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MISCELLANEOUS  
LETTERS FROM  
GOVERNMENT

9 May 1867 to 4  
April 1870

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N<sup>o</sup> 67.

Government House.  
Falkland Islands.  
9<sup>th</sup> May. 1867.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3<sup>rd</sup> instant forwarding by desire of the Members, a copy of the Rules of the Stanley Benefit Club, and requesting to be allowed to record my name as an Honorary Member of that Society.

2. A Benefit Society when properly conducted is an institution of which none can fail to approve. The Rules which you have been so good as to communicate to me appear to be well-considered, and I have much pleasure in accepting the invitation of the Members to become an Honorary Member of the Society.

I am, Sir,  
Your most obedient Servt  
*(signed) William Robinson.*  
*Governor*

To  
The Secretary  
of the Stanley Benefit Club.

8<sup>th</sup> 68.

Government House.  
Falkland Islands  
8<sup>th</sup> May. 1868.

Sir.

In reply to your letter of this date I have the honour to inform you that I shall be happy to grant you an Occupation Licence of the Station for which you apply.

The Licence will be ready in a few days

I have &c.

(Signed) William Robinson

Governor

Julius Foster Edge  
Manager  
Falkland Islands Company

No. 69.

Colonial Secretary's Office.  
13<sup>th</sup> May. 1807.

Sir,

I am directed by H.E. the Governor to request your attendance at a Meeting of the Executive Council to be held tomorrow afternoon.

I am, Sir

to you

W. Syme, M.A.  
Acting Secy.

The Honble

Arthur Bailey Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Act<sup>y</sup> Member of Exec<sup>u</sup> Council.

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To The Honble  
D. Griffiths Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Member of Ex<sup>u</sup> Council  
to you

No. 71.

To The Honble  
W. Syme, Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Act<sup>y</sup> Member of Ex<sup>u</sup> Council

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N<sup>o</sup> 72

Colonial Secretary's Office  
Falkland Islands  
30<sup>th</sup> May 1867

Sir

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to forward to you a copy of a further report which has been printed at the Foreign Office, showing the result of the investigations of the Cholera Commissioners at Constantinople.

I have the  
(S<sup>d</sup>) H. Byng  
Acting Colonial Secretary

H. N. Watts Esq<sup>r</sup>  
M.D.  
Colonial Surgeon

N<sup>o</sup> 73

(The same as above)

W. F. Mac Clinton Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Surgeon  
Royal Navy

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N<sup>o</sup> 74

Government House,  
Falkland Islands  
30th May 1867

Sir

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have brought under the notice of Her Majesty's Government that much difficulty has been experienced in some Colonies in procuring the conviction of persons who, in Colonial Ports have obtained possession of stores belonging to Government.

I enclose a copy of the Act of the Imperial Parliament, 27 & 28 Vict. Cap. 91, "for the more effectual protection of Her Majesty's Naval and Victualling Stores," intended to furnish the necessary protection to Admiralty Stores; and I have to request that you will be so good as to prepare a Bill embodying the provisions of this Act, with such modifications as will render it applicable to the circumstances of the Colony, in order that it may be submitted to the Legislative Council at the next meeting of that body.

I have &c

(Signed)

William Robinson  
Governor

The Honble

E.R. Griffiths Esq

875

Government House  
Falkland Islands  
31<sup>st</sup> May 1861

Sir

It having been brought to my notice that Mrs Parry a Lunatic is suffering great hardship owing to a want of proper treatment and care, I have authorized her removal to the Gaol, in the absence of any Government Asylum and made arrangements with the Gaoler and his wife who will attend to her wants and see that she is kept as clean and comfortable as may be possible under the unfortunate circumstances of her case.

2 As long as Mrs Parry remains in the Gaol she will be under your care and treatment and I recommend her case to your careful attention feeling sure that you will be able to alleviate the condition of suffering to which she has been reduced to some extent I fear, by neglect and the absence of all proper supervision.

3 The Gaoler has been instructed to supply Mrs Parry with such provisions as you may consider necessary, and I shall be obliged if you will draw up a scale of diet for the guidance of Mr Stocking in purchasing what may be required from the street.

I have &c

(Signed)

William Robinson  
Governor

H D Walls Esq  
M.D.  
Colonial Surgeon

No 76

7  
Government House  
Falkland Islands  
4<sup>th</sup> June 1867

Sir

Hearing that you purpose proceeding direct to Rio,  
I will, with your permission, notify that a mail for  
England to be posted at Rio, will be despatched  
per Her Majesty's Ship under your command

Perhaps you will be so good as to  
let me know on what day and at what hour it will  
be necessary for the Postmaster to close the mail  
of which I hope you will have the goodness to take  
charge

I have &c

(Signed)

William Robinson  
Governor

Commander Gammell  
R.N.  
H.M.S. Spitfire

2 V. 99.

Government House  
Falkland Islands  
12<sup>th</sup> June 1867

Sir

Referring to the Colonial Secretary's letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> August 1867, I have the honor to request that you will direct the guard that the Officer in charge of the Government Stores is to be allowed free access to the Dockyard at all hours

I have &c

(Signed)

William Robinson

Governor

Lieutenant G. H. Elliot  
R.M.

Commanding Garrison

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Nov 8

Colonial Secretary's Office  
Falkland Islands  
13<sup>th</sup> June 1867

Sir

I beg to draw your attention to the fact that three men from an American whaler which recently visited this port are now on board of the "Nancy" in this harbour, having, according to the Captain secreted themselves on board on the occasion of the last visit of the Schooner to Stanley.

Captain Louis has applied to the Government for permission to land these men from his vessel, but he is not disposed to deposit the amount required in the case of Aliens and the men have not wherewithal to do so themselves.

Under these circumstances you will perhaps assist Captain Louis to relieve himself of the three men who I presume are citizens of the United States without laying himself or them open to the penalties of the Alien Ordinance.

I have &c

(Signed)

H. Boyce  
Acting Col Sec

G. M. Dean Eagle  
Acting Commercial Agent for the  
United States

No 79Confidential

Government House  
 Falkland Islands  
 13<sup>th</sup> June 1867

Sir,

Having regard to the limited means at our disposal for preserving order in the town of Stanley, I think it very advisable that the 7<sup>th</sup> Section of the Alien Ordinance should be strictly enforced.

I am not by any means aware that the contrary is now the case but I sometimes think that there are more foreign-looking loafers of apparently undecided character about the town than have received the Governor's permission to reside in the Falklands.

It would be well to instruct the Constable if possible to obtain by quiet and unobtrusive enquiries a complete list of the names of all aliens now resident in Stanley in order that it may be compared with the Registers kept in this and <sup>in</sup> your office.

I have &amp;c

(Signed)

William Robinson

Governor

The Constable

E.R. Griffiths Esq  
 Sipendary Magistrate

N<sup>o</sup> 80

Colonial Secretary's Office  
17<sup>th</sup> June 1867

Sir

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to request your attendance at a meeting of the Executive Council to be held on Friday next the 21<sup>st</sup> Instant at Noon

I have &c

The Honble

E. R. Griffiths Esq; u      H. Byng  
Member of the Executive Council      Acting Col. Sec

(Signed)

N<sup>o</sup> 81

The Honble

A. Bailey Esq;  
Acting member of the Ex Council

N<sup>o</sup> 82

The Honble

H. Byng Esq;  
Act<sup>d</sup> member of the Ex Council

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No 85

Government House  
Falkland Islands  
20th June 1867

Sir

You will proceed to the Falkland Sound and take on board the "Foam" the mate and crew of the wrecked barque "Coquimbana" and return with them to Stanley with as little delay as possible.

The men have got about six weeks provisions with them. These you will also take on board for their subsistence during the return voyage to Stanley.

It is necessary that you should be back by the end of the month. You will therefore lose no time in the Sound beyond what may be absolutely required to get the wrecked crew and their provisions and clothes on board the "Foam".

I have &c

(Signed)

W Robinson

Governor

Capt Smith  
Schooner "Foam"

No 24.

Colonial Secretary's Office  
Falkland Islands  
22<sup>nd</sup> June 1867

Sir

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that on the application of the Colonial Chaplain His Excellency has consented that the Sunday School shall in future be held in the Boys Schoolroom.

I am &amp;c

(Signed)

H Byng

Mr Clarke  
Schoolmaster

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No 25

Government House  
Falkland Islands  
25 June 1867

Sir

I have received with much regret the report contained in your letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> instant of the death of the Fuegian Threelboys.

This melancholy event will I fear of necessity increase the difficulties of your task. I trust it may not have the effect of throwing back the work of the Mission in any appreciable degree.

P. I am much obliged to you for the information respecting the condition of the men stationed at New Island. I will take an early opportunity of communicating with the Mess<sup>rs</sup> Smith upon the subject.

I have &c.

(Signed)

William Robinson

Governor

The Rev<sup>d</sup>

W. H. Sterling B.A.

Superintendent of the South American  
Missionary Society

No 86

Government House  
Falkland Islands  
21<sup>st</sup> June 1857

Sir

It is probable that the Packet which reached  
Monte Video on or about the 13<sup>th</sup> Instant, brought  
out specie from the Mint to the amount of £2,000  
for the service of this Government, addressed to the  
care of the Senior Naval Officer at Monte Video.

2 Should this be so, I have to request that  
you will forward the money to me by the Government  
Chowner "Foam" which will leave Monte Video for  
Stanley on the 15<sup>th</sup> of next month.

3 I have authorized the Captain of the  
"Foam" to take charge of the Specie and to give you  
a receipt for the same

I have &c

(Signed)

William Robinson

Governor & Commander in Chief

The Senior Naval Officer  
Monte Video

No 87

Government House  
Falkland Islands  
24<sup>th</sup> June 1867

Sir,

I have had under my consideration your letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> ultimo, applying, on behalf of the Falkland Islands Company, for permission to purchase 1970 acres of land on the Company's holding at Darwin Harbour. No 8.

2. Your lease of the above station provides that "on the expiry of this lease the said Falkland Islands Company shall have the right of purchasing" "at the then upset price of rural land any block of the" "land hereby leased not being less than five hundred nor" "more than one thousand acres in extent."

The Proclamation of the 31<sup>st</sup> July 1849 under which the lease was granted says: "No land included in the license to be sold during the continuance of the lease".

Under these circumstances you will see that it is not in my power to comply with your present application.

3. But the Proclamation of the 4<sup>th</sup> April 1861 contains the following clause: "The lessee of any station" "must within five years from the date of his lease, purchase" "at the upset price of land for the time being / not exceeding" "eight shillings an acre,) a section containing not less than" "160 acres; and may also at any time during his lease" "purchase any further quantity of land at the same price"

I am therefore prepared to sell you 1970 acres on any station held by the Company under the Proclamation last referred to.

I have (s.c)

(Signed)

Julius Foster Esq  
Manager Falkland Is<sup>l</sup>s CoWilliam Robinson  
Governor

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No 88

Government House  
Falkland Islands  
26<sup>th</sup> June 1867

Sir.

Having reason to believe that the Surgeon in Medical charge of the Detachment purposes applying for a Marine servant from the "Egmont" or other ship on this Station anticipating that the man will be allowed Colonial pay equally with the Marines under your command.

I think it advisable to inform you beforehand that it would be out of my power to recognize any marine so sent down as belonging to the Garrison of the Colony, or entitled to extra pay and rations from the funds at the disposal of the Governor.

Q. You will be so good as to communicate this decision to D<sup>r</sup> Mac Clinton in order that there may be no misapprehension upon the subject hereafter.

I have &c

(Signed)

William Robinson

Governor

Luit Elliot  
R M  
Commanding Garrison

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No 89

Colonial Secretary's Office  
29<sup>th</sup> June 1867

Sir,

With reference to the certificate which you have furnished to Joseph Sacchis late of the barque "Capuchiniana", I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to enquire whether in your opinion the condition of the man is such as to render it undesirable that he should undertake the journey to Montevideo per "Foam" in which vessel of course he would be out of the reach of medical assistance if required.

I have &c

(Signed)

H. Byng

Act<sup>d</sup> Col Sec<sup>r</sup>

W. F. Mac Clinton Esqre  
Surgeon R.N.

No 40

Government House  
Falkland Islands  
29th June 1867

My Lords

I have the honor to inform your Lordships  
that I have drawn the undermentioned bills on  
Her Majesty's Treasury on the credit of the Parliament  
any grant in aid of the support of this Government.

Number Nine. dated 25<sup>th</sup> June 1867. The sum  
of One hundred and fifty pounds Sterling <sup>in payment of the last Bill in a.</sup> in exchange  
for cash to be expended in the general service of the  
Colony. At par

Number Ten. dated 26<sup>th</sup> June 1867. The sum of  
One hundred Pounds Sterling, drawn in favour of  
Messrs J. & A. Dean & Son, in exchange for cash to be  
expended in the general service of the Colony. At Par.

Number Eleven. dated 26<sup>th</sup> June 1867, the sum of  
Twenty five Pounds Sterling in favour of Julius  
Forster, in exchange for cash to be expended in the  
general service of the Colony. At par.

Number Twelve, dated 26<sup>th</sup> June 1867 the sum of  
One hundred and fifty Pounds Sterling in favour of  
Messrs J. & A. Dean & Son in exchange for cash to be  
expended in the general service of the Colony. At par

I have &c

(Signed)

W. Robinson  
Governor

The Right Honble  
The Lord Commissioners of  
Her Majesty's Treasury

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No 91

Government House  
Falkland Islands  
1<sup>st</sup> July 1867

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith a Statement of the Accounts for the Quarter ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 1866 between the Government of the Falkland Islands and the War Department.

I have &c

(Signed)

William Robinson

Governor

The R<sup>t</sup> Honble

The Under Secretary of State  
War Department

N<sup>o</sup> 92

Government House  
Falkland Islands  
1<sup>st</sup> July 1867.

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith  
a Statement of the Accounts for the Quarter  
ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 1866 between the Government  
of the Falkland Islands and the Board of Trade

I have the

(Signed)

William Robinson  
Governor

J. H. Harvey Esq.  
cc cc cc

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No 93

Government House  
Falkland Islands  
1<sup>st</sup> July 1867

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith  
the Store Accounts, the Surveyor General's Store  
Accounts and Progress Return of Works together  
with the Medical Stores Account for the Quarter  
ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 1866

I have &c

(Signed)

William Robinson  
Governor

C. L. Ryan Esqre

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No 94

Colonial Secretary's Office  
Falkland Islands  
2<sup>nd</sup> July 1867

Sir,

Pursuant to the 53<sup>d</sup> Section of the Merchant Shipping Act 1854, I have the honor to transmit enclosed the Certificate of Registry of the Ship "Coguimbana" of Swansea. Official Number 42757 which has been delivered to me by Captain Thomas Boden.

The "Coguimbana" was wrecked on Tysen Patch in the Falkland Sound on the 31<sup>st</sup> May and Captain Boden proceeds to England by this mail.

I have &c

(Signed)

H Byng

Acting Col Sec & Registrar of

Shipping

The Registrar of  
The Port of  
Swansea

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Nov 95

Colonial Secretary's Office  
Falkland Islands  
2<sup>nd</sup> July 1867

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 30<sup>th</sup> March last, requesting particulars of a registered packet addressed to W. A. Pyne Esqre; I have the honor to inform you that it was duly received at this Office, and was rediceded registered and forwarded by the mail for England of the 10<sup>th</sup> February addressed to Messrs Watkin, Baker & Dayles, 11 Fackville Street, London, who are Mr Pyne's agents in England.

I have &c

(Signed)

H. Byng.

Actg Col Sec & Postmaster.

F. Hill, Esqre

cc cc cc

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Colonial Secretary's Office  
Falkland Islands  
30<sup>th</sup> June 1868

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that the British barque "Coquimbo", Thomas Roden Master was wrecked on Tyssen Patch in the Falkland Sound on the 31<sup>st</sup> Ultimo.

The Captain and crew are now in Stanley and will proceed to Montevideo per "Giant" on Tuesday next.

The Captain realized sufficient by the sale of the wreck to pay his crew their wages in full. They have been paid and discharged in my presence and therefore (although the Governor has granted them passages in the "Giant" at a greatly reduced rate) we have not, with one exception to be hereafter explained, treated them as destitute and entitled to relief from the Board of Trade.

I send you a list of the crew with the amount paid to each man placed opposite his name.

The exception alluded to above is in the case of William Ellis the ship's carpenter who received £17. 5. 8 from the Captain.

This man is accompanied by his wife, who was entered on the articles as stewardess. Having lost many of her things at the time of the wreck, Ellis has been obliged to expend his wages in providing her with warm clothing and other necessaries for the voyage. Under these circumstances I have treated Ellis and his wife as in distress and paid their expenses home which will be charged in my account with the Board of Trade.

The Captain, too, in view of the enclosed declaration has been provided for by Government and is passed on to you

Major J. St. John Munro  
H. B. M. Vice Consul  
Montevideo

on to your care accordingly.

It is more than probable that many of  
the crew who have now money in their pockets will  
squander it here and reach Monte Video without a  
farthing. My object in sending you the statement of  
the amounts which they received when discharged is  
that you may be in a position to judge how far  
each individual will be justly entitled to relief as a  
distressed seaman when he presents himself before you  
at Monte Video.

I have &c

(Signed)

H. Byng.

Capt Sec'ty & Shipping Master

### Crew of the "Cognimbana"

Amounts of wages which they received on being discharged

	£   s   d
1 Frank Stark	22 11 0
2 Isaac Chapman	16 6 0
3 Martin Woolling	9 14 6
4 Jonathan Lewis	33 10 8
5 Frank Bradley	15 12 0
6 James Munro	19 9 4
7 Jacob Jenkins	18 5 9½
8 David MacDonald	14 9 3½
9 Emile Lern	10 10 0
10 Patrick O'Connor	3 6 0
11 Josiah Masters	5 8 0
12 William Ellis	7 3 8
13 Joseph Sacchos	5 2 0

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18° 91

Government House  
S. Falkland Islands  
5th July 1867

Sir,

X Should Louis Despeaux (who is going to take the "Sphy" to the Lighthouse tomorrow with coals) be unable to make up a crew <sup>from</sup> amongst the Colonists you will be so good as to detach from Government works as many seafarers as may be required to complete the crew of the boat.

They will be paid by the Colonial Secretary from Board of Trade funds and not charged in your pay list for that day.

I have the  
(Signed)

William Robinson  
Governor

The Honble  
A Bailey Esq  
Surveyor General

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No 98

Government House  
Falkland Islands  
22<sup>nd</sup> July 1867.

Sir

I have given careful consideration to your application for an occupation License of a Station west of Bluff Cove on the ground that the Company have not fulfilled strictly the conditions of the Proclamation of the 4<sup>th</sup> April 1861, and are therefore not entitled to a Lease of that Station.

2 Shortly after you left my office yesterday I had an opportunity of conversing with Mr Forster upon the subject; and subsequently I received from him the letter of which I enclose a copy for your perusal.

3 I am unable to concur with Mr Forster that a house with sloping walls, whatever may be its size, is the kind of building contemplated by the Proclamation, and I have informed Mr Forster accordingly. But, although in this one respect they have fallen short of the strict letter of the Proclamation, the Company appear to me to have complied amply with the spirit and intentions of the Regulations; and I consider, in view of the circumstances detailed in the accompanying letter, that it would be harsh and impolitic to withhold from them the Lease for which Mr Forster has applied. To do so would be to establish a precedent and to lie the Government down to a course of action for the future which would not be otherwise than injurious to the best interests of the Colony.

4 Of course the Company will not receive their lease until a house of the prescribed character shall have been erected on the station with the materials already sent down.

F.H.S. Dean Esq.  
Stanley

I have &  
(Signed) William Robinson  
Governor

*See letter from J. Forster Colonial Manager*  
7 July 20<sup>th</sup> July 1867

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Colonial Secretary's Office  
Falkland Islands.  
24<sup>th</sup> July 1857.

Sir,

James Anderson having applied  
for the appointment of Pilot, I  
am directed by His Excellency  
to request you will inform me  
whether you consider him a fit  
and proper person, and competent  
to discharge the duties of the  
situation.

I am, Sir

Yrs &c

G. H. King.

Acting Secy

Mr Charles Melville  
Chief Pilot.

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No 100

Government House  
Falkland Islands  
26<sup>th</sup> July 1867

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> Instant.

I quite concur with you that it would not be right to dispense with any material requirement of the Land Proclamation in favour of the Falkland Islands Company, who have, as you justly remark, facilities at their disposal for complying with those requirements which are not enjoyed by other settlers; and I beg to assure you that the Lease of the station in question will not be granted to Mr Forster unless I am quite satisfied that a house of the prescribed dimensions has been erected on the land within a given time.

The object of the Proclamation is to guard against the unprofitable occupation of the islands. It is therefore the duty of the Government to control with jealousy the acquisition or occupation of land by those who will either not use it at all, or not use it so profitably as it would be used by others; but at the same time to afford every facility and indulgence to all who evince a bona fide intention of occupying their land to advantage.

I have &c  
(Signed)

J. M. Dean Esq  
M.R.A.

William Robinson  
Governor

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No 101

Colonial Secretary's Office  
7th August 1857

Sir

I am directed by H.C. the Governor to request your attendance at a meeting of the Legislative Council on Saturday next the 10th Instant at noon

I have &c

The Honble E R Griffiths

(Signed)

Stipendiary Magistrate

H Byng

Member of the Legislative Council. Acting Colonial Secretary  
& Clerk to the Councils

No 102

(The same as above.)

To the Honble

C C Surpin Esq

Member of the Legislative Council

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No 103

Government House  
Falkland Islands  
1<sup>st</sup> August 1867

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> Ultimo, No 39, with Bill of Lading and Invoices of the five boxes of Specie which you forwarded to me per "Hoani".

2 The boxes have reached my hands in safety.

I have the  
(Signed,) R.N.

Commander C.F. Hill

R.N.  
Senior Naval Officer  
Monte Video.

No 104

Colonial Secretary's Office  
Falkland Islands  
12<sup>th</sup> August 1867

Sir

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that whenever you wish to pay a compliment to a vessel entering or leaving the Port, it will be sufficient to hoist the Red or White Ensign, or one of the flags belonging to the signal code instead of the Blue Ensign with the badge of the Colony in the fly. This latter flag, which if worn out there would be some trouble in replacing, should never be hoisted except on a calm day, or when a man of war happens to be in Harbour.

I have &amp;c

(Signed)

A. Byng  
Act<sup>g</sup> Col Sec

Capt. A. Smith

Schooner "Foam"

No 105.

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Colonial Secretary's Office  
Stanley. 21<sup>st</sup> Augt. 1857

*re return*

Sir

I have the honour to enclose a statement of the account of this Government with the Falkland Islands Company for the six months ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 1857, accompanied by the usual vouchers in duplicate for your signature.

I have the

N. Byng

Adm. Secy.

Jas. E. Scott Esq.  
Manager. F. I. C.

The Government of the Falkland Islands will be Current with the Falkland Island Co.  
for the Two quarters ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 1857

1857 August		1857 August	
21 <sup>st</sup> Rec'ds of Various Accs as per Receipt. —	30 0 0	21 <sup>st</sup> In full paid J. E. Scott for Laundry Stores, as peroucher —	16 3 9
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W <sup>m</sup> Company —	4 3 4		
	5 6 4 5 4		

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8<sup>o</sup> 106

Colonial Secretary's Office  
Falkland Islands  
17<sup>th</sup> August 1867

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> May, enclosing Bill of Lading and statement of contents of five boxes shipped per "Oppidum" and containing stores for the use of this Government.

2. The Stores in question have been safely received

3. I take this opportunity of informing you, by command of His Excellency the Governor, that the Lords of the Treasury have been requested to pay to you the sum of Three hundred pounds Sterling charging the same against the Parliamentary vote in aid of this Government for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 1868.

4. The Governor anticipates that this sum, with the balance now in your hands, will be sufficient to meet all demands in England on account of this Government for the current financial year.

I have &c

W.C. Sargeant Esq  
Agent General for Crown Colonies  
Ex cc sc

(Signed)

H. Byng  
Act<sup>g</sup> Col Sec

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No 107.

Colonial Secretary's Office  
Falkland Islands  
17<sup>th</sup> August 1867

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge Mr Cooper's letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> May last advising me, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, that the sum of £100 had been paid by the Falkland Islands Company as a Deposit towards the purchase of land in this Colony, and that the Emigration Commissioners had issued their official certificate of this Deposit No 10 dated 27<sup>th</sup> May 1867.

2 I have also to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> May forwarding copy of an agreement under which certain Emigrants, as per margin, were provided with passages to Stanley in the ship "Epsilon"

3 The master of the "Epsilon" appearing to be entitled to it, has been furnished with the Certificate of safe landing referred to in the 8<sup>th</sup> Article of the Agreement.

I have &c  
(Signed)

Stephen Walcott Esq  
Colonial Land & Emigration  
Commissioner

H. Byng  
Ass't Col Sec

&c &c &c

Elizabeth Revi  
William Cameron  
John M<sup>r</sup> Gowan  
James Davidson  
John Thompson

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N<sup>o</sup> 108

Government House

Falkland Islands

29<sup>th</sup> August 1861

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt  
of your letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> June last informing me of  
the appointment of Mr Frederick Cobb as Colonial  
Manager for the Falkland Islands Company.

I shall be happy to extend to Mr Cobb  
all the assistance and support it may be in my  
power to afford.

I have &c

(Signed)

William Robinson

Governor

St Coleman Esq.  
Secretary to the  
Falkland Islands Company  
London

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No 169

Government House  
Falkland Islands  
29th August 1867.

Sir

I have received your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> March, acquainting me with your plans with reference to the West Falkland.

I have no objection to offer to your landing the sheep &c on the West Falkland without previously calling here, if that course will be more convenient to you; and as soon as you come to Stanley I shall be prepared to complete your lease.

Mr Packe has no intention of abandoning his station at Parry's Branch harbour, and therefore I shall be unable to allot it to you.

I forward a tracing of the N.E. end of the island, showing the block which I propose to include in your lease. The North arm of Port Howard, you will observe, will afford you an excellent harbour for communicating with your station.

I also enclose a copy of the West Falkland Land Regulations recently adopted by the Governor in Council.

For James S. Walderon

Care of  
Mr Cowes

Calle Defensa

Buenos Ayres

I have &c

(Signed)

William Robinson

Governor

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N<sup>o</sup> 108<sup>a</sup>

Government House  
Falkland Islands  
25<sup>th</sup> August 1867

Sir

I have to acknowledge your letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> instant applying for a piece of land adjoining Navy Point for the purpose of erecting workshops in connection with a floating dock which you are desirous of establishing in this Harbour.

2. I am unwilling to sell the land in question by private contract, in face of the established regulation that Crown Lands shall be disposed of by public auction and not otherwise. Should you therefore desire to possess this land in fee it will be necessary for you to purchase it at public auction, and to afford you an opportunity of doing so, I shall be happy to advertise the lots for sale on receipt of your application to that effect.

3. On the other hand, being fully sensible of the advantages held out by the project which you have in view, I am prepared, if you wish it, to advise Her Majesty's Government to allow the proposed company the use of the land at a merely nominal rental, on the understanding that the Crown will resume occupation should the Company at any time be dissolved or cease permanently to carry on their business in this Port.

4. If you will be so good as to let me know whether this arrangement will meet your views, I will forward this correspondence to the Secretary of State by the outgoing mail; and on your arrival in England you will probably place yourself in communication with the Colonial Department upon the subject.

5. With reference to the 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph of your letter, I have to inform you that there will be no objection to the floating dock being situated in any part of the harbour which shall not interfere with the safety and convenience of the shipping I have on

Julius Foster Eye

(M) W Robinson Esq

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No 110

Government House  
Falkland Islands  
29<sup>th</sup> August 1867

Sir

I have received your letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> May last, communicating to me your intention with regard to settling on the West Falkland Island.

2. I am glad to learn that the advantages which these islands offer to intending sheep farmers are becoming more generally known, and I have much pleasure in forwarding to you a copy of the land regulations as recently amended.

3. I shall be happy to confer with Mr. Waldron on the subject of the district which you are desirous of occupying.

I am &c

(Signed)

William Robinson

Governor

W. Hickney Esq  
Redgmont  
Burstwick  
Hull  
England

No III

Government House  
Hawke's Bay  
30th August 1861

My Lords:

I have the honour to report that I have drawn the undermentioned Bill on Her Majesty's Treasury on the credit of the Parliamentary etc for the current financial year in exchange for cash to be expended in the general service of the Colony.

Number Thirteen dated 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1861 the sum of Fifty pounds Sterling in favour of Arthur Birley at par.

£ 50 . 0 . 0

Number Fourteen dated 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1861 the sum of Twenty five pounds in favour of Jerry Page & Co at par.

110 . 0 . 0

Number Fifteen dated 4<sup>th</sup> July 1861 the sum of One hundred and ten pounds Sterling in favour of Julius Forster at par.

200 . 0 . 0

Number Sixteen dated 27<sup>th</sup> August 1861 the sum of Two hundred and pounds Sterling in favour of Julius Forster at par.

10 . 0 . 0

Number Seventeen dated 30th August 1861 the sum of Ten pounds Sterling in favour of Messrs Mappin & Webb at par.

£ 395 . 0 . 0

I have etc

(Signed)  
William Robinson  
Governor

The Lord Commissioners of  
Her Majesty's Treasury

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No 112

Colonial Secretary's Office  
Falkland Islands  
31<sup>st</sup> August 1867

Sir

Reposing to your letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> May 1867, for  
warding a fresh allotment of Official Numbers to this  
Port. I beg to inform you that in accordance with  
your request I have withdrawn the Numbers 40506, 40507,  
appropriated by me to the "Louisa" and "Oissa" and  
have substituted the Numbers 57841 and 57842 respect-  
ively to those vessels.

I am

Yr

(Signed)

To the Chief Registrar  
of Shipping  
London

H. B. Byng  
Act<sup>d</sup>l<sup>t</sup> Sec & Shipping master

No 113

Government House  
Falkland Islands  
31<sup>st</sup> August 1867

Sir,

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I have the honour to inform you that I have drawn a Bill on the Accountant to the Board of Trade in favour of Julius Forster for the sum of Forty eight pounds, being the amount expended by me in affording relief to the seamen of the British barque "Coquimbana" the loss of which ship was duly reported in my despatch to the Secretary of State c No 55 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> July last.

P. I enclose herewith Accounts and Vouchers in support of payments which will I hope be found correct.

I have  
etc

H. H. Farrer Esq  
Secretary  
Marine Department  
Board of Trade.

(Signed) William Robinson  
Governor.

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c/o 114

Colonial Secretary's Office  
Falkland Islands  
31<sup>st</sup> August 1867

Sir

In reply to your letter c/o 114 2180, of the 6<sup>th</sup> June 1867 enclosing an account of dead letters forwarded from this office on the 1<sup>st</sup> March last I beg to inform you that in compliance with your request I herewith return the said account certified and signed.

I have &c  
(Signed)

A. Byng

Asst Secy & Postmaster

Frederick Hall Esq  
General Post Office  
London

No 115

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Colonial Secretary's Office.  
Falkland Islands.  
31<sup>st</sup> August. 1867.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you  
that the British Barque "River Derwent"  
was wrecked on New Island on the  
11<sup>th</sup> instant.

The persons named in the margin,  
being a portion of the crew of the above  
vessel, have been relieved by me as  
distressed British Seamen and proceed  
to Monte Video per "Isau"

The Master and the remainder  
of the crew will follow by the next  
opportunity I have to

W. Young,  
Capt. of  
Shipping Master

- 1 Mitchell Kellert.
- 2 Charles B. Wade.
- 3 David Jackson.
- " Joseph Ashton.
- " Florence Johnson.
- 5 Sydney Davidson.
- 6 Richard Moore.
- 7 John Jones.
- 8 Thomas James.
- 9 Miles Leach.
- 10 Miles Kenneth.
- " Edward Kenneth.

Major J. St John Munro.  
It P.M. Consul.  
Monte Video.

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Colonial Secretary's Office.  
Falkland Islands.  
31<sup>st</sup> August 1877.

To

Pursuant to the 53<sup>rd</sup> Section of  
the Merchant Shipping Act 1854. I  
have the honor to transmit enclosed  
the Certificate of Registry of the Barque  
"River Derwent." Official Number 51.413  
which has been delivered to me by  
Captain John Dodd Eaton

The "River Derwent" was wrecked  
on the 11<sup>th</sup> instant on New Island

I have the

H. Byng.  
Colonial Secretary  
& Shipping Master.

To  
The Registrar  
of the Port of  
Liverpool.

one copy

80.117.

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Colonial Secretary's Office.  
Falkland Islands.  
3<sup>rd</sup> September 1867

Sir,

On the night of the 5<sup>th</sup> ultimo a collision occurred between the British Barque "Guasco", David Morgan Master, and the Dutch Brigantine "Janette Rolline", which resulted in the immediate sinking of the Brigantine and the death of all on board with the exception of two crewmen who were picked up by the boats of the "Guasco", and are now on board of that ship in this Harbour.

2. There are circumstances in connection with this disaster which render it desirable that an inquiry should be instituted in the matter, and I have therefore to request that you will cause such inquiry to be held by the Police Court and Report the result to H.E. the Governor for the information of the Board of Trade, as prescribed by Sec: 242 of the Merchant Shipping of 1854.

I have the

M. Wm. M. Mayes.

Admiral of  
& Shipping Master

The Honble  
E R Griffith Esqre.  
Sustaining Magistrate  
He & He & He

*46*  
No. 118.

Colonial Secretary's Office  
Falkland Islands.  
3<sup>rd</sup> September 1867.

Sir,

The circumstances in connection with the collision between the "Ariasco" the ship under your command and the Dutch Brigantine "Jeanette Rollin" having, so far as they are at present known, been carefully considered, I have to inform you that a formal inquiry touching that disaster has been determined upon and will be held for the information of His Excellency the Governor and of the Board of Trade.

2. The inquiry will take place with as little delay as possible. Meanwhile it will be necessary for you to postpone your departure from this Harbour.

I am Sir  
to Dr

*W. H. Young*  
Adm'tl Secy  
& Shipping Master

Captain D. Morgan  
Master of the Barque  
"Ariasco"

No. 110.

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Colonial Secretary's Office.  
Falkland Islands.  
5<sup>th</sup> September. 1867.

Sir,

The Chairman of the Police Court having applied to the Governor for the assistance of some person possessing Nautical skill and knowledge at an investigation to be held by the said Court, I am directed by His Excellency to inquire whether you are willing to act as Nautical Assessor on this occasion, in which case I have to request that you will attend at the Court House at 11 o'clock tomorrow.

2. You will receive for this service such remuneration as is usually paid in similar cases by the Board of Trade.

I am Sir  
Yours etc

H. Byng  
Acting Col. Secy  
Shipping Master

Captain A. M<sup>c</sup>Farlane  
Master of the Ship  
"Ottavia"

N<sup>o</sup> 119.

Colonial Secretary's Office.  
Falkland Islands.  
3<sup>rd</sup> September 1867.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose herewith per "Belmont" the Articles of Agreement of the Ship "Epsilon" which left this Port on or about the 3<sup>rd</sup> ultimo for Valparaiso. It appears that through an oversight the Master of the "Epsilon" took away the Articles of Agreement belonging to the ship "Belmont".

On the Belmont's articles there is an indorsement referring to a seaman named George Fitzgerald belonging to the "Epsilon" left behind in prison here. I shall feel much obliged therefore if you would kindly procure from Valparaiso the Belmont's Articles strike out the indorsement and forward those of the "Epsilon" to Valparaiso in order that an interchange may be effected and the mistake rectified.

I have &c

A. H. Gray.  
Act Colonial Secy.

Alex. Gillam Esq.  
F. T. B. M. Consul  
to the  
Cognimbo.

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8<sup>o</sup> 121.

Government House  
Falkland Islands.

10<sup>th</sup> September 1867.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> instant forwarding the Report of the Justices sitting as the Police Court to enquire into the circumstances connected with the recent collision between the "Aurasco" and the "Janette Rollin", together with minutes of the evidence and a copy of the Official Log.

2. I quite concur in the conclusions at which you have arrived, and I have much pleasure in conveying to the Magistrate engaged on the Inquiry my appreciation of the diligence and care which have been brought to the performance of this important duty.

3. I will not fail to draw the particular attention of the Board of Trade to the concluding paragraph of your Report.

I have the  
Very truly yours  
William Robinson  
Governor

The Honble

R. R. Griffiths Esqre  
Solicitor Magistrate  
H. C. H. H.

*H*  
Private.

Government House.  
Stanley. 7<sup>th</sup> September 1867

My dear Sir,

I have been considering  
the question of costs in connection with  
the recent investigation by the Police  
Court.

Looking to the circumstances  
that the "inquiry" was held at the  
request of the Governor for his  
information and that of the Board  
of Trade, and that the Court cannot  
throw the costs on either party with-  
out a certain extent anticipating  
or indicating the decision at which  
the Board of Trade or its representative  
is likely to arrive on perusal of a  
Report which, in theory, may or may  
not be confirmed, I think it will be  
better for the Shipping Master to defray  
all costs and expenses charging the  
same in his account with the Board  
of Trade.

Believe me,  
My dear Sir

Yours very truly  
J. G. Robinson

The Honble  
R. R. Griffiths Esqre  
H. M. Consul

Government House,  
Halkland Islands

14<sup>th</sup> September 1867.

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Sir,

I regret to inform you that on the night of the 5<sup>th</sup> Ultimo a Collision occurred in lat: 50° 52' South. Long: 30° 10' West between the British Barque "Huasco" and the Dutch Brigantine "Jeannette Rollin" which resulted in the immediate sinking of the Brigantine and the death of all on board with the exception of two seamen who were picked up by the boats of the "Huasco".

2. On the Arrival of the "Huasco" at this port on the 2<sup>nd</sup> instant I took advantage of the presence of the survivors above referred to and caused a formal inquiry to be made into the circumstances in connection with this fatal disaster, and I have now to submit the Report of the Magistrates who conducted the investigation duly confirmed by myself in the terms of local ordinance N<sup>o</sup> 3 of 18<sup>th</sup> Y together with a Copy of the minutes of evidence.

3. Referring to the probable cause of this Collision the Magistrates state:-

After Careful investigation we have come to the conclusion that there is blame to be attached to both vessels on the part of the Brigantine because there was only one light on the weather side and no look out forward. On the part of the "Huasco" more blame in as much as she had no side lights up and the man stationed forward as a look out man grossly neglected his duty. We exonerate the chief officer of the "Huasco" from blame. We further find that the Master of the "Huasco" is to blame for not carrying the Regulation Lights. We think that after the Collision took place every effort was made to save life.

4. I would beg to draw particular attention to the evidence of M<sup>r</sup> Clarke the chief Officer of the "Huasco" who states that it is customary to carry side lights only on very dark nights and on the tracks of vessels. This Alarming statement which was supported by three Merchant Captains in Court All accustomed to trade round the Horn

*RV*  
Horn confirms a suspicion which has long been entertained that in these seas at all events the Regulations respecting light are systematically disregarded

5. A statement of our Account with the Board of Trade in respect of distressed seamen accompanied by the necessary Vouchers will be forwarded in a few days.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your Obedient Servant  
S<sup>r</sup> William Robinson  
(Governor)

J. H. Farrer Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Secretary  
Marine Department  
Board of Trade.

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N. 122.

Colonial Secretary's Office.  
Falkland Islands.

11<sup>th</sup> September 1867.

Sir,

The Magistrates appointed by the Governor to inquire into the circumstances connected with the recent collision between the "Huasco" and the "Gazette Rollin" having sent in their Report, His Excellency observes that you do not concur with the Magistrates in thinking that the "Huasco" was more to blame than the Brigantine.

2. I am directed to request that you will have the goodness to favour me with a statement of the reasons which lead you to this conclusion.

I am, Sir, &c

H. Hynd

Acting Secy  
and Shipping Master.

Captain A. MacTavish  
Ship "Uttoria"

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Government House.  
17<sup>th</sup> September 1837.

My dear Sir.

Stocking complains  
that last night at 8.30 and again  
at 10.15 Jack Hendal was refused  
admittance to the jail by the Sentry  
although accompanied on both  
occasions by his (Stocking's) son.

The order upon this point  
(of which you gave me a copy) is  
very clear, and if Stocking's account  
be true the Sentry would appear  
to have exceeded it.

I am, my dear Sir,  
Yours very truly,  
/S/ William Robinson.  
Governor.

Lient: G. Elliott R.M.  
John J. Garrison.

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18<sup>th</sup> 1833.

Government House.  
Falkland Islands.  
18<sup>th</sup> September 1833.

Sir.

I have the honour to acknowledge,  
with thanks, your letter of the 17<sup>th</sup>.  
instant.

I shall have great pleasure  
in informing the Theatrical Com-  
mittee of Management that the  
Directors of the Falkland Islands  
conspicuously wish the freight  
of the Scenery to be considered as  
an additional subscription towards  
the Funds of the Theatrical Society.

I have &c.

W<sup>m</sup> Williams Robinson

Governor

Frederick E. Fobbs Esq.  
Manager of the  
Falkland Isl<sup>s</sup> Corp<sup>s</sup>

No 124

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Government House.  
Falkland Islands.  
20<sup>th</sup> September 1867

Sir, I have the pleasure to accede  
to the request contained in your  
letter of yesterday.

Of course the souls will be so  
placed as not to interfere with any  
portion of the public road.

I have the  
Respectfully yours  
J. S. Williams Robinson

Fred'k D. Cobb Esqre  
Manager of the  
Falkland Isd. Compt.

Yours

Government House  
21<sup>st</sup> Sept. 1867.

My dear Sir,

Charles Williams is desirous  
of building on the lots which he pur-  
chased at Auction some time since,  
but he is uncertain as to where his  
boundaries run. Will you be so  
good as to point them out to him.

Yours very truly  
J. S. Williams Robinson

The Hon.

Arthur Bailey Esqre

Yours

No 125.

Government House.  
Falkland Islands.  
23<sup>rd</sup> September 1867.

Sir,

Mr. Griffiths  
Mr. Parry (Lunatic)  
John Peck.

The Colonial Surgeon being about to leave the Settlement for a few days for the purpose of visiting a sick woman at Darwin Harbour, I have the honour to direct that you will be so good as to take medical charge of the Quab, and of the public patients whose names are noted in the margin, during Dr. Hall's absence from Stanley.

I have &c &c

*(Signed)* William Robinson.

Governor

J. F. Macmillan. M.A. M.R.C.P.

Garrison Surgeon.  
He. Dr. He.

No 126

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Colonial Secretary's Office.  
Falkland Islands.  
26<sup>th</sup> September 1857.

Sir,

Pursuant to the 53<sup>rd</sup> section of  
the Merchant Shipping Act of 1854,  
I have the honour to forward herewith  
the Certificate of Registry of  
the Brig "Zone" of Liverpool. Official  
Number 17,850 which was delivered  
to me by the Master, Joseph A.  
West.

The "Zone" was abandoned at  
sea in a sinking condition on  
the 20<sup>th</sup> August last, about 180  
miles off Cape St. Mary.

I have &c. &c.

A. Syrig.  
J. S. &  
C. Shipping Master.

The Registrar  
of the Port of  
Liverpool.

No 127.

Government House.  
Falkland Islands.  
28<sup>th</sup> September 1867.

Sir,

I have had under my careful consideration your letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> ultmo, containing a statement of the reasons which induced you to think that leaseholders on the West Falkland ought to be allowed unlimited and unconditional control over all wild cattle within their respective boundaries.

2. When you applied to me for permission to take up land on the West Falkland I thought it right to explain to you clearly my intentions with regard to the partial reservation of wild cattle, and I have no recollection of having led you to suppose that the restrictions to be imposed in the first instance on the holder of an occupation licence would be removed by any subsequent alteration in the nature of his tenure.

3. I now express my entire concurrence in my views, and took up the Land with a full knowledge that the Ordinance against which your present letter is directed was about to be prepared and submitted to the Legislative Council.

Edward Packe Esq<sup>ee</sup>  
J<sup>o</sup> W<sup>o</sup> V<sup>o</sup>

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4 Under these circumstances it is only necessary for me to refer to the 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph of your letter and to assure you that as a Leaseholder your privilege with regard to the Wild Cattle will be similar to (though not greater than) those which you at present enjoy as the holder of an occupation license.

I have &c

1<sup>st</sup>/ William Robinson  
Govt.

No 128.

Colonial Secretary's Office  
Stanley. 7<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1867.

Sir  
Referring to the Certificate from the Colonial Surgeon, handed to you on Saturday, I am directed by H. the Governor to inquire what course you intend to adopt with regard to James McCourt.

I am Sir  
Yours &c  
1<sup>st</sup>/ W. W. Wynn  
Acting Secy.  
& Shipping Master

Capt. McTavish  
Ship "Ullin"

801209.

Government House.  
Falkland Islands.  
10th October 1867.

Gentlemen,

I have to request that you will be so good as to let me know the probable number of prizes that will be required for distributions next Christmas to the children attending the Government School under your inspection.

I have the

/00/ William Robinson.  
Good.

The Honble

W R Griffiths Esqre.

Dr W F Macmillan M.D.

Inspectors of Schools.

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No 130.

Government House.  
Falkland Islands.  
12<sup>th</sup> October. 1867.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt  
of your letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> July applying  
for six lots of land on the West  
Falkland Island.

2. I have been in communication  
with Mr Edward Packe upon  
this subject, and a license for the  
tract of land which he has selected  
in your name will shortly issue.

3. I beg to enclose for your  
information a copy of the Land  
Regulations of the 24<sup>th</sup> June  
1867

I have the

Yrs/ William Robinson

Yours

Edward W Scott Esq

1 Cavendish Square  
London.

N<sup>o</sup> 131.

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Colonial Secretary's Office.  
Falkland Islands.  
14<sup>th</sup> October 1857.

Sir,

Referring to your recent conversation with the Governor on the subject of the claims advanced by Captain Packer in consequence of the decision of the Privy Council on the right of leaseholders and freeholders in these islands to kill cattle on their own lands, I am directed to inform you that I am prepared to pay to you on application at this Office the sum of £117. 18. 0 being the amount which His Excellency is authorized by the Secretary of State to hand to Captain Packer and which you agreed with the Governor to accept as payment in full of all demands against Government on this account.

I have &c

A. H. King.  
Acting Col. Secy.

The humble  
Charles J. Surpin Esq.  
to Mr.

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No 132.

Colonial Secretary's Office  
Stanley 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1867

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to request  
Your Attendance at a Meeting of the Legislative Council  
to be held on Friday next the 25<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>t</sup> at noon.

I have the

(S<sup>r</sup>)

The Honourable

H R Griffiths

Member of the Legislative Council

W H. Byng

Act<sup>d</sup> Colonial Secretary

No 133.

Colonial Secretary's Office  
Stanley 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1867

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to request  
Your Attendance at a Meeting of the Legislative Council  
to be held on Friday next the 25<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>t</sup> at noon.

The Honourable

C C Yerpin

Member of the Legislative Council.

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Government House  
Falkland Islands  
29<sup>th</sup> October 1864.

133.

Sir,

I beg to advise you that I have drawn on the Crown Agents the undermentioned Bills amounting together to £752.

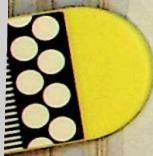
29 <sup>th</sup> October 1864	favour of		
	JM Dean and Son at	£	
	30 days sight ..	650	
29 <sup>th</sup>	Ditto	Ditto	102
			<u>752.</u>

These Bills are drawn in accordance with the instructions contained in the Duke of Buckingham's despatch to me N<sup>o</sup>. 9. of the 17<sup>th</sup> July, in which despatch His Grace informs me that the above sum of £752 has been placed in your hands by the Lord's of the Treasury to await my draft.

I have &c  
W<sup>m</sup> William Robinson  
Governor

W. C. Sargent Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Crown Agent.

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No. 134.

Government House  
Falkland Islands  
23 October 1867.

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Sir,

I have to Authorise You to cause a Coffin to be made  
in the Government Workshop for Kate Nixon who died last  
Night at Mr. Griffith's House.

I am Sir

Your Obedient Servant

(Sd) W. A. Robinson

A. Bailey Esq.  
Surveyor General.

Government House.  
Falkland Islands.  
29<sup>th</sup> October. 1867.

My dear Sir,

Referring to my recent conversation  
with you on the subject of the claims advanced  
by the Falkland Islands Company in consequence  
of the Judgment of the Privy Council as to  
the right of Leaseholders and Freeholders to  
kill cattle on their own Lands, I have to  
request that you will let me know whether  
you are prepared to accept on behalf of the  
Company further payment of £40 to which I then  
agreed, as a final adjustment of the  
demands of the Company on this account.

I am, My dear Sir

Yours faithfully

(Sd) William Robinson

Governor

Fred. R. Cobb Draper  
Manager of the  
Falkland Islands.

Government House  
30<sup>th</sup> October 1867.

My dear Sir,

I enclose a tracing of the land which I propose to give you. It contains without the River islands 84.640. Acres. I am willing if you wish it, to continue your eastern boundary, from the West arm of Manbranch Harbour through the six hills to the head of Port Purvis, at Mount Rosalie, instead of as marked off on the tracing, but if so a corresponding piece would have to be cut off at Byron Sound.

I am dear Sir

Yours faithfully

See belowon 3

(Sd) W. Robinson  
Governor.

N° 135.

Government House  
Falkland Islands  
31<sup>st</sup> October 1867.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that I have drawn the following bill on Her Majesty's Paymaster General in repayment of sums advanced from the Colonial Chest to Lieutenant G. H. Elliot. R.N., for the payment of Pensioners residing in the Colony under his charge. N° 3. dated 29<sup>th</sup> October 1867.

The sum of Two hundred Pounds, sterling, drawn in favour of the Falkland Islands Company, at par.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your Obedient Servant

The Rt<sup>h</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup>

Her Majesty's

Paymaster General

Whitehall London.

(Sd) W. Robinson

Governor.

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Government House,  
Falkland Islands  
31<sup>st</sup> October 1864.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that I have drawn the following bill on Her Majesty's Paymaster General in repayment of sums advanced from the Colonial Chest to Lieutenant G. H. Elliot R.M. for the payment of Pensioners residing in the Colony under his charge N° 3. dated 29<sup>th</sup> October 1864. The sum of Two hundred Pounds Sterling, drawn in favour of the Falkland Islands Company, at par.

£200.0.0.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your Obedient Servant

(S.d.) W. Robinson

Governor.

Under Secretary of State  
War Department  
London

N° 137.

Government House  
Falkland Islands  
31<sup>st</sup> October 1864.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose herewith for the information of their Lordships, a copy of the account current of this Government with the Board of Trade for the maintenance of the Cape Pembroke Lighthouse for the quarter ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 1864, together with the requisite Vouchers.

I also enclose the Meteorological Register kept at the Lighthouse during the six months ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 1864, and the Lightkeeper's annual monthly accounts of Oil and Stores Consumed at the Lighthouse during the same period.

I have the honour to be

Sir  
Your Obedient Servant  
W. Robinson  
Governor.

H. H. Farmer Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Secretary  
Marine Department  
Board of Trade  
London

8<sup>o</sup>/138.

Government House  
Falkland Islands  
31<sup>st</sup> October 1867.

Sir. I have the honour to report that I have drawn  
the following Bills on the Accountant to the Board of Trade  
in repayment of Advances made from the Colonial Treas-  
ury for the support of Cape Pembroke Lighthouse.

Number 5. dated 26<sup>th</sup> October 1867

The sum of Seventy two Pounds Sterling drawn in favour of £72. 0. 0  
of John Wilks. at par.

Number 6. dated 26<sup>th</sup> October 1867.

The sum of Eighteen Pounds Sterling drawn in favour of £18. 0. 0  
Messrs Love and Gundall. At par.

Number 7 dated 29<sup>th</sup> October 1867.

The sum of Twenty Pounds Sterling drawn in favour of £20. 0. 0  
Mr A. Worthington, At par. £ 110. 0. 0

I have the honour to be

Sir.

Your Obedient Servant

Signed William Robinson

Governor.

J. H. Farmer Esq<sup>re</sup>

Secretary, Marine Department

Board of Trade

Whitehall, London

No 139.

Government House  
Falkland Islands  
31<sup>st</sup> October 1867.

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Sir.

I have the honour to enclose a copy of the Account Current of the Government of the Falkland Islands with the War Department for the Quarter ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 1867, together with the Vouchers in support thereof.

I have the honour to be

Your Obedient Servant

W<sup>illiam</sup>. Robinson

Governor.

Under Secretary of State  
War Department  
London.

No 140.

Govt House.  
Falkland Islands.  
1<sup>st</sup> Novr. 1867.

Sir,

It is important to the interests of the Colony that I should visit at an early period certain districts and outposts which are quite too distant to be visited by the only vessel which I have at my command, engaged as she constantly is in running the mails between this Port and Montevideo.

2. Under these circumstances I am under the necessity of requesting that if your arrangements will admit of it, you will be so good as to place a vessel of war at my disposal for this service, if possible before the 3rd of January next.

The time of inspection would probably occupy from eight to ten days.

Yours &c.

Dear Admiral Ramsay CB.

15<sup>th</sup> Nov. A. Robinson  
Govt.

No 141.

Govt House -  
Falkland Islands.  
2nd Novr. 1867

Sir,  
Referring to my despatch No 113 of the  
31st August last, I greatly regret to find  
that, through an oversight on the part  
of my Secretary, the accounts & vouchers  
said to accompany that despatch were  
not forwarded.

2. I hasten to correct the  
error and trust that the enclosed will  
reach you time to avert any incon-  
veniences arising from their non-  
transmission of these accounts.

I have the  
/8/ Dr Robinson.

J. H. Tanner Esq  
Secretary Marine Dept.  
Board of Trade.

No 142.

Colonial Secy's Office  
Falkland Islands  
7th Novr. 1867

Mr Clarke.

You will make arrangements for  
the funeral of Revd Mr. Bernot. His  
grave has been prepared by the Prisoners  
but His Excellency does not wish the coffin  
carried by them to the burial ground.  
If none of his friends volunteer for this  
service you will employ bearers and  
send the account to me. The funeral  
should take place not later than the day  
after tomorrow.

I am, Sir &c

W. G. A. Clarke  
Supt.

H. R. Young  
actg'd. Secy

No 143.

Governor House T.S.  
7<sup>th</sup> Novr 1867

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Sir

The time which I promised Mr. Foster to allow to the Company for the completion of the house on the Station West of Bluff has having expired, I hope you have it in your power to assure me that the conditions of the Regulations have been strictly complied with; otherwise it will be my duty to cancel the lease which was prepared on the 20<sup>th</sup> July last and is now in the hands of the Colonial Secretary.

I am &c

P. J. Robinson

Fed J. Cobb Esq<sup>r</sup> 1867  
Manager S. I. Compt.

Governor House  
7<sup>th</sup> Novr 1867

My dear Sir

Referring to our conversation respecting the School, it will be better for the children to take their Holiday in honour of the Prince of Wales on Monday instead of on Friday. Friday being the day on which the children attend at the Church to receive Religious Instruction, & to learn the rules for the succeeding Sunday.

Perhaps you will be so good as to acquaint Mr. Clarke accordingly

I am &c

P. J. Robinson

1867

The Hon:  
E. Griffiths Dux  
Proprietor of Schools.

No. 144.

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Governor's House.  
Falkland Islands.  
7<sup>th</sup> November 1867

Sir,

I have to request that whenever a death takes place in the gaol you will at once report the circumstance to me, stating the cause of death, & conveying any other particulars with which you may consider it desirable I should be acquainted.

I have &c.

/s/ William Robinson

Govt. & H. W. S. & D. Govt.  
Colonial Surgeon.

No. 145

Colonial Secretary's Office  
8<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup>. 1867.

Sir

Referring to your letter of this date I am directed by H.E. the Governor to forward to you the accompanying Bill of Statute No 38. The Rent will be due on the 20<sup>th</sup> July in each year, being the day on which the occupier's license expires.

See Law B. page 72

I have &c.

/s/ A. Bryrig  
act. M. J. Lee

Fred. C. Cobb Esq  
Manager  
Falkl. Isl. Compt

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No. 146.

Government House.  
Falkland Islands.  
11<sup>th</sup> November 1867.

Sir,

Referring to my recent conversation with you on the subject of Local Ordinance No. 3 of 1857 as connected with the Merchant Shipping Act of 1854, I have to request that whenever you may have occasion to cause any Seaman under going sentences of imprisonment to be conveyed on board his ship for the purpose of proceeding on the voyage, you will be so good as to report the circumstance ~~simultaneously~~ to me, stating at the same time the name of the Seaman so dealt with, the date of his incarceration, and what portion of the sentence remains unexpired at the time of his removal from the jail.

I have &c

W<sup>m</sup> William Robinson.  
Governor

The Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
R. R. Griffiths Esq.  
— Stipendiary Magistrate.

N<sup>o</sup> 147

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Government House  
14<sup>th</sup> November 1867

Sir.

I have to request that you will mark off, colors and number on the accompanying Chart Mr Waldron's Station as defined in the accompanying description of boundaries; letting me know at the same time the amount of land which the Station will contain.

I am not sure that the boundaries are described with perfect accuracy, but you will understand what is meant, and if you can improve the description you will please to do so.

I have &c

W<sup>m</sup> William Robinson.

The Hon<sup>ble</sup>

Arthur Bailey Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Surveyor General.

No. 148.

Government Stores  
Falkland Islands.  
18<sup>th</sup> November 1867.

Sir,

I have to request that you will let me know whether you have such a stock of the medicines mentioned on the enclosed list as will enable us with safety to dispose of a portion of each kind to the Rev. Mr. Stirling for the use of the Utterlyardiner.

I have &amp;c

W<sup>m</sup> William Robinson,  
Governor.

Horace N. Watts Esq. M.D.  
Colonial Surgeon.

Enclosure above referred to.

1. Battley's Sedative.
2. Iodide Potassium.
3. Extract of Arnica.
4. Dover's Powders.
5. Spirits of Wine & Camphor.
6. Chloroform.
7. Opaleldix.
8. Calomel.
9. Extract Rhubarb.

No 149.

H. A. S. I.  
18<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup>. 1867.

Sir.

Referring to your letter of yesterday, I have to authorize you to supply to Mr. Stirling such quantities of Arnica, Dover's powders, and Calomel as can be spared, charging cost price for the medicines.

I have &amp;c

W<sup>m</sup> William Robinson.  
you.

Horace N. Watts Esq. M.D.  
Colonial Surgeon.

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Hanley.  
20<sup>th</sup> November 1857.

My dear Sir.

Referring to your letter of Monday last, I regret to say that the only Medicines mentioned on your list of which we have more than sufficient for the probable wants of the Colony are Arnica, Dovers Powders and Calomel. These, I have, authorized Dr. Watts to supply to you in such quantities as can safely be spared, at cost price.

I am, My dear Sir  
Yours very truly.

W<sup>l</sup> Williams Robinson

The Rev  
R. H. Shiring M.A.  
to m.

Yours

No 150

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Post House.  
Falkland Islands.  
25<sup>th</sup> Nov: 1867.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt  
of your letter of yesterday's date, written  
on your return from performing a  
Funeral Service at the Grave-Yard.

2. I request you will inform  
the relatives of those whose graves  
have been again disturbed by pigs  
that I regret the occurrence and that  
I have taken such steps as will I hope  
serve to prevent any repetition of  
similar annoyances for the future.

Yours &c

W<sup>m</sup> William Abbott  
Govt.

The Rev<sup>d</sup>  
Charles H. B.A.  
Colonial Chaplain

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My dear Bailey.

The Governor says that all the men that can be so employed are to go on with "Tribune". The rest may commence the Reservoir piping. The Governor says he spoke to you about substituting iron piping for the leather hose. The Green House work may stop for the present. His Excell. would like to hear the reduced estimate for new jail.

Yours truly  
J. W. Young.  
as Col. Secy

The Month  
Arthur Bailey Esq.  
Surveyor General.

No. 151.

Govt. House. S. I.  
30<sup>th</sup> Inst. 1867.

Sir.

I regret to be under the necessity of calling upon you for an explanation in writing of the circumstances under which you remained at Monte Video from 4 A.M. on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> until the morning of Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> instead of sailing, in accordance with any distinct instructions, at the expiration of 24 hours from the time of your arrival.

2. You will also explain your reasons for stating in your letter

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of this date that you arrived at Montevideo on the 16<sup>th</sup>; whereas I happens to know from other sources that you arrived on the morning of Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> at 4 o'clock. I am sorry to say that this erroneous statement has produced a very unfavourable impression on my mind, as I cannot but look upon it as an attempt to deceive me as to the time of your arrival and the consequent length of your stay at Montevideo.

I am, Sir  
Yours St. L. S.  
P. G. Robinson

Capt. J. P. Smith  
Master of the Schooner  
"Foam"

No 152

G. A. S. I.  
3. December 1867.

Gentlemen

I have to request that you will instruct Mr. Clarke to give the School Children a holiday tomorrow in order that the School rooms, which I have lent to the Colonial Chaplain for the purpose, may be decorated and prepared for a Sunday School Feast which is to take place there in the evening

I have,  
Yours &c &c

P. G. William Robinson

The Inspector  
of Schools.  
Stanley.

Yours

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No. 153.

Colonial Secretary's Office  
Stanley  
5<sup>th</sup> December 1867.

Sir.  
The Governor has lent the School Room to the Reverend Mr. Bull for the purpose of holding a Sunday School Feast there to-morrow. His Excellency has directed that the children are to have a holiday to-morrow, and you will be so good as to hand the key of the School Room to the Colonial Chaplain this evening. You are also authorized to lend the Reverend Mr. Bull the small Harmonium for the day should he desire it.

I am Sir  
Your Obedient Servant.

M. Clark

(s.d.) Henry Byng

Shortmaster &c

Act<sup>g</sup> Colonial Secretary.

No. 154.

Government House.  
Falkland Islands.

4<sup>th</sup> December 1867.

Sir.  
I have had under my consideration your letter of the 30<sup>th</sup> ultimo.  
I am willing to accept your assurance that the erroneous statement contained in your letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> was the result of an oversight, but I must caution you to be more careful in future, as well in matters of this kind as in carrying out strictly all orders and directions which you may receive from me for the future.

I am Sir

Your Obedient Servant  
W<sup>m</sup> William Robinson

Capt. J. P. Smithers  
Master of the Schooner  
"Tern"

N<sup>o</sup> 155

Government House  
Falkland Islands  
4<sup>th</sup> December 1867.

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Sir,

In the Protest of Captain Boden late Master of the Barque "Cagiumana" which you placed in my hands yesterday I observe the following paragraph. "The Captain immediately consulted with His Excellency the Governor and took steps for the preservation of the Ship and Cargo. June 16<sup>th</sup> advertised for tenders for to wreck the Vessel, received only three tenders the conditions of which (having received the advice of all the experienced persons in the Port) were deemed if acted upon to be a cause of heavier losses to all concerned in the said ship, from the above date to the 18<sup>th</sup> instant Master seeking for means of preserving the Ship and Cargo and finding none was advised by the above persons to sell the Ship and Cargo by "Public Auction". I wish to deny this implication, which, whether designedly or not, is contained in this statement. Captain Boden called on me on his Arrival in Stanley and asked my advice as to whether he should sell his vessel and cargo by auction or endeavour to work the wreck himself for the benefit of all parties concerned. I replied that this was a matter for his own consideration and that of Lloyd's Agent, and foreseeing what it would lead to, I distinctly and at once declined to give him any advice whatever upon the subject. Captain Boden was accompanied by Mr. Dean who was present during the interview. You will be at liberty to make use of this letter in any manner which you may consider desirable.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your Obedient Servt

(S<sup>t</sup>) William Robinson

Govt.

Captain Miller R.N

Mr. or M.

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Government House  
Falkland Islands  
17<sup>th</sup> December 1867.

Sir  
I am happy to have it in my power to offer  
you the appointment of Magistrate for this Colony, and should  
you be willing to undertake the duties of that Office I shall  
have pleasure in placing your name on the General Com-  
mission of the Peace.

I have the honour to be

Sir  
Your Obedient Servant

(S<sup>d</sup>) William Robinson  
Governor

Captain J. H. Elliott R.M.  
Commander of the Garrison

No 157.

Government House.  
Falkland Islands.

18<sup>th</sup> December 1867.

Sir  
I have received your letter of this date  
declining the appointment which I had the  
honour to offer to you yesterday.

2. I cannot but express my regret  
that without adducing any reason for so  
unusual a step, you should think proper  
to withhold from Government your services  
in a capacity for which I hoped they might  
be of advantage to the colony.

I have the &c.  
(S<sup>d</sup>) William Robinson  
Governor.

Captain J. H. Elliott R.M.  
Commander of the Garrison

N<sup>o</sup>. 157.

Government House.  
Falkland Islands.  
18<sup>th</sup> (December 1867).

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Sir.

I have received your letter of this date declining the appointment which I had the honour to offer to you yesterday.

2. I cannot but express my regret that, without assigning any reason for so unusual a step, you should find yourself under the necessity of withholding from the colony assistance which it is generally considered that Government has a right to expect from all persons employed in the public service of Her Majesty.

I have the

Very  
affectionate regards  
P<sup>r</sup> William Robinson

Capt. G H Elliott R.M.  
Commander-in-Chief.

Opp.

No<sup>o</sup> 158

Government House.  
F. S. 18<sup>th</sup> (Dec<sup>2</sup> 1867).

gentlemen,

In reply to your letter of this date I have the honour to inform you that the days proposed for the holding of the Annual School Examination will be perfectly convenient to me.

2. I will communicate with you tomorrow fixing a day for the distribution of the prizes.

I have the

P<sup>r</sup> William Robinson

The Inspector  
of Schools.

N<sup>o</sup> 159

Government House,  
19<sup>th</sup> December 1867.

Gentlemen,

Referring to my letter of Yesterdays date, I have the honour to inform You, that I shall be happy to distribute the School prizes on Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>t</sup>.

2. I forward herewith prizes which will be sufficient.

3. The schools will close for the Christmas holidays on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> inst<sup>t</sup> and reopen on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> January 1868.

I remain &c

S<sup>r</sup> W. Robinson  
Governor.

The Inspector of Schools.

N<sup>o</sup> 160.

Colonial Secretary's Office  
Stanley 19<sup>th</sup> December 1867.

Sir

I am directed to request your attendance at a meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on Thursday next the 25<sup>th</sup> inst<sup>t</sup> at noon for the purpose of Amending the Ordinance for the Naturalisation of Charles Williams and Manuel Pereira.

I have &c

S<sup>r</sup> H. Biggs  
Act<sup>g</sup> Col<sup>l</sup> Secy &  
Clerk of the Councils.

The Hon<sup>b</sup> E. R. Griffiths

Member of the Legislative Council.

N<sup>o</sup> 161.

The same as number 160.

The Honourable  
Charles Turpin

Member of the Legislative Council &c

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N<sup>o</sup> 162.

Government House  
Halkland Islands  
20 December 1864.

Gentlemen.

Referring to your letter of yesterday, I beg to forward the following prizes for distribution to the children,

I remain

Gentlemen

Y<sup>r</sup> H<sup>r</sup> Y<sup>r</sup>

The Inspector of Schools.

List of School prizes.

- 1 Mahogany Stereoscope & 4 slides.
- 1 Black folding do " "
- 1 Dissipated Map
- 1 Small fancy box.
- 1 Large do. do.
- 1 Fishing rod.
- 1 H<sup>r</sup> H<sup>r</sup>
- 1 Cased Quadrupeds
- 1 H<sup>r</sup> Ocean
- 1 H<sup>r</sup> Birds
- 1 Illustrated Natural history
- 1 H<sup>r</sup> Spelling book.
- 1 Milton's Poetical Works
- 1 Old woman & her chickens
- 1 box of Picture bricks
- 1 Mule & rider
- 1 Peg top
- 1 H<sup>r</sup> H<sup>r</sup>

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Goodl. House F. I.  
21<sup>st</sup> December 1867.

Sir.

The Marine workmen will commence their Peat cutting Holidays on Tuesday <sup>next</sup> the 24<sup>th</sup> instant and return to work on Monday <sup>the 6<sup>th</sup></sup> January 1868

I have &c

W. Williams Robinson.

Melson:

Yours

Arthur Bailey Esq

To

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164.

30<sup>th</sup> December 1867.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of this date I have the honour to inform you that I am not prepared at this moment to alter the arrangement adopted by my predecessor with respect to the transmission of cargo by the Government Schooner "Yam". The question however shall receive further consideration and the result will be communicated to you at the earliest opportunity.

2. From the best information that I have been able to obtain as to the number of cattle on the Government Reserve East of 2<sup>nd</sup> Corral I do not feel justified in granting any licences to kill wild bulls just at present.

3. The land at Chosneuf, round which the Company are desirous of purchasing will be surveyed by the Surveyor General with as little delay as possible, probably in February next.

I have &c

William Robinson  
Governor.

G. E. Cobb Esq

N<sup>o</sup> 165

Government House. T. I.  
31<sup>st</sup> December 1867.

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Sir.

I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of the Account of this Government with the Board of Trade, in connection with relief afforded to distressed seamen up to the present date.

2. The expenses of the enquiry touching the collision between the "Huasco" and the "Jeanette Rollin", as reported in my letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> September, are also shown in this Account.

3. I omitted to state in my letter above referred to that the "River Derwent" was wrecked in New Island on the 11<sup>th</sup> August, and that the crew of the "Lone", to whom you will observe that relief was extended were picked up at sea by the "Huasco" on or about the 20<sup>th</sup> August and brought by her to this Port, the "Lone" having been abandoned at sea in a sinking condition a few days previously.

4. I have drawn the undermentioned bills on the Board of Trade in part repayment of the expenses referred to in the present Accounts. The balance of £ 81. 1. 5 will be drawn for by an early opportunity.

17<sup>th</sup> December 1867. In favour of John Perriam  
at 3 days sight £ 80. 0. 0.

23 Decr. 1867 Favour of Harry Paget & Co. £ 60. 0. 0  
at 3 days sight £ 60. 0. 0

I have the honour to be

Sir  
Y<sup>r</sup> G<sup>r</sup> Y<sup>r</sup>  
J. P. William Robinson  
Governor.

J. H. Tanner Esq<sup>c</sup>  
Y<sup>r</sup> G<sup>r</sup>

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No 1.

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Government House.  
Falkland Islands.  
4<sup>th</sup> January. 1868.

Sir.

I have received your letter of the 1<sup>st</sup>. Inst.  
with copies of the Church Accounts for 1867,  
and observe with gratification the improve-  
ment which has taken place in the  
congregation since this time last year.

I have &c.

The Revd.

Charles Bell Esq.

Colonial Chaplain.

W<sup>m</sup> William Robinson  
Governor.

No 2.

Government House.  
Falkland Islands.  
6<sup>th</sup> January. 1868.

Sir.

I forward to you the copy of a letter which I  
have received from Captain Miller complaining  
of the Magistrates having this day dissolved the  
Injunction which restrained the purchasers of  
the Greek and cargo of the "Coquimbo" from  
removing the property out of the jurisdiction  
of the Court pending the issue of the trial, he  
(Captain Miller) having given notice of an  
appeal to the Governor in Council against  
the judgment of the Court in the said case.

See Mitchell's Letter Book Vol. 17  
Letter dated 6<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>u</sup> 1868.

The Honble.

The Chairman of the  
Magistrates Court.

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2. I request that you will take this letter into consideration in conjunction with the Magistrates present on the Bench today, and probably, in view of this complaint, your colleagues will be desirous of communicating to me the reasons which led them to a decision the propriety of which has been brought into question before the Executive.

I have &c.

P. J. William Robinson.

Governor.

Confidential

Do<sup>v</sup> 3.

Government House.  
S. S. 6<sup>th</sup> Jan'y 1868

Sir

Referring to the accompanying letter, No 2 of this date, I have to request that you will inform me whether you concurred with or differed from the majority of the Magistrates present as to the propriety of removing the injunction referred to pending the result of Capt. Miller's appeal to the Governor in Council.

In considering Capt. Miller's complaint it is of course important for me to know whether, in the opinion of my legal adviser the decision of the majority was consonant with what law and justice would seem to require.

I have &c &c

The Hon<sup>ble</sup>

Mr Griffiths Esq<sup>r</sup>

Esquerry Magistrate

P. J. William Robinson

Govr.

8<sup>o</sup> A.

Government House, T. I.  
7<sup>th</sup> January, 1868.

Sir, I have received your letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> October applying for a license to occupy land on the West Falkland.

2. I have been in communication with your Agent Captain Robert Packer, upon this subject, and shall be happy to allot you such land as may be selected by him in your behalf.

3. I forward to you herewith a copy of Regulations relating to the disposal of the Crown Lands on the West Falkland.

I remain &c.

Very truly yours  
William Robinson

Gover

Philip Hammond Esq.  
Ashurst Lodge.  
East Grinstead  
Sussex.

Government House  
6<sup>th</sup> January, 1868.

My dear Sir,

Referring to our recent conversation as to the duties of Merchant Captains in cases of shipwreck, I request you will say whether I am right in my recollection of the opinion which you expressed to me on that occasion. I understood you to say "The law expects the Master of a shipwrecked vessel to act by the wreck and cargo as the owner of the property being an honest man, the property being uninsured, w<sup>t</sup> act if present on the spot."

Perhaps you can give me the exact word of the Judge whose authority you quoted. Before I can presume to form a judgment on Capt. Hoden's conduct, I must be quite clear as to what the law expects from Merchant Captains under such circumstances.

I am Sir  
William Robinson

1868

No 5.

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Government House

— 4<sup>o</sup> 5.

Falkland Islands.

9<sup>th</sup> January 1868

My Lords.

I have the honour to report that I have this day drawn the following bill on Her Majesty's Treasury on the credit ~~of the credit of the~~ of the Parliamentary Vote for the current financial year.

Number Eighteen dated 9<sup>th</sup> January 1868. The sum of Sixteen pounds sterling drawn in favour of Patarina D<sup>r</sup> Rosario, in exchange for cash to be expended in the general service of the Colony.

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16 . 0 . 0

I have the honour to be

My Lords

Your Lordship's Most  
Obedient Servant

Isd<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Robinson  
Governor

The Right Honorable.

The Lord Commissioners  
of Her Majesty's Treasury  
London.

No. 6.

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Colonial Secretary's Office

Falkland Islands

11<sup>th</sup> January, 1868.

Gentlemen

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to request that you will make arrangements for taking up and paying for the Occupation Licence for the land which you are desirous of obtaining in the West Falkland, at the latest before the 31<sup>st</sup> March next, that being the close of the current financial year. You are aware that your 12 months Occupancy will commence from the date on which you take possession of the land.

I have &c

(S<sup>d</sup>). Mr. Byng

A. C. S.

W<sup>th</sup> Stickey & Baillon

H<sup>rs</sup> H<sup>rs</sup> H<sup>rs</sup>

e 4<sup>th</sup>.

Colonial Secretary's Office

Falkland Islands

11<sup>th</sup> January, 1868.

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to request that you will make arrangements for taking up and paying for the Occupation Licence for the land which you are desirous of obtaining in the West Falkland, if you have already entered upon possession of the same, at the latest before the 31<sup>st</sup> March next, that being the close of the current financial year. You are aware that your 12 months Occupancy will commence from the date on which you take possession of the land.

Mr. Clement Esq<sup>r</sup>  
West Falkland

I have &c

(S<sup>d</sup>) Mr. Byng

A. C. S.

N<sup>o</sup>. 8.

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Government Office.  
Falkland Islands  
13<sup>th</sup> January 1868.

Sir.

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to request your attendance at a Meeting of the Executive Council to be held at this Office at Noon to-morrow.

I have &c.

H. H. Byng.

Act<sup>g</sup> Col<sup>l</sup> Secretary

& Clerk to the Council.

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> E. R. Griffiths  
Member of the Executive Council.

N<sup>o</sup>. 9.

(Same as above)

The Honourable

Arthur Barley Esq<sup>r</sup>

N<sup>o</sup>. 10.

(The same as the above)

The Honourable

Henry Byng Esq<sup>r</sup>

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Government House,  
Falkland Islands.  
13<sup>th</sup> January. 1868.

Sir,

Captain Miller having appealed to the Governor in Council against the Order of the Magistrates Court withdrawing the Injunction which restrained the purchasers of the Wreck and Cargo of the "Coquimbo" from removing the property out of the jurisdiction of the Court pending the issue of the trial, I have the honour to beg that you will draw the attention of the Magistrates concerned to my despatch No. 2 of the 6<sup>th</sup> instant, requesting them at the same time to communicate to me with the least possible delay the information called for in that communication.

2. Captain Miller's appeal against the withdrawal of the Injunction will be considered in Council at noon tomorrow, and it is obviously desirable that I should be in possession of the reasons upon which the Magistrates acted before proceeding to the consideration of that appeal.

I have &c &c

Signed, William Robinson  
Governor.

The Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
The Chairman of the Courts.

qf

Government House  
13<sup>th</sup> January 1868.

Mr. Hockings.

You will attend with the Prisoners  
On Captain Elliot this Afternoon, instead of Coming up  
to Government House. You will come to Government  
House to Morrow morning. If Summers is too ill to be  
left alone, You must find a Man to attend on him, while  
You are away from the Gaol.

Signed /

William Robinson.

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N<sup>o</sup>. 12.

Government House.

13<sup>th</sup> January 1868.

Sir.

I am quite willing that You should add to  
the length of the Letters in front of your house in the  
Manner proposed in your letter of this date. I  
thank you for the intelligence of the safety of Mr.  
Waldron and his party, intelligence of which need  
not say affords me great pleasure.

I have the

fa/ William Robinson

H. E. Cobb Esq.

Manager of the  
Holland Islands Company.

8<sup>th</sup> / 13.

Government House.

Falkland Islands.

15<sup>th</sup> January 1868.

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Sir

I have the honor to forward to you herewith an Order made yesterday by the Governor in Council to which I request you will give effect.

I have &c.

(Signed) William Robinson

Governor.

The Hon:

The Chairman of the Courts.

No 14.

Govt. House. F. I.

15<sup>th</sup> January - 1868.

Sir.

You are aware that the "Esquimbana," a British Barque of 484 tons, laden with Copper and Barley and bound from Valparaiso to Bristol, was wrecked on Tysen Patch in the Falkland Sound on the 31<sup>st</sup> May last; and that the wreck and cargo were sold by public auction on the 19<sup>th</sup> June for £690.

2. When this intelligence reached London the Underwriters despatched a special Agent to the Falklands to look after their interests in the matter. Captain Miller, the Agent referred to, arrived in the colony on the 28<sup>th</sup> November, and brought an action against Don Luis Piedra Buena, the registered purchaser of the wreck and cargo, alleging that the Master sold without

Rear Admiral Raway C.B.  
Commander-in-Chief

H.C.

8c.

H.C.

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without necessity and that consequently the sale was illegal. The case was tried on the 27<sup>th</sup> ultimo, and resulted in a verdict for the defendant. Against this verdict and the subsequent judgment of the court, Captain Miller has applied to the Governor in Council (under Ordinance No. 10 of 1853) on the ground that the evidence produced in Court, not being disinterested, was of little or no value.

3. Under these circumstances it would greatly further the ends of justice if you would allow one or two of your Officers and an experienced diver to proceed to the sound for the purpose of ascertaining the exact position and condition of the wreck. It is obviously desirable that in considering Captain Miller's appeal I should have before me the opinion of competent & disinterested witnesses upon the subject, and the value of that opinion would be greatly enhanced if it came from persons who had visited the spot and seen the situation of the vessel.

4. The case hangs on the Master's conduct. If he acted under necessity, and as a prudent man un-inured, being the owner of the property, would have acted, the sale will hold good; if he sold without the most imminent necessity the purchaser acquired no title. But it will be impossible for one to judge of the Master's conduct unless I can obtain accurate and reliable information touching as I said before, the position and condition of the vessel. It is evident that on such a point the opinion of Naval Officers

would

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would be of the greatest value, and I  
trust therefore that you will have it in  
your power to render me the assistance  
applied for - assistance which I have  
no doubt will enable me to do substan-  
tial justice to all parties, and without  
which it will be exceedingly difficult to  
arrive at the truth.

I have

to you

W<sup>d</sup> William Robinson.

Governor.

1<sup>o</sup> 15.

Government House,  
Falkland Islands.  
24<sup>th</sup> January 1868

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge with  
thanks the receipt of your letter of this date ~~acquiring~~ informing me that  
the Officers and Seiver, who were, in compliance with my request,  
dispatched to visit the wreck of the "Coquinbara" in Falkland  
Sound on the 16<sup>th</sup> ~~and that they~~ returned last evening, and are  
fully qualified to give evidence concerning the condition and  
position of the vessel.

2. I have accordingly summoned the  
Council for 11 O'Clock to-morrow, and shall be glad if you  
will allow the Officers and Seiver in question to attend  
at Government Office at that hour.

I have &c

William Robinson  
Governor

Rear Admiral Rawson CB.  
Commander in Chief

N<sup>o</sup>. 16.

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Government House  
Falkland Islands  
2<sup>nd</sup> January 1868

Sir

I have the honour to forward to you  
herewith an Order made yesterday by the Governor, in Council  
to which I request you will give effect.

I have &c.

W<sup>m</sup>. W. Robinson  
Governor

C. R. Griffiths Esq<sup>e</sup>  
Chairman of the Courts.

N<sup>o</sup>. 17.

Government House  
Falkland Islands  
23 January 1868

Sir

I have had under my consideration your letter  
of this date, ~~asked~~ <sup>requesting</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> Government to be allowed to employ  
the Government workmen in recovering the cargo of the ship  
"Coquimbo"

2. I regret that, so far as labour is concerned, it  
is out of my power to afford you the assistance you require. I can  
place at your service a strong boat of about 2 Tons which we are in  
the habit of letting out to Merchantmen transferring cargo, but the  
Marine Artificers are the only workmen permanently employed by  
Government, and these of course I cannot allow to leave the settle-  
ment. 3. I will, if you wish it however submit your letter  
to the consideration of Admiral Rainsay, C.B. Commander in  
chief of this Station, whose Flag ship happens to be in Port at this  
moment. His divers if they could be spared for  
the purpose would probably do all you want in  
a few days.

I have &c

Captain Miller R.N. W<sup>m</sup>. W. Robinson  
Governor

A  
Colonial Secretary's Office

23<sup>rd</sup> January 1868.

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My dear Dean.

You asked the Governor to let you see Captain Miller's Petition, appealing to the Governor in Council against the judgment of the Magistrate's Court in the case of Miller Versus Pedro Buena. Although you cannot ask for this as a matter of right, the Governor is quite willing, having considered the request, that you should see the petition and wishes me to say that you may have a look at it in my Office any time this afternoon, that may be convenient to you:

G. H. Dean Esq<sup>r</sup>.

Yours &c &c

(Signed) H. B. P.

N<sup>o</sup> 18.

Government House  
Falkland Islands

23<sup>rd</sup> January 1868.

Sir.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date forwarding a report of the examination of the wreck of the "Coquimbana" by Captains Marne and Wilson, together with a plan of the locality of the Yacon Patch, and a rough sketch of the present appearance of the vessel.

2. I have to thank you for the documents, and for the great assistance which you have rendered to the Colonial Government throughout this matter. I hope, too, that I may be allowed to express my appreciation of the ready deal with which the Officers referred to undertook an onerous and difficult task, and of the able and complete manner in which this important duty has been discharged.

3. I have directed my secretary to repay to Captain Marne the amount paid by him for the necessary expenses of the journey.

I have &c

(Signed) William Robinson

Governor.

• Rear Admiral Ramsay C.B.  
Commander-in-Chief.

No. 09.

Government House  
Falkland Islands  
23<sup>rd</sup> January 1868.

Sir.

I have the honour to forward to you a letter which I have this day received from Captain Miller R.N. together with a copy of my reply to the same.

2. Captain Miller asks to be allowed to employ the Government Workmen in recovering the cargo of the wrecked ship "Coquimbana", and you will see from my letter in reply the reasons which render it impossible for me to comply with his request.

3. In view of Captain Miller's letter, which is clear and explicit, it is unnecessary for me to enter into the details of the matter. I can quite understand that there is a strong local feeling against him and his mission & I beg leave to recommend his application to your favourable consideration.

I have &c

(Signed).

William Robinson

Governor.

Rear Admiral Ramsay C.B.  
Commander-in-Chief.

N<sup>o</sup>. 20.

105  
Colonial Secretary's Office.

27<sup>th</sup> January 1868.

Sir

I have the honour to enclose herewith blank Schedules of the information required to compile the Blue Book for the year 1867 regarding the progress of the Colony to be laid before Parliament, and I beg to request that you will be good enough to furnish me with the desired information at your earliest convenience, if practicable before the expiration of the next month.

I am &c &c

(Signed) Henry Biggs

G. M. Dean Esq.

Esq. Secy.

N<sup>o</sup>. 21.

The same as above to

H. E. Cobb Esq<sup>r</sup>

N<sup>o</sup>. 22.

Colonial Secretary's Office

28<sup>th</sup> January 1868.

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to enquire whether the Falkland Islands Company can supply the Government with 30 Tons of good House Coal and if so at what price.

I am Sir

Young Assistant Servt

J. H. Henry Biggs

ad<sup>r</sup> Secy

H. E. Cobb. Esq<sup>r</sup>

N<sup>o</sup> 23.

No 23

106  
Government House  
Falkland Islands  
29 January 1868.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> instant with your report on the Stanley Government Schools for the Quarter ended the 31<sup>st</sup> December 1867.

2. I am glad to observe that on the whole the progress of the school has been satisfactory.

3. I will take steps for causing the School to be supplied with proper reading and spelling books, and with a black board, and I have directed the Surveyor General to attend to the repairs referred to in your letter.

I have &c &c &c  
W<sup>t</sup>. William Robinson.  
Governor.

The Inspector of Schools.

Government House  
Falkland Islands  
29<sup>th</sup> January 1868

Sir

I have the honour to authorise you to cause the broken School Chairs, Desks, Fireplace, and Windows to be repaired. You will also cause the Church Blinds to be properly put up. The necessary quantity of Blind Cord may be had on application to the Colonial Secretary.

N<sup>o</sup> 24

I have &c &c &c  
W<sup>t</sup>. William Robinson  
Governor

Arthur Bailey Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Surveyor General  
T: &c

117 Government House

Falkland Islands

29<sup>th</sup> January 1868.

Sir. Mrs Wilkinson has complained to me to day of your having removed certain Water Castles which have stood for some months at the back of the Stone Cottages, which she rents from Government.

2. I request you will communicate to me the particulars of this circumstance, in order that I may be in a position to judge of the Merits of the Complaint. At present, as I told Mrs Wilkinson, I am in ignorance in the matter, not having so far as I can recollect given any orders upon the subject.

I am &c &c &c

H. William Robinson

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> A. Bailey Esq<sup>r</sup>.

Governor.

Government House

Falkland Islands

29<sup>th</sup> January 1868.

Sir.

I have received your letter of this date stating that the castles referred to by Mrs Wilkinson are private property and merely lent to her by you for a time.

2. On first hearing Mrs Wilkinson's Complaint, I conjectured that this was so, but against this Conjecture I had to place the fact that the castles were put up, and taken away again by the Government poor men.

3. Will you be so good as to explain to me your reasons for employing the labour entrusted to your care in this unusual manner. The Marines are placed under your Orders in Order that Government may obtain the full value of their services, but not for your personal accommodation, or for the purpose of enabling you to oblige or disoblige the inhabitants at the expense of the Colonial Government.

I have &c &c &c

H. William Robinson

Governor.

The Hon<sup>ble</sup>

Arthur Bailey

Surveyor General.

V.8  
Government House  
Falkland Islands  
4<sup>th</sup> February 1868.

N<sup>o</sup> 27.

Sir,

I have had under consideration your letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> ultimo, asking me to interpret the order of the Governor in Council of the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1868.

2. The Council is of opinion that the order means what it says, and that you are entitled to take possession of the Wreck, and such portions of her spars, sails, Gear, &c. as were found by you on the island at the time of your arrival and to which you refer in your letter.

I have &c.

(Signed) A. Robinson

Captain D. Miller. R.C.N.

Governor.

Government House  
Falkland Islands  
4<sup>th</sup> February 1868.

N<sup>o</sup> 28.

Gentlemen,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date applying for a copy of the evidence taken in the Council Chamber on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Ultimo, and of the Report of Captain Mayne and Wilson in the case of Miller versus Pastera Buena, and stating that you have already made several personal applications for those documents which up to the present time have not been attended with success.

2. It is not usual to give copies of the Minutes of the Executive Council to any one, still less can such copies be demanded under <sup>any</sup> circumstances, as a matter of right. In view, however, of your intention to appeal to the Privy Council against the Order of the Governor in Council, I am anxious to comply with your request, and so soon as the Clerk shall have made out a fair copy of the Minutes referred to (as yet Mr. Byng has been so occupied that he has not had time to do so) (you will be informed) accordingly.

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accordingly, and <sup>allowed</sup> personally, or by your Clerk, to take in this Office a copy of such portions of the Minutes as may be necessary for the prosecution of your Appeal to the Privy Council.

I have &c.

<sup>109</sup>  
signed) Gov. Robinson  
Governor.

Mrs. J. M. Dean Upton  
Stanley

Nº 29.

Government Office

Falkland Islands

5<sup>th</sup> February 1868.

Gentlemen:

I am instructed by His Excellency the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date.

2. It was not the Governor's province to provide counsel for either side in the case of Miller v. Piedra Buena, and His Excellency gave no "instructions" to Mr. Bull either before or at the meeting "to act as counsellor for Captain Miller."

3. Mr. Bull asked for and obtained leave to appear on behalf of Captain Miller some days prior to the meeting of the Council, and was therefore present at the meeting by the Governor's permission previously granted and renewed, in the presence of the Council.

4. Under these circumstances I need hardly add that the Colonial Chaplain was absent from his clerical duties on the occasion referred to with His Excellency's knowledge and permission.

I have the honour to be  
Gentlemen  
Your Obedient Servt  
Henry Bryng

Mrs. J. M. Dean Upton  
Stanley

acting Colonial Secretary

No 30.

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Government House  
Falkland Islands.  
8th February 1868.

Sir

Referring to Ordinance No 6 of 1867,  
I have the honour to certify to you  
that Carlos Guilherme, Manoel  
Rodrigo, and Manoel Pereira have  
this day taken before me the Oath  
of Allegiance, and are from and  
after this date entitled to the pri-  
vileges of British-born subjects  
within the Colony of the Falkland  
Islands.

2. You will cause this  
certificate to be forthwith recorded  
in your Office.

I have &c:

(Signed) William Robinson  
Govt.

The Honble

Arthur Bailey Esq  
Registrar-General.

Government House  
Falkland Islands.  
13<sup>th</sup> February. 1868.

My dear Sir,

I have given Dr. Watts a few days leave of absence; and shall be obliged if you will take charge of the Gaol and attend to such public patients as may call for your professional assistance.

I am My dear Sir  
Yours faithfully

W<sup>m</sup> William Robinson  
Governor.

Dr. W. F. Macpherson M.R.C.S.  
to      &      &c.

No 31.

Government House  
Falkland Islands  
22<sup>nd</sup> February 1868.

Sir:

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> January respecting the Land Proclamation, of 31<sup>st</sup> July 1849, and the leases granted under it.

2. I find myself unable to concur in this view which you take of the Proclamation. I am advised by my legal adviser that the Proclamation taken in conjunction with your Leases admits of no interpretation other than that communicated to Mr. Horster in my letter to that gentleman of the 24<sup>th</sup> June 1864.

1864.

3. The question as to the propriety of issuing a proclamation placing the holders of land under the Proclamation

clamation

Proclamation of 1849. on an equality as regards the  
privilege of purchasing land, with holders under that  
of 1861, will be taken into consideration

I have &c.

(Signed) William Robinson  
Governor.

Y. E. Coll. Esq:

Government House  
Falkland Islands  
16<sup>th</sup> January 1868.

No 14  
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Sir

I have had under my consideration your letters of the 13<sup>th</sup> instant together with one signed by Mr. Bailey and Dr M<sup>c</sup> Clinton in reply to my despatches N<sup>o</sup> 2. 3. & 11. of the 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> January.

2. While I cannot but consider that the Withdrawal of the Injunction pending the Appeal of the Governor in Council now as an error in judgment which might have led to unpleasant complications had the parties in opposition availed themselves of the opportunity to move the property out of the jurisdiction of the Court. I am happy to express my belief that the Magistrates acted in good faith and with an earnest desire to do right in the circumstances.

3. I have been in communication with Captain Miller with reference to that portion of his letter to which you and Your brother Magistrates take exception. Captain Miller informs me that he had no intention whatever of imputing dishonest motives to the Bench. His Complaint he says was directed against the Order itself and not against the integrity of those who gave the order, and he wishes me to assure you (which was my impression from the first) that this and this only was his intention.

4. I need hardly point out to an Officer of your experience that one man may do another an injury even intentionally,

unintentionally and that it is quite possible for a Magistrate professing a keen sense of honour, and actuated by the purest motives to arrive at a decision perfectly honest in itself but practically unjust in its results. Nor would you wish me to be I am sure to recognize the principle that persons who believe they have cause of complaint against a Magistrate are to be debarred from laying their grievances (real or imaginary) before some higher Authority, for this would be to place the Magistrate in a position which might prove dangerous as well to the Officer himself as to Her Majesty's Subjects legally subordinate to him.

I have &c

(Signed) William Robinson

Governor

The Honble

W. R. Griffith Esq

Chairman of the Magisterial Court.

Janv<sup>r</sup> 22.

John C.  
P.M. having

No. 33.

(8th sent.)

No. 34.

Government House.  
S. Falkland Island.  
2<sup>nd</sup> March 1868.

Sir.

You will proceed at once to Monte Video, and having landed and received the mails you will sail for Stanley as soon as possible. Under no circumstances will you remain more than 48 hours at Monte Video, except in case of the most urgent necessity.

You will, in consequence of the Profera, hold limited communication with the shore, and your men are not to be allowed on shore if it can possibly be avoided.

I am, Sir

Your Obedient Servt.

William Robinson  
Governor

Captain Smith  
Government Schooner  
"Foa"

80<sup>o</sup> 35°

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Colonial Secretary's Office.  
Falkland Islands.  
12<sup>th</sup> March. 1868.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by H. S. the Governor to request that you will be so good as to send out by an early opportunity the Stationery and Forms as per accompanying patterns, and the articles mentioned in the enclosure, for the use of this government.

I have &c.

A. Kyng  
Asst Secy.

The Crown Agents for the  
Colonies  
805<sup>A</sup> Spring Gardens.

- 1 Ream Blotting paper extra thick.  
6. 4 qd. Books ruled.  
5 Packets Red Tape.  
6 " Pins  
3 " Sealing Wax.  
2 doz Boxes Steel Pins. M.B.  
3 Boxes Paper Pastevers Brass white metal  
3 doz Pencils.

Marriage Register Books for 500 Marriages in  
duplicate, 2 forms for Certified Copies and as  
those in use in England.  
12 Charts of Falkland N. 1854 latest impression published by  
Admiralty with additions to 1861.

- 4 Union Jacks.  
2 Packets of Sail Needles  
1 " do Carpet 5c  
1/2 " do Sewing Horns  
6 " Ropes etc.  
50 Skins Martine.  
2 Coils Hemp Rope 1/4 "  
1 " Signal Halliards

- 1 do White Wovnted  
1 Bolt Duck  
1/2 do White sage common  
for making cartridges  
1/2 " Blocks  
2. double 6" Blocks.  
1/2 do White Red & Blue Sewing  
Thread (in flax).

J. D.

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Prisoners Clothes 12 suits of thick brown or  
grey frieze

Blankets. 12 single

Prisoners Boots 12 pairs

4 great coats for Constables long & thick

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Colonial Secretary's Office.  
Falkland Islands.  
11<sup>th</sup> March. 1868.



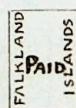
Gentlemen

I am directed by H.R. the Governor  
to request that you will cause me to be  
supplied with the Post Office Stamps specified  
in the enclosure. also with an Indorsement  
box fitted with a black Post office Pad,  
dit. cork and brush complete.

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DEFICIENT POSTAGE 6/-  
FINE 3/-

3.



From Agents  
for the Colonies

Note. Additional letters and  
figures will of course be  
required for allowing the rates  
and amounts in 8/- 2 x 4/-

No. 36.

Colonial Secretary's Office.  
Falkland Islands.  
12<sup>th</sup> March. 1868.

Sir I have the honour to enclose for your  
information a copy of the Account of this  
Colony with the General Post Office for the  
3 months ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1867.

I have the

So Syng  
act.

Frederick A. Syng  
Secretary  
Genl. Post Office

No. 37.

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Government House.  
S. Falkland Islands.  
13<sup>th</sup> March. 1868.

Sir.

I have the honour to transmit herewith the Cash accounts and Vouchers for the quarter ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1867; also the Government Stores Accounts, the Surveyor General's Returns, and the Medical Stores accounts for the six months ended the 30<sup>th</sup> June 1867, and which I hope will be found correct.

Accounts & Vouchers up to 31<sup>st</sup> December 1867 will be forwarded next mail.

I have the  
S. Falkland Islands  
Governor

The Secretary & the  
Commissioners for  
Auditing the Public Accounts.

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Colonial Secretary's Office  
Falkland Islands.  
16<sup>th</sup> March. 1868.

Sir, As we have nearly exhausted our supply of coals, I shall feel obliged if you will cause to be delivered at the Government Store at your earliest convenience the 10 tons of coal which I purchased from the Company by direction of H.E. the Governor on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January last.

I have &c

A. Kyng.  
Lieut: Col: Secy

Fred. Coll. Sago  
Colonial Manager  
Falkland Islands Comp'y.

18<sup>o</sup> 39

Col. Secy Office  
Falkland Isl<sup>ds</sup>  
18th March 1868

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> instant, and to inform you in reply that I understood from W<sup>r</sup>. Travis at the time of purchase that the coals in question would be delivered at the Government Store at 6/- per ton, and I informed the Government Storekeeper accordingly.

2. The Governor is not disposed to depart from the original arrangement,

and

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and directs me to say that, under the circumstances mentioned in your letter, it will be better to cancel the transaction at the present stage.

I have &c &c

L. Hobbs Esq.  
Manager  
Falkland Island Dept.

J. H. Kynng  
Ady's Lab. Leg.

Ms. 40.

Col. Secy's Office  
18<sup>th</sup> March, 1868.

Six

I have the honour to enclose vouchers  
in duplicate of the accounts of the present  
with the Falkland Islands Company for  
the quarter ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 1867,  
amounting in the aggregate to £ 38. 13.. 9  
against which I have set the various bills  
due by that firm to the government viz:

Station N <sup>o</sup> 9 "Ris Pedro"	due 16 Feb 1868	£ 10. 0. 0
" 10 "Second Canal"	" "	£ 10 0 0
" 24 "Teal Creek"	q' March	£ 10. 0. 0
" 25 West Norton Inlet	do do	£ 10. 0. 0
" 32 "Chincal Sound"	B' March	£ 10 0 0
		£ 50. 0. 0

Leaving the Falkland Islands Company in  
debt to the Colonial Government the sum  
of £11. 6. 3

June 20 '06

(3) H. Syng  
Ady. S. L.

L. Cobb Esq.

No 41.

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Colonial Secretary's Office  
Falkland Islands  
19<sup>th</sup> March 1868.

Sir, I have received your letter of this date with reference further to the misunderstanding which has arisen respecting the recent purchase of coal from the Falkland Islands Company.

2. If you will have the goodness to refer again to my letter of yesterday date you will not fail to perceive that Mr. Travis gave me to understand at the time of purchase that the coals would be delivered at the Government Store at 60/- per ton. The price at which the company were then delivering these same coals at the houses of private purchasers. When Government sends for coal at its own expense a reduction is generally made in the price; when the full price is paid, full advantages are, not unreasonably, expected. I was under the impression that Mr. Travis, who opened and answered my first letter upon this subject, was duly authorized to act for you during your absence, and (erroneously, it now seems) that any agreement of this nature made by him would be binding on the Company.

Hoping that this explanation of my last letter will enable you to understand why I "expected a departure from the ordinary rule in the present instance.

I remain &c

W. Syring

Asst. Col. Secy.

Fed. 21st 1868  
Manager  
Falkl. Is. Compt.

No 42.

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Colonial Secretary's Office.  
S. Falkland Islands.  
20<sup>th</sup> March 1858.

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date, and to state in reply, by direction of His Excellency the Governor, that as the transaction referred to in this correspondence was cancelled on Wednesday last, in consequence of your refusal to carry out the arrangement entered into by Mr Gravis during your absence, the Coal in question cannot now, under any circumstances, be received at the Government Store.

I have &c. &c.

M. Syng  
at the Col. Secy's

Fred. Hobbs Jr.

8043.

Col. Sepp's office. F. S.<sup>D</sup>  
21<sup>st</sup> March 1868.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date, and beg to state in reply that Mr. Treadis' recollection of the transaction referred to in this correspondence does not alter mine. What mine is, I need not repeat, as it is sufficiently indicated in the communication which I have already had the honour to address to you upon the subject.

2. You take upon yourself to reprove me for bringing what you are pleased to consider an unfounded charge of breach of agreement against the Company.

I beg to remind you that I am answerable for my official actions to my official superiors alone. If you consider yourself aggrieved at anything I have said or done your proper course is to lay the matter before His Excellency the Governor. I have yet to learn that I am responsible to, or bound to accept a reprimand from any other authority.

Yours &c &c

H. R. King.  
Acting  
Adj'tl Col.

Fred. Jobb Sage  
Manager  
S. I.

No 444

Col. Secy Office. 163  
23<sup>rd</sup> March 1868

Sir

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to inform you that your appointment as Constable for the protection of wreched property on Dysew Island, under date the 10<sup>th</sup> instant, is this day cancelled, your services not being more required at the wrech.

I am Sir  
Your obt<sup>r</sup> Servt.  
H. Syng Jr. Secy

Mr F. Amziker  
& Stanley.

8045.

(The same as the above)

To  
I. Hubbard.

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ditto

To  
John Moore  
& Stanley.

No 47.

Col. Secy's Office S. C. 23<sup>rd</sup>  
March. 1868.

Sir I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date, and gladly accept the apology therein contained. In justice to myself however, I must remark that the second sentence of your communication appears to be founded on an entire misapprehension of the meaning of the letter which I had the honour to address to you on Saturday last.

2. I hope that this correspondence, which cannot possibly lead to any practical or useful result, may now come to an end.

I have &c.  
St. Byng  
Recd & Sd.

J. E. Scott Esqre  
to the s.

Government House.  
23 March 1868 7 P.M.

My dear Sir

I have just received your letter requesting me to examine Mr. Tairis tomorrow respecting the misunderstanding that has arisen between that gentleman & Mr. Byng.

Mr. Tairis' version of the affair is so clearly stated in one of your letters to Mr. Byng, that I hardly see the necessity for the course which you propose. Since you appear to wish it however, I shall be happy to see Mr. Tairis at my office at noon tomorrow; although so long as he continues to state one thing, and Mr. Byng another, I do not see that any number of interviews or any amount

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of correspondence, will ever advance the  
matter beyond the stage at which it has now  
arrived.

Sir, my dear Sir  
I am faithfully  
(S<sup>d</sup>) William Robinson

2d Febt 84

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Government House.  
Falkland Islands.  
24<sup>th</sup> March. 1848

Sir,

As the "Foam" is now momentarily  
expected, I have the honour to request  
that, if not inconsistent with your  
arrangements, you will be so good as to  
delay your departure for Monte Video until  
24 hours after the arrival of the Packet;  
so as to afford me an opportunity of  
despatching a return Mail for England  
by Her Majesty's Ship under your command

I have &c &c

W<sup>m</sup> William Robinson  
Adm<sup>r</sup> & Com<sup>r</sup>  
in - Chief

First Commander Hamilton  
H.M. Ship "Sharpshooter"  
Stanley Harbour.

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Government House.  
27<sup>th</sup> March. 1868.

Mr

I can give you no information respecting Captain Howard beyond this that he stated three and a half years ago, in the presence of certain persons, who repeated it to me yesterday, that he had a wife and 3 children in the United States.

The responsibility, of course rests with yourselves, and since you and Mrs Goss are satisfied that there are now no impediments in the way of Captain Howard's marriage with your daughter, I have informed Mr Bule that, so far as I am concerned, the ceremony may proceed.

I am Sir

Signed / William Robinson.

Govt.

W. J. N. Goss  
Stanley

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No 48<sup>A</sup>

Government House.  
Falkland Islands.  
31<sup>st</sup> March. 1868.

My Lord,

I have the honour to report  
that I have drawn the following Bill  
on the Lord Commissioners of Her  
Majesty's Treasury on the credit of the  
Parliamentary Vote in aid of this government  
for the financial year 1867-68.

No. 23 dated 3<sup>d</sup> March 1868 for the  
sum of £397 in favour of the Falkland  
Islands Company. At par.

2. This draft exhausts the  
Parliamentary grant in aid of the  
support of the Falkland Island govern-  
ment for the financial year ended  
this day, as will be seen from the  
following Statement.

I have the honor to be

15/ William Robinson.  
Gov<sup>r</sup>.

The Right Hon<sup>r</sup>ble  
The Lord Commissioners  
of Her Majesty's Treasury.

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## Falkland Islands.

Statement showing the disposal of the  
Parliamentary Grant in aid of the  
Government of the Falkland Islands for the financial year ending the 31<sup>st</sup>  
March 1868.

Amount of Specie sent from  
England on the 22 March 1867 } £ 2000  
Governor Robinson's Salary } £ 1000  
drawn in England. }  
Cash to Crown Agents. — £ 300

### Governor's Drafts.

No.	5.	—	500
"	6		250
"	7		150
"	8		100
"	9		150
"	10		100
"	11		25
"	12		150
"	13		50
"	14		25
"	15		110
"	16		200
"	17		10
"	18		16
"	19		19
"	20		100
"	21		144
"	22		40
"	23		<u>397</u>
			2536

Total Parliamentary Grant £ 5836

No 49.

Govt. House. Satd. 810.  
1<sup>st</sup> April 1868.

Sir.

Mr. Hammett's services being now no longer required, in consequence of the abolition of the office of Clerk of the Courts, I have the honor to request that you will communicate to him my approval of the propriety and intelligence with which he has discharged the duties of acting Clerk of the Court during the last twelve months.

I have &c &c.

W<sup>th</sup> Williams Robinson  
Govt.

The hon.

R Griffiths Esq.  
S<sup>t</sup>ipendiary Magistrate

No. 50

Col. Secy's Office  
Malta and Islands.  
1<sup>st</sup> April 1868.

Sir

I am directed by H.R. the Governor to draw your attention to the fact that although the "Foam" was in sight of the Lighthouse from noon on Saturday / she arrived here at 10.30 p.m) no signals were made by you to that effect.

2. I have to request that you will make arrangements for guarding against this inconsideration for the future.

I have &c &c

A Syng  
ad Col. Secy

Mr W D Benney  
Principal Lightkeeper  
Cape Penbrok Lighthouse.

No. 51.

Colonial Secretary's Office  
Falkland Islands.  
15<sup>th</sup> April 1868.

Sir,

I am directed to request your attendance at a meeting of the legislative council to be held at half past twelve o'clock on Monday next the 25<sup>th</sup> instant.

I have the  
P<sup>r</sup> W. Bynng  
Adm<sup>t</sup> Col Secy.

The Hon:

E R Griffiths Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Sustaining Magistrate  
Member of the Legislative Council.

No. 52

The same as the above

To The Hon.

C. C. Surpiss Esq.  
Member of the Legislative Council

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No. 53.

Colonial Secretary's Office  
Stanley, 16<sup>th</sup> April, 1868

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Gentlemen.

Referring to your letter of  
this 13<sup>th</sup> instant, I shall feel obliged  
if you will let me know at what  
rate you would be able to sell the  
shingles required for the new Gaol  
which received by you in the Colony.

I have &c.

A. B. S.  
Adm. Secy.

J. McLean & Son.  
Stanley.

No. 54.

Government House  
Falkland Islands.  
17<sup>th</sup> April, 1868

Sir  
I have the honour to forward to you  
herewith a copy of the Statutes passed  
in the last Session of Parliament,  
for the use of the Department under  
your charge.

I have &c.  
J. William Robinson  
Esq.

The Hon.  
R. Griffiths Esq.  
Stipendiary Magistrate

No 56

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Government House.  
Falkland Islands.  
18<sup>th</sup> April. 1868.

Sir.

I have the honour to request that you will be so good as to inform me whether the Imperial Act 11. Vict. C. R., entitled "An Act for the better Security of the Crown and Government of the United Kingdom," applies to and has effect in this colony.

I have the

per  
yours

William Robinson

Govt.

M. St. M.

Wyllym P. M. D.

Stipendiary Magistrate

No

Gol. Sec'y's Office.

F. I. 21<sup>st</sup> April 1868

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> instant, I have the honour to inquire at what price you will undertake to supply the following articles if the remainder of the goods mentioned in your tender are taken from the Company at the prices quoted.

Drawn by

J. E. Coffey

N. B. my:

Flooring Hails	112	to	Crown Glass 8x10.	500 ft
Shingle do	224	to	Black Paint	56 lbs
3" clasp d.	56	"	White Lead	336 lbs
Strong Strapt Hinges	50	pounds		
Strong 1/8" Iron Butts	36	do		

No. 56.

Govt. House. F. I.  
28<sup>th</sup> April. 1858.

My Lord,

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I have the honour to report that I have this day drawn the following Bills on the Lord Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, on the credit of the Parliamentary vote in aid of this Government for the financial year 1858-59.

Lord 18<sup>th</sup> 24 dated 28<sup>th</sup> April for the sum  
200. 0. 0 of Two hundred pounds Sterling, in favour  
of C. W. Parsons, at par.

18<sup>th</sup> 25 dated 28<sup>th</sup> April for the sum  
70. 0. 0 of Seventy pounds Sterling, in favour of  
Mess<sup>r</sup>. Smith & Elder &c. At par.

I have the honor

/S/ William Robinson  
Governor

The Right Hon<sup>ble</sup>

The Lord Commissioners  
of H.M.S. Treasury.

No. 57.

Govt. House. F. I.  
27<sup>th</sup> April. 1858.

Dear Sirs

Sir,  
I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> February last and to inform you in reply that while the granting of Patent rights, in cases where the manufacture to be established is likely to be of public advantage, is not contrary to Colonial usage, it will be impossible for me to give any pledge in the present instance until I am made acquainted with the nature of the manufacture to be introduced.

Patents in the Colonies are granted by local authorities, and the government of the Falkland Islands is not disposed to place obstacles in the way of any enterprise calculated to benefit an individual and at the same time to develop the resources of the Colony. More than this I cannot of course say until I hear from you further as to the nature of the exclusive privilege which your client is desirous of obtaining.

William Bell Esq  
Chancery Chambers, London  
167 Chancery Lane, London

I have the honor to be  
William Robinson  
Govt.

No. 58

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Colonial Secretary's Office  
Falkland Islands  
30<sup>th</sup> April. 1868.

Gentlemen.

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to forward to you the enclosed requisition for garden seeds &c for the use of the Government garden, and to request that the seeds may be forwarded by the Mail Steamer which leaves Southampton on the 9<sup>th</sup> August, as they will be required in the Colony not later than October. The case should be addressed to the care of H. B. M. s. Consul. Monte Video.

I have &

H. Byng.

Adm'd Secy.

The  
Crown Agents  
to the Colonies.

No. 59.

Government House  
Falkland Islands.

2<sup>nd</sup> May. 1868.

Gentlemen

You will recollect that on the 15<sup>th</sup> April 1867 I had the honour to communicate to you for the information and guidance of the Schoolmaster the following regulation with regard to the management of the School under your inspection:-

"Religious instruction will be given by the Colonial Chaplain in the Church on Wednesdays and Fridays from 11 to 12 A.M. Children whose parents object to their attending such instruction will remain in the Schoolroom under the charge of the School-mistress. The Schoolmaster will attend at the Church and assist the Colonial Chaplain to conduct the Religious Classes and maintain order and discipline."

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2. On mentioning to the Colonial Chaplain yesterday afternoon that no consideration of the duty thus required of Mrs. Clarke I had that morning sanctioned an addition to her salary to commence from the first of April. Mr. Bull remarked that although Mr. Clarke had complied with my instructions for six weeks or thereabouts, immediately succeeding the date of my letter above referred to, she has latterly neglected to do so that in point of fact she has not once attended at the School on a Wednesday or a Friday morning during so far as he can recollect, the last two months. I assume that as a necessary consequence the children not attending Religious instruction in the Church are dismissed on these days, at 11 o'clock instead of remaining in the School room under the charge of the Schoolmistress until noon, in accordance with my directions to that effect. This of course was not known to the Inspectors, or it would I venture to feel sure have been reported to me.

3. I have to request that you will be so good as to examine the School Minute Book for the purpose of ascertaining accurately how this matter stands, and report to me the result at your earliest convenience.

4. I trust that if Mrs. Clarke has systematically failed to carry out my instructions she will be able to give a satisfactory explanation of her conduct, for in the absence of such explanation it will be my duty at once to withdraw the additional salary which I have recently sanctioned, or even to take into consideration whether longer an act of disobedience does not call for further and more serious notice.

I have the  
18/4/1859  
R. W. Robinson  
86<sup>o</sup>

The Hon. Dr Griffiths Dyer  
Dr Maclellan R.N.  
Inspectors of Schools.

No 60.

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Government House.  
Falkland Islands.  
8<sup>th</sup> May. 1868.

Sir, I have the honour to forward to you herewith for your information & guidance a copy of an Ordinance recently passed by the Governor and Legislative Council, entitled the "Vaccination Ordinance" No 1. of 1868, and to inform you that the said Ordinance came into operation in the Stanley Vaccination District on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> instant.

I have &c  
P/ William Wilson  
Governor

Dr. W. J. Macfie, M.R.C.S.

No 61.

Colonial Secretary's Office  
Falkland Islands.  
5<sup>th</sup> May. 1868.

Sir, Referring to Government Notice No 10 of the 7<sup>th</sup> April, and to your letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> of the same month, I am desired to inform you that H.E. the Governor accepts the tender of the Falkland Islands Company for supplying the materials required for the erection of the new Gaol, as contained in your letters as aforesaid.

2. All the materials will be sent for to the Company's Store by Government at its own expense. They will be drawn as required for the works & paid for quarterly as stated in the notice.

I have &c

F. C. Cobb Esq  
Colonial Manager. H.E.

H. B. King  
Acting

18<sup>th</sup> 62.

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Government House  
Falkland Islands.  
5<sup>th</sup> May 1868.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> May, tendering your resignation of the situation of Schoolmaster, Fleet, Sexton, Church keeper and Bell ringer. Also Mrs Clarke's resignation of the situation of Schoolmistress.

2. In a letter which I have this day received from the Inspectors reporting the result of an investigation which I requested them to hold touching Mrs Clarke's reported absence from the School on Wednesday & Friday mornings, those gentlemen state as follows:

"We beg to inform your Excellency that we have investigated the matter, and to our extreme surprise and regret find that the alleged misconduct of the Schoolmistress is to a considerable extent true, for as far as we can ascertain Mrs Clarke has entirely absented herself from attending the School on the mornings referred to since the 8<sup>th</sup> of November last, and upon inquiry we cannot find that she can give any valid reason for so doing."

3. I am surprised that you did not consider it your duty to draw the attention of the Inspectors to Mrs Clarke's continued disobedience to my orders as contained in Rule 10, and as this question will necessarily affect the testimonial for which you have applied, I shall be glad to receive any explanation on the subject which you and Mrs Clarke may be desirous of offering.

Yours &c.  
Wm. Robinson  
Governor.

W. G. A. Clarke  
Schoolmaster.

No 64

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Government House  
Falkland Islands  
16<sup>th</sup> May 1868

My Lords

I have the honour to advise your Lordships that I have this day drawn the undermentioned Bills on the credit of the Parliamentary Grant <sup>current</sup> in aid of the Government of this Colony for the financial year.

No 26 - dated 16<sup>th</sup> May 1868 in favour of Jacob Napoleon Gross the sum of Two hundred £200 " 0 " 0 Pounds Sterling - at par

No 27 dated 16<sup>th</sup> May 1868 in favour of Jacob N. Gross the sum of One hundred £100 " 0 " 0 Pounds Sterling - at par.

No 28. dated 16<sup>th</sup> May 1868 in favour of Jacob N. Gross the sum of Eighty Pounds £80 " 0 " 0 Sterling - at par

I have the honour to be £380 " 0 " 0

My Lords

Your Lordships most obedt-  
humble Servant

(Sd) William Robinson

The Right Honorable Governor.  
The Lord Commissioners  
of Her Majestys Treasury  
Whitehall London

Government House  
Falkland Islands

18<sup>th</sup> May 1868

Sir

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I have the honour to inform you that I have caused to be sent on board the Schooner "Lousia" of this Port the Master, crew, and passengers of the wrecked Italian Ship "Peru" in all 21 persons, for conveyance to Monte Video; and that I have informed the Master of the Schooner that he will receive the amount which I have agreed to pay him on production of a Certificate from H. B. Ms Consul at the Port of debarkation showing that the service has been duly performed;

2. I shall feel obliged by your furnishing Capt Parry with such Certificate should he satisfy you that he is entitled to it.

I have the honor to be  
(Sd) William Robinson  
Governor

Major J. Munro  
H. B. Ms Acting Charge of Affairs  
& Consul General  
Monte Video

Government House  
Falkland Islands.  
19<sup>th</sup> May. 1868.

My dear Sir  
Referring to your note of yesterday evening I have to inform you that Dr. Watts has intimated to me his desire to proceed aboar to Darwin for the purpose mentioned in your note, on receiving from you the usual fee or an undertaking that the Company will be responsible for that amount, in the event of their employés being unable to meet the claim.

I am, my dear Sir,  
Yours affecly Servt  
William Robinson

F. D. Cobb Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Colonial Manager

Geo<sup>r</sup>

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Government House  
Falkland Islands  
27<sup>th</sup> May 1868

Sir.

On Thursday or Friday last I sent you an order in writing to cause the Dripping Pan belonging to Government House to be repaired without further delay. I now hear from Mr. Byng who wrote to you again upon the subject yesterday afternoon that this has not been done for want, as is alleged, of proper appliances.

You will be so good as to explain forthwith in writing your reason for not communicating to me at the time your inability to comply with my order instead of allowing me to remain for 6 or 7 days under the erroneous impression that my instructions were being complied with. You will also let me know of what soldering materials and appliances you are short of in the Government workshop stating at the same time whether it was out of your power, and whether you made any effort to borrow or purchase them in the Colony.

I have &c &c &c  
(Signed)

The Hon<sup>ble</sup>.  
Austin Bailey  
Surveyor General.

William Robinson  
Governor.

My dear Sir

Government House  
Falkland Islands  
1<sup>st</sup> June 1868.

I shall be obliged if you will send me a copy of your letter to Governor MacKenzie written on or about 1<sup>st</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup> 1864 enclosing a copy of an account as between Governor and Estate of Mrs Powers and two Bills of Exchange amounting to £290. This letter does not appear to be record ed in this Office. I should also wish to see the power of Attorney sent to you by Mr Holloway Attorney to George Smith and referred to in your letter to Governor MacKenzie of the 6<sup>th</sup> August 1863 as there seems to be some doubt as to the genuineness of the document.

I am &c &c &c  
(Sd) William Robinson  
Governor

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Government House  
Falkland Islands  
1<sup>st</sup> June 1868.

My dear Sir

I forward for your perusal and remarks a letter which I have received this day from Mr. C. J. Detleff. The sum of about £360 has been collected and lodged in the Government Chest for the benefit of Christopher Murray's Children, and I shall be glad to have your opinion as to the propriety or otherwise of complying with the requests contained in Mr. Detleff's letter. Murray holds a conditional pardon from Her Majesty.

I am &c &c &c,

(A.D.)

William Robinson

The Hon<sup>ble</sup>.

Governor

E. R. Griffiths Esq.  
Stipendiary Magistrate

No 66.

Government House  
Falkland Islands  
1<sup>st</sup> June 1868

Sir

A question has recently arisen, whether the Imperial Treasury should defray the expense of defending an Action brought against a Colonial Judge for acts done in the discharge of his duty; and it has appeared that precedents exist for taking this course under some circumstances. I am now advised that Her Majesty's Government will not in future be guided by these precedents, but will consider the expense of defending any Colonial Judge or Officer from an Action at Law, which may be brought against him, for acts done or purporting to be done in the performance of his duty, to be properly chargeable on the Officer himself; as is the rule in England unless

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unless there should be some very special reason for  
the interference for the Colonial or the Imperial -  
Government.

I have the honour to be,  
(S<sup>a</sup>) William Robinson  
Governor

The Hon<sup>ble</sup>.

S. H. Griffiths Esq  
Stipendiary Magistrate.

No 67.

Colonial Secretary's Office  
Falkland Islands  
2nd June 1868

Sir

I am directed by the Governor to inform you -  
that a set of Tar-pawlings are required for the  
hatches of the Victoria which His Excellency -  
considers had better be made on board the "Foam".  
You will send to which ever of your men tinder  
stands this work the best - on board the Victoria  
for the purpose of taking the necessary measurements  
and give orders for the Tar-pawlings to be made  
up on board the "Foam" with as little delay as  
possible, the necessary materials will be supplied  
to you by Mr. Bailey.

I have the honour to be  
Sir

Your obedient Servt.  
(S<sup>a</sup>) A. Byng  
Act<sup>r</sup>. Colonial Secretary

Capt J. P. Smithson  
Master of the Schooner  
"Foam"

N<sup>o</sup>. 68.

Colonial Secretary's Office  
Falkland Islands  
5<sup>th</sup> June 1868.  
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Sir.

You will recollect receiving from Governor MacKenzie distinct instructions that Christopher Murray was not to be allowed under any circumstances whatever to return to Stanley from Monte Video in the Government Yacht "Foam". I am directed by His Excellency the Governor, to call upon you for an explanation of the reasons which induced you to disobey this order, and to bring down Christopher Murray on the occasion of your last voyage from Monte Video.

I have the honour to be  
Sir

Your obedient Servt

Capt<sup>t</sup> J. P. Smithers  
Master of the Schooner  
"Foam"

(S<sup>d</sup>) A. Byng

Act<sup>t</sup> Colonial Secretary

N<sup>o</sup>. 69.

Government House  
Falkland Islands  
8<sup>th</sup> June. 1868.

Sir.

I have received your letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> instant with reference to your having brought down Christopher Murray, notwithstanding the orders to the contrary given to you by my predecessor.

2. I regret to say that your explanation is far from satisfactory. It was your duty to ascertain when the man came on board that he was not the person to whom you were forbidden to give a passage. In failing to do this you have caused considerable local inconvenience, and neglected your clear duty in a very serious manner.

3. In view of Governor Mackenzie's order,

Captain J. P. Smithers  
Master of the Yacht "Foam"

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order, I do not understand your observation  
that you had "no authority to prevent his  
taking a passage in the Foame". You had  
the power if he refused to go of putting him  
into your boat and sending ashore again,  
and this is clearly what you ought to  
have done. The Governor, that is the  
owner of the "Foam," & not you, would have  
been responsible.

4. It is only by the exercise of, I  
am bound to say, unmerited clemency that  
I am able to overlook your conduct in this  
matter, and I hope what I now say will  
be a warning to you to obey in the spirit  
as well as in the letter all orders and  
instructions now hereafter in force.

I am, Sir,

Yr Obt Servt

W<sup>m</sup> Robinson

Govt

P.S. I take this opportunity of referring  
you to Governor Mackenzie's letter of the 6<sup>th</sup>  
January 1864 (No. 7), and of reminding you  
that you are not at liberty to bring down  
cargo of any description without special  
permission from myself.

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No 69.

Government House. 145  
Falkland Islands  
6<sup>th</sup> June 1868

Sir

Referring to your letters of the 29<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> May. I now beg to forward to you a licence to occupy a Station, west of N.<sup>o</sup> 38. in the name of the Falkland Islands Company

I have - &c.

(Signed)

William Robinson

Fredk E. Cobb Esq.

Governor.

Manager

Falkland Islands Company

No 70

Government House  
Falkland Islands

Sir

9 June 1868

Having referred to, and carefully considered, the circumstances in connection with the case of Christopher Murray, I find that it is not in my power to comply with the request contained in your letter of the first instant.

You are aware that when Murray was convicted his estate as of course, was forfeited to the Crown. The Crown, however, as an act of clemency, waived its right in favour of Murray's children, arranging, at the same time for the appointment of a guardian to the children (then and with one exception still minors) and for the safety of the property during their minority. This being so, I apprehend that matters must remain as they are until all the children come of age. Any alteration of this arrangement (supposing that I had the power to alter it) would be inconsistent with the object and intention which Governor Moore had in view when relinquishing the rights of the Crown at the time of the forfeiture.

Mr G C Dettleff

I am Sir  
(Signed) Your Obedient Servt  
William Robinson

No 71

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Government House  
Falkland Islands  
9<sup>th</sup> June 1868

Sir

The long continued illness of the Harbour Master compels me to consider whether the time has not arrived when he ought in the interests of the Public service to be required to apply for leave of absence or to retire on a superannuation allowance.

I have to request that you and Dr. Watts will favour me with your joint opinion as to the state of Mr. Melville's health and as to the probability or otherwise of his being able to return within a reasonable time, and continue in the discharge of his out-of-door duties. I have hitherto delayed taking any action in this matter hoping that from day to day he would be able to resume work but his indisposition is now of so long standing that I don't at present feel justified in admitting any further postponement of a consultation which I fear cannot in the end be avoided.

I have &c. &c.

(S<sup>d</sup>) William Robinson  
Governor

No 72

The same as the Above to.  
A. N. Watts Esq;  
Colonial Surgeon

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Government House  
Falkland Islands  
9<sup>th</sup> June 1868

Sir

I am sending Capt: Elliot to Monte Video in the "Foam" on the occasion of her next voyage on an important mission in connection with the Government Service. I have to instruct you to reserve for his use the Cabin of the Saloon in which I sleep when on board the Schooner.

Captain Elliot travels at the Government-expense you will therefore on your return to Stanley send me an account of the expenses incurred in his maintenance, the amount of which will be defrayed to you by the Colonial Secretary.

I am Sir

Capt: J. P. Smithen  
Master of Schooner  
"Foam"

Your obed<sup>t</sup> servant  
(Signed) William Robinson  
Governor

N<sup>o</sup> 74

Government House  
Falkland Islands  
13 June 1868

Sir

Adverting to our conversation respecting the Agreement under which you occupy a House and lands adjoining, free of rent; and to the uncertainty which you appear to entertain as to the light in which that Agreement is regarded by the Secretary of State. I have to inform you that Mr. Dukes of Newcastle, to whom the question was referred by my predecessor, was of opinion that it would be impossible for Her Majesty's Government with a due regard to "their own credit," to withdraw from Mr. Bull the advantage assigned to him by an instrument which however informed was executed

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executed by the Governor of the Colony, under the  
instructions from the Secretary of State and that  
Mr. Dutta's vested interests cannot equitably or wisely  
be interfered with.

2<sup>nd</sup> I think that under these circumstances you  
need be under no apprehension as to the  
validity of the Document so far as it rests  
with the Government to carry out the provisions  
of the agreement.

I have &c &c

(Signed)

William Robinson

The Rev. C. Bull. M.A.  
Colonial Chaplain

Governor.

N<sup>o</sup> 75

C. S. O.  
Stanley 18<sup>th</sup> June 1868

Sir

In reply to your letter of this date  
I beg to say that I will give orders for the  
lighter to be alongside the "Hole" this evening  
or tomorrow morning.

I have &c

(Sd) H. Byng

Act<sup>t</sup>. Colonial Secretary

H. C. Cobb. Esq.  
Colonial Manager  
Falkland Is. Compt<sup>r</sup>.

Government House  
Falkland Islands  
29<sup>th</sup> June 1868.

My Dear Sir

The last letter I had from Major Munro says that the Gentleman who contemplates running a Steamer to Stanley is satisfied with the prospect so far as he has from my letter and Mr Cobb's, but that he wishes before arranging the business to have from you as to the probable amount of business that you will be able to throw into his hire. I hope you will be able to write to him by next mail in the sense of our conversation upon this subject.

I am My dear Sir

George M. Beaufort.

Yours very truly  
(Sd)

William Robinson  
Governor.

No 76

Government House  
Falkland Islands  
29 June 1868

Sir

You will proceed to Monte Video on receiving the Mails from the Colonial Secretary bearing in mind the orders and instructions issued to you from time to time for your guidance.

3. You are aware that Captain Elliot proceeds to Monte Video per "Team" for the purpose of procuring certain furniture & stores for the use of the Government. You will therefore refuse to bring down any passengers who would interfere with the space which Captain Elliot will require in the Schooner, and you will be at liberty to remove the beths and bulk heads of the Main Cabin if Captain Elliot considers that.

that by so doing the stowage room for the  
furniture would be increased.

3 The date of your departure from Monte  
Video with the return Mail will be fixed  
by Captain Elliot so as to allow him self full  
time for the completion of his commission. I  
have to request that you will render him  
every facility and assistance which it may  
be in your power to afford.

I am &c. &c.

(Signed)

William Robinson  
Governor.

Capt<sup>t</sup> Smith  
"Foam"

No. 77

Government House  
Falkland Islands  
29<sup>th</sup> June 1868.

Sir

I have the honour to transmit herewith  
a statement of the account between the  
Government of the Falkland Islands and  
the War Department up to the 31<sup>st</sup> December  
last showing a balance due the Colony at  
that date of £227. 16<sup>m</sup>. 7<sup>c</sup>.

I have &c. &c.

(Signed)

William Robinson

The Under Secretary of State Governor.  
War Department  
London.

No. 78

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Government House  
Falkland Islands  
39<sup>th</sup> June 1868.

Sir

I have the honour to transmit herewith a statement of the account between the Government of the Falkland Islands and the Board of Trade, on account of lighthouses advanced, up to the 31<sup>st</sup> December last, showing a balance due the Colony at that date of £240 "10" 3.

I have &c.

(Signed)

William Robinson  
Governor.

J. H. Farmer Esq.  
Board of Trade  
London

No. 79

Government House  
Falkland Islands  
39<sup>th</sup> June 1868.

Sir

I have the honour to transmit herewith the Accounts and Vouchers of this Colony up to the 31<sup>st</sup> December last, which I hope will be found correct.

I have &c.

(Signed)

William Robinson

The Secretary to the  
Commissioners for Auditing  
the Public Accounts  
London

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Government House  
Falkland Islands  
30<sup>th</sup> June 1868

Sir

I have received your letter of yesterdays date informing me that the Magistrates Court have sanctioned the payment to Mr. J. C. Dettleff of the sum of £200, being part of the money deposited in my Office for the benefit of the Children of Christopher Murray, and forwarded, as Chairman of the Court, your authority for the said payment.

2. I request your opinion as to whether, instead of paying the money in Cash, it would not be preferable to hand to Mr. Dettleff a Government Bill payable to the order of John Murray, and which would be easily negotiable by him (Murray) at any one of the English Banks in Monte Video or Buenos Ayres.

I have &c &c

signed

William Robinson  
Governor.

The Hon<sup>ble</sup>

E. R. Griffiths  
Stipendiary Magistrate