

N^o. 81

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Government House
Falkland Islands
1st July 1868.

Sir

Allow me to solicit your protection and good offices on behalf of Captain G.H. Elliot R.M. who proceeds to Buenos Ayres by the present packet on a mission in connection with this Government. Captain Elliot is a stranger to Buenos Ayres and I shall feel thankful to your Excellency for any assistance kindly extended to him.

I have the honour &c.
(Signed)

William Robinson

His Excellency Governor
H.B.M. Minister Plenipotentiary
&c &c
Buenos Ayres.

N^o. 82

Government House
Falkland Islands
3rd June 1868

My Lords

I have the honour to advise your Lordships that I have drawn the undermentioned Bills on the Lord Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury on the credit of the Parliamentary Vote in aid of the support of this Government for the financial year 1868-69.

N^o. 29 dated 30th June 1868. The sum

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of Thirty eight Pounds Sterling in favour of £38.0.0
Sarah Ennis. At par.

No. 30 dated 1st July 1868. The sum of
Two Hundred Pounds Sterling, in favour 200 " 0 " 0
of John Murray. At par.

No. 31 dated 1st July 1868. The sum
of Twenty Pounds Sterling in favour of 30 " 0 " 0
Mess^{rs} Smith. Elder & Co. At par.

No. 32. dated 1st July 1868. The sum
of One hundred and Fifty Pounds, in 150 " 0 " 0
favour of Captain George H. Elliot-R.M.
At par.

No. 33. dated 2nd July 1868. The sum
of Thirty five Pounds Sterling, in favour 35 " 0 " 0
of Mess^{rs} Smith Elder and Co. At par. £443.0 " 0

I have the honour to be
Yours very
Sincerely yours
(Signed)

William Robinson
Governor

N^o 83

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Colonial Secretary's Office
Falkland Islands
1st July 1868.

Sir

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor
to request your attendance to a meeting of the
Executive Council, to be held in His Excellency's
Office at noon on Monday the 6th July

The Hon^{ble}

E. R. Griffiths
Member of the Executive Council

I have &c

(S^d)

H. Byng

Asst Secy

N^o 84

The same as the above

To the Hon^{ble}

H. Byng

N^o 85

The same as the above

To the Hon^{ble}

A. Bailey

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N. 86.

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Government House
Falkland Islands
7th July 1868.

Sir

I have the honour to inform you that I have appointed the Hon^{ble} Henry Byng Esq^r to proceed on behalf of the Crown against James Parry Master of the Schooner "Lousia" for a breach of the Pilot and Harbour Regulations in not depositing his papers at my Office within the time required by the Regulation of the 4th October 1867. a certified copy of which is herewith enclosed for your convenience.

I have the honour to be
E.C. D.C.

(Signed)

William Robinson
Governor

The Warden
C.R. Griffiths Esq
Stipendiary Magistrate

Ms. Add. B. 7. Vol. 2. Notice 66 - 747.

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Government House
Falkland Islands
10th July 1868.

Sir

I have had under my consideration your letter of the 30th ult. applying for leave of absence from your duties on the grounds of ill health and long service.

2. I am happy to have it in my power to comply with your request, and grant you in the first place twelve months leave on half salary. In consideration of your long and faithful services I have determined to allow you to remain in your present quarters during your absence from your duties, and I hope your health will be so far improved as to enable you to resume work on the expiration of the leave now granted.

I am &c.

(Signed)

William Robinson

Governor

Mr. C. Melville

Harbour Master

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Government House
Stanley 11th July 1868

My Dear Sir

The following work is to be done
to Captain Elliott's dining room next week

- 1 New Wall paper put on
- 2 Ceiling whitewashed
- 3 Chimney piece leveled and reset.

This paper has been purchased and is now
at the Barracks, and I should wish the
work commenced on Tuesday

I am. &c

(Signed)

William Robinson

Governor

The Hon.
A. Bailey
Surveyor General.

Stanley 13th July 1868

My Dear Sir

I propose to invite tenders for
supplying the shingle for the Roads. Please
let me know what quantity we shall
require and when and where it ought to be
landed.

Yours &c

(Signed)

William Robinson

Governor

The Hon. Mr.
A. Bailey Esq.

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Government House
Falkland Islands
17th July 1868.

Sir

The Governor has been given to understand that you are frequently in Stanley until after sunset, when you ought, on the contrary, to be at the Lighthouse attending to your duties as Lightkeeper.

It is not right that a matter of such vital importance as the proper and punctual lighting of the lamps should ever be left entirely to a lad such as your assistant; no any neglect on whose part I might be attended with fatal consequences to those at sea who depend on making the light.

I am therefore directed by His Excellency in to request that you will not in future absent yourself from the Lighthouse after dark, without special permission previously obtained.

I am, Sir.
Your Obedient Servant

Mr W H Benney,
Principal Lightkeeper.
Cape Pembroke Lighthouse.

H. Byng
Acting Secy

N^o 89.

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Government House
20th July 1868.

Gentlemen

I have the honour to acknowledge, with thanks, your Quarterly report on the Stanley Government School.

2. I have given orders for the supply to the Schoolmaster of the Stationery mentioned in your letter, and I am now in communication with the Surveyor General as to the best means of carrying out your suggestion with regard to the warming of the rooms. I am inclined to concur with you that one stove in the centre of the house would be more comfortable and economical than the present arrangement.

I have Gentlemen

to do so

(Signed)

William Robinson

Governor.

The Hon^{ble}.

E. R. Griffiths

P. W. F. Mac Clinton,

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Government House
27th July 1868.

Sir

I have ~~read~~ your letter of this date applying for a lease of Station No. 1 at Stanley Branch Harbour, and stating that the land has been built upon and stocked in accordance with the terms of the Proclamation of the 24th June 1867.

I regret that you were unable to make this application within the time required by the Standing Regulations, but under the circumstances, and seeing that only three days have elapsed since the expiration of your licence, I will waive the point on the present occasion and grant the lease on receiving from you a declaration as required by your licence of the number and description of the cattle (if any) killed and captured by you on the Station during the half years ended respectively the 24th January and the 24th July.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Yours &c &c.

(Signed)
William Robinson

Governor

Edward Packe Esq^r

N^o. 91.

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Government Office
28th July 1868.

Sir

Referring to previous correspondence, I have now the honour to forward to you a Lease of Station No^t West Falkland, and to convey to you my permission to kill and capture wild cattle within the limits of that Station during the continuance of your Lease, on the terms and conditions specified in that Document.

I have the honour to be
Sir,

Your &c. &c.
(Signed)

Edward Packe Esq^m
M^r M^r M^r

William Robinson
Governor

N^o. 92

Government House
Falkland Islands
29th July 1868.

Sir

I have received your letter of the 22nd instant, stating that no children have been vaccinated by you during the last quarter in consequence of your having no good Symp^h. I request you will inform me whether you endeavoured to procure any Symp^h from Dr. Mac Clinton, who I believe has recently received a small supply from home?

I have &c.

(S^d)

H. A. Watts M.D.
Colonial Surgeon.

William Robinson
Governor

8^o J. 3

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Government House
Falkland Islands
30th July 1868.

Sir

The Scale of diet for the prisoners in
the Stanley Gaol is high and I am desirous
of reducing it.

2. I send you a copy of the Scale in use
here, and also a Parliamentary Blue Book
at pages 74 & 75 of which you will find the
Scales adopted at Home, and a Note on Prison
Diaries.

3. I shall be glad if you will propose
for my consideration an Amended Scale
to be adopted in the Stanley Gaol. In
the first place it appears to me that ~~that~~ ^{that} meal
every day is unnecessary, and I do not ~~think~~ ^{that} ~~think~~
Coffee is allowed at Home. I am desirous
of making the prison fare as hard and
uninviting as shall be consistent with
the health and strength of the prisoners;
and I request you will draft the reduced
Scale with this object in view.

4. It will hardly be necessary to adopt
progressive Diaries here, at all events
for the present.

I have the

signed
William Robinson

Governor.

H. N. Watts, M. D.
Colonial Surgeon

No 94

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Government House
Falkland Islands
31st July. 1868.

Sir
I have received your letter of this date tendering your Resignation of your Appointment as a Justice of the Peace for the Falkland Islands:

2. The law compelling the attendance of the Justices has not, as you are doubtless aware, been altered since you accepted this Office, but of course under the circumstances, while I regret that you cannot consistently with your convenience retain the Appointment, I have no Alternative but to accept your resignation.

I have, &c. &c.

Signed

William Robinson
Governor

Edw^d Pache. Esq^m

No 95.

Government House
Falkland Islands
7th August 1868.

Sir

In reference to your note of Yesterday Evening, for which I have to thank you. I have to request that in conjunction with the Colonial Secretary you will be so good as to hold an Enquiry touching the escape from Gaol of the prisoner Harriet Petitt; and report to me whether in your opinion that escape is to be attributed to any negligence on the part of the Gaoler, or to circumstances over which he had no control and in which therefore he is not to be blamed.

To the Hon^{ble}.
C. R. Griffiths Esq.
S. M.

I have, &c. &c.
(Signed) William Robinson
Governor

Government House
Falklands Islands
4th August 1828.

Sir

Mr. Switzer waited upon me this morning for the purpose of representing that to the best of his knowledge and belief the Station at Many Branch Harbour of which you have recently obtained a Lease has not been stocked, nor is it now occupied, as required by the Regulations.

I placed your letter of the 27th ultimo before Mr. Switzer, but he nevertheless adhered to his statement, and called upon me, in fairness to the other settlers, to institute an inquiry into the matter.

I lose no time in communicating to you this complaint; and I shall feel obliged if you will favour me with a specific Declaration of the number and description of the stock which you have placed on the Station - stating at the same time whether the Station is at present occupied or not, in order that I may satisfy Mr. Switzer that you were entitled to receive your Lease.

I have &c. &c.

(Signed)

William Robinson
Governor.

Edw^d Packe Esq

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Government House
Falkland Islands
7th August 1878

Sir I have received your letter of the 4th instant in reply to my communication of the same date.

2. I gather from what you say that you have built and occupied a house on the Many Branch Station, but that you have not placed any stock on the land. You appear to be of opinion that the land is duly stocked because there are wild animals on it; and this is apparently what you relied on and meant when you stated in your letter applying for the lease that the station was "stocked and built upon according to the terms of the Proclamation."

3. I bear with regret that you have entirely misunderstood the Proclamation. A person taking up land must, before he can claim his lease, build a house on it and place thereon at least 50 tame cattle, 50 horses, or 100 sheep; or he may, if he be so fortunate as to find wild cattle on the land, capture, brand, and tame ~~is~~ ^{as} ~~is~~ ^{is a} long-fide ~~knows~~ the number required by the Regulations. The mere capturing and branding of wild animals is not of course sufficient; they must be well tamed and kept on the land; still less can the land be considered stocked in the sense of the Proclamation by the wild cattle that chance to be upon it at the date of the license.

4. It is very unfortunate that the information contained in your ^{present} letter was not communicated to me at the time of your applying for the lease, for I was certainly under the

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impression from what you then said that the
land had been stocked by you as required by
the Proclamation. So much so that when Mr. R.
Switzer asserted the contrary, I, relying on
the interpretation which I placed on your
letter, stoutly maintained that he must be
mistaken.

5. Your lease, according to the strict
letter of the law, is null and void; whether
I have it in my power to deal more leniently
in the matter I have not yet been able to
determine. You state that you have land
ed stock on the Fort Bay Station and that
you could move them to Mansbranch in a
48 hours. I will under these circumstances
consult my Council upon this point
and communicate to you our decision
as speedily as possible.

I have Yrs. &c.

(Signed) William Robinson

Edw^t Packe. Dsg^r

Governor

Private and Confidential

No 97.

Government House
Falkland Islands
12th August 1868

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My Dear Sir

Referring to the question which we considered in Council on Monday relating to Mr. Packe's land at Many Branch. I must ask you to proceed in the "Yawl" to that Port for the purpose of obtaining reliable and accurate information upon the following points:

1. What is the probable number of animals on the Station.
2. Is the grass throughout the whole Station so eaten down as to be incapable of carrying 100 head of tame cattle or 100 horses in addition to the wild animals that are already on it.
3. What sort of house has been erected; is it inhabited. And if not, is it fit and ready to be inhabited.

The Yawl will be ready any time after tomorrow. Will you let me know when it will be convenient to you to start; and I should wish to see you on the subject of horses and the best arrangement that can be made for getting them carried over.

Yours &c. &c.
Signed

William Robinson
Governor.

The Hon^r:
A Bailey Esq^r

N^o. 98.

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Government House
13th August. 1868

Sir

You will proceed to the West Falkland tip with Mr. Bailey, calling at Many Branch Harbour, Port Howard, or any other port at which Mr. Bailey may be desirous of calling. You will remain at your destination as long as Mr. Bailey shall consider necessary, and the work finished you will return to Stanley with as little delay as possible.

I am Sir

Yours &c. &c.
(Signed)

William Robinson

Governor

Capt. Smithen
"Foam"

P.S.

You will make the necessary arrangements for Mr. Bailey's entertainment and that of his servant Louis Despreaux on board the "Foam" forwarding to me on your return an account of the expenses incurred.

N^o 99.

Government House
Falkland Islands
24th August 1868.

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 20th instant. I have the honour to convey to you my permission to place a gate at the end of the Company's Jetty in condition that it is to be opened at bell ring in the morning and not closed before sunset.

3. The points adverted to in the 1. 2. & 3. paragraphs of your letter will be answered after the departure of the Mail.

I have &c.

(Sd)

William Robinson
Governor.

N^o 100.

Government House
Falkland Islands
24th August 1868.

Sir

I beg to offer you the appointment of Magistrate for the Colony. And should you be willing to undertake the duties of that office, I shall have pleasure in placing your name on the General Commission of the Peace.

I have &c.
(Sd)

F. E. Cobb. Esq^m

William Robinson
Governor

No. 101

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Government House
Falkland Islands
24th August 1868.

Sir.

My Attention has been called to the fact. the Corporal of the Guard failed to visit Government House and Office on Saturday night last in accordance with the Standing Instructions; at all events, no papers recording the visits were dropped into the box at the Office.

2. I request you Report on this Subject.

I have &c. &c.

(Sd)

William Robinson
Governor

Capt. J. H. Elliott R.N.

No. 102

Government House
Falkland Islands
25th August 1868.

Sir.

I have the honour to inform you that I have placed the name of Mr. Frederick E. Cobb. on the General Commission of the Peace for the Falkland Islands.

I have the honour to be

sir

Your obedt Servt

(Sd) William Robinson

Governor

The Hon^{ee}

The Chairman of the Court

N^o. 103.

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Government House
Falkland Islands.
17th July 1868.

Sir

Referring to my letter N^o. 78. of the 29th June I have the honor to inform you that I have this day drawn on you the under-mentioned Bill in repayment of Lighthouse Advances.

Draft N^o. 8. of 17th July in favour of J. St. Oscar and son £240 fat par.

I have &c. &c.
(1d)

The Oct^d to the
Board of Trade.

William Robinson
Governor.

N^o. 104.

Government House
Falkland Islands
1st Sept^r 1868.

Sir

I have the honour to request that you will have the goodness to convey to His Excellency ^{Excellency} Don Daniel Torillo, Ministro de Hacienda, the Acknowledgment of this Government for his goodness in permitting the Articles of Furniture recently purchased at Monte Video by my Aide de Camp, for the use of the Public Service of the Colony, to leave that City per "Soaru" free of the charges and duties, with which such a transaction would under ordinary circum-
stances be attended.

I have &c. &c.
(1d)

Major Morris
A.B.M. Charge de Affairs
Monte Video

William Robinson
Governor.

N. 105.

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Government House
Falkland Islands
1st Sept. 1868.

Sir

I beg to thank you on behalf of this Government for your kindness and attention to my Aide de Camp on the occasion of his recent visit to Monte Video. Captain Elliot assures me that without your assistance he would have been quite unable to effect his purchases either in so expeditious or economical a manner, and I feel that I am indebted to you accordingly.

I have &c. &c. &c.
(Sd)

William Robinson
Governor.

Thos. Harvey Esq^r
Monte Video

N. 106.

Government House
Falkland Islands
1st Sept. 1868.

Sir

I duly received your letter of the 20th August, which shall receive my attention immediately after the departure of the Mail.

I have &c. &c.
(Sd)

William Robinson
Governor.

F. C. Cobb Esq^r

N^o. 107.

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Government House
Falkland Islands
3rd Sept: 1868.

Sir

I am directed to request your attendance at a meeting of the Executive Council tomorrow at half past Seven o'clock

I have &c. &c.

The Hon'ble R. Griffiths

C. Byng
Act. Col. Secy.

N^o. 108.

Government House
Falkland Islands
3rd Sept: 1868.

Sir

I am directed to request your attendance at a Meeting of the Executive Council tomorrow at half past Seven o'clock

I have &c. &c.

(A.D.)

A. Byng.

The Hon'ble R. Bailey Esq: w:

Act. Col. Secy.

Surveyor General.

8^o. 106. A

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Government House
Salmon Islands
1st Sept. 1868.

My Lords.

I have the honour to report that I have drawn the undermentioned Bills in the Lord's Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury on the credit of the Parliamentary Grant in Aid of this Government for the financial Year 1868 - 69.

8^o. 34. dated 1st August 1868. The sum of Twenty-five Pounds Sterling in favour of Edward R. Griffith at par.

£25 . 0 . 0

8^o. 35. dated 19th August 1868. The sum of Sixty Pounds Sterling in favour of William Davies Benny at par

£60 . 0 . 0

8^o. 36. dated 26th August 1868. The sum of Fifty Pounds Sterling in favour of Chas Rudd Katham. at par

£50 . 0 . 0

8^o. 37. dated 26th August 1868. The sum of Fifteen Pounds Sterling in favour of Anne Gorley. at par.

£130 . 0 . 0

I have the honour to be
My Lords
Your Lordships obedient
humble Servt:

The Right Honourable (S^{t^h}) William Robinson
The Lord's Commissioner Governor
of Her Majesty's Treasury.
Whitehall
London

Government House
Falkland Islands
5th Sept^r. 1868.
Mb

Sir

Referring to previous correspondence, I have to inform you that on receipt of your letter of the 4th August I directed the Surveyor General to proceed to Mary Branch for the purpose of carefully inspecting all parts of that Station, and it determined, being anxious to allow you every latitude, that if Mr Bailey found matters as you believe them to be I would endeavour if possible to relieve you from the consequence of your now complying with the Regulations. But I am given to understand that the land though devoid of grass in the immediate neighbourhood of the house is on the whole capable of carrying considerably more than the required amount of stock (more especially sheep) in addition to the wild animals that are already on it. Under these circumstances I regret to inform you I am under the necessity of resuming possession of the station and that your lease of it is cancelled.

2. I can assure you that it is very painful to me to be compelled to adopt this course and that I do so most reluctantly; but I find that it is impossible for me ^{to do otherwise,} consistently with what is due to my Government and the fairness to these settlers who are endeavouring to comply with the conditions of their licences within the given time. It is indeed doubtful whether under any circumstances I have the power of overlooking a breach of the conditions of a formal Proclamation approved by the Secretary of State; be that as it may, it is clear that in the present case I have not that power.

3. In consideration of the short period
that has elapsed since you obtained your
lease, I have authorized Mr. Byng, to repay
you on demand the amount paid by you
for your first year's rental, and there will be
no objection to your removing the house at your
convenience which you have built on the station.

I have &c. &c.

(A.D.)

William Robinson
Governor.

Edward Packe Esqrd

No. 110

Government House
Falkland Islands
7th Sept. 1868.

Sir

I duly received on Saturday evening
your letter of that date, in which you state
that you are much surprised at my decision
with regard to Station No. 1 at Mary Island,
express a hope that that decision is not
final, and ask to be furnished with a copy
of the Surveyor General's Report to which I
referred in my letter.

2. In view of your statement that you
are much surprised at my decision, it will
be desirable to glance at the transaction
from the beginning.

In the latter end of July you applied
to me for a lease of the station in question,
stating that the land was stocked and
built upon according to the terms of the
Proclamation. Not for one moment questioning
the accuracy of this information, I com-
pleted your lease, and forwarded it to you,
as you will remember, on the 28th of July.
Shortly after this Mr. Levitt waited upon
me at my office for the purpose of represent-
ing

ing that to the best of his knowledge and belief your land had not been stocked, nor was it occupied, as required by the Regulations. I at once referred Mr Switzer's complaint to you, and in reply you admitted, in your letter of the 4th August, that, in point of fact, you had not placed any stock on the Station, but you appeared to argue that the land being covered with wild cattle was therefore stocked in the sense of the Proclamation. You added that as the Station was already overrun with wild cattle it was incapable of carrying any additional number of animals. I must admit to you that I received that letter with extreme regret. I had placed implicit reliance on your assurance that the Station was properly stocked, and I had granted your lease without requiring from you any specific and detailed declaration upon the subject; and I can with difficulty express to you the mortification which I experienced at finding that I had granted the lease on a misapprehension of the real facts of the case. Strictly speaking your lease should have been cancelled at that stage, in fact the land not being stocked I believe it became ipso facto null and void; but, having consulted my council upon the point, and being as I have already said, anxious to allow you every possible latitude, I determined that the condition of the station, which you represented as very bad, should be taken into consideration; and it was only on receiving a Report from a competent judge that the Station is capable of carrying considerably more than the required amount of stock, in addition to the wild cattle already on it, that I finally cancelled your lease.

3. That you should be surprised at my decision under these circumstances is to me a matter of considerable astonishment.

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I expected rather to have received from you some expression of your appreciation of the evident desire which I have shown to carry you through your difficulties.

4. I regret to say that my decision is final. The question has been well and carefully considered. I may add that I have consulted my Council throughout this business and that they unanimously and entirely concur in that decision at which my duty has compelled me to arrive.

5. I am not aware of any reason why you ^{should} did not see the Report of the Surveyor General, and I forward to you herewith a copy of that document.

I have &c. &c. &c.
(Sd)

William Robinson
Edward Packe Esq. Governor

S^r. III

Government House
Falkland Island
9th September, 1828

Sir
I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant.

2. Admitting for the sake of argument, though such is not my belief, that the Station at Many Branch is incapable of carrying any tame cattle in addition to the wild cattle already on it, it stands to reason that a district of over 12,000 acres, which habitually supports from 700 to 1000 head of cattle, cannot be incapable of also supporting the very limited number of sheep (200) required by the Regulations.

Regulations; for I need hardly point out to a Gentleman of your experience in such matters that Sheep will ~~live~~ & ^{thrive} feed well on the short intermediate grasses which are untouched by the larger animals.

The Surveyor General is of opinion, as you are aware, that the Station would carry permanently "500 tame cattle or horses, or 3000 sheep, independent of the wild animals that are now on the ground." I may add, since you appear to question Mr Bailey's competency as a judge, that others who have recently visited the Station entirely concur in this opinion.

3. I regret to say that I cannot, consistently with what I conscientiously believe to be right, come to any other conclusion than that at which I have arrived, and that my decision, subject of course to that higher authority to which you can appeal if you think it desirable, is final.

4. I do not see that my private conversation with Mr. Mac Clinton to which you refer need be introduced ^{into} the present correspondence. I am of course prepared to justify that conversation, whatever it may have been, if necessary, or to give any explanation on the subject which you may be desirous of receiving; but this question must be kept distinct and apart from the main question on which evidently it has no bearing.

I have &c. &c.
(Sd)

Edward Packe Esqⁿ William Robinson
Governor.

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Government House
Falkland Islands
10th Sept. 1868

Sir

Referring to my letter of the 2^d instant. I have to inform you that Ordinance will shortly be introduced in the Legislative Council for the purpose of Amending the Spirit Licence Ordinance, and of extending to the Colony the Imperial Oct. 28 & 29. Vict. Cap 60 with regard to the destruction of Sheep by mischievous Dogs.

2. On the points referred to in the 3^d & 4th paragraphs of your letter I have not yet arrived at any decision. I may add however that your Land Order will not be cancelled through losses of time without due notice being given

I have &c. &c.
(Sd)

William Robinson
Governor

J. E. Cobb Esq^r

Government House
12th Sept. 1868.

My dear Sir

Captain Elliot has had my permission to have some private work done in our shop by the Blacksmiths off works. Of course under these circumstances, of which you were doubtless unaware, yesterday's contretemps won't occur again

Yours very truly

W^m W^m Robinson

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Falkl.
Arthur Miley Esq^r

N^o. 113

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Government House
Falkland Islands
10th Sept^r. 1868.

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of this date.

2. In remarking to you in my letter of yesterday that "a district of over 12,000 acres which habitually supports from 700 to 1000 head of cattle cannot be incapable of also supporting the ~~very~~ limited number of sheep (200) required by the Regulations" I had no desire to dictate to you, as you suppose, the character of the stock which ought to have been placed on the land.

Dictation may precede, it cannot succeed, as I went. My object was rather to remind you that the Regulations provide for stations being stocked in this manner, and to indicate that, in my opinion, had you been desirous of complying with the Regulations it was competent to you to do so.

3. You need not doubt that whatever may be sent to me for that purpose will be duly forwarded to the Secretary of State.

I have &c. &c.
(Sd)

Edward Packe Esq^r

William Robinson
Governor.

Government House
Gallaland Islands
10th September¹⁸⁶⁸

My Lords

I have the honour to report
that I have drawn the following Bills
on Her Majesty's Treasury:

£20 . 0 . 0 No. 38. dated 9th September 1868. The
sum of Twenty Pounds Sterling, drawn
in favour of John Smith, in Exchange
for cash to be expended in the general
service of the Colony.

£25 . 0 . 0 No. 39. dated 9th September 1868. The
sum of Twenty five Pounds Sterling
drawn in favour of Henry Pain, in Exchange
for cash to be expended in the general
service of the Colony.

£20 . 0 . 0 No. 40 dated 10th September 1868.
The sum of Twenty Pounds Sterling drawn
in favour of Annie Horne, in Exchange
for cash to be expended in the general
service of the Colony.

These Bills are drawn on the credit
of the Parliamentary Vote for the current
financial year, and were exchanged
at par.

I have the honour to be
My Lords
Your Lordships most
obedient humble Servt
(A^d)

William Robinson

The Right Hon^{ble}
The Lord Commissioners
of Her Majesty's Treasury
London

Governor.

N^o. 115.

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Colonial Secretary's Office
Falkland Islands
14th Sept^r 1868.

Sir

In reply to your letter N^o. 50. 343.
of the 5th June, I have the honour to inform
you that I have been in the habit of waiting
for the Acknowledgments of Receipt from the
General Post Office before finally making up
my accounts.

I. e. I have not yet received Acknowledgments
of the Letter Bills sent by me on the 8th June
1867.

27th September 1867.

19th November "

13th March. 1868.

30th April "

but should it be desired, I will infintum
send home my accounts without waiting
for the Acknowledgments, leaving errors to
be adjusted with the usual statement of
errors; but I should greatly prefer, if not
objected to, to wait as heretofore for the Ack-
nowledgments before finally making up my
accounts, as being more likely to lead to ultimate
accuracy than depending on the Statement of
Postage contained in the Letter Bills from
this Office.

Awaiting your instructions on this point.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient servant

C.S.D.

H. B. King.

Postmaster

P.S. I should feel obliged if you would

cause

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cause me to be furnished with a further supply
of Letter Bills, my present stock, being nearly
exhausted.

15th September 1888.

My dear Sir.

In the Surveyor General's Report
for last week I observe the following:

Monday 7th Sir Marines told off for
works. One absented himself

Saturday 13th Pinne left works without
Reporting himself

Will you have the goodness to inquire into
these circumstances. The higher amounts
which the men can make at private as
compared with Government work, is of
course an inducement to them to shirk
the Government work if possible, and
renders it desirable to keep a sharp watch
over them in this respect, to see that they
don't leave work when once told off
without good cause.

I am, My dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,

C^o William Robinson

J.S.C.

Capt. G. H. Ellis R.M.

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15th September 1868.

My dear Bailey, The Governor will be obliged by your adding in your Weekly Returns the day of the month in the space under the printed day of the week, thus for example:-

Monday
7th September -

It will save us a deal of trouble in referring to the Reports again at any future time

Yours truly
H. W. Gray.

Arthur Bailey Esq^r.

No. 116.

Government House
18th Sept: 1868.

Sir

Referring to your weekly Report of the 14th instant, I now forward to you a letter which I have received from Captain Elliot, which I request may be returned to my Office at your convenience.

I have &c. &c. &c.
(A.D.)

William Robinson
Governor

The Hon^{ble}.

Arthur Bailey Esq^r.

8° 117.

Government House
Falkland Islands
18th Sept^r 1868.

Sir

I have to request from you an explanation of the circumstances under which the blacksmith working for Captain Elliot was yesterday refused admittance to the Government Workshops, notwithstanding the instructions which I recently forwarded to you upon this subject.

I have &c. &c. &c.
(A^d)

William Robinson
Governor.

The Hon^{ble}.

Arthur Bailey Esq^r

8° 118.

Government House
Falkland Islands
19th Sept^r 1868.

Sir

I have the honour to draw your attention to the enclosed letter from the Surveyor General, which I request may be returned to my Office at your convenience.

I have &c. &c. &c.
(A^d)

William Robinson
Governor.

F. E. Cobb Esq^r

No 119.

Government House
Falkland Islands
19th Sept. 1868.

Sir

Referring to previous correspondence I forward to you a letter which I have this day received from the Surveyor General, for any remarks which you may be desirous of offering.

Will you be so good as to return Mr Bailey's letter to my Office at your convenience.

I have &c. &c.

(Sd)
William Robinson
Governor

Capt. Elliot R.M.

Government House
Stanley 21st Sept. 1868.

My Dear Sir

I duly received your letter of the 18th instant.

When Capt. Elliot asked Kelway for the key of the Blacksmiths Shop he was told that it was in your Office and could not be procured. As Kelway subsequently altered his mind and went for it he ought to have let Capt. Elliot know that the Shop had been opened. Why having originally refused to get the key, he afterwards went for it is not clear; but evidently the blunder was of Kelway's making.

I entirely approve of your endeavouring to keep a strict check on the men having work irregularly and without permission, and you will continue to report to me any irregularity of this nature which occur.

The Hon. Arthur Bailey Esqrd I have &c
William Robinson
Governor

Government House
Falkland Islands,
22nd Sept. 1868.

A

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant.

3. You are pleased in the first place to characterize my decision in the case referred to in this correspondence as an act of injustice. I can only assure you, as I have more than once assured your brother, that I arrived at that decision with the greatest reluctance; and that I would gladly, had such a course been possible, have left the station in your possession. But on the one hand stood the Established Land Regulations of the Colony, approved and confirmed by the Secretary of State; on the other Mr Edward Packes admissions that he had not complied with the Regulations, and the Surveyor Generals deliberate opinion, after carefully inspecting the station, that he might have done so with perfect safety to the stock. It must be evident to you that under these circumstances there was only one course open to me. You cannot surely expect an Officer in any position to act with such favouritism and partiality as to throw lasting discredit on his administration and to bring down on himself the just censure of H.Ms. Government.

3 With regard to the third paragraph of your letter, you will pardon me if I remark that you are mistaken in supposing that I have not in any way noticed your brothers allusion to my conversation with Mr. Mac Clintock on the subject of the Stanley branch station. If you will be so good as to refer to my letter to your brother of the 9th Sept. you will observe that I wrote as follows: "I don't see that my

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"my private conversation with Mr. MacClinton
"to which you ^{will} ~~will~~ need be introduced into the
"present correspondence. I am of course prepared
"to justify that conversation, whatever it may have
"been, if necessary, or to give any explanation upon
"the subject. ~~which~~ You may be desirous of
"receiving; but this question must be kept --
"distinct, and apart from the main question,
"on which evidently it has no bearing."

These words I now beg to repeat to you --
should you wish to correspond with me
upon the subject in the manner indicated,
your brother being absent from town.

4 The concluding paragraph of your letter
I fear I do not quite understand. If you
mean that at the interview to which you allude
you gave me to understand that you had
not stocked the land as required by the Regula-
tions on account of its being so poor. I must
at once say that this was not by any means
the impression that I derived from the con-
versation. What I understood you to say was
that the land was poor and incapable of carry-
ing, in addition to the wild cattle already ~~on~~
there. Anything more than just the stock that
you had placed on it for the purpose of meeting
the requirements of the Proclamation. But what-
ever you may have said to me with reference
to the Many Branches Station. (and what your
words were I don't now exactly recollect -
since your visit was connected with quite
a different station) it never for one moment
occurred to me to doubt your brother's assurance
that the land was stocked as required by
the Regulations, or to put any direct question
to you for the purpose of testing the truth of
a statement which I entirely believed. This
interview took place, you say, before the lease
was granted. You cannot suppose that if
you had told me on that occasion that the
land was not properly stocked, I would
have

have granted the Lease. It was not from anything you said, but subsequently from Mr. Swift or; that I found out my mistake

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

William Robinson.

Governor.

Capt: R. C. Packe.

Government House
Stanley 22nd Sept: 1868.

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Dear Sir

In the correspondence which has taken place respecting Station No. 1, many branch reference is made to a conversation of mine with Mr. Mac Clinton, which is said to have been repeated by Mr. Mac Clinton publicly and in the presence of Mr. Edward Packe. I refused as I have stated to allow this question to be mixed up with the main question of the cancelling of the Lease on which evidently it has no bearing; but you must not suppose from this that I wish to avoid giving any explanation upon the subject which you may be desirous of receiving.

On receipt of Mr. Packe's letter of the 8th: Sept: I placed myself in communication with Mr. Mac Clinton, and I now forward for your perusal copies of the letters which passed between us upon that occasion. You will observe that Mr. Mac Clinton's recollection of the conversation that took place in Mr. Neans' Sto: does not quite coincide with that of Mr. Edward Packe.

I cannot recall, nor would any being able to do so lead to any practical or useful result, the whole of my conversation with-

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with Mr. Mac Clinton to which you refer. The opinion & ^{the} which I entertain of the transaction to which our conversation referred may be gathered from the letter which I addressed to your Brother on the 7th Sept. It was the substance of this letter, and the facts contained in it, that I related to Mr. Mac Clinton. That these facts should bear the preference they do is to be regretted, but the fault is not mine.

I remain
faithfully Yours
(Sd) William Robinson.
Governor.

Capt. R. C. Packe.

N^o. 121. Government House
Falkland Islands
23rd Sept: 1868.

Sir

I observe that your people have placed a heap composed of the heads of dead animals on the water frontage opposite the Company's Store.

2. I cannot consent to the water frontage being used for such purposes as these and have to request that you will be so good as to cause the unsightly heap to which I refer to be removed.

I have &c., &c.
(Sd)

F. S. Robt. Esq:re

William Robinson
Governor

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Government House
Falkland Islands
23rd Sept. 1868.

Sir

My attention has been directed to the very dirty and untidy condition of the town. The Summary jurisdiction Ordinance (Clause 17 sections R & L) provides that no person shall throw about any dirt, ashes, litter, excrement, broken glass, &c. in unauthorized places; but the present appearance of the town leads me to believe that the Ordinance is little regarded.

3. I request that you will carefully inspect all parts of Stanley; and report to me on its condition in this respect - indicating the situation of any unauthorized spot on which you observe rubbish to be habitually deposited and the names of the persons inhabiting the houses in the immediate neighbourhood of such spots.

3. I invite also any suggestions from you which may lead to a stricter observance of the Ordinance for the future.

I have &c. &c. &c.

(Sd) William Robinson
Governor.

The Hon^{ble}
Arthur Bailey Esq^r

No 123

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Colonial Secretary's Office
Falkland Islands
23rd Sept. 1868.

Sir

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to request your attendance at a meeting of the Legislative Council to be held in his Office at 11.30 A.M. on Saturday next the 25th instant.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obedient servant

(S) H Byng

Asst Col Secy

The Hon.

Edward R. Griffith Esq.
Member of the Legislative Council

Vc Vc Vc

No 124.

The same as above

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The Hon.

C. C. Turpin Esq.

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Government House
Falkland Islands
24th September 1865

W Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date.

2. Your Brother obtained a lease of Many Branch Station by saying that the land was "Stocked and built upon" according to the terms of the Proclamation. Subsequently it came to my knowledge that the land had not been so stocked. And the lease was accordingly cancelled. This is, in brief what I told Mr. Mac Clinton; relating the transaction. As I have already said to you, in as nearly as possible the language employed in my letter to your brother under date the 4th September. I have no recollection, as I have stated, of making use of the words to which you refer. Although it is most probable that I expressed strongly my astonishment - and regret that Mr. Edward Paulet should have taken advantage of my friendly consideration in him to obtain a lease of this station on terms which he must be well aware are contrary not only to the spirit but also to the letter of the Regulations.

I should hope that in calmer moments you will regret having accused me of making "gross misstatements" to Mr. Mac Clinton to your brothers dispraise, for you cannot but see that the bare narrative carries on its face the inference to which you consider I have a "so pointedly and insultingly alluded".

3. I have only to request the conclusion that as you have now laid aside the demands and restraint usually observed in a correspondence of this nature, you will be

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so good as to address any further letters which you may have occasion to write upon the subject, to Mr. Byng instead of to any self personally.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient servant
(Jd)

William Robinson

Governor

Captain R. C. Packer

N^o 126.

Colonial Secretary's Office
Stanley 25th Sept. 1868.

Sir

I forward to you in this instance copies of the Ordinances about to be introduced but have at the same time to inform you that His Excellency proposes to amend the Standing Order to which you refer at the next meeting of the Council.

I have &c. &c.
(Jd)

A. Byng
Asst. Col. Secretary

The Honble.

C. C. Surgeon Capt

No. 127.

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Government House
Falkland Islands
26th Sept. 1863.

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd. The explanations contained in which are quite satisfactory.

I have &c. &c.
(Sd)

Capt G. H. Elliot

William Robinson
Governor.

Government House
Falkland Islands
30th September 1863.

Gentlemen

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th instant.

In voluntarily saying at the outset that the Government Gardener should not compete for Prizes, I was not without hope that others similarly circumstanced would follow my example, my object being that the Cotters and other owners of small gardens should not be disengaged by having to compete with what they would probably look upon as rivals of too formidable a character. The Manager of the F. I. Company having now considerately said that the Company's Gardener will exhibit without competing for Prizes I have much pleasure in stating that I am quite willing to adhere to my original

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original decision.

3. At the same time it may be worth while to consider whether, having regard rather to the ultimate benefit of the place than to the immediate wishes of those whose gardens are still in a condition of mediocrity, it would not be wise to allow all gardens of whatever kind or class to compete for Prizes together, simply providing that no garden in which a paid Gardener is permanently employed shall take more than one prize. And that moreover, this one prize will not be awarded unless at least (say) six different kinds of vegetables shall have been exhibited for competition.

This it appears to me would keep up the spirit of emulation which it is so exceedingly desirable to maintain, and at the same time quite prevent the larger gardens from carrying off all the Prizes and leaving none for the smaller.

I merely suggest this however, for the consideration of the Committee, viz as I have said quite willing to concur in the proposed arrangements under the circumstances mentioned in your letter.

I have &c. &c.
Gentlemen

The Committee of the
F. I. Improvement Society

No 128.

Colonial Secretary's Office
Falkland Islands
8th October 1868.

Sir

I beg to draw your attention to the
License to Kill Cattle for consumption
granted to the Company on the 21st March
1867, the required Declaration and payment
not having yet been made.

I have &c &c.
(Sd)

Atting
Asst Secy
Col Secy

Frederick E. Cobb Esq.

Manager

Falkland Islands Company

No 129.

Government House
Falkland Islands

12 Oct 1868

Sir

I have the honour to forward for your
perusal a letter which I have this day
received from Captain Elliot R.M.

I have &c &c.

(Sd)

William Robinson

Res^d Chas Bull M.A.

Governor-

N^o. 130.

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Government House
Falkland Islands
14th Oct. 6 or 1868.

Sir I forward to you a letter which I have received from the Rev^d Mr. Bull, in reply to your communication of yesterday.

2. Mr. Bull frankly says that the observations imputed to him, and which he believes gave offence were only intended in the most becoming and inoffensive sense; under which circumstances I should hope that any unpleasantness to which those observations, as you understand them, gave rise, will now be entirely dissipated. In the contrary event, however (in which case personal interviews, even on business, cannot be otherwise than disagreeable to both parties) I would suggest whether it would not be possible to make some arrangement which would do away with the necessity for Mr. Bull's personal attendance at your office to receive his pay.

I have &c. &c.

(Sd)

Capt^l S. H. Elliot R.M.
Commanding Garrison

William Robinson
Governor.

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Exchequer and Audit Department
Somerset House London W.C.
8^o of Queen's
1^o 13. " September 1867.

I am directed by the Comptroller and Auditor General
to transmit to you the following:-

Questions or Observations on the Account
of the Governor of the Falkland Islands for the Year 1866
to which you are requested to write separate
Answers herein in the Blank Space left for that pur-
pose, and to sign your name with the date at the
Conclusion of your Answers, and to return this
Paper to ["]The Comptroller and Auditor General
Somerset House, London at your earliest con-
venience

I have the honour to be
Your obedient Servt

To the Governor
of the
Falkland Islands

Description of the Voucher	Query or Observation	No. of the Query
<u>Account Jan 7 to March.</u>		
Voucher 17. Salary of the Postmaster for the Year 1865. £ 30.	Voucher 17. is a blank Envelope Endorsed. "Allowances" William R. Payne Colonial Postmaster £30 " A proper Voucher and Receipt are requested.	1.
<u>Account April to June</u>		
N ^o . 109. includes - Pay of Lt. G H Elliot in Command of Royal Marines from 14 th April. 2 7/8 per diem	Hitherto drawn at 6/6 per diem. If this increase arises from length of Service, a note to that Effect should have been attached to the Voucher.	2
Computations	Explanation is Requested	
V ^o . 15. To the Falkland Islands Company for Sundry Stores £14 " 12 " 10	Cash to £ 14 " 11 " 10 Overcast " 5 "	3
V ^o . 17. to R. I. Nilson includes - 2 sets of Rudder Bands at 2 Dollars a set. £ 1.8.	Computed to 4 Dollars. Overcharged 1/4 Dollars Equal to 1/4 % per dollar to £ 9 " 13 " 5. Commission overcharged at 5 per cent. on the above - £ 9 " 8	4
V ^o . 62. includes - Pay of G. Helway Carpenter 2 1/2 days @ 7/- a day £ 8 " 6 " 3	Computed to £ 8 " 4 " 6 Overcharged " 1 " 9	5
V ^o . 125 to Mess ^t . Sean & Son includes - 5 ⁴ / ₉ C ⁸ / ₉ of Pepper @ 1/- per lb. 5 ⁹ / ₉	Computed to 5 ³ / ₄ lb Overcharged 4 ¹ / ₂	6
V ^o . 126 to Mess ^t . Sean & Son. includes - 75 ⁶ / ₉ of Pork @ 10 ⁴ / ₉ per lb. £ 3 " 16 " 6	Computed to £ 3 " 2 " 6 Overcharged " 14 "	7
2 Bars Soap w 1/6 w Bar 1/6 Explanation on each item is requested	Computed @ 3/- Undercharged 1/6.	

Answer or Explanation of the Accountant-

1. A Certified Copy of the required Voucher, is herewith forwarded.
2. The increases arose from length of service. The officer in charge of Marines receives Colonial pay equal to Imperial pay, and therefore at each rise of Imperial pay a corresponding increase has to be made in the Colonial pay.
3. This error will be found adjusted under date in Cash book 30th June 1868.
4. Should be 2 sets of Rudder Bands at 24 dollars a set, not 2 ~~1~~ a set. This was a clerical error. The price and commission was therefore correct.
5. $2\frac{3}{4}$ days according to duplicate vouchers which computes to £ 8-6-3 as stated in Voucher and Cash book. $2\frac{1}{2}$ being correct the Accountant will feel greatly obliged if the original Voucher may be remitted.
6. See Cash Book June 30th 1868. where this error will be found rectified.
7. See Answer to Query 6.
8. See answers to 6 and 7.

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Description of the Voucher	Entry or Observation	Side of the Entry
The following Articles, take Credit for as purchased. Cannot not be traced as brought into the Stores Accounts or otherwise disposed of:-		
V. 41	14 " Yellow Ochre	L s d. 9
" "	7 " Spanish Brown	" 7 "
" "	14 " Venetian Red	1 " 9 " 3
" "	11 " Crome Yellow	" 7 "
" "	14 " Ivory Black	3 " 13 " 6
" "	7 " Indian Red	2 " 7 " 10
" "	14 " Burnt Umber	1 " 16 " 9
" "	7 " Orange	1 " 9 " 2
V. 43 -	14 " Prussian Blue	1 " 9 " 2
" "	1 Packet Candles	2 " 18 4
" "	1 Sol. Firewood	" 8 " 6
V. 126	"	1 " "
" "	115 " Potatoes	2 " "
" "	85 " Biscuits	1 " 13 " 6
" "	15 " Sugar	1 " 11 " 10
" "	10 " Oil	7 " 6 " 3
" "	3 " Tea	" 5 "
" "	35 " Coffee	" 10 " 6
" "	2 " Mustard	2 " 12 " 6
" "	1 " Peppermint	" 3 "
" "	6 " Salt	" 1 6
" "	1 Pkt. Candles	" " 6
" "	2 Bars Soap	" 10 "
" "	6 " Wine	" 1 " 6
" "	1 Boxes Matches	" 2 " 3
" "	1 Pkt. Curry	" 4 "
" "	2 Balls Thread	" 4 " 6
" "	75 " Prints	" 14 "
		3 " 16 " 6
Explanation is requested -		
A/c. July to December 8 ^o 236 Provisional Salaries. Witnesses to marks.	When a person is unable to write, his mark should be duly countersigned and attention is requested to this in all future Accounts	11

Answer or Explanation of the Accountant

9. V. 41. Those things should have been taken on charge at the time, but owing to some confusion between the Officers in charge of the Stores and the Surveyor General this was omitted to be done. The Articles have since been taken on Charge and will be found in Store Account.

V. 43. The Candles and firwood were omitted apparently by accident. A receipt for their due expenditure is now annexed.

V. 126. I beg to append Copy of a note attached to the duplicate Voucher which I find recorded in this Office. These provisions were for the use of the Surveyor General while absent in the camp on duty, as his receipt referred to in the above notes would appear to have miscarried. I beg to annex a duplicate.

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Description of the Voucher	Query or Observation	No. of the Query
Voucher 260. To Messrs. Dean & Son for Stores. £ 49 " 10 " 1	The Bill casts to £ 49 " 10 " 1 Explanation is requested	11
Balance on 31 st Dec. 1866.	<p>By Cash Book £ 1083 " 2 " 1 By Ledger <u>1080</u> " 2 " 1</p> <p>Difference £ 3 " "</p> <p>apparently rising from errors in casting the Cash Books viz: between 12th & 23rd November</p> <p>Payments undercast £ 1 " " Receipts overcast £ 2 " " Explanation requested</p>	12.
Comparative Statements of Estimated and Actual Revenue & Expenditure for the Year		
Statement of Assets and Liabilities 31 st Dec. 1866	These statements have not been received. It is requested that they may be forwarded	13. <i>(S. J.)</i>

Answer or Explanation of the Accountant.

11. Vide Answers b, g, and d.

12. This error is admitted, it occurred in the manner indicated in the query. Adjusted under date in Cash Book, the 30th June 1868.

13. These statements are now forwarded.

Accountant.

5th November 1869.

N^o. 131.

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Government House
Falkland Islands
15th October 1868

Sir I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date.
 I am sorry that you are unable to meet the Rev^a Mr Hull half way in the proper (and, so far as I can judge, sufficient) effort made by him to place your mutual relations on a more comfortable footing. And on this account I cannot but the more regret that you are unable to dispense with Mr Hull's personal attendance at your pay office on the occasion referred to in this correspondence.

I have &c. &c.

signed

William Robinson
Governor.

Capt. Elliot H.M.S.

N^o. 132.

Government House
Falkland Islands
16th October 1868.

Sir

Referring to previous correspondence I have to forward to you a letter which I received yesterday from Captain Elliot, together with a copy of my reply to the same.

I have &c. &c.

(S^a) William Robinson
Governor.

The Rev^d.

Charles Hull M.A.
Colonial Chaplain

No. 133.

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Government Office
Falkland Islands
16th Octth 1868

Sir

Will You be so good as to let me know whether it is generally known that You have received a supply of Lymph and are prepared to Vaccinate in accordance with the terms of the Ordinance, or whether You consider a Government Notice on the Gazette will be necessary.

I have &c. &c.
(Sd) H Syng.
Act Col Secy-

H. N. Watts Esq^m M. S.
Col. Surgeon.

No. 134.

Colonial Secretary's Office
Falkland Islands
16th Octth 1868.

Sir

I am to request Your attendance at a Meeting of the Executive Council to be held at the Government Office at noon tomorrow.

I have &c.
(Sd)
H Syng.
Act Col Secy-

The Hon^{ble}
E. R. Griffiths Esq^m

No. 135. The same as above to

The Hon^{ble}
Arthur Bailey Esq^m

8^o 136

Colonial Secretary's Office
Falkland Islands
17th October 1868

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Sir
I have the honour to inform you that Patrick Carroll, a Naval Volunteer who held a Royal Naval Reserve Certificate No. 26153 was drowned in Stanley Harbour on the 13th July 1867. I beg to forward the above named Certificate and two Certificates of Discharge.

His Effects were sold by order of the Court and an account of the same, together with a cheque for the Balance is herewith enclosed.

See below

£ 0 " 15 " 6

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient servant

H. Sykes
A.C. Col. Secy.

Registrar General of Seamen
Adelaide Place
London

P.S. I also enclose the Indentures of Four Apprentices belonging to the "River Mersey" which were inadvertently left in my Office by the Master of that Vessel.

Being unable to obtain a cheque for 15/- the Crown Agents have been requested to pay you that amount on demand.

1. William Muller.
2. Miles Mistry Deas.
3. T. J. James.
4. Edwin Bennett.

In the Magistrate's Court, Stanley, Falkland Islands

The Estate of Patrick Carroll, deceased, Sold by Auction, October 1867.

1 pr. Blankets	"	8 " 0
2 pr. Old Boots	"	2 " 6
Mattress &c.	"	3 " 6
Sundry Clothing	"	2 " 6
for pants Chest &c.	"	11 " 0
paid Mr Glaister for Burial	"	1 1/2 " 6
Balance	.	15 " 6

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true account of the Estate of Patrick Carroll, Seaman, deceased, as administered by me.

Geo. Hamwell
Clerk of the Courts

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Government Office
Falkland Islands.
24th October 1868.

Gentlemen

15/6.

I shall feel obliged by your
paying the Registrar General of Seamen on
Demand the sum of fifteen Shillings and six-
pence on Account of this Government, as I have
no other means of remitting so small an
amount.

I have the honour to be
Gentlemen
Your Obedient Servant
(sdy)

The Crown Agents
9^o 9^o 4^o.
8^o 5^o Spring Gardens.

A. Syng
R.C. Col. Secy.

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Government House
Falkland Islands
28th October 1868

Sir

I shall feel much obliged if you
can supply me with a small Dinghy
from H.M.S. under your Command, for the
service of this Government.

These in use at present are old and
completely worn out; and as this class
of Boat is in almost daily requisition,
I find it exceedingly inconvenient to be
without one.

I have the R. G.

Capt: Hope R.N.
H. M. S. Briton

W^o William Robinson
Governor.

Government House
Falkland Islands
30th October 1868.

Sir

I have the honour to forward to you a letter which I have this day received from the Master of the Ship "Malvern" of Liverpool appealing to me for assistance for himself and crew, the "Malvern" having taken fire, and having been abandoned in consequence at the Sea Lion Islands, on the instant:

It is my intention to provide these distressed seamen with whatever may be absolutely necessary, and to forward them to Montevideo per "Yapeo" on Monday next to the charge of H.M. Consul at that Port, unless you should be willing and able to provide them with accommodation on board of H.M.S. under your command; in which case I would request you to let me know how means you could conveniently convey to England in order that the necessary arrangements may be made this evening about their preparing for embarking at such hour in the morning as you may appoint.

I have &c. &c. &c.
(Sd)
William Robinson
Governor.

Captain C.W. Hope R.N.
H.M.S. "Wasp"

8^o 140.

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Government House
Falkland Islands
30th October 1868.

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date; and to convey to you my thanks for the Dinghy which you have obligingly supplied to me for the use of this Government.

I have &c &c &c.

(S^o)

William Robinson
Governor

Capt^r C. W. Strope R.N.
A. M. S. brisk.

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Government House
Falkland Islands.
30th Oct 1868.

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th July. Enclosing three copies of a list of Charts & Books, to be provided by owners of Ships under the conditions of Articles 76 and 110 of the Transport Regulations.

I am Sir
Your Obedt Servt
(S^o)
William Robinson
Governor

The Director of Transport Services,
Admiralty
London

N^o 142.

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Government Office
Falkland Islands
2nd Novth 1868

Sir

I have the honour to inform you that the persons named in the Margin, being the Master and a portion of the crew of the ship "Malvern" of Liverpool, are forwarded to Monte Video per "Foam" as distressed British Seamen the ship having been lost by fire on the 28th ultimo off Sea Lion Island.

I have &c. &c.

(S^d)

H Syng

Asst Collector

Major Munro

A. M. S. Consul

Monte Video

N^o 143.

Government House
Falkland Islands
2nd Novth 1868.

Sir

I have the honour to forward to you herewith Bills drawn on Account of wages due to the Seamen of the "Malvern" of Liverpool, which ship was destroyed by fire on the 28th ultimo off Sea Lion Island.

Thirteen of the Seaman left yesterday for England in H.M.S. "Brisk", the remainder of the crew proceed this day per "Foam" to Monte Video to the charge of A. M. S. Consul at that Port.

I am unable to send the Accts. and Vouchers of this transaction until next Mail, but this is of the less importance as the amount of wages due in each case is less than the amount expended by

by me in the Seamen's relief.

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The Assistant Comptroller
Marine Department
Board of Trade
London

I have &c. &c. &c.
(Sd) William Robinson
Governor

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Government Office
Falkland Islands
3rd Nov^r 1868

Sir

Pursuant to the 53rd Section of the Merchant Shipping Act 1854. I have the honour to forward herewith the Certificate of Registry of the Ship Malvern of Liverpool No 34871. which was delivered to me by the Master E. Kavanagh.

The Malvern was destroyed by fire on the 28th ultimo off St. Paul Islands.

I have &c. &c.

(Sd) H. Byng
Adm^r Com^r Secy

The Registrar
of the Port of Liverpool

N^o 146.

Government House
Falkland Islands
1st November 1868.

Sir

I regret to learn from your letter of this date that the East end of the Slaughter House Corral has been thrown down and is unserviceable.

I shall be happy if you are short of labour to give orders for the preparation of the wall referred to, if you will be so good as to limit me to such amount as the Company may be willing to expend and will undertake to repay for the purpose. You are of course aware that by the terms of the Lease the Government "shall not be called upon to make any outlay in the repairs of the said premises at any time during the continuance of the lease."

I have &c. &c.

(Sd)

William Robinson
Governor

F. E. Cobb Esq^r.

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Government House
Falkland Islands
5th November
1868

Sir

With reference to your letters of the 25th Feby and 3rd November, I have the honour to inform you that in consequence of information which I have recently received respecting the condition of West Island I have determined not to allow that Island to be visited for penguins for some time to come. And I cannot therefore hold out to you any hope of receiving a licence to kill there next year.

I have &c. &c.
W^d

William Robinson
Governor

G. E. Cobb Esq^{rs}

N^o 148

Government House
Falkland Islands
10th Novth 1868.

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Sir
Referring to your Report on the
Condition of the Town, for the carefulness
of which I owe you my acknowledgments. I
have to inform you that the prisoners will
be placed under your orders no Monday next,
in order that the rubbish &c. lying about the
town, And referred to in your Report, may
be collected and thrown into the sea. This
will be so good as to direct the Master how
to set about the work and to see that he
does it efficiently.

2. This done I intend to authorize certain
spots for the reception of rubbish, and to
enforce the Summary Jurisdiction Ordinance
against offenders. Will you have the good-
ness to name to me three places in the
town that in your opinion would be suitable
and convenient for the purpose.

I have &c. &c.
(S^d)
William Robinson
Governor.

The Hon^{ble}
A. Bailey Esq.

N^o 149.

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Colonial Secretary's Office
Falkland Islands
6th November 1868.

Sir

I am directed to request your attendance at a Meeting of the Executive Council tomorrow at 10.30 A.M.

I have the &c. &c.

The Hon^{ble} D. R. Griffiths Esq^r.

Hon^{ble} A. Bailey Esq^r.

N^o 150.

Government House
Falkland Islands
7th Nov^{ber} 1868.

Sir

Referring to previous correspondence. I have the honour to inform you that having granted to existing holders of land on the West Falkland an extension of twelve months additional time in which to fulfill the requirements of the Proclamation. I am prepared to grant you a licence to occupy the Station at Mary Branch, for twelve months from the date on which the licence shall be issued, on payment at the rate of £10 per 1000 acres being the household rental of the land.

To enable me to grant this concession, however, I must ask you for an official assurance that you intend to occupy the land permanently, and that you do not desire to hold it merely for the sake of the wild cattle that are on the station. I have no reason to suppose the contrary, but I have received so many applications for this particular piece of land that I am desirous of being able to say with authority from yourself that it is ~~convinced~~ your intention to maintain

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A permanent Establishment on the Spot.

3. I need hardly add that the terms and conditions, as regards the Wild Cattle which were imposed by me under the authority of the Wild Cattle Ordinance No. 1867, and quoted in your original Licence, will apply to and have full effect during the intended period of occupation which I have now the pleasure to offer to you, as equally they will apply to and have as full effect during the continuance of any lease to which you may be entitled at the expiration of the twelve months to be confirmed in the new occupation Licence.

I have &c. &c.

Wm. Bertrand Jr. ^(Sd) William Robinson
Governor.

No. 151.

Government House
Falkland Islands
1st November 1868.

Sirs

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to forward to you a Proclamation Amending the West Falkland Land Proclamation of the 24th June 1867.

In order to avail yourself of this concession it will be necessary that you should make application in this matter before the expiration of the Licence which you may hold, permitting to me at the same time the amount which you will be required to pay for the new Licence (which is fixed at the household rental), or you can authorize some one in Stanley to act as your Agent in the matter and take out the Licence on your behalf.

I have &c. &c.

Wm. Bertrand & Son

^(Sd) William Robinson
Governor.

No 152.

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The same as above to

Mess^rs Stickney and Haillon
J. J. J.

No 153.

The same as above to

J. L. Waldron Esq^r
J. J.

No 154.

The same as above to

James McClymont Esq^r
J. J.

No 155.

Government House
Southland Islands
10th November 1868.

Sir

I have the honour to request that,
as on previous occasions, you will be so
good as to undertake Mr. Watts official
duties during his approaching absence from
Stanley.

I have &c. &c.

W. F. MacClinton

P.S. You will be at liberty to apply to Mr. Watts
for the key of the Suspension before he leaves.
Should you think it probable that you will require
the use of any of the Government Drugs.

No. 156.

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Government House
Falkland Islands
10th Nov^r 1868.

Gentlemen I have read your letter of the 8th August, with a declaration of the cattle killed by you during the first six months of the term of your Licence.

I am desired by His Excellency the Governor to enquire from you whether those 25 Animals returned by you as killed for hides, were Cows, and if so how many; or whether they were exclusively bulls. Your declaration on this point is requested.

3. I have not received the amount which according to the terms of your Licence should have accompanied this return.

I have &c. &c.
(S^d) B. Rogers
William Robinson
Governor.

Mess^r
Stickney & Baillon
West Falklands.

No. 157.

Government House
Falkland Islands
11th November 1868.

Sir

I have to request that you will inspect the Government Slaughter House and Corral and report to me in what condition you find it, and what it would cost to put it in repair.

The Hon^{ble}

Arthur Bailey Esq^r.

I have &c. &c.
(S^d) William Robinson
Governor

N^o. 158.

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Government Office
Falkland Islands
24th November 1818

Sir

I am desired by His Excellency the Governor to inform you that the Lighthouse is to be used as a signal station exclusively for such code of signals as may be directed and established from time to time by Government, and for none other whatsoever without special permission from the Governor.

I am, Sir,
Your obedt^t Servt.
(S^d)

John Syring

Mr. W. H. Henney.

Principal Lightkeeper
Cape Pembroke Lighthouse

N^o. 159.

Government House
Falkland Islands
24th Nov^r 1818.

Sir

I have had under my consideration your letter of the 10th instant.

2. In view of the terms of your lease of the Slaughter House, I cannot undertake any repairs at the Government expense, but I will have the work done by the Government Workmen, in the manner and at the cost indicated in the enclosed Report from the Surveyor General, if you are willing, as I said in my former letter.

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letter, to repay to Government the amount demanded. I must require you to cause the Slaughter house, and drains leading from it to be properly cleaned. This done I shall be prepared to renew the Lease for 3 years, on the same terms as heretofore.

I have &c. Yrs.
(Bd)
William Robinson
Governor.

J. E. Cobb Esq: Jr

No 160.

Post Office. Stanley
Falkland Islands
28th November 1868.

Sir

A correspondence has taken place at home between the Colonial Office and the Falkland Islands Company respecting certain letters addressed to Mr Foster which arrived here after his departure from the Colony, and which were returned by me to Mr Foster's address in England.

2. I gather from the correspondence that when writing to the Directors upon the subject you simply complained that I had refused to deliver the letters to you and had returned them to England. Instead of saying, as I fully explained to you at the time, that the letters in question were about to be sent by me, not to the Return Letter Office, as the Directors appear to have understood you, of course through the medium of the post, but addressed to Mr Foster's private residence, in accordance with his particular request before

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before leaving the Colony that all letters addressed to himself personally might be returned to his private residence in London.

Had you given this explanation upon the subject the Directors would have applied to Mr. Foster for the letters (his address is well known to Mr. (Coleman) the Secretary of State would not have been troubled in this matter and the General Post Office would have been spared the search which has been made in the letters at the request of the Falkland Islands Company.

3, I am about to furnish an explanation upon the subject to His Excellency the Governor for the information of the Secretary of State. And shall be glad to receive any remarks which you may be desirous of offering.

I have the honour to be
Sir
(Sd) Your obedient Servt.

J. H. King
Postmaster

F. D. Cobb Esq^{rs}

Manager
Falkland Islands Company.

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True

No 161.

Government House
Falkland Islands.
7th December 1868.

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Sir
During my absence from Stanley all
hands that can be so employed are to
work at the new Gaol. The Victoria is
of course to be first completed and the
Wicks and Coals landed and stored. Melville's
house too (the sitting room) may be painted
2. The Marines will not come to town
between the 21st December and the 4 January.

I have &c. &c.
^{sd}

William Robinson
Governor.

The Hon^{ble}
Arthur Bailey.

No 162.

Government House
Falkland Islands
7th December 1868.

Gentlemen.

I have to request that during my
absence, you will make such arrangements
with regard to the school examination and
holidays as may appear to you to be desirable.

2. I regret that I shall not be present
usual on the last day of the examination.
I am also sorry to say that the Prizes have
not yet been received, but I beg you will
notify to the children that I shall have
much pleasure in distributing them to all
successful competitors on a day which
will be fixed as soon as I receive the
Prizes.

I have &c. &c.
^(sd)

The Inspector of Schools.

William Robinson
Governor.

Private
Business

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Government House
Falkland Islands
7th December 1818

My Dear Sir

I have notified that persons requiring to communicate with me on any very important or pressing business are to address themselves to you. As it is quite impossible to foresee every thing that might arise, I must not attempt to do so, but leave entirely to you to judge whether I am to be sent to under any such circumstances as shall present themselves. I think it most probable that I shall not be wanted on public grounds, and trust I may not on domestic; at the same time I leave you a Memo. of as nearly as possible the places I shall visit and the dates on which on which I propose being at each place. Mr Bailey would be a good man to carry out the practical working of a Message requiring great taste from his knowledge of the Country and natural intelligence.

Should a intelligent Vessel appear it will be necessary simply to send her in civil terms a copy of the neutrality Proclamation. Delay may be permitted for bona fide repairs, but in point of fact this is a most elastic excuse, for it is quite impossible for us to tell whether an alleged damage is bona fide or not.

I have &c. &c.

(s^d) William Robinson
Governor

The Hon^{bl}.
E.R. Griffiths Esq^m.

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My dear Cobb.

Mr. Waldron requested the governor to look to you for payment of his lease and Mr. Williams occupation licence. The former will cost £145, the latter £58. 17. 4. — The documents will be ready whenever you send up the money. I have also to look to you for £10. 12. on account of Cattle hides from Stickney & Baillon.

I also enclose an order on you for £18. 10 from Bertrand & Shitzer. They have already got their licence.

Yours truly
H. Byng.

F. Elbborg
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N° 163

Government House
Falkland Islands
28th December 1868.

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 24 inst, I beg to hand you the Occupation Licences of Stations 1, 2 & 5 West Falkland, Extended in accordance with your request, to the 25th December 1869.

The amount due by you for this extension is equivalent to the annual leasehold rental viz £176. 14. 8.

I. S. Some reduction of rental will be made to you in the class on account of the numerous ponds on Station No. 4 before which time the Surveyor General will be directed to inspect and survey the ponds in question.

DR
Government House
Salisbury Islands

31st December 1868.

My Lord,

I have the Honour to report that in Conformity with Colonial Instructions (See^s 147-8-9) I have this day drawn a Bill of Exchange on Your Lordship at 30 days sight for the sum of £33 11⁰, in favour of Mr. George Rose Johnson, Paymaster of HMS "Oberon", being the amount due for my Entertainment and that of my Secretary, on board that vessel during an official tour of Inspection within the limits of my Government, which occupied from the 9th to the 27th December, both days inclusive.

I have the &c. &c.

^{3^d}
William Robinson
Governor.

The Lord Commissioners
of His Majesty's Treasury

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Colonial Secretary's Office
Falkland Islands
29th December 1851

My Dear Cobb.

I have spoken to the Governor on the subject of our conversation of yesterday afternoon.

We have been for sometime, as you are aware, much pressed for Cash in consequence of the unexpected inability of the local Merchants to buy our Government Bills as heretofore and I think I explained to you as I said to Staw, that we would give you Bills in payment of the Store Account, or that if you wanted Cash you would have to wait till our Expected Specie should arrive from England. This being our position the Governor regrets he cannot comply with your request to place the West Falkland Rentals against the Store Account. We are in want of ready money and have been counting out the rents now due, I hope you will be able to pay in Cash or the business of those Gentlemen whom you represent will fall through.

I am Sir

Yours faithfully,
A. Syng & Colletts

C. E. Cobb Esq^r

N. 163⁴

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Government House
Falkland Islands
31st December 1868

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th ultimo and to inform you that I embarked on board H.M.S. "Ulysses" on the 9th instant, and having visited the more important of the out stations, returned to Stanley on Sunday last the 27th December. In view of the circumstances that the services of H.M.S. "Ulysses" are urgently required on other parts of the station, I hastened my tour as much as possible, and omitted to visit the western side of the West Falkland. At the same time I have accomplished much that was required to be done, and I take this opportunity of expressing to you my thanks for your goodness in placing a vessel at my disposal notwithstanding the reduced state of the Squadron under your command.

2. I would wish to express to you my high appreciation of the obliging and efficient manner in which the service was performed, and personally of the kindness and consideration which I received from all on board.

I have the
1st William Robinson
Governor & Commander in Chief

Rear Admiral Ramsay
Commander in Chief
Monte Video

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Government House
Falkland Islands
31st December 1868.

Gentlemen

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date, and to reply to express to you the great regret which I experience at finding myself unable to comply with your request as to delaying the departure of the "Foam" until the 10th or 15th proximo.

2. In the first place, the visit of the Flagship is quite uncertain, and again, if I detain the "Foam" until the date you name, she might very probably not be back before the corresponding day of the following month, which would not leave time for certain important repairs of which the Schooner stands in need, and which must if possible be effected on the occasion of her next return from Monte Video.

3. I have, however, the pleasure to say the mail will not be closed until the 1st proximo being four days later than the appointed time.

I have &c. &c.

(Sd.)
William Robinson
Governor -

George M. Stearn Esq^r

G. L. Cobb Esq^r

N^o 164.

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Government House
Falkland Islands
4th January 1869

Sir

Referring to my letter of the 28th ultimo
and to your reply of this date I have to inform
you that whatever deduction shall be made
on account of the water covered land on your
station on the West Falkland will be cal-
culated retrospectively on the occupation licences
already paid, as well as prospectively in deter-
mining the annual leasehold rent. These
deductions will be made as I have stated when
you pay for your lease.

I have &c. &c.

(S^d) William Robinson
Governor.

R. C. Packe Esq^r

N^o 164.^(B)

Government House
Falkland Islands
5th January 1868

Sir

Will you have the goodness to furnish
me with an explanation of Kelyay's refusal
to proceed in the "Sophy" to Port Williams for
the purpose of ascertaining whether the
"Foam" stands in need of the assistance
of a carpenter. I must also ask you to ex-
plain your not coming up to communicate
to me this refusal instead of simply send-
ing a message to that effect by the Harbour
Master.

I have &c. &c.

(S^d) William Robinson
Governor

A Bailey Esq^r

N^o 165:

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Government House
Falkland Islands
5th January 1869.

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge,
with thanks, your letter of the 1st instant.
The subject referred to in the fourth, fifth,
and eighth paragraphs of your letter shall
receive my careful and kindest attention.

2. I shall be happy to make arrangements
for your visit to the Camp any time after
next Sunday that may be convenient to
you. Two days notice will be required in
order that the horses may be brought in.

I have &c &c
(Sd)

The Rev'd
Chas. Bull M.A.

William Robinson
Governor.

N^o 165-A

Government House
Falkland Islands
5th January 1869.

Sir
I have the honour to acknowledge the
receipt of your letter of this date and
to inform you in reply that under the spe-
cial circumstances of the case I have
I have permitted the Colonial Chaplain
subject to the approval of the Secretary of
State, to undertake the administration of
the estate of the late J. H. Ross.

The Colonial Regulations are clear
on this point that no salaried Public
Officers shall without special permission
be engaged in the management of trading
or commercial operations, but I hope that
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In the present case I shall be able to obtain
the Secretary of States approval of our ar-
rangement which the Magistrates Court considers
to be the best that can be adopted in the
interests of all parties concerned.

I have &c. &c.

(S^d) William Robinson
Governor.

My dear Sir
T. R. Griffiths Esq^r

No 166

Government House
Falkland Islands
9th January 1869

Sir
In reply to your letter of this date
I have the honour to convey to you my per-
mission under the peculiar circumstances
of the case, to undertake the administration
of the estate of the late J. H. Goss; and
I hope to be able to obtain the Secretary of
States approval of an arrangement which
the Magistrates Court consider to be the
best that can be adopted for the interests
of all parties concerned.

I have &c. &c.
(S^d)

William Robinson
Governor.

Rev^d Chas. Bull M.A.

8th 167.

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Government House
Falkland Islands
23rd January 1869.

Sir

I forward to you, for any remarks which you may be desirous of offering, a letter which I received yesterday from Mr Cobb.

2. "As regards the point whether the Office adjoining the Court House is common to all Magistrates, or whether it is a private Apartment belonging to Mr Griffiths to which they are only admitted on suffrage, it is of course my intention to inform Mr Cobb that the Office in question is no more common to all Magistrates than in my Office or that of the Colonial Secretary, but that it is appropriated to the Stipendiary Magistrate for the time being, for the transaction of the Official business incidental to his official situation. And can only be used by the other Magistrates by the invitation of the Officer to whom it is appropriated.

I have &c &c

(Sd) William Robinson
Governor

The Hon^{ble}
S. R. Griffiths Esq^r

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Government House
Falkland Islands
22nd January 1864

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant.

2. My chief object in writing to you yesterday, (being aware at the time from Mr. Cobb's own letter^{that}) the personal question had been sufficiently adjusted, and having already made up my mind as to the answer which I should return to his (main enquiry) was to write your opinion as to the necessity or otherwise of providing a waiting Room or office, other than the Court House itself, for the use of the unpaid Justices; And I shall feel obliged if you will favour me with your remarks on this point.

I have &c.

(S^d)

William Robinson
Governor.

The Honble

& T. Griffiths Esq^r

No^o 169.

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Government House
Falkland Islands
23rd January 1869.

Sir

Referring to my letter of the 16th. October, I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to inquire whether any children were vaccinated by you, during the quarter from the 4th August to that of November, and if so why the return as required by law was not sent in at the proper time.

I am Sir

Your obtⁿ. Servt^r
H^{rs} S^r B^rg^y

Horace A. Watts Esq^r
M. H.

Acting Secy^r

No^o 170

Government House
Falkland Islands
23rd January 1869.

Sir

I have had under my consideration your letter of the 21st instant.
Dr. Mr Griffiths having already apologized to you for the strength of his language, it only remains for me to reply to the question on which you ask my decision, and to say that the Office adjoining the Court House is not common to all Magistrates, but that it is appropriated to the Stipendiary Magistrate, for the time being, for the transaction of the official business incidental to his official situation, and can only be used by the other Magistrates on the invitation of the Officer.

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Officer to whom it is Appropriated.
3. If it would add to the convenience of the
Justices to have a Waiting Room or Office at
the Court House especially fitted up for their
own use I shall be happy to give the
necessary orders, if space can be found for
the purpose.

I have etc.

(1st) William Robinson
Governor.

F. E. Cobb Esq^r.

3. The question of fitting up a Waiting
Room or Office at the Court House for the
special use of the Justices is under
consideration.

No. 171

Government House
Falkland Islands
25th January 1869.

Sir

I have had under my consideration
your letter of the 23rd instant.

2. I regret to have to say that the explanation
which you offer for not having sent in your
Vaccination Returns at the proper time is far
from satisfactory. Had you studied the Vac-
cination Ordinance, or even read it with the
most ordinary care, or had you ^{paid any} given
attention to the instructions with which I
furnished you myself, you would have
known that the Returns of Vaccinations
performed are to be sent in at the close
of each Quarter dating from the coming
into operation of the Ordinance (4th May 1868);
and the circumstance that you allege as an
excuse, that you were employed in vaccinating
at-

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at the end of the last Quarter, is only an additional reason why the law should have been strictly complied with.

3. I will refrain from enforcing the penalty on this occasion, hoping that what I have now said will induce greater care on your part for the future.

I have &c
(S)

William Robinson
Governor

Noace D. Watts M.D.
Colonial Surgeon.

S^o. 172.

Government House
Falkland Islands
29th January 1869.

Gentlemen

I have the honour to acknowledge, with thanks, your letter of the 23rd instant, forwarding your Report on the Government Schools for December 1868 quarter, a list of the pupils who were successful in obtaining prizes at the last examination, and a list of Books and other Articles required for the use of the schools.

2. I am glad that you consider the progress of the School on the whole satisfactory, and I shall hope that with the arrival of proper Books of instruction, for which I will write by next mail, an improvement will be noticeable in that most important branch of Education (Spelling) in which you say a want of accuracy is still prevalent.

3. If you have the means to do so, it would facilitate matters if you would prepare for me a list of prizes suitable for our scholars and sufficient in quantity to last for, say, two years, in order that I may send for them when sending for the Books and save the carriage of an extra case at a future time.

I have &c.

(S)

William Robinson
Governor

The School Inspector

8^o 173. 241
Colonial Secretary's Office
Stanley, 29th January 1869

Sir I have the honour to enclose blank forms of certain statistics required for the Blue Book for the year 1868., and shall feel obliged if you can supply the requisite information before the end of next month.

If in these forms I have omitted to include any article imported, exported or produced, perhaps you will have the goodness to add the same to the returns in order that the Report presented to Parliament may be as complete as it is possible to make it.

I have the honour to be

Sir
Your obedient servant.
(S)

G. M. Head Esq^r.

H. Byng
A. G. Col. Secy

8^o 174.

The same as above to

F. C. Cobb Esq^r.

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Falkland Islands
11th February 1869.

My Dear Sir

The Governor hopes you will be able to lend Biggs again for a few days, as the "Foam" is now on her side and it is desirable to get her ast. again as soon as possible. Mr Hailey understood that Biggs and Andrews would be allowed to work for us for some days or otherwise, probably the Governor would not have commenced the repair; and as His Excellency lent the Company some of the Governors Workmen at considerable inconvenience some time back we think we might fairly expect now all the assistance you may have it in your power to give the work on hand being so very urgent. A not press-
ing.

I Am, My Dear Sir
Yours faithfully

George Gravis Esq^r

H. Syne
Asgt Col. Secy

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Government House
Falkland Islands
11th February 1869

My Dear Sir

I write to acquaint you that the Sentry on duty yesterday evening at 7^o30 (P.M.) allowed me to pass out of the Stockyard gate at which he was standing with a proper Salute.

I should look upon this as an accident and treat it accordingly were it not that the same thing has occurred more than once under somewhat similar Circumstances when the same Sentry has been on duty.

I Am My Dear Sir
Yours faithfully
(S^{r^d}) William Robinson
Governor

Capt^l Elliot R.M.
Commanding Garrison

Feb 175: Colonial Secretary's Office
11th February 1869

Sir

I forward to you by order of His Excellency the Governor the enclosed papers on the uses and effects of Carbolic Acid.

S. You will be so good as to communicate to me the results of any experiments which you may have occasion to make with Carbolic Acid, either as a disinfectant, or in the direct treatment of disease. (S^{r^d}) A. H. Young

H. N. Watts Esq^r M. S.
Colonial Surgeon

A. C. Col. Secy

N^o 176

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Colonial Secretary's Office
10th February 1869.

Sir

I forward to you by direction of His Excellency the Governor the enclosed papers respecting the uses and effects of Carbolic Acid.

3. The Governor will be obliged by your communicating to him, for the information of Her Majesty's Government, the result of any experiments that you may have an opportunity of making with Carbolic Acid, either as a disinfectant, or in the direct treatment of disease.

I am &c &c
(S^d)

A. Kyne
Asst. Col. Secy.

W. F. Mac Clinton R.R.

Government House
Falkland Islands
13th February 1869.

My Dear Sir

Will you be so good as to let me know whether any, and if so, what law or Regulation regulates the carrying out of Capital Punishment in this Colony. Although it has I believe been contrary for execution to take place outside the Prison, and in Public should the public wish to attend. The Secretary of State now wishes my opinion as to the expediency of adopting the principles of the recent Imperial Act providing for the carrying into Effect of Capital Punishment without

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within Prisons, and I shall be glad if
you will favour me with your view of the
question. Probably if there is no Law, Local or
Imperial governing the matter, a simple re-
gulation by the Governor would be sufficient;
though this is open to the objection of being so
easy to be altered according to the view of the
Officer for the time being.

I am &c &c

(S^d)

William Robinson
Governor.

8^o 177.

Government House
Falkland Islands
18th January 1809.

Sir
I have the honour to recommend to
your consideration the enclosed letter from
the Officer in charge of the Detachment
of Marines forming the Garrison of this
Colony.

The Station order upon the subject
is that all Vessels of war belonging to the
Station are to receive on board any men of
the Detachment who misconduct themselves
on shore, and to find in exchange men
of good character and if possible artificers.
I do not know whether this Regulation
applies to Vessels not belonging to the Station,
but I beg to assure you if you have it in your
power to comply with Captain Elliot's request
it will greatly tend to the discipline of the
Detachment.

I have &c &c.

(S^d)

William Robinson
Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

Capt. Price R.N.
Y.M.C. Comdt

No. 178.

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Government Stores
Falkland Islands
18th February 1892

Mr.

I have had under my consideration
Mr. Williams' communications respecting
the "Yam."

2. The following are the only conditions
on which I find I can part with the
Schooner.

3. I now my part undertake to write
by the Mail of the 28th February to the
Colonial Office requesting them to send
me out a suitable vessel and urging
them to use the utmost possible despatch,
impressing upon them at the same time
how important it is that I should be
able to hand over the "Yam" to the pur-
chaser before the end of Governor. Immediately
on the arrival of the vessel no written
for I undertake to sell the "Yam" to Mr.
Williams for £900. in the same condition
in which she will be when the present
repairs shall be completed, fair wear
and tear excepted. In the interval preceding
the arrival of the New Packet Mr. Williams
will be allowed to bring down from
Montevideo in the "Yam" each Voyage
freight free, some two tons of clear cargo,
so long as it shall be of such a nature
as will not injure the Schooner dis-
place her fittings or exclude the
Passenger's luggage and Government
cases or cargo.

4. On his part Mr. Williams must bind
himself under a penalty to be presently
decided

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Decided to purchase the "Scout" for £900.
Also, I offer her to him at any time not
later than the 6th February 1870.

If Mr. Williams agrees to these terms
the necessary Instrument can be at once
prepared.

I have &c. &c.

(S^d)

William Robinson
Governor

The Revd
Charles Bull. M.A.

No 179.

Government House
Falkland Islands
18th February 1869.

Sir I have the honour to acknowledge the
receipt of your letter of this date, and to
express to you my thanks for your offer
to convey the England the two Marines
referred to by Captain Elliot, of which
offer however, I am unable to avail myself
in consequence of the already reduced state
of the detachment.

I have &c. &c.

(S^d)

William Robinson
Governor & Commander-in-
Chief.

Capt John A.P. Price
R.M.S. "Scout"

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Government House
Falkland Islands
18th February 1809.

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 16th instant. I have to inform you that I shall be willing to sell you the "Sophy" for £60 if you will undertake to convey the monthly stores to the Lighthouse for two years at £2 - 10 - 0 per trip, and to supply Yuccac at £3 - 0 - 0 per load as often as it may be required during the two years, not exceeding of course one trip per month for Yuccac.

2. The "Sophy's" Anchors, chain &c. will go with her, but there is no boat as you suppose belonging to the Schooner.

I have &c. &c.
^{1st}

William Robinson
Governor

The Rev^d.

Charles Bull M.A.
Administrator of the Estate
of the late J. N. Ross.

P.S.

Although I stipulated for one trip per month for Yuccac if required, I may mention that you are not in the habit of sending for Yuccac ourselves more than probably once a quarter.

No. 181.

Government House
Falkland Islands
19th February 1869.

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 17th I have to inform you that there are no men on board H.M.S. "Scout" who wish to Exchange for service in the Falklands. The whole of those who volunteered to remain on the Pacific station having been allowed to do so prior to the departure of the ship from Vancouver Islands.

I. Captain Price being four Marines short of compliment would be willing to receive your men without an exchange, but this of course the reduced state of the detachment renders impossible.

I have &c. &c.
(S.Y.)
William Robinson
Governor.

Cap^t. Elliot R.N.

No^o 182.

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Government Office
Falkland Islands.
20th February 1847

Sir

I am directed to request your attendance at a meeting of the Legislative Council on Wednesday next, the 24th February at 12 o'clock.

The subject to be considered is a draft Ordinance to provide for the appropriation of the casual Revenues of the Crown arising from Escheated Estates; and the opportunity will be taken to supply a verbal omission in the Ordinance for the protection of Wild Cattle.

I have the pleasure to enclose

(S^d)

W. Troubridge
E. P. Griffiths
Member of the Legislative
Council

A. Kyng
A. G. Cob, Secy-

No^o 183.

The same as above to
C. C. Turpin Esqre

Dec 184.

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Government House
Falkland Islands
20th February 1869.

Sir

I duly received your letter of the 27th August, asking me to make inquiries as to the whereabouts of your son Thomas Hernan, who left Liverpool some light years ago in the "William Strand" and who is supposed by you to have been, or to be now, in the Falkland Islands.

I have ascertained that a vessel called the "William Strand" did arrive here about the time you name. She struck on a rock outside this harbour and was condemned and sold for a hulk. No lives were lost, as the vessel was brought safely into port, and is in fact now afloat here and in use as a receiving ship. The crew were I presume paid off and sent home as distressed seamen. This is usual in such cases. At any rate if your son was amongst them he did not so far as I can ascertain remain in the Colony, and it is certain that no such person was ever employed in the Colonial Police. The oldest residents do not recollect any one of the name, and it would not be possible for any one to reside amongst so small a population without being known or remembered.

I am &c. &c.
(S^d)

William Robinson
Governor

Mr Thomas Hernan
78 Richmond Row
Liverpool

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Government House
Falkland Islands
20th February 1879

Sir

I forward to you herewith a letter which I have addressed to the Rev^d Charles Bull as Agent for Mr Charles Williams informing him of the terms and conditions on which I would be prepared to dispose of the "Fawn". I also enclose Mr Bull's reply accepting such conditional offer.

2. I request now will be so good as to prepare at your early convenience an agreement in the terms of these letters, and which shall bind Williams under a penalty of £500 to buy the Schooner for the price named, if I offer her to him at any time prior to the 6th February 1870.

3. As I Contemplate the possibility of a reply in the negative from home, I did not in my letter to Mr Bull specifically fix a date for the termination of the privilege granted to Mr Williams of bringing down cargo freight-free should the Colonial Office consider it undesirable to purchase a new vessel. In this event however Mr Williams will be allowed should no reply be received by me, prior to the 6th February 1870, to bring down in the "Fawn" one cargo in addition to those which he shall have imported up to the receipt by me of such reply as aforesaid.

I have &c. &c.

(S^a)
William Robinson
Governor

The Hon^{ble}
S. P. Griffiths Esq^r

8th 1869.

Government House
Falkland Islands
23rd February 1869.

Sir
Referring to your letter of this date, I
have to inform you that the Licence of Mess^{rs}
Bertrand and Suterer for which you refer does
not expire until the 21st April next. It is
desirable in applying for an extension of time
that the Licence itself should be produced
in order that the extension may be endorsed
on the document.

I have &c. &c.

(S^d)

William Robinson
Governor

F. C. Cobb. Secy^{to}

Government House
Falkland Islands
7th February 1839.

Sir:

I duly received by last Mail your letters of the 5th and 8th November & 4th December.

It is the case that in consequence of some confusion at Monte Video respecting the money permitted for taking up their land on the West Falkland. Your Sons and Mrs. Stickney were somewhat behind-hand in paying for their Licences, but I did not ob the account, deprived them of any portion of their stations; and as they have now been granted 12 months additional time in which to stock and build upon their farms, there is no doubt the conditions of the Regulations will be amply complied with before they apply for their Leases.

I have recently visited the West Falkland, calling off at Fox Bay and Port Howard. The starting of an undertaking such as that on which your sons have entered must necessarily be attended with many hardships and privation, but I am very sanguine that the Settlers on the West Falkland will fully end be amply repaid for all they may have had to go through in the first instance, for I look upon that island as peculiarly adapted for Sheep, and this opinion, I may add, is shared by many who are better qualified than myself to form an opinion on such matters. It speaks well for the prospect of affairs here to say that within 18 months every acre of available land on the island has been taken up, chiefly by 4th men who have spent the greater

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greater part of their lives in pastoral pursuits.
You may be assured that I shall be at
all times ready to give to your sons all that
assistance and protection which bona fide
Settlers have a right to expect at my hands.

I am not very competent to advise you
as to the question raised in your letter of
the 1st December regarding the establishment
of a Store on the West Falkland. Personally
I should be glad to see such a project carried
out and would gladly assist, so far as it shall
be in my power, to any scheme tending to the
development of the Island. Whether you could
attract a remunerative portion of the shipping,
and whether you could compete with old
established firms in Stanley who would doubt-
less master the field, are matters
on which you must take the opinion of those
better qualified than I am to give advice on
such a point.

I am &c. &c.

William Robinson
Governor.

Louis Baillot Esq.
Vice Consul for France
Nottingham
England

N^o. 187.

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Government House
Southland Islands
25th February 1879.

Gentlemen

Referring to the wish that has been
expressed that a larger Vessel than the
"Foam" should be procured for the Mail
service between this place and Monte Video,
I have to inform you that I am prepared
to consider your tender for the "Foam" if
sent in before noon on Monday next (the
1st March) should you be desirous of
making one an offer for the Schooner.

I have the honor to be

William Robinson
Governor.

Mrs J. M. Grant & Son

P. S. I may mention that I have
been already offered £900 for the Vessel
as she stands.

N^o. 188.

The same as above to

Mr. F. C. Cobb.

8^o. 189.

Government House
Falkland Islands.
27th February 1869.

Sir
Referring to the report contained in
your letter of yesterday that the Director
of the Falkland Islands Company may be
allowed to make an offer to the Colonial Office
or the Crown Agents for the purchase of the
"Foam", I have the honor to inform you that
it is not my intention to communicate with
either of those Departments upon the subject
of the "Foam" at all events by this Agent.

I have &c.

(S^o)
William Robinson
Governor.

F. C. Cobb Esq^r

8^o. 190

Government House
Falkland Islands.
27th February 1869.

Sir

I forward to You a list of Prizes, &c,
required for the use of the Government
Schools. And I shall be obliged if you
will cause the Articles specified to be sent to
me by an early opportunity.

I have &c.

(S^o)
William Robinson
Governor.

W. J. Sargent Esq^r

Ap 191

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Government House
Falkland Islands
27th February 1868.

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 24th Aug^t. asking me in the event of its being deemed expedient to grant your client a Patent for the Manufacture of Fuel from the Peat with which these Islands abound, to notify the cost and mode of proceeding for obtaining the same, and to state for what period the privilege would be granted, I have to request that in order to save unnecessary delay you will place yourself in communication upon the subject with the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, to whom the correspondence, so far as it has gone, has been forwarded.

I have &c. &c.

(S^t)
William Robinson
Governor

William Bull Esq^r
1 Squalby Court
Chancery Lane
London.

Ap 192.

Government House F. Is^{ds}
1st March 1868.

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Sir I am directed by H. C. the Governor to forward to you a Copy of the Account Current of the Government with the War Department for the Quater ended 31st Dec^r 1868. Accompanied by the requisite Vouchers to support thereof.

I have &c. &c.
(S^t)

The Under Secretary
War Department
London.

H. C. Lyngby
Acctabk Secy

8^o 193.

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Government Office
Falkland Islands.
1st March 1869.

Sir I regret that in consequence of the impossibility of procuring a Bill this moment I am unable to remit the balance ^{due} by this mail. I will however forward, in a Bill which I have been promised by H. C. the Governor, the same by next mail, together with the balance due on account of the present issues

I have &c. &c.

(S^d)

A. Whyne.

Postmaster.

The Receiver.

and Accountant-General
General Post Office
London.

8^o 193.

Government Office
Falkland Islands.
1st March 1869.

Sir

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to enclose a copy of the Account of the Government of the Falkland Islands with the Board of Trade for the Quarto ended the 31st March 1868. Accompanied by the requisite vouchers in support thereof.

I have &c. &c.

S^d

A. Whyne.
Asst Secy to the Treasury

The Accountant-General
Board of Trade
London.

28th 194

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Government House
Falkland Islands.
17th March 1869.

sir

Referring to No. 143 of the 3rd November, I have now the honour to forward to you an Account of the Expenses incurred in rendering assistance to the Shipwrecked Crew of the "Malvern" of Liverpool. I regret that I was unable to forward these accounts by the Mail that conveyed the Medals, but I was unable to get them completed in time, and to have delayed the men for the purpose of forwarding the accounts simultaneously would have involved great additional expense for maintenance.

I am sorry that I inadvertently forwarded these Bills for Seamen's Wages to the Board of Trade instead of handing them to the men themselves, without deductions, as provided for by the Supplementary Instructions, Circular 43.

X This being a case of Shipwreck, however, in which no deductions are to be made from wages due, I hope no great inconvenience will have been caused by this oversight, as the Bills will simply have been returned to the men at home for their applying for payment at the Board of Trade.

The relief afforded in this amounts to £126, 4s. 10d. per enclosed Account.

J. Gravell Esq. Sec.

(S^t) H. Syne

The Secretary
Marine Department
Board of Trade

No. 195.

Government House
Falkland Islands
9th March 1869.

Sir I have to desire that whenever you are called in to attend a servant of the Government suffering from such complaint as will incapacitate him for his public duties, you will report the same to me in writing with the least possible delay, stating at the same time the nature and probable duration of his malady.

I believe that your attention was directed to this point on a former occasion by my predecessor.

I have &c. &c.
(S. S.)

William Robinson
Governor

A. B. Watts Esq^r M.A.

No. 196.

Government House
Falkland Islands
13th March 1869

Sir

Referring to the correspondence
noted in the margin. I now forward to
you a lease of the Slaughter House and
corral, for three years from the date
of the expiration of the former lease.
2. The rent for the current half year
 (£10) will be received by Mr. Syms at
 your convenience.

W. Cobb to Governor

6 Nov 1868

Govr. & Mr. Cobb.

146 of 4 Nov 1868.

W. Cobb to Governor

10 Nov 1868

Governor to Mr. Cobb.

159 of 24th Nov 1868.

I have &c. &c.

W. R.

William Robinson

Governor

C. B. Cobb, Esq.
Manager
Falkland Islands Company

N. 197.

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Government Office
Falkland Islands
13th March 1879

Sir

I am desired to request your at-
tendance at a meeting of the Executive
Council, to be held at noon on Monday
next the 15th instant at the Government-
Office.

I have &c. &c.

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H. Byng

Clerk of the Councils

The Honble.

R. H. Griffiths Esq^m

N. 198.

The same as the above to-

The Honble.

Matthew Bailey Esq^m

N. 199.

The same as the above to-

The Honble.

H. Byng Esq^m

No. 300.

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Government House
Falkland Islands.
15th March 1869.

Mr

I have had under mature consideration
Your Letter of the 24th ultimo asking me to
allow the Land Regulations of the 4th April
1861 so as to allow those persons, "who hold
over one section to place the requisite number
of houses on any part of their land, they
may choose, without compelling them to
place one on each separate station".

2. I have come to the conclusion that I cannot
with propriety adopt Your suggestion on this
point. I am of opinion, in which my
Council concur, that the Regulation requiring
a house to be built and occupied in each separate
Station on the East Falkland is in the main
a good one. If altered in any case it would
have to be altered in another, and for that
I am not prepared. Where two stations held
by one individual are contiguous no large
house of double the Regulation size, placed
on the dividing boundary would probably
(all other conditions being complied with) be
considered by me as insufficient for both
stations; but beyond this I should not be
disposed to go.

3. You date me to confirming the last paragraph
of Your previous letter with regard to the house
not be built north of Mount Pleasant. You first
mentioned this subject to me on the 24th
February, now write up the 13th March. If
necessary, therefore, the duration of your occ-
cupation licensed will be extended by 19 days.

Please be &c

15th

William Robinson
Governor

J. E. Cobb, Esq.
Manager Company.
Falkland I. Company.

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Government House
Falkland Islands
19th March 1869.

Sir I forward to you a marble tomb-
stone which is to be placed on Lieutenant-
Grenningham's grave instead of the temporary
one placed there by Governor MacKenzie's
Orders.

This tombstone has been recommended to
my care by the Secretary of State, & I entrust
its erection to you. You will do good
as to superintend the work personally.
And cause it to be performed by the Govern-
ment Workmen under your orders, with
the greatest particularity and attention.

I have the honor to be,

(Sd)

William Robinson

The Honorable
Arthur Bailey Esq

N. 302.

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Cat Island Islands.
30th March 1867

Sir I have the honour to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 14th March
which I have duly communicated to
the Stipendiary Magistrate there being
a warrant out against the Person
to whom you refer.

I have &c. &c.

(Sd)

A. Byrne.

G. W. Bertrand Esq^r

Adj. Secy.

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Government House
Falkland Islands
20th March 1869.

Sir I have to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of this date, And to convey
to you my Approval of your intention to
remain by the Settlement as much as
possible during any future absences there-
from of the Surgeons in charge of the Mar-
ines.

I have &c. &c.

(S^t) William Robinson
Governor

A. N. Watt M.D.
Colonial Surgeon.

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Government House
Falkland Islands
23rd March 1869.

Sir

I have received your letter of this
date tendering your resignation as an
Acting Member of the Executive Commis.

3. You are pleased to accuse me of
having emphatically deserted my intention
to do all in my power to inform you in
the service of which you belong. I have
never entertained any such intention or
expressed it directly or indirectly by any
person whomsoever. And must therefore call
upon you to furnish me in writing with
the name of your informant on this
point.

3. Mr. Mac Clinton's report is now that
I made the most cruel remark relating
to

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To the death of your infant child, is inflicted
without foundation. On this subject I
shall place myself in communication with
the Gentleman in question.

Sir. It is greatly to be regretted that any
idle rumour or gossip, which you neither
take the trouble to confirm nor disconfirm
should cause you so far to lay aside your
self-command as (forgetting the respect
due to your superior officer) to accuse of
enmity towards you and yours has universally
designed to show you, as an officer entrusted
with the performance of Public Duties,
the greatest latitude and indulgence.

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

The Honble
Arthur Bailey Esq^r

8^o 305.

Government House
Falkland Islands
23rd March 1869.

Sir I forward to you a letter which
I have received from Mr. Bailey and
request your explanation in regard
upon the subject.

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

No W. F. MacClintock R.R.

Governor.

No. 206.

Government House
Falkland Islands
23rd March 1869
2. P.M.

Sir

I have just received your letter, without delay inclosing a note from Mr. Mac Clinton to yourself, in which he states that he cannot any longer continue to act as Medical Attendant to your family, and asking me to decide whether "An Officer receiving Colonial Pay can refuse to attend to his professional duties when called upon and whether by his so doing he does not become responsible for anything that may happen in consequence of such refusal."

2. Your letter raises for the first time an important question in connection with the medical service of the Colony, which cannot be properly decided at a moments notice. In the first place I must know from you in what capacity Mr. Mac Clinton has hitherto attended your family whether you have been in the habit of paying him for his attendance, in which case we would no doubt consider that he stands as regards yourself on the footing of a medical practitioner at home, or whether you have hitherto claimed his services free of charge in consideration of the salary which he receives from the Colony.

3. Your early answers on this point will facilitate my decision on the question raised in your letter under acknowledgement, meanwhile, as the Colonial surgeon who recently attended a member of your family, and whose peculiar province it is to attend all Public Offices and their families) is now in

to Stanley I should advise you to send for
him at once, if necessary, rather than run
any risk to the responsibility of vehicle
would at all events lie between Mr. H. C.
Clinton and yourself, by standing out
for the services of a gentleman who is
evidently desirous of being relieved from
further attendance on your family.

I have &c. &c.

(S^d)

William Robinson
Governor.

The Hon^{ble}.

Austin Bailey Esq^r

No. 207

Government House
Gibraltar Islands
23rd March 1869

Sir
I have the honour to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of this date.
2. I am glad to observe that my feelings
and my remarks to you on that subject
of the death of Mr. Bailey's child were not
misunderstood by yourself, but regret that
these should have been interpreted by Mr.
Bailey in a manner so foreign to my
meaning.
3. Your explanation on the point
in question is quite satisfactory.

I have &c. &c.
(S^d)

Mr. W. F. Mac Clinton Esq.
R. R.

William Robinson
Governor.

Government House
Falkland Islands
23rd March 1869.

Mr. I have received your letter of the date.

3. You wrote to me on the 23rd instant - rejoining your Seat in Council because of my having made to Mr. Mac Clinton a "most-cruel remark" about the death of your infant-child, and asserted emphatically my intention to do all in my power to injure you in the service to which you belong.

3. In reply, I denied having made any cruel remarks to Mr. Mac Clinton respecting the death of your child, and naturally supposing from the wording of your letter that my intention to injure you in the service was also forwarded by your humor, I asked you for your authority for making such statements, disclaiming at the same time the existence of any feeling of enmity towards you on my part.

4. I learn with surprise from your letter under acknowledgement that the impression which you have acquired on this latter point was derived, not from recent public rumor, but from a semi-official letter which I had occasion to address to you on the 5th - November 1867. I find, however, as referred to that letter that it will not bear the interpretation which you put upon it. So far from expressing any intention or desire to injure you I remarked that it would be exceedingly painful to me to be compelled to do so and I begged that you would not by any contumacy or disregard of my orders force me to adopt any steps prejudicial to your interests and prospects in the service.

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It is incomprehensible to me that you
should have misinterpreted my letter of the
6th Dec^r 1867; it is still more incomprehend-
ible that reading it as you did you should
only now after the expiration of twenty-
four months allow it to become apparent the am-
bage that you have felt towards me for so
long a period - a period during which our
personal and official relations were, so far
as I can judge, of a friendly character.

6. I have already told you that I made
no cruel remark to Dr Mac Clinton respecting
the death of your infant child, and
I now forward the correspondence between
that gentleman and myself upon the
subject. I feel nothing but sorrow and
regret for your bereavement, and no re-
marks that I made to Mr Mac Clinton
or to any one else could if fairly repeated
be made to bear any unkind meaning.

7. In conclusion, I must express my re-
gret if in my letter of yesterday I appeared
to reprove you for having been so far excited
by the unconfirmed report of the Settlement
as to resign your seat in Council, with-
out due and improper facts. Whatever
shall be thought of the matter in other re-
spects it must be admitted that under this
head you are free from blame.

I have &c., Gen

(S^t)
William Robinson

Governor,

Anthony Bailey Esq^r.

N. 207.

Government House
Falkland Islands
25th March 1869.

Sir

I forward to you copies of a correspondence between my Father and myself in which is raised an important question respecting the medical practice of the Colony. This question is whether Dr. Mac Clinton is or is not despatched to attend Public Offices and their families free of charge, if called upon, to do so, in consideration of the salary of £100 per annum which he receives from the Colonial Government.

3. To my mind the point is clear and admits of no doubt; but as it appears that Dr. Mac Clinton entertains a different view, I should wish you to read the despatches noted in the margin, which will be shown to you by Mr. Syng, in my office, and favour me with your opinion in the matter.

I have &c. &c.
(S.A.)

William Robinson
Governor

The Stub.

E. R. Griffiths Esq.

Secret of State to Govr.	8th Feb 1863
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No. 240.

27th Government Office
Falkland Islands
27th March 1869.

Sir

I am directed by His Excellency
the Governor to forward to you a tender
for Shingle from Nelson W. Briscoe, and to
ask you whether you consider it reasonable
or otherwise contrary.

I have &c. &c.
(S. S.)

Arthur Hailey Esq^r

A. Kyng
Acy. Com. Secy.

No. 241.

Government Office
Falkland Islands
27th March 1869.

Sir

In reply to your letter No. 112487 of the
4th December I beg to forward an Acknowledged
Acknowledgment for the mail of the 9th April
1868.

All letters received for Captain Miller after
the date named were returned to his address,
in England his having previously left the
Colony for London.

I am Sir
Yours &c.
15th

W. J. Page
General Post Office
Boudbus.

A. Kyng
Acy. Com. Secy.
Postmaster

N. 313.

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Government House
Falkland Islands
31st March 1869

Sir I have the honour to inform you
that the Detachment of Marines under
your Command will be shortly relieved.
The R.M.S. transport "Magdala" conveying
the new Detachment - may be expected
to arrive during the Month of April. And
I have to request that you will make
your preparations accordingly.

I have &c. &c.

(Sd)

William Robinson

Governor.

Captain Elliot R.N.

N. 312.

Government House
Falkland Islands
31st March 1869.

Sir You will have the goodness to
cause a great wooden railing, painted
white, to be placed round Lieutenant-
Gerningsons ground.

I have &c. &c.

(Sd)

William Robinson

Governor.

Another Saily dep^{to}

N^o 214.

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Government House
Falkland Islands
31st March 1869

Sir

I regret to be again compelled to call upon you for an explanation of your reasons for employing the Government cookhouse under your superintendence for private purposes of your own, notwithstanding my orders and well known wishes upon the subject.

2. I observed that, on Thursday last Kefway and two of the Marines quitted the Government Works for the purpose of attending to your dinghy, and that on Monday Kefway and one Marine were at work for some time on board of your cutter.

3. Trusting, however, that your explanations will be satisfactory.

I have &c. &c.

(S^d) William Robinson
Governor

Arthur Bailey Secy

Government House
Falkland Islands
31st March 1869.

Sir

Herewith I beg to enclose a statement of the money欠
over business for the quarter ended this day 31-
getting with Bill of Exchange for £185 and a cheque for
£1.17¹¹ making the total sum of £186.17¹¹, being
balanced due as per account.

The Receiver & Accountant-General
General Post Office (London)

I have &c.
A. H. Lyne
Postmaster.

N^o. 215.

Colonial Secretary's Office
Stanley 2nd April 1869

Sir

I beg leave to call your attention
to my letter of the 29th January asking
for certain information to enable me to
make up the Blue Book Returns, and
to beg an early answer upon the subject.
With Obeis.

I have &c &c

(S^d)

A. R. Young
Asst. Secy.

G. E. Cobb Esq^r

N^o. 216.

The same as above to -

G. M. Stan Esq^r

8° 117.

Government Stores
Falkland Islands
5th April 1867

Sir

The Master of the "Antonia Vincent" of Swansea has this day reported to me that on the 28th ultimo he picked up at sea a boat belonging to the ship "Blue Jacket" of Liverpool, containing 11 seamen and gold to the value of about £10,000.

I have examined the survivors, eight in number, (three having died since the date of the rescue) and the circumstances of the case appearing to me to be surrounded with extreme suspicion, I have to request that you will cause an inquiry to be held by the Police Court touching the alleged loss by fire of the "Blue Jacket"; as well for the information of the Board of Trade as for the purpose of deciding whether a criminal prosecution should not be instituted by the Colonial Government.

I have &c. &c.

(Sd) William Robinson

Governor

The Hon^{ble}

E. R. Griffiths Esq^{to}

Stipendiary Magistrate

D. I. The men who are now under charge of the Shipping Master as distressed British seamen are lodged in the Reservoir Cottages for the present.

N^o. 218.

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Government House
Falkland Islands
5th April 1869.

Sir

I forward to you copies of a Public Notice and Contract respecting the painting of the Lighthouses, and the work being now complete, I have to request that you will inspect and favour me with your report upon the same.

2. The Horsekeeper has received instructions to place one of our horses at your service, on application, for this purpose.

I have &c. &c.

(Sd)

Arthur Bailey Esq.
Surveyor General.

William Robinson
Governor

N^o. 219.

Government House
Falkland Islands
6th April 1869.

Sir

His Excellency the Governor has had under consideration your petition dated the 1st instant, praying for the release of your daughter from further imprisonment; and I am desired to inform you that His Excellency has been pleased to remit three months of the sentence, and that your daughter will accordingly be released at the expiration of the next month of her imprisonment.

I have &c. &c.
(Sd)

Mr G. C. Pettit.

A. King
A/c'to. Secy.

No. 220.

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Government House
Falkland Islands
7th April 1869.

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the instant informing me of your arrival in the Colony and of your readiness ~~to~~ enter upon the duties of your Office as Commercial Agent for the United States.

2. I beg to forward copy of a Government Notice which I have caused to be issued upon the subject, and have the honour to be.

Sir, Your very Obedient
Servt.

(S.d) William Robinson
Governor

Joseph Powell Esq^r
Commercial Agent
for the United States.

No. 221.

Government House
Falkland Islands
7th April 1869.

Sir

The large amount of bullion which has been deposited in the Government Chest, renders it imperative that I should make some better provision than exists at present for the safety and security of the Office. I am aware that the strength of the Establishment ^{under} your orders will not admit of the establishment of a second guard, and the only plan that occurs to me under these circumstances is that

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the existing Guard should be moved from the Dockyard to the Government Office at Sundown, returning to the Dockyard at Bell-ring in the morning.

I. I have caused a suitable room to be prepared at the Office for the rightfull reception of the Guard. And I request that you will make the necessary arrangements accordingly.

I have &c. &c.
(S. J.)
William Robinson
Governor.

Capt. G. A. Elliot R.M.

P.S. The sentry beat should include I think as nearly as possible the entire circle of the building.

Government Office
Falkland Islands
10th April 1869.

My Dear Sir

The Governor is prepared to grant you a licence to kill 350 Hulls or the skins at White Rock, and to take off during the winter the hides of such Cows as you may find dead at £1 per head. A Statutory Declaration that the Cows were found dead, and not killed will be required, also that the number of Hulls allowed to be killed has not been exceeded. Please let me know whether you wish the licence prepared.

As regards the Guard I am the Governor regrets that he cannot grant you a licence to kill Penguins there at present. William holds a licence to take them 16,000 gallons of oil, but owing

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owing to the loss of his Schooner he was
unable to complete the quantity, and the
Governor promised him at that time that
he should be given the preference in the
event of other Applications being made
for the Island.

I remain. Dear Sir
Yours &c. &c.

C. J. Byne
A.C. Secy.

J. T. Switzer Esq^r.

Government House,
Falkland Islands,
13th April 1869.

No 223

Sir Referring to my letter of the 5th April, I have to request that you will inform me of the earliest moment at which the Court will be able to dispense with the further attendance of Captain M^c. Aufiff of the "Antonia Wind" as he is exceedingly desirous of proceeding on his Voyage.

2. I requested him in the first instance to delay his departure until the Inquiry ordered by my letter above referred to should be concluded, and until it was ascertained whether a Criminal prosecution against the survivors of the "Blue Jacket" would be necessary, and if necessary whether his (Captain M^c. Aufiff's) evidence would be required.

3. Perhaps the Inquiry has now arrived at such a stage as will enable you to inform me on these points I have &c. &c.

The Hon^{ble}
E. R. Griffiths Esq^r

C. J. William Robinson
Governor

Government Office
Falkland Islands
13th April 1869.

No 224

Sir I am directed by H. C. the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date containing a statement of certain expenses incurred by your vessel in bringing a portion of the crew of the "Blue Jacket" into this Harbour.

In reply I have to inform you that I am prepared to reimburse to you the expenses which you have incurred on account of maintenance, clothing, medical comforts, and burials; but that the excellency is unable to entertain your demand for ~~remuneration~~. As the delay of your vessel was necessitated by the inquiry ordered to be held for the information of the Board of Trade under the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act, and for the purpose of deciding whether it would not be necessary to institute criminal proceedings against the survivors from the "Blue Jacket" under the suspicious circumstances reported by you on your arrival in Port. I am to add in reply to your second paragraph that your detention here was caused by the debts connected with the rescue of the men and treasure from the "Blue Jacket." And that you had no option but to remain until the matter had been decided by the Court.

I have &c. &c.
(Sd.)

Capt. M. J. Duff
Antonio Vincenti

H. King
Shipping Master

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Government House
Falkland Islands
14th April 1869

No 225

Sir

Referring to your letter of this date, I have to request you will let me know what amount of rent you would be willing to pay for Bird Island, in the event of its being in my power to include it in your lease. N° 10.

I have &c. &c.

(A.D.)

William Robinson

Governor.

George W. Dean Esq^r
Gen. Sec. &c.

N^o. 226.

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Government House
Falkland Island
16th April 1869.

Sir
On the morning of the 1st instant I directed Captain W^c Penifffe to bring back to my office the set of receipts which I had given him for the Bullion deposited in the Chest in order that their form might be altered by me before his departure from Stanley. He undertook to do so, and I caused duplicate receipts to be prepared accordingly. This morning I heard that he had been prevented only by the most accident from leaving the harbour during the night without having obeyed my instructions. And on sending Mr King to him for an explanation I ascertained that he was acting under your advice in the matter. His statement to me in writing is as follows:

"I told Mr Cobb that you wanted the receipts for the Gold given back in order that the form of the said receipts might be amended telling him at the same time that I had already returned to you the original of the set. Mr Cobb replied that I had done wrong in returning the receipts at all, and that I had better hold on to the duplicates and Triplicates instead of allowing you to put the receipts in any other form of words." Acting on this advice Captain W^c Penifffe got under way without seeing me again upon the subject, and it was only by the greatest accident, as I have said, that I was able to obtain from him yesterday afternoon the cancellation of the receipts which I thought it desirable to alter. I explained to him clearly that he must either comply with my wishes or take back the Bullion which he had

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had deposited in the chest. He elected to have the Bullion in the chest and accept such form of receipt for it as I saw proper to give.

2. Finding that Captain McAuliffe had placed in your hands the Duplicate of the original recd. I obtained from him, in order on you, (generally enclosed) for the same, And shall feel obliged by your returning the receipt to me at your earliest convenience. The let to oblige the persons has been cancelled on the face of the original under Captain McAuliffe's signature.

3. I shall be glad to receive from you any explanation of this singular transaction which you may be anxious of offering. And remain.

Yours very ob't servt
(S. A.)

William Robinson
Governor

F. E. Cobb. Esqrd

No. 327.

Government House
Falkland Islands
17th April 1869.

Sir I have had under my consideration the question recently raised by you as to whether Dr. Mac Clinton if he is not expected in consideration of the salary which he receives from the Colonial Government to attend Public Officers and their families free of charge.

2. This as I said in my former letter particularly the province of the Colonial Surgeon to attend Public Officers and their families free of charge, and I am of opinion that the place of residence should not be officially called Mac Clinton should not be officially called in to perform his duties while the Colonial Surgeon is in Stanley and able to attend

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to turn himself, the object of Dr. MacClinton's appointment being ~~nothing~~ that he should be available in the emergency or on extraordinary occasions

I have the honour to be

Sir Yours &c &c

(S^t) William Robinson
Governor.

No. 228.

Government House
Falkland Islands.
17th April 1869.

Sir I duly received your letter of the 29th March with reference to the duties of the Colonial Surgeon and the surgeon of the Garrison.

I beg to thank you for the consideration which you have given to this question, and to say that I entirely concur in the view which you take of it.

I have the honour to be

Sir Y. & C. &c

(S^t) William Robinson
Governor.

The House

L. R. Griffith Esq.

S.C. 229.

226 Government House
Falkland Islands
17th April 1869

Sir

I request you will make pre-
parations for proceeding to Salvadora
on a day which will be shortly fixed,
for the purpose of surveying that re-
ctangle on Settalaug Station of 19th May.
I will convey you on this service; and I
hope to request you will let me know
how many clear days you will require
on the station to complete the survey.

I have &c. &c.

(Sd) William Robinson
Governor

Arthur Bailey Esq^r

Government House
Falkland Islands
19th April 1869

Sir.

Nelway is desirous of placing his
son in the Government Workshop as an
Apprentice. Will you be so good as to acquaint me
with the terms and conditions on which
this was done on a former occasion.

I have &c. &c.

(Sd) William Robinson
Governor

Arthur Bailey Esq^r

N^o. 231.

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Government House
Falkland Islands
19th April 1869.

Sir I am directed by H. E. the Governor
to request Your Attendance at a Meeting
of the Executive Council to be held at this
Office on Wednesday next at noon.

I have &c. &c.

(A^d)

H. Syng

Clerk to the Council.

The Hon^{ble}
J. R. Griffiths Esq^r.

N^o. 232.

The same as the above to -

The Hon^{ble}
Henry Syng Esq^r.

N^o. 233.

The same as above to -

H. F. Mac Clinton Esq^r R. N.

N^o. 234.

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Government House,
Falkland Islands
20th April 1869.

Sir

Referring to my letter N^o. 229.
of the 1st instant, I have to inform you
that the "Foam" will be ready to leave
for Salvador on Thursday Morning at
day light.

I am awaiting your answer as to how
many clear days you will require
on the station to complete the Survey.

I have &c. &c.

(Sd) William Robinson

Governor.

Arthur Bailey Esq^r

N^o. 235:

Government House
Falkland Islands
20th April 1869.

Referring to our correspondence and
conversations

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Government House
Falkland Islands
18th March 1869.

Sir I have the honour to acknowledge
your letter of the 30th December 1868, And
to inform you that the Treasury thereon
advised, amounting to £1750, has been
this day received by me from the Officer
in command of H.M.S. "Boxer."

I have &c. &c.

(Sd) William Robinson
Governor.

G. A. Hamilton Esq.
Treasury
London.

Government House
Falkland Islands
8th April 1869.

Sir I have the honour to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 24th February
enclosing copy of an order which you
have promulgated in the Squadron under
your command relating to the precautions
which should be observed by parties landing
from H.M. Ships at the Falkland Islands,
and straying on shooting or fishing excursions,
and I will not fail to cause this order
to be copied by the Commanding Officers of
any of H.M. Ships which may visit Port
Stanley en route to and from other stations.

Bear Admiral Ramsey C.B.
Commander in Chief.

I have &c. &c.
(Sd) William Robinson
Governor.

No 236.

Government House,
Falkland Islands,
20th April 1869.

Sir I have received your letter of this date representing that you are not yet sufficiently recovered from your recent indisposition as to be able at present to undertake the Surveying work required to be done at Salvador.

Under the circumstances the Survey may of course be postponed. If you will have the goodness to let me know as soon as you feel well enough to undertake the duty I will arrange for providing you with the best mode of conveyance which I may then have at my disposal.

I have &c. &c.

(S^d) William Robinson
Governor

Arthur Bailey, Esq^r

N^o. 337.

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Government House
Falkland Islands
31st April 1869.

Sir
Referring to your letter of this date
I request you will inform me what you think
the services of Kelway's boy would be worth
per diem at present.

I have &c. &c.

(S^d) William Robinson
Governor.

Louis Baillot Esq^r

Government House
Falkland Islands
34th April 1869.

Sir
I duly received by last Mail your
letter of the 8th January containing the first
values of the following Bank of England
Notes:

2 £100 n^o 59618
3 £100 n^o 59619.
1 £100 n^o 59617.

You will have learnt from my former letter
that your son's Rent has been already paid
in full; I therefore held these half notes
to their order and will deliver the same to
them on their next arrival in Stanley.
Hoping that you feel re-assured as to your
son's position and prospects.

I have &c. &c.

Louis Baillot Esq^r
Vice Consul for France
Nottingham

(S^d) William Robinson
Governor

8^o 238.

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Government House
Falkland Islands
27th April 1869

Sir

I duly received your letter of the 23rd instant, and am glad to find that your advice to Captain McAuliffe was very different to what he stated it to be. At the same time I cannot but regret that you did not come up with him to my Office where he told you that I wished to change the receipts and satisfy yourself by a personal interview with myself that I had no desire to include in the new receipt any matter prejudicial either to Captain McAuliffe or his owners.

I have &c. &c.

W^m Robinson
Governor

J. S. Cobb Esq^r