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Governor D'Arcy
9 November 1874
to 15 May 1876

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My dear Sir

I posted my note containing two certificates of Mrs Dickson's death signed by the Colonial Surgeon by the August mail: directed to

Mr Joseph Halliday
Plumber
Eriskine Cottages
Dumfries. Scotland

yours very faithfully
Lourtten E. Brandon

His Excellency
The Governor

16.11.83

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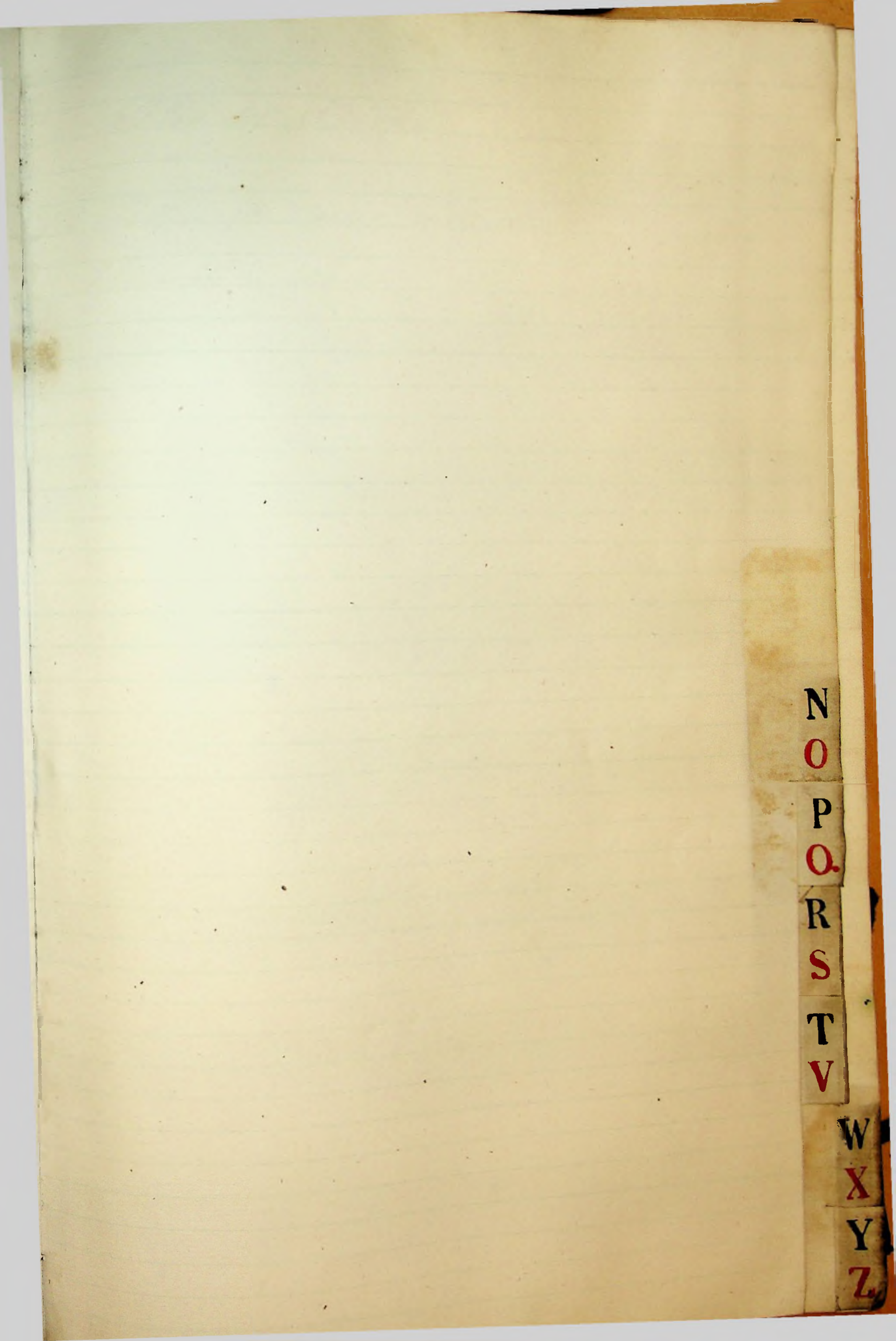
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G/St. Stanley
9th Nov. 1874

Sir,

In reference to your letter of the 8th instant giving your reasons (for the information of the Secretary of State) for not allowing Mr Williams to practice in your Court not being a registered Solicitor, I have however to request you will inform me why you allow Mr Dean, Lieut Sweny RN., and others, to take up from time to time the advocacy of Plaintiffs and Defendants.

I make this query solely for information in order thoroughly to understand so professional a question before reporting on it.

The Hon'ble C. T. Smith Esqr
&c &c &c

I have &c
(sd) G. B. Stacy
Secr.

n/

H. M. Stanley
November 9th 1874.

Sir/

In returning the Magistrates book I have to place on record the grave irregularity you have committed in assembling a Bench of Magistrates to discuss my treatment of Prisoners.

In the event of your imagining I am acting illegally in the management of Prisoners your course of appeal is laid down in the Regulations and I am bound to give my reasons to the Secretary of State for such management. The difference of opinion between those in authority is thus guardedly confined to a small circle and not made the topic of conversation throughout the town.

On the 68th page of the book you cause to be minuted that I am reluctantly awarded to my first pardon of the men of the "Daunless" certainly not in words, and nothing in your manner led me to discover this reluctance.

On page 69 there does not appear much courtesy shewn to a young Magistrate by the Elders, when Mr Travis is asked if custom overrides an Act of Parliament he might have explained to you that which Mr Bailey must have been aware of, that his Predecessor a Shipping Master constantly arranged by conciliation differences between Masters and their men either by discharge,

exchange,

exchange, or transfer, so as to prevent the case going to the Court, and to this extent alone was he directed to request his Master's attendance.

At page 70 I have to express surprize and indignation at the publication of my private letter.

If I had been able to see the Minutes of the Magistrate's book the day after the meeting of the Magistrates took assured I should not have troubled you with my letter of Saturday evening, expressive of my sorrow at your want of courtesy in reference to the men of the Staffordshire.

I have &c
(Sd) C. Gladstone
Gov.

The Hon.ble
C. J. Smith Esqr
&c &c
Stanley.

Lo Stanley
9 November 1874

Sir /

In the minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd November 1874, Mr Bailey is reported to have said (with reference to the Governor's alteration of a sentence passed upon two of the crew of the 'Dauntless')

'that Mr Travis first denied
'and then admitted that it was
'done, and gave the reasons why.'

I have to state that during the whole sitting I absolutely denied that the Governor had altered the sentence. I have therefore to request that you will be pleased to erase that portion of the minute which I have quoted.

I have also to request the courtesy of a reply that such has been done.

I have &c
(Sd) L Travis J.P.

The Hon'ble
L. J. Smith Esq
Chairman of the
Magistrates Court
+ + +
Stanley

S. C. Stanley
10th November 1874

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to forward the enclosed document for registration, and request you will retain the same, if possible, before the departure of the next mail.

I am &c
C. Travis
A.C.S.

A. Bailey Esqre
Registrar General
&c &c &c

Stanley

Mr. Williams case.
Transferred to the Attorney Genl.

Government Office
Stanley Falkland Islands
4th November 7 1874.

Dear Sir

His Excellency the Governor requests me to write you respecting the Police Office Book which he wishes to see

" Mr Smith having given the Governor cause to expect that by the end of the week the Book would be entered up to date"

The Hon^ble
E. J. Smith Esq^r
Stipendiary Magistrate

I am &c
(sd) G Travis
Acty. Col. Secy.

Government Office
Stanley Falkland Islands
4th November 7 1874.

Sir

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to request you will attend at this Office on Monday next the 9th Instant at 12 Oclock.

I am &c
(sd). G Travis
Acty. Col. Secy.

Capt^n Gunson
Master of British Ship
"Staffordshire"

Government Office
Stanley Falkland Islands
November 9 1874.

Sir

In reference to your letter of the 8th Instant giving me your reasons for the information of the Secretary of State for not allowing Mr Williams to practice in your Court, I have to request you will favour me with your reasons for allowing Mr Dean and Lieut Sweny of the R.M. to take up the advocacy of Plaintiffs and Defendants.

I am desirous of obtaining this information in order thoroughly to understand the question before reporting on it

Vide page 1.

The Hon^ble
E.S. Smith Esq^re
Stipendiary Magistrate

I have &c
(sd) G D'Arcy
Governor &c

Government Office
Stanley Falkland Islands
November 10th 1874.

Sir

I enclose for your information a letter with a Draft of an affidavit wherein you will perceive that Mr Williams is willing to comply with all your requisitions necessary to enable him to practice in your Court as a Solicitor – moreover he hopes to be able in a day or two to send you the Certificate of admission to practice in the Courts of England which Certificate was accepted by the late Mr Griffiths in the presence of Mr Dean and Mr Cobb then associated with him on the bench in the cause Regina V Williams, a record of so important of an event might be found on reference to the Magistrates Book.

I hope you will be pleased to accept these Certificates thereby rendering it unnecessary for me to report on Mr Williams Complaint otherwise than by informing the Secretary of State that the question is at rest by your having admitted him as a Practitioner

I have &c
(sd) G D'Arcy
Governor &c

The Hon^ble
E J Smith Esq^re
Stipendiary Magistrate

G.A.S.I.

November 14 1874

Sir

I understand that within the last few days James Andrews Carpenter assaulted his housekeeper Janet Hart in a fit of passion and by a blow with a poker broke her arm!

I have the honour to order you to undertake as Attorney General ex officio a Crown prosecution in this case the poor Woman declining to take out a Summons against her Employer, it is however just one of those cases in which all residents of a British Colony should be made to see that punishement surely follows such brutal Assaults, and that the long suffering and forgiveness of their victim is no sheild against punishment.

I have &c

(sd) G D'Arcy

Governor &c.

To the Hon^ble

E. T. Smith Esq^re

Stipendiary Magistrate.

G. H. S. L. I. #
November 14 1874

Sir

I think you have quite misunderstood my requisition - I do not require you to give up your seat on the bench and appear in the body of your own Court as a Public Prosecutor, but I do expect you will do that which your Predecessors always did i.e. issue your warrant on a notorious Jack (Doctor Rodgers being in attendance with the patient related the circumstance to me this morning) with the Chief Constable appearing as Prosecutor pro forma and by cross examination in the defence endeavour to obtain a conviction for the Government, the Defendant meanwhile having had ample time given him to procure aid by your permission.

I think you are in error however by an unwritten law your appointment as Stipendiary Magistrate includes the office of Attorney General in small Colonies otherwise the Government could not procure legal assistance for the suppression of crime of which a deposition has not been made.

I am at issue with you when you style yourself Chief Magistrate the Despatches announcing your appointment and that of your Predecessor speak of a Stipendiary Magistrate being appointed.—

I have heard somewhat and read more, that the Chief Magistrate of the Empire is the Sovereign, and the Chief Magistrate of a Colony is her Representative.

Doctor Rodgers informed me of the said circumstance this morning.

The Honble E. J. Smith Esqre
Stipendiary Magistrate

(sd) I have &c
G. D'Arcy
Governor &c.

G. H. S. I. I.
November 16 1874.

Sir

The report of Surgeon Rodgers who is attending this poor Woman can scarcely be called hearsay -

I did not raise the question you styled yourself Chief Magistrate - I challenge its adoption -

I am quite aware that the Colonial Secretary has appeared as Government Prosecutor on some questions affecting the Harbour Regulations, but more frequently subordinate officials have appeared. -

I am not inclined however to nominate him on the present occasion, this Gentleman so recently having received great discouragement from the Chairman and the Court.

In recapitulation, on Thursday a brutal assault takes place unknown to the Police - on Friday it is reported to the Governor who orders prompt Government Prosecution, but the Stipendiary Magistrate throws technical difficulties in the way, the consequences are, serious crime remains unpunished, and unheeded, so likely to lead to that which cannot be hid, the loss of life!

I have &c
(sd) F. D'Arcy
Governor.

The Hon^ble
E. I. Smith Esq^re
Stipendiary Magistrate.

G. A. S. F. I.
November 16 1874.

Sir

I am sorry you have been put to inconvenience by having imparted to me in a casual conversation the assault on Janet Hart – I thought however at the time from the tones of your voice and manner that you viewed the assault as I did one worthy of stern notice, – however, still I think, on reflection, you will see that it is incompatible with my position to receive in silence the information of so brutal an assault when an officer of your profession details its circumstantial occurrence. –

It is not the duty of the Governor to interfere in the ordinary business of the subordinate departments except on special grounds when he sees the duty is not performed – the case was special – the Police had no knowledge of the cruel assault until I wrote to the Magistrate, although you had been called in to set the poor Woman's arm – How comes it so ? the answer is simple – because the victim is friendless – depositions are not brought to the Magistrate and the crime is condoned by the apathy of Neighbours and the want of zeal on the part of the Constable – such weak policy led, it is well known, to the murder in the Murray family in this town some years ago –

ago— the brutality of the Murderer not having been checked by punishment on the first occasion of assault.

The Magistrate having thought proper to make obstacles to the Prosecution taking place, the man will probably escape with impunity, but at the same time the visit of the Constable and the Inquiry will just show that his brutality has been marked, and that he may not get off so easily another time, and a good moral effect has been gained; defenceless Women will see that the Government is desirous to protect them.

To Surgeon Rodgers R.M. &c &c &c

I have &c
(sd) G D'Arcy
Governor

C.A.J.L.I.
17th November 1874

Sir,

In so small a community the appointment of Public Prosecutor for such an assault would be invidious. I think the object has been gained by the feeling of indignation which is rife against the man, he will see that he is on dangerous ground.

Meanwhile I am glad that you think the act worthy of punishment.

I have &c
(sd) G D'Arcy
Governor

The Honble
C J Smith Esqre
&c &c &c
Stipendiary Magistrate

Stanley
12 November 1874

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th instant regreting that you cannot make the alterations I desire as the minute is correctly reported.

I did say that the two men were permitted an interval of 1½ or 2 days to regain their lost strength before going to hard labour, which time was considered necessary after a weeks solitary confinement, and a diet of bread and water, during a period of unusually severe weather even in this climate; I respectfully submitted at the time to the bench this consideration on the part of the Governor was not altering a sentence, nor can I admit that Mr Bailey's minute is in any sense accurately recorded that "I denied and then admitted that it was done, and gave the reasons why"

I regret that you decline to consider Mr Bailey's minute erroneous, consequently it is my intention respectfully to send in my resignation as Justice of the Peace to the Governor.

I have &c
(sd) G Travis
Actg. Col. Sec.

The Hon.ble
E. T. Smith Esqre
Stipendiary Magistrate

G. G. S. F. I. ℔
November 15. 1874

Gentlemen

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th September 1874 forwarding a Lease of Station No 9, and Weddel Island, West Falkland, requiring my signature to complete the assignment to Mr Elder

This I have done and had the Lease and deed of assignment registered the fees amounting to 30/ have been paid by Mr Williams.

Messrs Murray Hutchens & Co
11 Birchin Lane
London E.C.

I have &c
(sd) G Travis
Acty Col Secy.

Government Office
Stanley Falkland Isds
16 Nov 1874

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15 June and of 22 July enclosing the Certificates of Sale and of Registry of the "Ada" late of this Port

The Acty Registrar of Shipping
℔ ℔ ℔
Mauritius.

I have &c
(sd) G Travis
Registrar of Shipping
℔ ℔ ℔

Colonial Secretary's Office
Stanley Falkland Islands
16th November 1874

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to inform you that Mr. Samuel Kent, Master of the Schooner "Sangsear" of Dartmouth, which vessel was wrecked on this Island on the 4th September last, is provided with a passage up to Montevideo per "Black Hawk" as a distressed British Seaman

Major J. St. John Munro
H. B. M's Consul
Monte Video

I have &c
(sd) G Travis

G.H.S. 17 Nov. 1874

Sir,

I have the honour to acquaint you that I have this day accepted the resignation of Mr. Travis of his Office of Justice of the Peace.

Lieut. T. Smith R.E.
Chairman of the Court
&c &c &c
Stanley.

I have &c
(sd) J. St. Hill
Governor

G.P. Stanley
Novemb 19th 1874

Sir /

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that he requires for Government purposes the end Cottage of the Government buildings, and he requests you will be pleased to give me the Key on the 1st of January

I am &c
(Sd) G Travis
ADC.

A Bailey Esqr
&c &c &c
Stanley.

G.O. Stanley
21st Nov. 1874

Sir /

In reply to your letter of yesterday the Governor directs me to inform you that it quite escaped his recollection that you held the Office of Registrar General. -

Before the 1st January a Government cottage will be placed at your service for an Office but arrangements have been Concluded to sell the end Cottage -

I am &c
(Sd) G Travis
ADC.

A Bailey Esqr
Registrar General
&c &c &c
Stanley.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
November 26 1874

My Dear Sir

Our differences having become intensified within the past year, to make matters lucid it is necessary to recapitulate.

The intrinsic value of the Cemetery Chapel was £45. I conceived it my duty, even at the risk of offending the good Bishop in January 1873 not to forego such an asset to the chest; one year afterwards you thought it your duty to protest against my official act, but not satisfied with this constitutional course you appealed to the people in an illegal assemblage, a few days after you had given me the holy communion;

More recently, I desired to realize £75 for the Government by the sale of the glebe. You again protested, but again not satisfied with the usual proper course, you elected to forward my private letters to the Secretary of State, making public the proposition I had made to you in confidence relative to poor Mrs Goss!!

Your excited faction on the Cemetery question and evidently tried (and you may have succeeded) to do me an injury in the Glebe question; moreover your letter to the S. A. M. Magazine was sent to me from a high quarter in England and I was compelled to answer each statement seriatim!!!

Your

Your conduct from my point of view, seems to shew an inherent disregard of the ordinary courtesies of official life, coupled with a determination to injure ~~one who never~~ injured you –

How is it possible for me to feel kindly to you after all this? I am not a Xtian of the 1st or 2nd century – Christian charity requires men at all seasons to do to others as they would be done by; your slight admission of want of mildness in your communications with me is hardly sufficient to incline me to forget, what I conceive are breaches of charity, but which I have no doubt from your professional zeal you regard as praiseworthy.

Very faithfully Yours
G D'Arcy
Governor

To the Rev A. C. Lory
Acting Colonial Chaplain
Stanley.

G. H. S. L. I.
Nov 26 1874

The Governor has the pleasure to send Mrs Doolan five beautiful pounds £5
to be applied for the use of the little girl Emily Williams in the best way Mrs Doolan thinks proper This money was left behind by Tom Silburd her step Father for this purpose. Mrs Doolan will be pleased to sign the receipt.

Mrs Doolan
Stanley.

(sd) G D'Arcy
Governor &

Government Office
Stanley 30th Nov 1874.

Sir

I am directed by his Excellency the Governor to send you particulars of the following Crown Grants issued this day.

No of Grant	Date of Grant	Name of Grantee	Quantity and Discription
217	25th June 1874	Horace N Watts	¼ of an acre Lot 9 Sec A
218	26th —	— do —	— — 10 —
219	14th July	— do —	— — 11 —

To Arthur Bailey Cooper
Registrar General
& & &
Stanley

(sd) G Francis Cooper
Act. Col. Sec.
& & &

Government Office
Stanley 1st December 1874

Sir,

I have the honour to send you particulars of the undermentioned Crown Grants which have been issued viz:-

No of Grant	Date of Grant	Name of Grantee	Quantity & Description.
214	31st Dec/73	Thos Silbura	24 poles No 8 Pensioners Cottage Allotments.
215	27 Oct/73	A Petalsega	160 acres Station No 37 N San Carlos River.
216	15th April/74	I Llamosa	320 Acres Station Nos 36 & 42 Middle Point & Elephant Creek

To Arthur Bailey Esqre
Registrar General
Stanley

(sd) G Travis
Lt. Col. Secy.

Government House
Stanley December 4th 1874

Sir /

I have the honour to request you will be pleased to allow this Government to purchase the following articles for use of the Public Service. viz:- 10 yds No 1 Canvas
25 do white serge
for making cartridge bags and
100 lbs Gunpowder

I have &c
(sd) G D'Arcy
Col & Governor

Com- J. A. Wetherall R.N.
H.M.S. Fawn
Stanley Harbour

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
4th December 1874.

Sir /

In forwarding the Accounts Current, by the mail of 16th of November for the Quarters ending the 30th September, and the 31 December 1874, I regret that I omitted to enclose the Vouchers in support of the payments.

H.M.S. "Fawn" homeward bound takes a Mail as far as Ascension, it will then be transferred to a Royal Mail Packet, so that I trust the enclosed vouchers will reach your Department next month, and that the omission and delay may not be productive of serious inconvenience.

I have &c
(sd) G Travis
Act. Col. Secy.

To the Under Secretary of State
for War

G. A. S. H. I.
10th December 1874

My Dear Doctor.

Inasmuch as the charge against Williams of Portugal was made to the Acting Colonial Secretary in the Government Office by the Master of the Screw Schooner "Lima" I think it is only fair to send for the master and Williams of Portugal tomorrow and explain to the former in the presence of the latter that the charge under to-days scrutiny has broken down

This will stop Shippers talking carelessly and at the same time shew Williams of Portugal that the Government are bound to notice such complaints which you are aware all Masters and Captains of H.B.M's Cruizers (the Prince included) invariably have brought against the Public Houses G Stanley

Yours very faithfully
G D'Arcy
Gov

The Honble Dr Walker Cooper
&c &c &c
Stanley

G. A. S. I. S.
29 December 1874

Sir

When you informed me that the Prisoner Louis Mieson obtained my consent to remaining as an Alien on the Island, so circumstantial a statement I thought such must have been the case - but recently I have seen the man, and after steadily regarding his countenance I most emphatically deny ever having seen him before.—

The finger of a Woman is trained by practice to the minute manipulation of elaborate work, in the same way the eye of an Adjutant is trained to note the countenances of 1000 men, in such daily observance that his eye is never at fault in identity, such an appointment I held for many years in the 9th Regt my evedence therefore that I never saw the man before carries weight and conviction.

In answer to your Letter of the 17th instant I have to state that I decline to put the Government to the expense of removing the Prisoner from the Islands at the expiration of his term of punishment.

I have &c
G D'Arcy
Governor

The Hon.ble Dr Wallis Esqre (M)
Acting Chairman of the Magistrates Court

&c &c &c &c &c &c

Stanley

G.H.S.I.
31st December 1874

My Dear Dr

Will you do me the favour to instruct the Clerk to the Magistrate to leave all Official letters at the Office and not at Government House. the Messenger is then responsible that they are delivered much valuable time was lost yesterday by Fellows having left your official at the House, where it remained perdu for hours amidst the pots and pans of the kitchen, and found there by the Office Messenger by accident.

I need not point out to you how necessary it is previous to the departure of the Mail not to leave the delivery of an Official letter to chance, the greatest care is necessary to secure a prompt delivery otherwise great inconvenience to the Public Service is sure to follow.

Very sincerely yours
G. D'Arcy
Governor

The Hon^ble Dr Watts Cogle
Acting Chairman of the Magistrates Courts
Stanley

Government House
Stanley 19 Nov 1874.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward the Account Current of this Government for the Quarter ended 30th June 1874, shewing a slight balance in my favour of Two pounds, eleven shillings expended in behalf of the mate of the Schooner "Ann Brooks" O.N. 29,841 of London wrecked in Fox Bay West Falkland Island on the 18th of April last

The Assistant Secretary
&c &c &c
Finance Department
Board of Trade London

I have &c
G D'Arcy
Governor

G.H. S.F.I.
18 December 1874

My Dear Dr Rodgers

If you refer to my note again you will see I request you to let me have the pay lists or unsigned vouchers claiming a fee of Two Guineas for giving the Court Medical Opinion in the recent stabbing case - which Parry or Mr Smiths Clerk took back on my refusing to give authority for the issue of these documents.

I now propose to send to the Secretary of State refering the Question, with at the same time a recommendation that as you are only subsidized by the Colonial Government in £100 I may be allowed to issue the amount in Question on this and all future occasions.

Surgeon Rodgers R.N.
&c &c &c
Stanley

Yours sincerely
G D'Arcy
Governor

Mauritius

G.H.O.F.J.
Nov 20 1874

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The Governor cannot make head or tail of the trials - the Police Book affords him no information The Governor opines that all Official Books, liable to be produced at superior Courts as evidence should be as clear and concise as a log - to instance the difficulty the Governor has experienced at Page 151 The Prisoner James Morris is committed for trial surely this is a mistake as these words are entered at the close of his trial, rather should the sentence have appeared at the foot of the trial - at Page 133 - a blank appears - which unless filled up, renders the sentence unmeaning -

At Page 133 it does not appear that the Clerk has recorded the sentence pronounced against Henry White - was he punished ?

The Governor is quite aware that the Clerk has only received his education at the Government School about equal in status to that of a Parish School in England - yet as the Government pays for the Clerk it is only due to the employer that the Stipendiary Magistrate, or the Deputy Chairman should after each trial take the trouble to see that the entries are faithfully and coherently entered otherwise the Clerk will go on making mistakes till doomsday.

Yours &c
G D'Arcy
Governor

The Hon^ble D Wallis Esq^re
Actg Chairman of the
Magistrates Court -

Government Office
Stanley 21 Dec 1874

Sir /

I am directed by H. E. the Governor to state that this will be the last mail forwarded under the present contract.

I shall settle with Mr Dean as your agent, for the number of trips you have made.

I take this opportunity in order that you may have the benefit of a few weeks although the Contract really expires on the 1st of February 1875.

A Carneross
Master of the
Schooner "Sophy"

I am &c
(S) G Travis
Acting Colonial Secretary

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
28 December 1874.

Sir /

I have the honour to forward the Cash Accounts of this Government for the months of July, August, and September 1874 supported by the usual Vouchers, also the Returns Nos 1 & 2 of all changes in the holders of Offices and new Offices created during the Quarter ending 30th September 1874.

The Comptroller &
Auditor General
&c &c &c
Exchequer & Audit Department.
Somerset House London

I have &c
(S) G D'Arcy
Governor

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
29 December 1874

Sir

I have the honour to report I have this day drawn upon your Department the following Bill viz:-

£308-4-6 No. 945 for the sum of Three hundred and eight pounds four shillings and sixpence sterling at par payable to the order of Her Majesty's Postmaster General London.

This sum represents the Balance due this Government for advances on behalf of Destressed British Seamen, as per Account Current rendered this mail for the Quarter ending 31 December 1874.

£308-4-6

I have &c
(Sd) G D'Arcy
Governor

&c &c &c

The Accountant
&c &c &c
Board of Trade
London

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
29 December 1874.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward the Account Current of this Government for the Quarter ending 31st December 1874, in respect of the distressed crews of the British ships "Sangreal" Br. 63891 of Dartmouth, the "Moss Trooper" Br. 67211 of Workington and the "Admiral Fitzroy" Br. 47858 of Swansea.

The wreck returns for the above ships were forwarded by the mail of the 15 November last. I had great difficulty in procuring lodging for so many distressed seamen which is the cause of the high rate of 3/6 a day for their subsistence.

As it was quite impossible to procure work for all I chartered the Colonial Schooner "Fairy" and sent them up to Monte Video, as being less expensive than keeping them here until the departure of the regular mail schooner for that port

I may mention that one Sailor George Davis of the "Sangreal" is still on charge he is very ill and bedridden, suffering from the severe exposure experienced by all of the crew.

I have &c
G Dobree
Governor &

The Assistant Secretary (D)
&
Finance Department
Board of Trade
London

Govt. S. F.
4 January 1875.

M. of S.

In ordering the half pay to Dr Watts to me the favour to mention to him that I consider it my duty to do so but that I hope under all the circumstances of the case - Mr Smith having been so seriously ill - the Dr Watts will make it over gratuitously to Mr Smith.

I
The Acting
Colonial Secretary.

Govt Office
Stanley 5 January 1875.

Sir,

Since I saw you yesterday afternoon I have seen Dr Watts who declines to waive his claim; I have also seen the Governor this morning I am directed to inform you that he regrets extremely that you should be monetarily a loser by your painful indisposition but as Dr Watts is clearly entitled by the regulations to half the salary for performing your duty His Excellency cannot withhold it.

I now have to forward you the salary computed accordingly. -

I have &c
(Sd) C Travis
Ag Colonial Secty

The Worshipful C. J. Smith Esqr
Stipendiary Magistrate
&c &c &c
Stanley.

Govt. House
January 5th 1875

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date together with a Bag of money, the amount of your salary for December which Mr Travis tendered to you by my direction.

I have to express deep regret that you should consider my conduct in this question of the half salary as illegal and unjust.

The Honble
C. J. Smith Esqre
&c &c &c

I have &c
(Sd) J. D'Arcy
Governor

Govt. House
January 6th 1875

Sir,

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

I am quite prepared to accept the responsibility of paying Dr Wall half your salary during the time you were unable to perform your duties. £17. 13. 3

I do not see that I can be responsible for any inconvenience which may arise from your electing not to receive your salary for the next five months. £205.

The Honble
C. J. Smith Esqre
&c &c &c

I have &c
(Sd) J. D'Arcy
Governor

G.O.S. F.I.
2nd January 1875.

Sir,

In answer to your letter of this days date I have the honor to reply that I have no information respecting the sale of the glebe to impart to you.

The Revd H.C. Lowry &c
&c &c
Stanley.

I have &c
(Sd) J. D'Arcy
Governor

G.H.S. F.I.
5 January 1875.

2

Sir,

I have received the documents you wish me to forward to his Lordship the Secretary of State.

In one part of your letter you state that

"as yet I have not received any communication from your Lordship concerning the Cemetery fence"

the substance of the Despatch in answer to your complaint in reference to the removal of the Mortuary Chapel was duly communicated to you by me in a letter September 18th 1874, no mention was however made in the Despatch in reference to the removal of the fence otherwise you would have been duly informed of it.

I am inclined to be of opinion that the rights of the Government were so obvious that his Lordship did not think it necessary to allude to so trifling a reference.—

The Revd H.C. Lowry
&c &c &c

I have &c
(Sd) J. D'Arcy
Governor

Gt. S. P.
29 December 1874

Sir,

I have the honour to forward the articles and certificate of registry of the schr "Sanspeak" O.N. 63591 lost on the East Falkland Island on the 4th September last.

Also of the barque "Moss Trooper" O.N. 51211. abandoned at sea on the 2nd October 1874; also of the barque "Admiral Fitzroy" O.N. 47058 likewise abandoned at sea on the 22nd September 1874.

I have sent to the Board of Trade the particulars of these three casualties

The Registrar General
of Shipping Seamen
&c &c
London

I have &c
(sd) G Travis
A.C.S.

Gt. S. P. I. 1st January 1875

My Lord,

I think it right to inform you that the Government has granted £50 a year towards the maintenance of a Priest in these Islands. The little congregation are very grateful to your Grace for taking so much interest in their spiritual welfare.

They are anxiously waiting for the Bishop of Buenos Ayres who has promised to return their title deeds of the acre of town land which they purchased from the Colonial Government thirty years ago - on the delivering of these papers to the Merchant who supplied the building materials, the debt of the little Chapel will be but trifling as your Grace will see by the perusal of the enclosed.

Mrs D'Arcy joins with me in deep respect and veneration of your Graces useful life, and I have the honour to remain

His Grace
Archbishop Manning
&c &c
London

Most faithfully yours
(sd) G D'Arcy
Colonial Secretary

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands &
1st January 1874.

Sir /

In reply to your letter as per margin
respecting my having overdrawn by Fifty
pounds the Amount due this Government for
the period ending 30th April last for sums
advanced on behalf of Distressed British Seamen,
I have to state that the two small Drafts
for £30 and £20 were lost sight of at the
time of my drawing a draft for the full
Amount.

I regret that this mistake has occurred,
it is however rectified in the Account Current
for the Quarter ending 31st December 1874,
transmitted to your Department by this
Mail.

I observe that under all the
circumstances of the case you have nevertheless
honoured my Draft, for which I beg to
express my acknowledgements. –

I 1147 6/74
of 23 October
£ 30

£88..11..6

The Assistant Secretary
&. &. &.
Finance Department
Board of Trade
London

I have &c
(sd) G Travis
Actg Col Sect.
&. &. &.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
1st January 1875.

Sir/

I have the honour to enclose a draft dated 29th December 1874 for the sum of £308.4.6 Sterling at par - drawn in favour of H.M.s Postmaster General on the Accountant Board of Trade. £308.4.6

Also a Draft No 5 dated 29 December 1874 for the sum of £56..18/ sterling at par in favour of H.M.s Postmaster General and drawn on H.M.s Paymaster General. £56.18/

The proceeds of these two Bills when realized I request may be placed to the credit of this Government.—

Genl
Receiver & Accountant General Post Office London.

I have &c
(D) G Travis
Actg Col Secty.

&c &c &c.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
28th January 1878.

Sir,

On a brassing riveted into a rock, on the beach at the old settlement of Port Louis Berkeley Sound there is an inscription, placed there by the Officer Commanding the first Commission of H.M.S. Ships "Erebus and Terror" in 1832, to the effect that the plate is placed five feet eight inches above the mean level of the ocean.

5'.8 — 5 ft. 8 in.

There is a very prevalent idea amongst scientific Men, that these Islands have risen of late years, under correction I imagine this hypothesis might be ascertained by again taking the mean level of the ocean.—

If the service you are upon will allow the time to be spared for this observation I have the honour to request that you will be pleased to undertake this duty I will place a Government Pilot at your disposal who is well acquainted with Berkeley Sound.

I have &c
G D'Arcy
Colonel & Governor

(D)

Commander Hammer R.N.
H.M. Ships "Daring"
Stanley Harbour

L. L. L.

Government Office
Stanley Falkland Islands
Feby 1st 1875.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th January, in which you announce your determination not to try Grierson on Mr Waldron's committal"

"as it would be illegal to do so, inasmuch as that Gentleman has not been duly appointed a Justice of the Peace according to Law"

I have to refer you to a sentence in the Charter for the Government of these Islands by which you will perceive I have the power of administering oaths to the Gentlemen I appoint as Justices of the Peace; without the warrant of this high authority, myself and Predecessors would not venture to do so.

It becomes my duty to point out that you are incurring a grave responsibility by throwing obstacles in the course of Justice, so necessary to enforce in the remote dependancy of the West Island where Women and children have only the moral force of the law as their protection

I have &c
G D'Arcy
Governor

The Hon^le
E. T. Smith Esq^re
&c &c &c
Stipendiary Magistrate

(O).

Government Office
Stanley Falkland Islands
February 1st 1875.

Sir,

In answer to your letter of this date I am at a loss how to make its contents agree with yours of the 30th January.

In the former letter you inform me of your intention not to try Greerson on Mr Waldron's committal, yet in the latter you apply to me to appoint a Prosecutor, the man having been committed for trial.

Before taking any steps to appoint a Government Prosecutor, I wish to be informed how I am to receive the one determination with the other fact.

I have &c
(D) G D'Arcy
Governor

To The Honble
E. J. Smith Esqre
&c &c &c
Stipendiary Magistrate

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
February 1st 1875.

Sir,

I have communicated with Lt Sweny the Commanding Officer of the Royal Marines on the subject of your letter, the day your Exlcy has named Thursday next, will be a convenient day for the inspection, I have ordered the Government Works to be closed for that purpose.

I have &c
(D) G D'Arcy
Colonel & Governor

To
Rear Admiral Randolph C.B.
&c &c &c
H.M.S. "Narcissus"

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
2nd February 1875.

Sir,

I have the honour to request you will be pleased to allow this Government to purchase from the Officer in charge of Naval Stores 10 yards of No 1 Canvas to repair the hose of the Government fire Engine.

Rear Admiral Randolph CB.
H.M.S. "Narcissus"
Commanding the Detached Squadron

I have &c
(Sd) G D Arey
Colonel & Governor

Government Office
Stanley Falkland Islands
2nd February 1875.

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to send you your salary for the month of December last amounting to £24.9.1; also for January your full salary of £41.13.4 Dr Watts having waived the five days salary in that month viz: from the 1st to 5th January.

£24.1.9
£41.13.4

To
The Hon'ble E. T. Smith
&c &c &c
Stipendiary Magistrate

I have &c
(Sd) G Travis
Acty Col Secretary
&c &c &c

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
February 2nd 1875

Sir,

Your letter of the 30th January was not sufficiently explicit, I answered it at once before I received the one dated February 1st from the contents of the former I naturely conceived the trial was waived or placed in obeyance until Mr Waldron could be sworn in according to your reading of the law.

As I did not receive your answer to my letter of yesterday before 9 O'clock this morning time did not permit of my appointing a Government Prosecutor.

The Charter was framed by the Imperial law Officers to suit the exigences of a young Colony, it is alone my guide and I think in such a delicate matter might have been yours.

In the absence of all legal acumen your action in this matter is to me perplexing, on Mr Waldrons committal you throw the alleged culprit into the common jail, refusing to go into the question of bail until eleven O'clock the next day, when you accept bail of £100, on what committal? on Mr Waldrons; some days afterwards you elect not to try the alleged culprit because it would be illegal to do so inasmuch as that Gentleman has not been duly appointed a justice of the peace according to law - "Before he can act in that espacity he" "must be sworn in on a week day and" "in open court before 12 O'clock in the forenoon"

But on the receipt of my letter of

of February 1st it became evident to you that the Governor is the proper authority to administer oaths, you then alter your reading of the law by throwing the alleged illegality on the day of administration being faulty - circumstances alter cases - the sacred character of the day was well considered by Mr Waldron and myself but the Saturday previous to the Sunday in question it was found impossible to communicate with the shore - had we administered the oaths on the following Monday Grierson who resided 20 miles up the country could not have been arrested before Tuesday and my departure with the witnesses might have been delayed the greater part of the week at an expense to the Government of £4 a day.

When I reflect on the fatigue, trouble, and expense Mr Waldron underwent by his long journey to Stanley for the sole purpose of asking your advice, and how desirous he was to act accordingly I cannot help placing a record that I consider your having set aside this Gentleman's committal is passing a reflection on the Governor of the colony and is by no means complimentary or kind towards a Brother Magistrate on the first occasion of the exercise of his honorary duties.

I have &c
G D'Arcy
Colonel & Governor

To
The Hon^ble
E. I. Smith Esqre
(or)
Stipendiary Magistrate

G. H. S. L. I.
February 3rd 1875

Sir,

Adopting the usual constitutional course on such occasions I have the honour to request you will furnish me with your notes on the trial of yesterday.

I have &c
(S) G D'Arcy
Colonel & Governor

The Hon^ble
E. J. Smith Esqre
Stipendiary Magistrate
&c &c &c

G. H. S. L. I.
February 3rd 1875.

Sir,

The documents in question I received a few days before my departure for the West Islands and they will be duly forwarded to the Secretary of State, to do otherwise would be to contravent the Regulations

I was not aware that you required a receipt otherwise I would have forwarded one.

I have &c
(S) G D'Arcy
Colonel & Governor

The Hon^ble
E. J. Smith Esqre
Stipendiary Magistrate
&c &c &c

Memo^d of Service /

G. A. I. I. C.

Sunday. February 1^st 1845.

At about 4 P.M. the Admiral and his flag Lieut called on me - with swords on - an official visit - and after a few words of courtesy, he requested me to help him in a difficulty - that his 1^st class liberty men, had leave to come on shore after 4 months on board ship, but that every door being closed upon them, and they being wet from the rain, He requested that I would allow as an extreme case - (circumstances altering cases) the public houses to be opened for the remainder of the day, and that he would be answerable that the conduct of the men would be correct, with perhaps one or two exceptions in such a number of liberty men -

Accordingly I sent a letter to the Publics desiring them to open Sessame -

After this missive had been sent I received Mr Smiths letter No 1 in the Admirals presence I sent for Parry and told him what I had done with my compliments to Mr Smith

At dinner about 6. I received Mr Smiths letter marked No 2.

Signed G. D'A

G. H. S. J. I.
February 5/1875.

Sir,

In answer to your letter of this date I have the honour to reply that I have the pleasure to grant you six weeks leave of absence under the usual certificate.

Relative to the query contained in the 2nd Para of your letter I have only to refer you to the 133 Section of the Regulations but the Magistrate whom you select to do your duty must be approved of by me.

I have &c
(Sd) G D'Arcy
Colonel & Governor

The Honble
E. T. Smith Cooper
Stipendiary Magistrate

G. H. S. J. I.
February 6th 1875

Sir,

I hasten to answer your letter in order not to throw any unnecessary delay to your departure which appears to be so necessary after your illness.

No part of your salary will be stopped during your absence of six weeks all provided you make "such arrangements as may be necessary for the adequate discharge of your duties without cost to the public."

I take occasion to reiterate that the same Magistrate with whom you made the arrangement to perform your duties will have to

to be submitted for my approval.

The Certificate was simply suggested in order that you might possibly avail yourself of the 154th Section.

I have &c

The Honble
C. J. Smith Esqe
&c &c &c

G D'Arcy
Governor

Government House
February 12/87 5-

My Dear Sir

Will you do me the favour to accept one of my flock for your mess - I was sorry not to have seen you when you called, and only wish that your stay had been longer to have shewn you some attention, Mrs D'Arcy joins with me in wishing you a pleasant cruize, and health and strength in your useful life - Mr Hall has told us how kind and considerate you are to all, and how you reverence ways of thinking different from your own. Beleive me to be

Very faithfully yours
G D'Arcy
Governor

To the Revd
Saml Keenah
Chaplain
H.M.S. "Narcissus"

Government House
13th February 1875

Dear Mr Waldron

Mrs Duncan quite agreed to Mrs D'Arcy's proposal that as long as the little girl Margaret Hunter remained in my Wife's service she was to attend the Catholic Church and School;

This arrangement I think ought to receive the sanction of Mrs Grierson the Mother.

Will you do me the favour to obtain this for me, or take steps to remove the Child to a Protestant roof.

Yours very faithfully
G D'Arcy
Governor &c

To J. S. Waldron Esqre
&c &c &c
Port Howard

Government House
12 February 1875

Sir

I am desirous you will accept on the part of this Colonial Government an expression of thankfulness for having granted my requisition to change the flagstaffs of this settlement, and I trust you will be pleased to convey to the Staff Commander Mr Going, who had Command of the Working party, my great satisfaction at the skillful and effective manner he has completed the change so necessary to our seafaring community.

Communication with the Light House and thence to the distressed shipping in the Offing is now re-established by the material aid you have in your consideration bestowed.

I have &c
G D'Arcy
Colonel & Governor

To His Excy
Rear Admiral Randolph C.B.
Commander in Chief
&c &c &c

C.S. 73.
12 February 1875.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward the Report of this Government with the Board of Trade, in respect of Cape Pembroke Lighthouse for the quarter ended 31st December 1874

The Secretary
&c &c &c
Board of Trade
London

I have &c
(Sd) D'Arcy
Governor

Gov. S. F. I.
February 15th 1875

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to enclose a copy of a receipt from the late Archbishop of Buenos Ayres in which his Grace acknowledges having in the year 1861 received two documents belonging to the congregation of Irish Catholics resident in the Falkland Islands, No 7 being a crown grant of land which has since been exchanged by the Catholics for material wherewith to build a Chapel on another site.

The arrangement was made by the sanction of the Revd Father Walsh in April 1872, who promised to arrange on his arrival at Buenos Ayres, that the Crown Grant left in trust with his Grace should be returned to the congregation for the purpose of liquidating the debt.

I &c

It is presumed that the Archbishop cannot have received the many letters which have been sent requesting the return of the deeds of these Islands to move your Excellency to use your powerful interest to procured the documents as their interests are injured by the long delay.

In the event of your Excellency complying with the request of these British subjects I will esteem it an act of courtesy.

I have &c
(Sd) G. D'Arcy
Colonel Governor

H.E.
The Hon.ble L. S. Sackville-West
H.B.M.s Minister
&c &c &c
Buenos Ayres.

Gt. S. P.O.
6 February 1875

Gentlemen/

According to instructions received from his Lordship the Secretary of State for the Colonies I have the honour to forward the account current of the Colonial Post Office with the General Post Office London, which shows a balance in favour of the latter of £1028-1-7. sterling, which amount I request you will be pleased to pay, and place to the debit of this Government. — £1028.1.7.

The Crown Agents for the Colonies
&c — &c — &c

Spring Gardens
London.

I have &c
(Sd) G.D. Lacy
Secretary

Gt. Stanley
17th February 1875

Revd Sir/

In answer to your letter of yesterday I have to refer you to mine of the 6th January 1875 to your address.

The Revd H.C. Lowry
&c — &c — &c
Acting Colonial Chaplain
&c — &c — &c

I have &c
(Sd) G.D. Lacy
Secretary

G.O. S.J.
16th February 1875.

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to forward the Account Current of this Post Office with the General Post Office London for the quarter ended 31st December 1874.

£1,020. 1. 7. I am to inform you that the large balance standing to your credit will be liquidated at the commencement of the financial year 1875-76 by the Crown Agents for the Colonies who are furnished with a Duplicate of this A/c.

In future they will pay you direct every quarter.—

The Receiver & Accountant General & General Post Office London.

I have &c
(Sd) G. Travis
Postmaster

G. H. S. J. I.
17th February 1875.

Sir, I have to refer you to my letter of the 3rd February wherein I requested to be furnished with your notes on the trial of William Brierley.

In answer you stated that the entry of the trial in the Magistrates book would be completed in the course of the day. One fortnight having elapsed since the date of your letter I have to request you will supply me with the information I am entitled to receive without further delay.—

The Honble
C. J. Smith Esqr
Stanley

I have &c
(Sd) G. H. Darcy
Justice

Camp Mt. Stanley
18th February 1875

Sir/

In answer to your letter of the 17th February I have to reply that I do not consider the two service letters you allude to require answers. —

The Hon'ble C. J. Smith Esqr

I have &c
(Sd) G. D'Arcy
Foreman

Camp Mt. S. 79.
18th February 1875

Sir/

In answer to your letter dated yesterday in which you protest against Mr Charles Williams having been allowed to build a house on a vacant piece of land belonging to the Crown, I have the honour to inform you that he has been ordered to discontinue the work until such time as it can be ascertained by a study of the town plan whether the vacant spot is a street or a common. —

The Hon'ble C. McDonald Esqr
Stanley

I have &c
(Sd) G. D'Arcy
Foreman

G. A. Stanley
20th February 1875.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th February 1875.

The Hon'ble
C. J. Smith Esqr
&c &c &c

I have &c
(Sd) G D'Arcy
Governor

G A Stanley
26 February 1875.

My Dear Lieut,

When the Reservoir is finished I wish to propose with your concurrence a Recreation for the men in conjunction with Geological Colonial research, what do you say to encamping the men say at the head of the Bay in a dry spot near a stone run when they might by aid of Picks and shovels test the depth of the stone stream? they might take their guns and work in watches by degrees.

The Pilot Boat might take down their bedding, commissariat &c

Lieut Lowry R.N.
&c &c &c
Comg the Garrison

Your &c
G D'Arcy
Governor &c

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
March 1st 1875.

Sir,

In answer to your letter requesting that the road in front of your premises may be widened I have the honour to inform you that it is inconvenient to do so at present, but I have no doubt that before long, it will be necessary to widen the road throughout.

To the Honble
Dr Wallis
&c &c &c

I have &c
(sd) G D'Arcy
Governor

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
28 February 1875

Sir,

The Pilot Ratcliffe having reported that communication was held between the shore and the Brig "Chieftain" before your visit, by a boat owned by the Company and also by one belonging the Master of the "Levant" I have to request that you will favour me with your report in corroboration or otherwise of this statement.

To the Honble
Dr Wallis
Colonial Surgeon
&c &c &c

I have &c
G D'Arcy
Governor &c

Government Office
Stanley Falkland Islands
5th March 1875

Sir,

I am desired by the Governor to request you will be pleased to inform me what charge you will make for defining by Colour the difference between special and suburban lots.

I have &c
D. C Travis
Acty Col Secty

Arthur Bailey Esqre
Registrar General
&c &c &c

Government Office
Stanley March 8th 1875

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 6th instant, the land required to be defined by colour is the special suburban land of Stanley.

I am Sir &c
G Travis
Acty. Col. Secty.

Arthur Bailey Esqre
Registrar General
&c &c &c

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
8th March 1875.

My Lord

I have the honour to enclose for your information copies of a correspondence between his Lordship the Secretary of State for the Colonies and myself and I have to express my regret at being compelled to do so.

To The Rt Revd
Bishop Stirling
Care of H.B.M.s Consul
Monte Video

I have &c
(sd) G D'Arcy
Governor &c

Government Office
Stanley March 8th 1875.

Sir

I have the honour to send you particulars of the undermentioned Crown Grant which has been issued this day.-

No of Grant	Date of Grant	Name of Grantee	Quantity & Discription
220	15th of December	Geo Natt	24 Perches Sec 82 C and Dwelling House

I have &c
(sd) G Travis

A Bailey Esqre
Registrar General
&c &c &c

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
March 9th 1875

Gentlemen,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th of March in which you draw my attention to the alleged unsatisfactory working of the harbour regulations, as far as regards Quarantine, you add moreover that so vague are the regulations that "it is not a matter of surprize to find prosecutions undertaken which cannot be sustained, or a shipmaster fined for transgressing regulations which he has not understood or which have evidently so little importance in the eyes of the Authorities that they have not been communicated to him until four days after his arrival in the Port."

2. This somewhat severe Criticism on the Spirit of the Port Regulations I will answer seriatim, but in justice to those under me in authority I have to inform you that you are quite in error with reference to the latter part of the quotation. A copy of the Port Regulations was tendered to the Master of the "Levant" in Port Harriet, and subsequently accepted by the Master on the day of his arrival in Port Stanley.

3. You pay me a compliment in your letter, and I thank you for it sincerely, when you state, that my sole desire is to protect the health of the community, in a small

Island

Island-Colony like ours, infantile diseases are not indigenous but they are only rife when imported, it becomes the duty of the Executive, narrowly to watch with jealous scrutiny all attempts at the infraction or the evasion of the Quarantine Regulations.- On the occasion some years ago when the master of the Schooner "Lucaturo" signed a false health return, the measles carried off an Adult together with several children, the Government was blamed by the people for not having enforced a strict Quarantine.

4. Were I to consent to a modification of the Law as you suggest, the arrangement would simply result in there being no Quarantine, inasmuch as the Health Officer does not scruple in the course of his duty to place a few seafaring men - strangers - in Quarantine, but it would be too much Roman virtue to expect of this Functionary sufficient moral courage to detain for a fortnight the influential sitters and Crews of our shore boats, who might in their lawful occasion find it necessary to board vessels in Port William.

5. The good which has accrued and is likely in all time to accrue to the settlement by Quarantine is but negative and is not apparent, therefore not appreciated, but it is impossible to imagine what misery and distress the Inhabitants might have undergone had the seriously infected Crew of the "Excelsior" been allowed free ingress to the town.

6. You request me to do that which I

consider

consider tantamount to removing the quarantine altogether; this is a responsibility I shrink from undertaking, even to advance so great a desideratum as the trade of the Port.

I have &c
(sd) G D Arey
Governor &c

F. E. Cobb Esqre
&c J M Dean Esqre
&c &c &c
Stanley

No 2

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
9th March 1875

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday the 8th in which you explain that having received a subpoena you felt bound to attend the Court;

2. This reason is not satisfactory, Mr Cobb I imagine would not have taken the liberty of taking out a subpoena for your attendance if you had not expressed a desire to give evidence on the occasion.

3. I shall always regard this an act of supererogation on your part, shielding a Delinquent although cautioned by the proper authority, on no account to take a letter on board, deliberately set[ting] the laws of the colony at defiance; since I despatched my letter of yesterday, I find you have been apportioned one guinea from the costs of £3-17-10 which sum the government has to defray, the £1.1/- £3.17.10

anomaly

anomaly of your election is to my mind without a precedent, a Servant of the Crown receives compensation for time expended in defeating the local Government in the Court of the Colony when from the Government Chest he receives a considerable portion of his Salary.

4 I write more in sorrow than in anger, sorry that an Officer who some future day may obtain high rank and command should so publicly endeavour to obstruct the Governor in his endeavours legally to save the community from the distress and anguish so likely to be caused by the importation of a malignant disease* that does not confine itself to children in the Falklands but attacks with fatal violence Adults and heads of families.

I have &c.
(S.) G. D. Grey
Governor &c.

Lieut Lawrence R.M.
Comg the Garrison

*(was it for saving Dennis & Co Cattle from the Epizootic?)

No 1. Cart before the Horse & before the 9th Inst. re imprest

Government House
Stanley 8th March 1875.

Sir,

In the records of the Magistrates Book on the 4th inst I read a statement made by you in support of the Defendant Mr Joseph Hawkes in the following words"

"I am the officer commanding the Garrison. I have been in quarantine in Monte Video, Buenos Aires, Naples, Malta, Tyrrene, (sic) I know the quarantine Regulations, at Malta there is no regulations of (sic) prohibiting letters on board"

such evidence was apparently conclusive to the Court and the case was dismissed, the government Prosecutor having to pay the costs £3..17..10 — £3-17-10

I may be allowed also to place on record my experience of Quarantine having traveled somewhat in a varied continuous service, under the Crown of nearly 40 years; when for instance a Vessel is placed in Quarantine in the Southampton Water from the West Indies, a guard boat holds on astern, to the Guardian all letters from the shore are given in the first place, and this Functionary passes them on board at the end of a forked stick — without such a precaution the infected Ship would be surrounded by shore boats for the alleged purpose of conveying letters. — In the absence of such a staff in this Port the Pilot acting as Guardian warned the Defendant not to communicate even by letter and yet in

defiance

defiance of this caution from a constituted authority he delivered the letter!

The whole proceedings are characterized by a very limited knowledge of the subject, I opine it would have been more to the point if the Magistrates had taken the Health Officers experience as evidence in assisting their judgment instead of that of the Officer Commanding the Garrison! In Colonial annals I remember nothing so incongruous, except perhaps it may be in the celebrated case when Mr Consul Powell appeared in Court as the Advocate of the British family of Goss against the interests of the rival American family of Smyley!!!

I request in future you will obtain my consent another time before you act in any Capacity in the Courts of the Colony, and if you think I am exceeding the bounds of my authority in making this requisition the question had better be submitted to my Lords of the Admiralty.

I have &c
(s) G D'Arcy
Governor

Lieut Lowry R.M.
Commanding the Garrison

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
March 12th 1875

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th relative to the Quarantine Regulations.

1 Regarding the point, whether Ratcliffe did or did not deliver the regulations to the Master, it does not affect the question under discussion, the Master of the "Levant" owes me no allegiance, I have no power, nor is it my business to cross question this Gentleman, I can only reiterate the Pilots asseverations that he delivered the papers to the Master according to my repeated and emphatic orders.

2. Passing to the particular question of the Camel and the Goat, I may now explain that the Master of the "Jubutuyu" was not prosecuted solely in consideration of having lost a child from the disease so unfortunately introduced into the settlement, together with the palliating circumstance that Mr. Turner who was a Passenger, assured me that the character of the disease under which the child was suffering during the passage was thought on board to be trifling, otherwise he would have made known to the Authorities that disease was apparent; it was in consequence of this misconception that Clauses 22 & 23

were

were framed and a Health Officer at some expense appointed - In the case of the "Excelsior" Dr. Watts certainly delivered a letter from the Ship, but after fumigation, surely after such a precaution he is entitled to exercise a little responsibility.

3. You will perceive by a perusal of this correspondence that the Government Prosecution was not undertaken from the Pilots report, until it was confirmed by the Health Officer, who I cannot help regarding as the most qualified to give information and advice in such sanitary matters to the Governor, and to the bench of Magistrates, but at the same time the fact must not be lost sight of, that the Pilot Ratcliffe is no mean Functionary of Sanidad, inasmuch as in the event of a vessel arriving from New York or the Port of London with cholera on board, he it is who anchors her in the Quarantine ground long before the Health Officer can be communicated with!

4. I hope to return the fine to the Master of the "Levant" before he leaves the Port, as he evidently had forgotten all about the Regulations, but I confess I was disappointed that the Government did not obtain a conviction against Mr Hawkes who was warned by the Dr. and the Pilot not to communicate with the vessel until pratique had been given, yet he persisted in going alongside, showing a determination to ignore the Regulations, so unusual in a law loving British Colony.

5.—

5. Believe me I am not disturbed at your differing with me on this occasion; Quarantine is an institution, the necessity of which few think alike, notwithstanding all the reasons you have advanced I do not feel inclined to place Dr Watts in so trying a position; the Litters of the Shore Boats might be yourselves, what a responsibility he would incur by detaining you eight days on board an entering Vessel previous perhaps to the departure of the mail! No, Gentlemen, excuse me here, you ask me to do that which would emasculate the Quarantine Regulations framed for the good of all, to quote the words of one of the best men of the Century your amendment to my mind is "non possumus."

I have &c
(Sd) G D'Arcy
Colonel & Governor

To The Hon^ble
C. M. Dean Esq^re
J. E. Cobb Esq^re

Government Office
Stanley 13th March 1875.

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to request you will be pleased to furnish him with a certified copy of the proceedings in your Court on Thursday last the 4th instant viz: the Government versus Griffiths and versus Hawkes.—

I am &c
(Sd) G Travis
actg. Col. Sec.

The Hon^ble
E. T. Smith Esq^re
Stipendiary Magistrate
&c &c &c

E. C. Stanley
15th March 1875

My dear Bailey.

Will you be kind enough to send me a reply to my letter of the 8th instant? The subject is of importance and pressing

Yrs &c
(sd) G Travis

A Bailey Esq
&c &c
Stanley

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
March 16th 1875.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this days date in which you inform me that an alleged Deserter from H.M. Ship "Narcissus" has given himself up to Lieut Sweny Commanding the Royal Marines in this Settlement.

It is certainly questionable how far Lieut Sweny has the power to receive a Deserter in a British Colony where the Civil power is in force, but inasmuch as a Man of War is daily expected to arrive from the Pacific, I think the best course would be not to interfere unless the Master appeals to you in Open Court on the ground that the Mans story is a fabrication and that he is shorthanded.

I have &c
(sd) G D'Arcy
Governor

The Hon ble
E. T. Smith Esq
&c &c &c
Stipendiary Magistrate

Speech

1. On the occasion of any substantial promotion in life, it is customary for the friends of the fortunate Recipient to assemble at the festive board for the purpose of congratulating him on his accession of fortune and it is usual for the Senior friend to say a few words of hopeful encouragement to cheer him on his onward way.—

2.— At this hospitable board I see Gentlemen of the learned professions and Officers of the sister Services, all very necessary to the well being of society, they do not however hold so prominent a position towards the advancement of civilization and progress as the Merchant, but for his enterprize we should be nothing more than hewers of wood and drawers of water.— He it is who enables us to enjoy the comforts of home in this distant Colony, and he it is who in the wildest of regions, civilizes the Savage and prepares the "Via" Sacra for the Missionary.—

Our Colonial Rialto is limited in comparison with other colonies, but still the community is largely benefitted by the employment the P. S. Company gives to the Colony, and we are moreover much beholden to the enterprize of

Messrs

Messrs Dean and Son who may in conjunction with Mr Cobbs employers be styled without flattery the Merchant Princes of the Islands.—

Into this honourable fraternity our Host of this night has been called, let us congratulate him on so auspicious an occasion and wish him health and long life to enjoy his well earned position

G. St. S. N.
March 17th 1875

Sir

Under all the circumstances I think the Chief Constable is the proper person to appoint as Govt Prosecutor -

I return the copy of the deposition &c

I have &c
(Sd) E. D'Arcy
Sec.

The Worshipful
G. T. Smith Esqr
Q — Q — Q

G. St. S. N.
March 22nd 1875.

In consequence of the receipt of a petition signed by nearly all the inhabitants requesting me to exercise the mercy of the Sovereign in favour of Robert Mercer now in prison on a conviction of perjury, I hereby in virtue of the power vested in me by the Charter Declare upon him a free pardon and this is your warrant to release the said Robert Mercer. -

(Sd) E. D'Arcy
Colonial Secretary

(ES)

Robt Yates
Asst Gaoler
Stanley Gaol.

G/St S. F.I.
March 22nd 1875

Gentlemen /

In consequence of the receipt of the petition you were so considerate as to frame and sign in favor of Robert Mercer it has given me great pleasure to extend to him the mercy of the Crown.

I have &c
(Sd) G D'Arcy
Asst Secretary

To
The Revd H.C. Lory
Lieut Cyeny
Asst Surgeon Rodgers R.N.
& Stanley Esqr JP.
&
&
Stanley.

Govt Stores
Stanley 29th March 1875.

My dear Mrs Goss.

It gives me great pleasure to tell you that Lord Carnarvon, H.M.'s Secretary of State for the Colonies, has granted you a lease of the Cottage for the term of your natural life at a barley corn rent.

Very sincerely &c
(Sd) G D'Arcy

Mrs Goss.
Government Cottage No 4.

H. C. J. 9.
March 28th 1875

Gentlemen /

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd in which you ask "how it has happened that Mr Hawkes was not prosecuted for boarding the "Viking" from the River Plate before the Health Officer made his appearance on board?"

I have great pleasure in answering so pertinent and constitutional a question.

Mr Nott the pilot of the period, was the first to board the "Viking" off Point William, a stiff nine knot breeze was blowing at the time, he observed the Company's boat steering so as to drop alongside for the purpose of boarding, the Pilot endeavored to prevent this by shouting "Montevideo" his voice however was not heard, fearing an accident as the boat came so rapidly alongside he dropped a rope into the boat (you are of course aware a boat suddenly brought up is liable to capsize unless it receives the timely aid of a rope) intending thereby to tow the shore boat until the Health Officer arrived; but this act was construed by Mr Hawkes into permission to board.

The Pilot then informed him that the vessel was from the River Plate and that he was in trouble, Hawkes offered to return to his boat, but this the Pilot would not allow, thinking it better for all parties to wait for the Doctors arrival.

Mr

On the 4th Inst. giving Instructions to the Pilot and Harbour Master for Landing reported to me the transaction and I could not help viewing under such peculiar circumstances the infraction of the Law was accidental and not likely to occur again or to lead to ill effects.

Mr. Hawkes was not aware the Vessel was from the River Plate, when he becomes more experienced he will doubtless make it his duty to find out from whence a Vessel has sailed her last departure before he sends on board otherwise he will be infringing the 26th Clause of the Regulations.

All this trouble and loss of time might be so easily avoided if the Merchants would direct their employés to wait until the Vessel is at anchor according to the 24th Clause.—

I have &c
(sd) Edwd Lacy
Secretary

Messrs J. R. Dean Jnr
&
Stanley

Government Office
Stanley Falkland Islands
29th March 1875.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 14th January last respecting the Certificate of Registry of the Ship "Mop Troopen" O.N. 57.211. I forwarded the Certificate in question as well as the Certificate of the "Admiral Fitzroy" on. 47858 and the "Sangsea" O.N. 63891 to your Department on the 29th December last.

I observe that I should have sent the register to the Registrar at Worthington, and will bear this in mind in future.

I have &c
(Sd) G Davis
Registrar of Shipping

The Registrar General of Shipping & Seamen
&c &c &c
Adelaide Place London Bridge

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
April 5th 1875.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter in which you request I will exercise my perogative by remitting a fine of ten pounds inflicted by the Stipendiary Magistrate on Emile Boyer for keeping his premises open beyond the usual hours on the night of Thursday and morning of Good Friday on the occasion of a Wool harvest ball at the Stanley Arms given by the young gentry of the East and West Islands.

I have great pleasure in remitting this fine.

I have &c
(Sd) G D'Arcy
Colonel & Governor

To the Hon^ble Dr Watts Esq
Edward Ballion Esq
George Cobb Esq
E McDermott Esq

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
April 6th 1875

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st of March in which you make a requisition for certain repairs to be done to the Government Cottage set apart as your office when you held the appointment of Surveyor General.

Some time ago I requested you to vacate the Cottage in question but you explained that you were still the Registrar of the Colony and that you required an office in that Capacity, thinking at the time there was reason on your side, I expressed a desire to provide you with another cottage, the one you at present occupy being under treaty of sale, but I have since been informed that Registrars in the United Kingdom are only provided by Government with an iron chest and not with an office.

I have therefore to request you will make arrangements to vacate the office, and I will on the part of the Government furnish you with an iron chest.

I have &c
(S) G D'Arcy.
Governor &c

To
Arthur Bailey Cooke J.P.
Stanley

Government Office
Stanley Falkland Islands
April 6th 1875.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of two letters from you - one of the 9th February and the other of the 5th of April bearing on one subject - the hardships of your being suddenly compelled to drive your flocks off No 9 and 10 Sections of the North Camp of the East Island, where they have reposed for the last seven years, in consequence of Mr James Felton having purchased the lease of the Sections from the Company, the latter in consideration of the use of your lands near Port Louis having given you the use of the said Sections.

Furthermore you request that when the lease of No 9 lapses to the Government, it may not be leased to Mr Felton or the Company but to yourself, seeing that its occupation by him quite shuts your produce seared in the centre of the North Camp from the sea board.

I cannot help pronouncing your case a hard one, but as far as it has gone, the Company have only acted towards you, under the extenuating name of business, wherein lies a debateable equivocal ground, amenable to its own laws of morality, and understanding no other, over which pliable custom the Government as you are aware has no controul!

I have given however great consideration

consideration to the whole matter, and after the experience gained by 6 years of administration of these Islands, with some knowledge of the spirit of fairness towards all lessees, which prompts the action of the Government, I am decidedly of opinion that section No 9 at least, ought to be leased to you, on the lapse of its lease to Government some 6 years hence; I need not remind you that my term of Government approaches its termination, but I am sure if you show this document to the Governor of the day, it will have weight with him, when the occasion arises for renewing the lease of No 9 section.

I have &c
(S) G D'Arcy
Governor &c

To
Mr Robert Greenshields.
Stanley

G. St. Stanley
7th April 1875

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you that I have this day accepted the resignation of Doctor Maxwell Rodgers Rt. of his Office of Justice of the Peace.

The Honble
C. T. Smith Esqr
Sec. to Govt

I have &c
(Sd) G. D'Arcy
Governor

G. O. Stanley
7th April 1875

Sir,

An explicit local Ordinance, such as to be you have referred me, certainly is more to the point than imperial usage. I had overlooked this Ordinance.

You are clearly entitled to an Office as Registrar.

It may be convenient to the Government to assume charge of the Cottage you now occupy giving you another equally commodious, meanwhile the repairs you require shall be made as soon as the Foreman of Works is out of the sick list

A. Bailey Esqr
Registrar General

I have &c
(Sd) G. D'Arcy
Governor

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
7th April 1875.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter conveying your resignation of the Commission of the Peace.

I have to express my acknowledgments for the assistance you have given in aid of law and order in this British Colony.

I have &c
(s) G D'Arcy
Governor &c

To Staff Surgeon Rogers R.N.
&c &c &c

G.H. S.I.
22 February 1875

Sir,

In reply to your letter of 25th November 1874, F 1076/74 referring to the item of £6 charged for the passage of Mrs Shea to Montevideo.

I shall be glad to apply to the Husband but there is no communication between this port and Lisbon, except through England.

I enclose for your information a copy of a letter I received from Mrs Shea, and if you still wish me to apply to him I will do so.

I have &c
(s) G D'Arcy
Governor

The Assistant Secretary
&
Finance Department
Board of Trade
London &c.

G.O.C. F.I.
March 5th 1875

Sir/ I have the honour to forward the annual Return of Shipping sailing from this Port in the 3rd Decemb 1874.

I should have sent this earlier but the blank forms which I wrote for through the Crown Agents have not yet arrived.—

The Registrar General
of Shipping Seamen
&c &c &c
London Bridge &c

I have &c
(Sd) G Travis
Registrar of Shipping

Post Office Stanley F.I.
March 25th 1875

Sir/ As requested in your letter of the 14th January last numbered 68/14 I herewith enclose an amended acknowledgement of receipt for the mail from London per Bayne of the 9th September last.—

I regret the omission of the entry in question on the first acknowledgment

W. J. Page Esqr
&c &c &c
General Post Office
London.

I am &c
(Sd) G Travis
Postmaster.

G.H.S. J.N.
March 30th 1815

Sir/

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th February 1815 informing me of your having relieved Captain Brooke as senior naval officer of H.M. Squadron on the South East Coast of America.

2. I beg to convey my acknowledgments for the expression of your desire to receive any requisitions I may have occasion to make for the benefit of H.M. service.

I have &c
(Sd) G.D. Lacy
Secretary

Captain A.J. Chatfield R.N.
&c &c &c
H.M.S. Southgate
at Rio

G.O. J. I.
March 24th 1875

Sir/

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to forward the Meteorological Register for the half year ending 31st December 1874, also the Oil & Slop accounts for the months of October, November, and December, and the quarterly Implement accounts for the periods ending 31st December 1874 & 31st March 1875.

The Assistant Secretary
&c — &c — &c
Marine Department
Board of Trade
London.

I have &c
(Sd) G. Travis
Col. Sec.

G.O. J. I.
2 April 1875

Sir/

I regret that by this opportunity I am unable to do more than acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 6th January respectively the "Ada" O.N. 40502 and of the 6th February respecting the "Ellen Gardiner" O.N. 40499.

After this mail's departure I shall be able to bestow more care upon the documents you require.

The Registrar General of
Shipping Seamen
&c &c &c
London Bridge
E.C.

I have &c
(Sd) G. Travis
Registrar of Shipping

G.P.S. P.S.
2nd April 1875

Sir,

I have the honor to return the following query papers viz:-

of 14th November 1874 -	Nos 1 – 10 / 1875
of 19th November 1874	Nos 11 – 16 / 1875
of 26th November 1874	Nos 21 – 25 / 1871.
of 5th December 1874	No 37 / 1872

I hope the answers thereto will be considered explicit and satisfactory.

I have &c
(Sd.) G D'Arcy
Foreman

The Comptroller & Auditor General
&
Somerset House
London W.C

Gibt. S. F.
April 12th 1875.

Sir/

The two last paragraphs of the enclosed letter I can easily answer, but so as to enable me to set at rest the alleged report contained in the second paragraph that you are in partnership with Charles Williams I have to request you will in writing contradict this. -

I have &c
(Sd) G. Grey
Governor

The Honble
Dr Watts
&c &c &c
Stanley.

G.H.S. F.J.
14th April 1875

Sir/

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th Instant in which you inform me

1st/y That the Colonial Surgeon acted as paid Manager of the Rose Hotel during the absence in England of Wm Aldridge

2dly also you state that it is currently reported in the Settlement that the Colonial Surgeon is at present engaged in business pursuits conjointly with Charles Williams — furthermore you inquire whether the Colonial Surgeon had my permission to act as Manager of the Rose Hotel and whether he had my permission to engage in business pursuits with Charles Williams.

2. In answer to these queries I have to reply that I was not aware the Colonial Surgeon acted as paid Manager of the Rose Hotel, nor did I ever hear that he was engaged in business pursuits with Charles Williams; it is therefore scarcely necessary for me to add that he never received permission to engage in trade of any kind or description.

3. Acting as a Manager of a business which fell to a Widow, whose husband the Doctor attended in a long and fatal illness is one thing, but as a Justice of the Peace and a Member of Council to be engaged

engaged in business pursuits with a publician is quite another thing, consequently on the receipt of your letter I immediately enclosed it to the Doctor requesting him to contradict the report, which he has done emphatically.

4— I think you will see that beyond this step I cannot at present proceed without positive proof that the Doctor is engaged in trade so contrary to the rules of the Service.

The Hon.ble
E. J. Smith Esq.
&c &c &c

I have &c
(Sd) L. Decrey
Governor

St. Marys
April 15th 1875

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this day's date, with enclosures, in reference to the report that the Colonial Surgeon is engaged in trading speculations with Charles Williams, and furthermore that this gentleman has been compromised by his recent agency of the Rose Hotel.

2. Before I received your letter, the Colonial Surgeon had applied to me against your having requested him to leave the Bench at the Meeting of Magistrates to consider the propriety of renewing the licence to Charles Williams, on the grounds that you held an affidavit affirming the Surgeon was in partnership with Charles Williams, although you admitted you were in possession of my letter containing the Surgeon's emphatic denial; subsequently he learnt from Charles Williams that his evidence was taken on oath to the effect that the Surgeon was neither directly nor indirectly in partnership with him.

3. In some concern I am about to write to you for a perusal of the affidavit, when you anticipated my wishes; thereby it is not an affirmation of a fact, it is merely a belief in a current report and does not carry the weight of a brother Magistrates recorded contradiction, together with the sworn

sworn testimony of Charles Williams.

4– The affidavit, I conclude from the date, was drawn up an hour or so before the Court met, not giving you time for the consideration of so serious a matter; after much thought, I consider an apology due to the Surgeon for having asked him to leave the bench this morning for so inefficient a reason, and it will be but just that Charles Williams should have another hearing before the bench of Magistrates the Surgeon being one.

5– I do not now touch on the Rose Hotel, as it is merely the more immediate question of the licence except to add, with regret, that it is the Surgeon's views point in the whole transaction. It is unfortunate he took the agency, and although the remuneration was small yet the fact that he was a paid Agent is an infringement of the Regulations and therefore reprehensible.–

I have &c
(Sd.) G. D'Arcy
Governor

To Major
C. J. Smith Esqr
Stipendiary Magistrate
&c &c &c
Stanley.

Government House
Stanley 15th April 1875

Mr Currie

I have received your memorial of the 14th April setting forth your claim on the Government for some remuneration in consideration of the hard labour you underwent last year when under sentence.

I have not the power to award you compensation, nor do I think the Secretary of State on a review of your conduct during the short time you have been a Colonist, would be inclined to order me to do so.

It will however be a pleasure to extend to you a pardon under the seal of the Colony, which will have the effect of discharging you from all the consequences attached to your having been in gaol.—

I have &c
(S) G D'Arcy
Colonel & Governor

Mr T. Currie
Stanley

Government House
April 14 1875.

My Dear Cobb,

I gave £ s d
19 . 2 and 1 . 10 —
the children subscribed £3 . 10/- and Mrs Clarke has given the balance £6 which together with my additional subscription of 19 . 2. I have requested Stockin to leave at your office.

Next week I hope to let the Marines put the stone up, will you leave orders that it may be delivered to them for the purpose.

Meanwhile I have come across in the Consular Reports an interesting account of a system of preserving meat, which you may like to see knowing you are alive to the importance of adding another export to our Islands

See Page 125-4

F. E. Cobb Esqre
L L L
Stanley

Very sincerely yours
G D'Arcy.

Gen. S.T.J.
19th April 1875

Sir,

The contents of your letter of the 17th instant are surprising. I had no idea that you had requested the Colonial Surgeon to leave the bench when the application came on for a renewal of the licence of the Rose Hotel; all this is perfectly new matter to me, knowing as much as I do now. I must say he certainly might not to have appeared on the bench on such a day.

2. I think you must have mistaken Dr. Watts' bearing at the commencement of the proceedings the other day, he is the least likely man of my acquaintance to enact the role of Harry Prince of Wales, surely the shaking of the stick was nothing more than a nervous way of enforcing his argument!

3. You are of opinion that

"a man of honour ought
"when a charge of this kind is
"made against him to answer it
"in so solemn a manner as that
"in which the charge is preferred"

I quite agree with you provided Mr Dean substantiates the report which he believes by a solemn declaration that the Doctor is trading, and that he is prepared to prove it as your letter seems to say he is; otherwise it would surely be too much to expect

Sir
I am writing this letter
I was told by Dr Watts
that no application for
a licence was made
during Dr Watts'
superintendence of
Mrs Williams property
consequently Dr Watts
did not sit on the
Bench to hear the
application for a licence
for the Rose Hotel while
he had charge of Mrs
Williams property

GDH

27 April 1875

Sir
I have to request that you will
inform me whether Dr Watts
was present on the Bench
during the hearing of the
application for the renewal
of the licence of the Rose Hotel,
which was granted on the
19th instant.
I am Sir
Your obedient Servant
Gov. S.T.J.

Sir
I am directed by the Governor to
request that you will
inform him

expect the Doctor on so narrow a basis of acknowledged truth to deny it otherwise than he has done. There are so many rumours in this little place, without any foundation of truth, which may be believed and passed on by others and still be wholly unfounded. Therefore an affidavit of a belief in one of these rumours is no evidence of facts. It will be necessary that Mr Dean speaks of a certain knowledge before (so far as I am concerned) the Doctor can be arraigned for disobedience to the orders of the Secretary of State.

4.– I am glad the bench is disposed to grant Charles Williams a permit to dispose of his stock. I was only waiting the final result of the hearings to press the matter on your consideration, the more so when I remembered that he has lately paid £13 duty on Spirits imported from the River Plate; at the same time I cannot help feeling sorry that the licence to his Wife was twice renewed after her husband's return from Sandy Point; the delay of two years seems indicative of doubt as to the power of the bench to deprive the Woman of her licence, in a measure condoning the somewhat equivocal infraction of the Ordinance. Perhaps you are not aware that on Charles Williams' return to Stanley the propriety of taking away the licence from Mrs Williams was discussed, it was then however thought illegal to do so without a conviction of malfeasance on her part as Licencee

The Hon^ble
E. J. Smith Esq
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I have &c
(Sd) G. D. Lacy
for