officers of Prisoners and the Civil Authorities in

German Mercantile Esq^{rs}
 to to to
 Colonial Office.

the

the Falkland Islands seem unavailing.

In the present instance however he observes that the dispute is not between the Governor and Captain Reid, but between that Officer and Mr Montague, a Stipendiary Magistrate, who appears, very unnecessarily to have thwarted Captain Reid's endeavours to preserve order and regularity in the Barrack occupied by some of the Pensioners, and in a wing of which his own quarters are

are situated.

Yet Mr. Montague's
correspondence strongly
indicates the necessity for
some strenuous measures
on the part of Captain
Reid, as in Page 33 he
stated that in one of the
Wards all the Men were
drunk, and one Man and
Two Women drunk in the
other Ward; Indeed the
whole of the correspondence
shows that drunkenness
and irregularity had
attained such a height
that if Captain Reid had
not

not used his best endeavours
to check it, he would have
shown himself totally,

unfit to bear Her Majesty's
commission; but when he

adopted the only means
in his power, by calling

in a constable and

committing to his charge
a drunken pensioner who

threatened to knock his

Brains out before the

rest of his Men, Mr.

Montague not only dismissed
the Man without punishment,

but informed him that
he would have been

justified

justified in carrying his threat into execution.

It is not alleged against Captain Reid that on this occasion he resorted to Martial Law. - he merely gave the Pensioner into the custody of a constable on a charge of being drunk and having threatened his life; Subsequently when he had sought in vain for redress from M^r. Montague the paid servant of the Crown, he brought the case before another Magistrate who

who directed Bail to be found by the Pensioner.

The Secretary at War by no means concurs in M. Montague's opinion that the Barracks in question are the property of the Pensioners. He conceives they have no right whatever thereto, and are merely occupying them by sufferance; even their cottages do not become their own property till they have completed the period of service. The conditions on which they engaged

engaged are specific on this Head, and it would have been well had Mr. Montague referred to them before offering an opinion on such a subject.

It is alleged that Captain Reid had formerly been in the habit of confining men occasionally and liberating them the next morning without any charge. So far as can be learnt from the correspondence however these were merely cases of drunkenness and disorderly conduct

conduct in Barracks when
it became absolutely necessary
=sary for the comfort of
the rest of the Men
and even for the safety
of the Building itself,
that they should be
kept separate till they
returned to their senses.

It is not alleged
that any severe punish-
=ments were inflicted after
the emergency was over,
and it does not appear
that Captain Reid continued
the practice after doubts
had been raised as to its
legality.

legality, and two civil constables, appointed to take into custody any such Offenders in future.

There is no evidence of Captain Reid having acted with undue severity; no complaints from the Prisoners themselves have been sent to this Office, and they are not slow to make them when they consider themselves aggrieved as was recently shown by their complaining against the Governor himself

himself on the subject of
 the land question. - Till
 therefore the charges against
 Captain Reid on this head
 assume some more tangible
 form, the Secretary at
 War trusts that he may
 be excused from entertain-
 ing the belief that any
 unnecessary severity ~~is~~
 has been exercised in the
 maintenance of order
 and regularity among
 his men.

At the same time
 that the Secretary at War
 feels himself bound in
 justice

justice to Captain Reid
 to come to these conclusions,
 he regrets that that
 Officer should have shown
 so little temper and
 discretion in the corres-
 pondence on this subject,
 particularly in his notes
 on Mr. Montague's state-
 ments, but from the
 loose and hasty manner
 in which these appear
 to have been thrown
 together, it may be fairly
 assumed that he had no
 idea they were ever to form
 a part of an Official correspondence.

It must also be borne in mind that the allegations on the part of Mr. Montague are not couched in the most measured terms, and that Captain Reid was at the time of this correspondence smarting under the insult he had received in the presence of his men.

The Secretary at War concurs with Earl Grey as to the expediency of removing Captain Reid from the colony seeing that he is likely to be
of

of little service where his authority has been brought into such contempt among his men, and where there are constant differences between him and the civil authorities; but the Secretary at War concurs that there is nothing in his conduct upon this or any previous occasion which would warrant the infliction of so severe a punishment as his entire removal from the Pensioned Establishment, and Mr. Maule therefore proposes

to appoint him to Van
 Diemen's Land, where an
 Officer is much required
 to assist Captain Russell
 so soon as the necessary
 arrangements can be
 made to that effect.

In that case
 however the Secretary
 at War does not propose
 putting the Public to the
 expense of appointing any
 other Officer to succeed
 Captain Reid in the
 Falkland Islands, as the
 number of Pensioners in
 that colony does not
 appear

appear sufficient to warrant it, and the superintendence of twenty eight men may be conceived be carried on as well by the Serjeant Major under the direction of the Governor.

The statement made by the Governor himself that it cost £33 to clear and render available a single acre of the ground in that colony appears quite sufficient to deter any more Pensioners from going there, since, for the same price, Land of tolerably

a tolerably good quality, could
be purchased at home.

Not one application
has ever been made by
any pensioner to go out,
since the first detachment
arrived, and the Secretary
at War has therefore no
hope of increasing the
number, even were such
increase necessary.

Independently of
all other considerations therefore
it seems the best course
to reduce the expense of
the Establishment by the
removal of Captain Reid, and
to

to employ him where the
Services of an Officer are more
required, and where it is
to be hoped that there will
be less difficulty in main-
taining a good under-
standing between him and
the civil Authorities under
whom he is to act, in
which arrangement the
Secretary at War trusts that
Earl Grey will concur.

I have &c

Signed) L. Selwyn.

Military
No 17.

(Downing Street
11.th of November, 1851.

Sir

I have had under my
consideration the Militia
Ordinance / transmitted in your
despatch, N^o 4, of the 19th of
February last / which has been
passed by you with the
advice and consent of the
Legislative Council of the
Falkland Islands on the 6th
day of January last.

Governor Rennie

I regret to have to acquaint you that this Ordinance has not appeared to me to be adapted to the wants and circumstances of the Falkland Islands.

In a settlement the male population of which is under 200, it would have been sufficient to make arrangements for the creation of a very small and really efficient force, and to provide by simple and clear enactments

for the punishment of all such offences as may be subversive of discipline, and consequently calculated to impair its efficiency.

But the Ordinance aims at objects which are far beyond the actual exigencies of the case.

There was certainly no necessity to invest you with the power of forming Regiments and battalions, when the utmost number of really efficient men

that you could hope to bring under Arms would scarcely exceed One hundred.

So I have failed to perceive the propriety of applying the Penal Code of the Army to such a small force as you may have it in your power to raise. But it is more material to observe that you have overlooked the fact that the 14.th Vict. cap. 6, commonly called the Mutiny Act, requires a

very large number of Commissioned Officers to form Courts Martial to take cognisance of military offences, whereas in truth not one Commissioned Officer of Her Majesty is at present forthcoming in the Falkland Islands. It is true that the Ordinance reserves to you the power of erecting and constituting Courts Martial; but, as the Ordinance also declares that "all things" contained in

the Mutiny Act shall,
with an immaterial
exception, be in force in
the Falkland Islands,
I should scarcely conceive
that the mere power to
erect Courts Martial, can
be held to supersede the
particular modes in which
the Mutiny Act, / of which
the provisions are thus
adopted by the Ordinance)
declares that they shall
be constituted for the
trial of particular

offences.

This inconsistency between the Ordinance and the Mutiny Act would at all events be calculated to give rise to questions which, I need not observe, are carefully to be avoided.

Another, and it is the last objection which I deem it necessary to make to the Ordinance is that the Mutiny Act specially enacts that it

shall not be applicable
to the Militia of this
Country; and, although any
militia force of the
Falkland Islands could
not be considered as
Militia of Great Britain,
still the exception shews
that the penal enact-
ments of the Statute were
not deemed suitable for
a force of that descrip-
tion.

Upon these grounds,
I have advised The Queen

to disallow the said
Ordinance; - and I have
it in Command from
Her Majesty to signify
to you Her disallowance
of the same accordingly.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient
humble Servant
Grey

Military
No 18.

Downing Street
24.th of December, 1851.

Sir

I have to acknowledge
the receipt of your despatches;
Nos 4 and 5, of the 24.th and
26.th of July last, - the former,
enclosing a detailed Return
of all the Ordnance Stores
in your charge between
the 1.st of January 1849 and
the 31.st of March 1850, - and
the latter, enclosing a

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similar Return for the period from the 1st of April 1850 to the 30th of June last.

Having communicated these Returns to the Master General and Board of Ordnance, I transmit herewith, for your information, a copy of a letter which I have received from their Office on the subject.

I have further to acquaint you that I have instructed the Colonial Agent General to pay to the credit

of the Ordnance Department
the sum of £1^u 6^s realised
from the sale of certain
flint lock pistols which
have been sold as un-
serviceable stores, as reported
in your despatch, N^o 4, of
the 24th of July.

I have the honour to be
Sir

Your obedient
humble servant
G. M.

copy

Office of Ordnance
17th Dec 1851 $\frac{6}{2903}$

Sir

Adverting to your letters
of the 1st and 4th Instant, trans-
mitting copies of Despatches from
the Governor of the Falkland
Islands with the Accounts
of Ordnance Stores in his
charge between the 1st January
1849 and the 30th June 1851, &

Y^{rs} Merivale Esq^r

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I am directed by the Board of Ordnance to apprise you, for the information of Earl Grey, that in regard to the Return of Stores for the period between the 1st January 1849 and 31st March 1850 the articles are duly accounted for with the exception of 2 Sponges with Caps for 6 p^r Guns being brought forward instead of 4 the correct number, this error has been corrected.

With respect to the disposal of the 12 p^r unserviceable cannonade with its carriage and appurtenances alluded to

in Governor Pennie's letter of the 24th July 1851, the Board propose that the same be retained in the Government stores until an opportunity shall occur of sending the Articles to England by a returning Ship of War; I am also to observe that the Articles denominated Fuses Pyramores 140, are incorrectly described and should be altered to Fuses Pyramores 140.

As regards the Return for the further period, between 1st April 1850 and 30 June 1851, -subject to the above corrections, the transactions in this return

are free from objection, and
the Board have ordered the
accounts for the period specified
herein to be passed.

I have &c

Signed J. G. Butter

Secretary
9.

Downing Street
27th of December, 1851.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, Military, N^o 6, of the 23rd of August last with its enclosures, reporting the reasons which have induced you to deviate from the arrangement made with regard to

error. Perme

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the issue of Working Pay
to the Pensioners in the
Falkland Islands.

Having communicated
on the subject with the
Secretary at War, I have to
acquaint you that, as you
considered it necessary
that the Pensioners' houses
should be completed without
delay, he does not object
to the principle which
you have adopted of
making the Working Pay

continuous, until the amount authorised for that purpose has been expended, instead of issuing it only for a certain number of days in each week, or in each month, and thus extending the same amount of expenditure over a longer period. The Accounts of this expenditure will therefore be audited in accordance with the arrangement adopted by you.

I have the honour to be

Very
your obedient
humble servant

Gray

Military
No 20.

Downing Street
26.th of February, 1852.

Sir

With reference to your
despatch, N^o 3, Military, of the
27.th of February of last year,
I transmit herewith, for your
information and guidance,
copies of two letters and of
their enclosures which have
been received from the War
Office.

By the first of these
letters, you will perceive

Gerrard Kemble

that the Secretary at War has directed Captain Reid to proceed to New Zealand.

You will make the usual advance of three months' pay to that Officer upon his embarkation; and you will appoint an Officer of your Government to receive from him a statement of his Accounts, and to attend to the future payment of the Pensioners.

By the second of these letters, you will perceive that

the Secretary at War is disposed so far to accede to an application which they have forwarded to him to be removed from the Falkland Islands, as to authorise their coming away at their own cost, if they should think proper; and to all such men as may determine upon coming home, I have to authorise you to make an advance of the Pensions due to them sufficient for the purpose of defraying the cost of their

passage, care being taken
clearly to explain to them
that the amount so ad-
vanced will be deducted by
instalments from such payments
as may become due after
their arrival in this Country, -
and care being also duly
taken that the amount of
the advance is duly reported
to the Secretary at War and
to this Office.

I have the honour to be
Your ^{Sir} obedient
humble servant

G. M.

copy

War Office
24th February 1852.

Sir,

With reference to
your letter of the 9th current,
I am directed to transmit
the copy of a letter which
the Secretary at War proposes
forwarding to the Falkland
Islands, in reply to the
application of a portion of
the

H. Curriale Esq. ^{re}
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the Pensioners to be removed from that colony, and to request, if the Secretary of State for the colonies concurs therein, that he will cause the necessary instructions to be given to the Governor, for allowing such of them as may wish to return home at their own expense, to do so on the conditions mentioned in that letter.

I have &c
(Signed) W. B. Hawes

Copy.

War Office

February 1852.

Sir,

With reference to
your letter of the 30th September
last forwarding a memorial
from certain Pensioners under
your command for removal
from the Falkland Islands,
I am directed to request
you will inform them that
the

Captain Reid
Staff Officer of Pensioners
Falkland Islands.

the Secretary at War cannot accede to their request.

From all the ~~en-~~
~~=~~quiries which the Secretary
 at War has been able to
 make on the subject, he
 is led to the conclusion
 that any disappointment they
 may have experienced in
 the colony is more owing
 to a want of industry, sobriety
 and prudence on their part,
 than to a difficulty in ear-
~~=~~ning the means of subsist-
~~=~~ence for themselves and
 families. He is assured
 that all of them who are
 willing

willing to work have been earning high wages since they landed in the colony, and that, owing to the limited numbers of the population, such employment is likely to continue if they are disposed to avail themselves of it.

Had an application for removal at the public expense, on the ground of the failure of their agricultural prospects, come from a body of Pensioners who had been distinguished for their sobriety and good conduct,

conduct, the Secretary at War would have been disposed to give every consideration to it; but the scenes of drunkenness and violence reported to have taken place in their Barrack Rooms, and which has led to the necessity for employing constables to maintain order, affords a fair ground of belief that the want of success of which they complain, is more attributable to other causes than the difficulties of soil or climate. Though the Secretary

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at War on these grounds,
is not disposed to afford
facilities for their leaving
the colony, at the public
expense; he will not object
to their quitting it at their
own cost if they think
proper; and the Governor has
accordingly been authorized
in any case in which ap=
-plication is made to him,
by not more than two or
three Pensioners at a time,
to permit them to proceed
to England with their families,
by vessels touching at the
Islands, on board of which
they

they can be properly dictated
 and accommodated, and
 in the event of its being
 necessary for him to make
 an advance of pension
 for their passages, it is to
 be on the express condition
 that the amount shall be
 deducted by instalments
 from their pension, after
 arriving in this country; so
 that the public may be put
 to no expense whatever on
 their account.

You will com-
 municate the contents of
 this letter to the Pensioners

in reply to their memorial,
on the first occasion of
assembling them.

I have &c

(Signed)

Copy.

War Office

24th February 1852.

Sir,

With reference to
your letter of the 15th October
1851, relative to the removal
of Captain Reid from the
Falkland Islands to Lau-
ceston, Van Diemen's Land,
I am directed to transmit
the

Enclosure Esq^{rs}
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the copy of a letter which the Secretary at War proposes forwarding to that Officer, in order that he may be prepared for his removal ~~when~~ the vessel arrives; and to request if Earl Grey approve thereof, that the necessary instructions may be given as soon as possible to the Governor regarding the arrangement proposed for the future payment of the pensioners, and for the usual advance to Captain Reid on embarkation.

I am desired to
add

add that strict injunctions will be forwarded to the Sergeant Major on whom the charge of the Detachment after Captain Reid's departure will devolve, to obey all orders which he may receive from the Governor; and report to him all cases of misconduct or violation of discipline, and carry into effect such punishment as ^{he} may think necessary to award.

I have &c.
(Signed.) B. Hawes.

Copy

War Office.
February 1852.

Sir,

Adverting to my
letter of the 5th September
1851, in which you were
informed of the intention of
the Secretary at War to
remove you from the Falk-
land Islands, I am di-
rected to inform you that
as there appears no other
way

Captain Reid
Staff Officer
of Pensioners
Falkland Islands.

way of effecting that object, it is intended that the vessel which leaves this country in the end of next month with a Detachment of Prisoners for New Zealand, shall touch at Stanley, and convey yourself and family to Auckland, whence you will be provided with a passage to Hobart Town or Launceston.

The Governor of the Falkland Islands will be directed to appoint one of the authorities in the Island to attend thereafter

to

to the payment of the Pensioners, to whom you will hand over a Statement of your accounts, and transmit a copy thereof to this Office.

He will also be requested to issue to you an advance of three months pay on embarkation to be credited in your Pay List before leaving the Island, and such allowance as the Secretary at War may ultimately determine in aid of the missing of your wife and family, if not dictated on board at the public expense

expense.

You will give over
to the charge of the Serjeant
Major at the Falkland Islands
all the Arms, accoutrements,
clothing &c belonging to the
force, taking his receipt for
the same, and you will
consult with the Governor
as to what he conceives
should be done with the
Agricultural Implements
&c &c, that if not likely
to be required there, they
may be conveyed to New
Zealand or Van Diemen's Land,
and there sold on the public
account

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account.

Further instructions will be conveyed to you on these subjects by the Vessel which is to touch at Stanley; but as she can only stay for a few days to take you and your family on board, it is requested that you will have all the necessary preparations made for your departure by the time she arrives.

As there will be no commissioned officer on board with the Pensioners you will assume the command till you have delivered over charge

charge of the Detachment to
Major Kenny, after your
arrival in New Zealand; and
the Non Commissioned Officer
in command of the Party
will be directed to give over
charge to you accordingly,
whenever you embark.

I have &c

(Signed) Alex^r M Tulloch.

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Downing Street
18th June, 1852.

Sir

I transmit to you herewith
copies of a letter and of its
enclosures which have been
received from the War Office,
on the subject of the proposed
application of the sum of
£24-11/ which has been realised
at the Falkland Islands by
the sale of certain seed grain
sent out from England for the

Governor Pennie

use of the Pensioners, to the purchase in this Country of Garden Seeds for their use; - and I would suggest to you to instruct the Colonial Agent General to supply all the Garden seeds which may be required in the Islands under your Government, or for the use of the Pensioners residing there, but, for that purpose, you will take care to provide him with the necessary funds.

I have the honour to be,

Sir
Your obedient
humble servant

Wm. Pakenham

Copy

War Office
12 June 1852

Sir,

I am directed to transmit
the accompanying copy of a
letter and its enclosures received
from Captain Reid the Staff Officer
of Prisoners in the Falkland
Islands, and I am desired to
request that you will acquaint
me for the information of
the Secretary at War, whether

as

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as it appears that there is no
 likelihood of grain being
 raised in those Islands, Sir
 John Pakington would be disposed
 to sanction the application of
 the sum of £24. 11- arising from
 the sale of the seed grain
 referred to, in purchasing and
 sending out periodically the
 garden seeds recommended by
 Captain Reid, as being better
 adapted for that Climate, and if
 so, I am further instructed to
 request that you will inform me
 from what Department the amounts
 are to be supplied.

I have &c
 (Signed) Pottawer

Stanley, Falkland Island
20th December 1837.

Sir,

I have the honor to
transmit a receipt of His Excellency
Governor Pennie for Twentyfour
Pounds Eleven shillings sterling,
being the amount realized by
the sale at Auction (at his
suggestion and for the reasons
therein stated) of the seed
grain brought out with us here
from England for the use of
the Pensioners: and I would
take

Chas Tallock
X X.

take the liberty of suggesting
 that the sum above stated
 might be divided and applied
 annually for the next four years,
 in the purchase, in the home
 market, of ^{Garden} useful seeds for the
 use of the Pensioners, and sent
 out periodically, so as to arrive
 here say about August of each
 year.

viz Radishes, of sorts } a large allowance
 Turnip
 Cabbage
 Rhubarb

Celery, Parsley, Mustard & Cress.

These being the vegetables really useful
 and best adapted for cultivation on
 this Island.

I have &c.

(Signed) Reid Captain
 & Staff Officer

Copy of enclosure referred to in
 Captain Reid's letter.

Government House, Stanley,
 Falkland Islands,
 12 December 1851

Sir,

I hereby certify that on the
 6 day of August 1851, the seed
 grain which was sent out by
 H^M Government in England for
 the use of the Pensioners in
 the Falkland Islands was sold
 by Auction with my concurrence,
 in

in consequence of the deterioration thereof by long keeping and the loss of its germinating powers. None of the Pensioners for whose use it was sent being prepared to enter into Agriculture, and the amount realized was Twentyfour Pounds, Eleven Shillings sterling which was paid into the Colonial Chest, and remains there until Her Majesty's Government shall direct its disposal.

The quantities sold were

2	quarters of wheat
2	— — — Barley
2	— — — Rye, and
4	— — — Oats.

Being 10 quarters in all.

(Signed) George Rennie
Governor.

Downing Street,
18th of June, 1852.

Sir

Adverting to my Predecessor's despatch of the 26th of February last, N^o 20, Military, I transmit, herewith, for your information and guidance, copies of a letter and of its enclosure which have been received from the War Office.

My Predecessor has

Governor Rennie

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July 1852.

already instructed you to
issue three months pay to
Captain Reid, upon his quitting
the Falkland Islands, and
has also pointed out to you
the arrangements to be made
with regard to the payment
of the Pensioners upon their
departure; and I have now
further to instruct you to
issue to that Officer the sum
of Fifty Pounds, in aid of the £50
expense of meeting himself
and his family.

You will be careful
to attend to the wishes of the

Secretary at War with regard to any balance which may appear to be due on Captain Reid's Pay list. You will also call upon that Officer to resign the grant of 800 acres of land made to him, before he leaves the Falkland Islands; and I will, on my part, instruct the Lieutenant Governor of Van Diemens Land to allow to him the same amount of remission in the purchase of land in that Colony which was granted to Captain Russell, the Staff

Officer of Pensioners, at Hobart
Town, upon his proceeding thither
from this Country in 1849.

With regard to the
acre of suburban land which
my Predecessor, in his despatch
of the 19th of July, 1850, instructed
you to allow Captain Reid
to retain, you will endeavour
to meet his wishes upon
the most liberal terms.

I have the honour to be,
Sir

Your obedient
humble Servant.

Wm. Patrick

(Copy)

War Office

19th May 1852

Sir

With reference to my
 letter of the 24th February 1852, and
 to previous correspondence on
 the subject, I am directed
 to state, for the information of
 Sir John Pakington, that arrange-
 = ments have now been made
 for the removal of Captain Reid
 from the Falkland Islands to
 Laurence, Van Diemen's Land
 by the "Norwich Castle" which will

Sail

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sail in about a fortnight with pensioners for New Zealand, and as it will be requisite for that Officer to receive an advance of pay, on embarkation Mr. Meresford requests that the Governor may be instructed to ~~authorize~~ an issue to him of £50 on this account, prior to embarkation, as also a like amount in aid of messing himself and family, which amounts will be reimbursed by this Department, and accounted for by Captain Reid to this Office.

It will also be requisite that the Governor should

should be instructed, with reference to my letter of the 24th February 1852, to direct the person who is to pay the Pensioners in the Falkland Islands in future to receive over from Captain Reid any balance which may appear to be due on his Pay List, giving that Officer a receipt for the same; and the Secretary at War will cause instructions to be furnished to the Non-Commissioned Officer left in charge of the Party, as to receiving over the Arms, Clothing and Military Stores belonging to the Detachment, and for which he will thereafter be responsible.

Admiral

Adverting to the grant
of 800 acres of land which Captain
Reid received in the Falkland
Islands, I am directed to
state that as this can be
of no further use to him
now, and as it would be
contrary to the original object
of the grant to permit him
to retain it when no longer
resident there, the Secretary
at Eden conceives that it should
be given up by Captain Reid
to the Governor, for the future
wants of the Colony; and
that this Officer should in
lieu thereof receive the same
remission

remission of purchase money on any land he may wish to acquire in the Colony to which he is proceeding, as was granted to Captain Russell, the Staff Officer of Pensioners at Hobart Town; and which arrangement was referred to in the War Office letter of the 5th December 1849.

To this arrangement Captain Reid is willing to accede, as appears by the accompanying extract of a letter from him.

The only difficulty in the case arises from an acre of suburban ground granted to him by Earl Grey's despatch of

of the 19th July, on which he has laid out a considerable amount in building and improvements; but for this acre, if it be considered necessary, he is willing to pay, the same price as for the ground adjacent, which he purchased at a Government sale for £5. 15. 0 per acre; or to submit to a corresponding deduction in the remission money, which may be allowed him in purchasing land in Van Diemen's Land.

This the Secretary at War trusts will be sufficient to remove any difficulty and that the necessary instructions may,

may, be given to the Governor
of the Falkland Islands in
accordance therewith; as also
that a similar communication
may, be made to the Governor of
Van Diemen's Land, as in the
case of Captain Russell, the
Staff Officer of Pensions at Hobart
Town, relative to remission money,

I have &c

Signed/ B. Hawes

(copy)

Extract from Captain Reid's
Letter, dated 25th February 1852.

"In conclusion I have
to state that nothing having been
done

"done by me to my actual grant
 "of Land, so as to prevent its
 "being given up to the Public,
 "I shall most willingly restore
 "it, thankfully hoping to receive
 "in return the usual grant to
 "Staff Officers of Pensioners of my
 "rank in Van Diemens Land

"I beg however to
 "be permitted to renew the ex-
 "pression of a desire, contained
 "in my application to the Secretary
 "at War for a removal dated 14th
 "December last, that I may be
 "permitted to retain (and dispose
 "of) the one acre of suburban
 "land accorded me by Col Greg,

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"(in his despatch to Governor Rennie
"dated 19th July, 1850) and which
"was bestowed on me by his
"Lordship (irrespective of my actual
"grant of 800 acres), - and on
"which I have expended consid-
"erable outlay."

Downing Street
22^d June 1852

Sir,

Having laid before
Secretary Sir John Pakington
your letter of the 19th ult.
with its enclosure, I am directed
to transmit to you for the
information of the Secretary
at War, a copy of an instruction
which he has forwarded to
the Governor of the Falkland
Islands, with regard to the
proceedings to be taken by
him upon the departure
of Capt. Reid, Staff
Officer of Pensioners.

I am Sir

Your Most Obedt^t Serv^t

signed. Herman Merivale

Hawes Esq.

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to Captain Russell, the Staff
 Officer of Pensioners, at Hobart
 Town, upon his proceeding
 thither from the Country in
 1849.

With regard to the acre of
 Suburban Land which my
 predecessor, in his despatch
 of the 19th of July 1850, instructed
 you to allow Capt Reid to
 retain, you will endeavour to
 meet his wishes upon the
 most liberal terms

I have
 signed John S. Pakenham

To Governor Rennie

He is a

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War Office
30 July 1852

Sir,

I am directed by
the Secretary at War to
transmit for your information
and guidance the Copy of
a letter of the 22^d ult^o and
its enclosure from the
Colonial Office

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obed^t Serv^t

Maunsell

W. Reid

at the
Lakeland Islands

All Letters on the Public Service, for any Department of the War Office
invariably be addressed to

THE RIGHT HONORABLE

THE SECRETARY AT WAR,

WAR OFFICE,

LONDON.

And if any further Correspondence on the subject of this Communication is
it is requested that the *Number*, as well as the Date thereof, may be quoted.

Downing Street,
28th of July, 1852.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of the 23^d of April last, addressed to my Predecessor, marked, "Separate and Confidential."

At the date of that despatch, you could not have been aware of the arrangements

Governor Rennie,

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arrangements which have been made for sending Captain Reid to Van Diemen's Land, nor could you have contemplated the diminution which will be effected in the number of the Pensioners in the Falkland Islands, by the permission which has been given to those who may not be inclined to remain, to come home. The question of the removal of Captain Reid having been disposed of, it only remained for me on the present occasion to reply to that

part

part of your despatch in which you propose that an increase of rank and pay should be assigned to Mr. Felton, the Serjeant Major, in consideration of any extra expense or trouble to which he may be subjected in consequence of his being placed in the command of the Pensioners, and, with regard to that proposal, I have only to say that the Secretary at War, having regard to the smallness of the Force which Captain Felton will have under his charge, does not

consider

consider it necessary that any increase of rank or pay should be assigned to him for the duty of superintending the Pensioners, but is of opinion that, if he should perform that duty in a very satisfactory manner, it might be advisable to give him a gratuity or extra remuneration for his trouble.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedient
humble servant

Mrs. Dakin