Important

E.O. Stanley
20th April 1875

My dear Doctor,

Two wrongs do not make a right, surely Mr Bulli's career is not a beacon set upon a hill for other public officers to be dazzled by.

Clause 77 page 178 quite meets your case, but the Stipendiary Magistrate might with force argue "the Surgeon's agency is connected with his public duty as Justice of the Peace"

No man is a Judge of his own case you seem to forget that your position gives you certain advantages which a Merchant on whose premises you are prosecuting has not. — You can go to Court in a uniform, and the mere fact of your being in H.M's Colonial Civil Service gives you an entrée into society — these advantages you retain, whilst taking the right out of the hands of the Merchants of this town. Can you be surprized at this resentment? He that goes in the storm must expect to meet in the whirlwind.

I am afraid the real cause of this resentment is your having advised the public Authorities to get their supplies from Market Rate, bringing your Brain to bear on a most principle of local trade likely to seriously affect the interests of the two great houses of the Stanley Realm.

Mr Smith informs me that a permit to sell off is about to be given to Chas Williams — but we be thankful to get for the goods they owe us. I enclose, however, altering the Ordinance D.V.

Yrs &c
E.O. Stanley

Doctor Watts
Col Surgeon
Stanley.

Government House
21 April 1875.

Dear Mr Collins,

I may have reminded you how much the discipline of a village or parish school at home is helped by the countenance of the Lord of the Manor - his Wife and Daughters - and how we many this here - yet such an influence we may gain by canvassing employers - bye and bye when you are intimate with Mr Cobb you must relate how Short allowed Mrs Short to palaver you for attempting to teach his children habits of punctuality, of course I do not mean this advice should prevent the boy receiving the scholastic discipline tomorrow morning.

(Sd) G D'Arcy
Governor &c

J. M. Collins Esqre
School Master

G. D. Stanley
21 April 1875

Sir,

His Excellency the Governor requests your attendance at a meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on Monday next the 26th Instant at 2 Clock pm.

I am &c
(Sd) G Travis
Clerk

The Honble
J. Smith Esqre
J. M. Dean Esqre

J. C. Stanley
21st April 1875

Sir,

I am directed to forward for your perusal the enclosed draft Ordinance giving a preferable lien on Work, also a sketch of a proposed ordinance appointing Cash Inspectors in the West Indies.

I shall be glad if you will return these drafts at your convenience so that I may send them to Mr Dean for his perusal before Monday next.

I am
Sir
Your obt Servt
C. J. Smith Esqr
C.M.G.

Government House
22 April 1875.

My Dear Dr

Is this fact? that you gave Degenhardt a Br C and that it was not heeded

If the latter part of Degenhardt's letter is true I shall certainly remit his fine I consider the case one representing Zulumm and Zuberdastee as we say in India.

Please return me his letter by bearer a verbal message by Coulson will do.

Yours &c
G. D'Arcy
Governor

The Honble
Dr Walsh M.D.
&c &c &c

Govt. House
Stanley
April 22nd 1875

Sir,

I consider your letter to me of yesterday perfectly an unnecessary one.

2. I am not in the habit of remitting fines except in a very extreme case, or when moved by a memorial numerously and respectably signed.

3. In the event of Mr Degenhardt appealing against your decision I shall certainly do my duty by investigating the complaint.

4. His naturalized British Subject and householder is perfectly aware of the following sentence of a speech of Lord Carnarvon vide Hansard. August 2nd 1866

"If any Colonist suffers from injustice whatever may be his class, his condition or his colour he has a right to access at the hands of the Colonial Minister in this Country."

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

The Hon'ble R. V. Smith Esq
&c &c &c

Government House
Stanley 25th April 1855

Sir,

The Colonial Surgeon informs me that he furnished Mr Degenhardt with a medical certificate to the purport that fearing erysipelas might supervene from cold striking an injured eye it would be dangerous for him to leave the house, this important document was submitted, yet you gave it no heed but compelled him to put in an appearance at your Court.

2. In thus setting aside a medical certificate you have taken upon yourself a grave responsibility very injurious to the community amounting to a positive wrong without a remedy, hopefully unknown in a British Colony.

3. I am not disposed to allow such a public wrong in respect to a Doctor's officer's authority, and I request it may not be repeated.

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

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

P.S.

I have just received your letter of the 25th April and in reply I have the honour to state that in each and every instance I am prepared to justify my conduct to the Secretary of State

(Sd) L D'A

Lt. H. Stanley
24th April 1875.

Sir,

The Stipendiary Magistrate in a service letter relative to Robert Mercer's case whom you kindly defended says

"It was admitted by the gentleman who defended him that this man was a drunken dissipated fellow."

I admit this from intercourse Mercer is a drunkard, but scarcely dissipated!

May I ask you did you ever hear words so applicable to Robt Mercer?

The minutes in the Courts book afford no information being kept so badly.

Lt Lindsay R.A.
to
Stanley.

I have &c
(sd) H. D. Stacy
Governor

Stanley
April 24th 1875

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 24th and hasten to reply to it.

2. I have been in positions of authority and command for the last twenty four years, and have never yet succeeded to listen to a defence or to an argument in support of a case.

3. The error seribendi in the medical certificate is too palpable and unworthy of consideration.

4. I do not think I am straining an hypothesis when I put this supposition to you had Mr Degenhardt died from erysipelas, a fatal disease in this Island, might not the Widow in all justice have prosecuted the government, recovering heavy damages.

5. You refer me to legal authorities proving that medical certificates are of no moment such is evidently law in great Chancery suits or criminal trials where three judges are on the bench but surely not applicable in a Police Court, where every day I see in the Times how cases and such a case is postponed owing to the non-attendance of witnesses who send in a medical certificate, and most assuredly have such certificates been received with every respect & consideration in all the Colonial Police Courts that I have

have had any experience of.

6. Until the Secretary of State orders to the contrary you will be pleased in future to transmit medical certificates with respect and compliance as I am not inclined to yield this point, much to individuals and less to the Treasury involving greater responsibilities than I care to assume.

I have &c
(Sd) G B Smyth
Governor

The Hon'ble J. Smith Esqre
&c &c &c

Government House
Stanley 26th April 1875

His Excellency has received Mr Short's letter of complaint against Mr Collins.

His Excellency has weighed this gentleman's oral evidence of what occurred against the hearsay evidence detailed in Mr Short's letter, and his Excellency is of opinion that his letter is a complete misrepresentation of facts.

To Mr Short.
&c &c &c
Stanley

H. M. Stanley
26th April 1875

Sir,

It was not Dr. Watts' duty to give you a diagnosis of the sickness under which his patients laboured.

2. I will not allow people to be dragged out of their sick beds by your warrant, the principle of such administration of the law is oppressive and tyrannical. I request of you not to repeat it, if you persist in doing so, I have only one course to adopt.—

To Capt. E. J. Smith Esqr
&c &c &c

I have &c
(Sd) H. M. Stanley
Governor

Monday 26th April 1875

My dear Packe

We notice that the Council were about to discuss the measure was upon the board.

Such legislation is seldom if ever initiated by the government— it would only become law by your united representation.

As the Heeres are not unanimous here as to the merits of the matter. Baillon told me he was almost sure of your approval.—

Yrs &c
H. M. Stanley

Ed. Packe Esqr
Colonial Secretary
Mauritius

Government House
26 April 1875

The Governor has just been informed that Mr Robert Yates interfered between two Colonists when they were disturbing the peace by a pugilistic encounter, and especially when one was down and no longer able to defend himself.

Colonel D'Arcy wishes to express his extreme satisfaction at Mr Robert Yates conduct on this occasion although the Colonel is quite aware that his best reward is an approving conscience for having acted in so truly a Christian spirit and so like an Englishman.

Mr Robert Yates
&
Stanley

(Sd) G D'Arcy
Colonel & Governor

C.O. S. 77
April 20th 1875

Sir,

I beg to enclose the Certificate of Registry of the "Ellen Gardiner" No. 40,499 the Schooner having been sold, and registered here, for anew under the name of "Letitia" of Stanley.

The Registrar of Shipping
&
Bristol.

I am &
(Sd) J Travis
Registrar of Shipping

C.O. S. 79.
7th April 1875

Sir/

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th January last, respecting the "Ada" 1/79. O.N. 40502.

In returning herewith the Certificate of Registry endorsed in the manner prescribed by article 60 and, secondly another Copy of Transactions subsequent to Registry in Form No 20 filled in according to your instructions; I beg to be allowed to thank you for the explicit information so kindly furnished, thereby enabling me to become more perfect in this important duty.

The Registrar General of Shipping Seamen
&c &c &c
London S.E.

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

Gst. S. 79.
27 April 1875.

Sir/

I have received this day your letter in which you request me to make a representation to the Executive Council.

In answer I have to inform you that I decline doing so. —

The Hon.ble
C. T. Smith Esqre
&c &c &c

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

H. M. Stanley
28th April 1875

Sir/

By the direction of the Governor I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th April in which you intimate your wishes to record upon the minutes of the next Council your application that Dr Watts be requested to resign his seat as Member of the Board, together with his commission as Justice of the Peace. I am to add that such a proceeding only can take place before the Executive Council.—

The Stanley
E. J. Smith Esqr
&c &c &c

I have &c
(Sd) G. Travis
Clerk to the Councils.

H. M. Stanley
27th April 1875

Sir/

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 27th April and to state that I decline to withdraw any service letters I may have had occasion to write to you.

The Stanley
E. J. Smith Esqr
&c &c &c

I have &c
(Sd) H. M. Stanley
for

H.M. Consulate
28th April 1875.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th April calling upon me to substantiate certain charges I have made in official letters to your address, against your administration of justice.

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

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

Stanley F.I.
April 20th 1875.

Sir,

In compliance with your letter of the 6th February last, I have the honour to enclose a copy of the Schooner "Leleia" (late Ella Gardiner of Bristol) No. 40455 Certificate of Registry.

The new register is dated this day, and the conditions of the sale were that the Schooner's name should be changed; I have obtained the Governor's sanction to this, complied with the Schooner's absence in Tierra del Fuego, occasioned the delay in registration.—

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

I have &c
(Sd) J. Travis
Reg of Shipping

† I have paid the said certificate of registry to the Collector of Customs at Bristol.

Insert the particulars as they are correctly stated, and to your satisfaction

Government Office
Stanley Falkland Islands
5th April 1875.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th of November last transmitting copy of an agreement under which the Immigrants, named in the margin, were provided with passages to Stanley in the Royal Mail Steamer "Nova" from Southampton on the 9th of November 1874.

These Immigrants arrived on the 18th December last and agreeable to the 8th Article of the agreement the Falkland Islands Company has been furnished with the Certificate of safe landing.

Jessie Phillips aged 26
Garnet Phillips 21
Chas Phillips aged 18

The Secretary
&c &c &c
Government Emigration Board
Downing Street S.W.

I have &c
(sd) Geo Shavid
Act Col Secretary

Government Office
Stanley Falkland Islands
7th April 1875.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 21st December 1874 transmitting copy of an agreement under which the Immigrants, named in the margin, were provided with passages to Stanley in the "Sparrow Hawk".

Theodore White 28 yrs
Eliza .. 32
Selina .. 3
Theodore A. 1
Daniel Morrison aged 23

These

These Immigrants arrived on the 6th of April and agreeable to the 8th article of the agreement, the Falkland Islands Company has been furnished with the Certificate of safe landing.

The Secretary
&c &c &c
Government Emigration Board
Downing Street S.W.

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

Government Office
Stanley Falkland Islands
17th April 1875

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (No 58) of 11th January last transmitting copy of an agreement under which the Immigrant named in the margin, was provided with a passage to Stanley in the "Frederica" from London to this port.

Adam K Mackenzie.

This Immigrant arrived on the 15th April 1875, and agreeable to the 8th Article of the agreement the Falkland Islands Company has been furnished with the certificate of safe landing.

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

The Secretary
&c &c &c
Government Emigration Board
Downing Street S.W.

H. M. Stanley
20th April 1875

Sir/

I have the honour to enclose a letter I have received from the Stipendiary Magistrate intimating his intention of proposing a subject of discussion at the next Executive Council prejudicial to your position in this settlement.

I have already expressed to yourself and Mr Smith my disapprobation of the indiscretion you committed in undertaking the agency of the Rose steel during the year 1874, but as the circumstances under which you undertook the agency were exceptional and the trifling remuneration appeared to me at the time more in the shape of an honorarium than a salary, I confined myself to an expression of regret, and I felt assured, as is usual on such occasions, that the Governor's decision would have been considered final.

I am therefore surprized that Mr Smith thinks it necessary to avail himself of the 9th clause of my commission to place on record at the next meeting of Council a minute, requesting you may resign your Colonial honours!

My only alternative is to forward the correspondence to the Secretary of State previous to the despatch of the Minutes of Council in June next. I have therefore to request you will favour me with

Yours

your report of what took place before the Bench on the occasion (according to Mr Smith's letter) of an application for the renewal of a licence of the Rose Hotel.

The Clerk
J. Watts
Esq

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

Govt House
Stanley 3 May 1875.

Sir/ I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd May in which you state that you have no other alternative but "to refer this and other matters to the Secretary of State."

If I receive your letter to His Lordship's address by Saturday the 8th instant I will forward it home by the mail of the 15th.

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

The Clerk
of J. Smith Esq
P.M.

Government-House
May 3rd 1875

My Dear Sweny,

On second thoughts perhaps it will be better for the sake of the poor Widow to take the public when the sad circumstances are fresh on the memory.

Place my name down if you please for £5=

I am sorry Mr Lory has changed his mind so soon, if Petaluga cannot afford to bring in the body, the Government will not go to the expense it will therefore have to be buried at Salvador, and the relations in Stanley deprived of those consolations which the service performed by a Minister invariably ensure.

Yours &c
(sd) G D'Arcy
Governor

Lieut Sweny R.N.
&c &c &c
Stanley

Government House
May 3/1875

My Dear Chaplain,

In reference to the subject of the official note I received this evening I have to request you will favour me with a visit at Government-House tomorrow Tuesday after breakfast

Yours &c
(sd) G. D'Arcy
Governor

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

Government House
May 4th 1875.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter reporting your intended departure in the "Dissa" on your vacation leave.-

2 To facilitate your taking a change so necessary to all residents in these Islands I would suggest your requesting Dr Rodgers to withdraw his resignation, or I will place Lieut Lowry in the Commission of the Peace, as I conclude you would object to Dr Watts doing your duty.

3 To prevent your being at any pecuniary loss I mentioned in a former letter when you first announced your intention of taking vacation leave, I would allow you to nominate a locum tenens subject to my approval, but the Gentleman you denoted in your letters of this days date does not meet my approval.

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

The Hon.ble
C.J. Smith Esqre
&c &c &c

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
May 6th 1875.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose for your information a Despatch from the Secretary of State by which you will see his lordship agrees with me that your charge was excessive and I was right in only allowing a fee of one guinea a day to each Member of the Court, which enquired into the case of the wreck of the "Ann Brooks"— £1-1/-

You will be pleased to convey to your Brother Magistrates Lord Carnarvon's decision on this case.

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

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

Government House
May 7th 1875.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 6th I have only to convey to you my approval that D^r Watts should act, as your locum tenens. but of course it will be necessary for you to request this Gentleman to do so.

It may remove all difficulty for you to know that he has expressed his willingness to do your duty without any emolument.

I have no objection to Mr Bailey undertaking your notarial duties during your absence.

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

The Hon^ble
E. J. Smith Esq^re
&c &c &c
Stanley

Government Office
May 10 1875.

Sir,

My letter to your address of the 26th April is not underlined. It is usual to write the word signed before a signature in a copy, and in forwarding copies to the Secretary of State of official letters it is necessary to verify such document by signature.

I return the copy of my letter of the 21st Ults at once for these alterations before the duplicates are completed.

The Honble
E. V. Smith Esqre
&c &c &c

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

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
May 10 1875

My Dear Sir,

I have great pleasure in answering your note in reference to the climate of these Islands.—

February usually is the finest month of the twelve — H.R.H. Prince Alfred enjoyed a lovely week here in 1871 but unfortunately when the Squadron was at anchor last February the weather was stormy, yet the Officers killed 1800 head of game and expressed themselves much gratified by their visit, especially the Admiral.

The

The weather is wild and boisterous at all times but I do not think it quite as bad as represented, it resembles very much that of the Orkneys.

Bishop Stirling is now at Monte Video whom I dare say you will meet he is an old Resident here and knows the Islands well.

If I am here during your visit I hope to be able to make it agreeable to you.

To Capt^n Chatfield R.N.
Comg A.M.'s Squadron
River Plate

Yr faithfully yours
(Sd) G D'Arcy
Governor

Government Office
May 11th 1878.

Sir,

I am now in receipt of your letter May 8th 1878 with an correct enclosure, which I will forward to the Secretary of State agreeable to the Regulations.

Meanwhile it is for me to remark that from ignorance of the service, or from a fixed determination to resist legitimate controul, you seem to ignore altogether the fact, that as Stipendiary Magistrate you are but the head of a department, responsible and amenable to the Governor, whose business it is to see that Officers perform their duties consistently, and who has not only the power, but the will to admonish those who fail in, or exceed their duty, by stern reprimands, or by taking such other

more

more serious notice as the offence may seem to deserve.

You have construed my reprimand of the 26th April into a charge, and you call to your assistance the opinions of the resident officers of the sister services to support you in your appeal against my authority, I am however undazzled by their appearance on the scene, and confidently await the ruling of the Secretary of State.—

The Hon^ble
E. T. Smith Esqre
&c &c &c

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

Gov^t. S. T. J.
6th May 1875

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit the Light House (Cape Rouba) Account for the quarter ending 31st March 1875.

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

The Accountant
Board of Trade
London

G.H.S. J.J.
8th May 1875

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit the Cash Accounts of this Colony for the months of January and February 1875

By the next mail I shall forward the usual copies of Ledger, Journal, &c. &c. for the past year.

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

The Rt Hon.ble the
Principal Secretary of State
for
Colonial Affairs
London.

G.H.S. J.J.
12th May 1875

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit the Account current of this Government in respect of sums advanced to the Military Pensioners resident in this Colony during the quarters ending 31st March and 30th June 1875.

To Under Secretary of State for War
&c &c &c
War Office
Pall Mall
London &c.

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

G.H.S. S.J.S.
12th May 1875.

Sir,

I have the honor to report I have this day drawn the following Bill on H.M. Paymaster General, viz. No 21 dated 12th May 1875 for the sum of £110. 4. 9. etg in favour of The Crown Agents for the Colonies. &c &c.

£110. 4. 9

This Bill exhausts the amount standing to the credit of the Government in respect of payments on behalf of resident Pensioners, as per a/c rendered for quarter ending 30th June 1875.

The Under Secretary of State for War
&c &c &c
War Office
London

I have &c
(sd) G.B. Lees
Chief Justice

G.H.S. S.J.S.
12th May 1875

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you I have this day drawn the following Bill viz. No 946 for the sum of £125. 1. 7. etg in favor of the Crown Agents for the Colonies, &c &c.

£125. 1. 7.

This Bill exhausts the amount due for advances in respect of Cape Henlopen Lighthouse as per a/c rendered for Quarter ending 31st March 1875.

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

(sd) G.B. Lees
Governor

C. O.
18 May 1875

My dear D^r

In returning the Police books I take occasion to remind you in case of any misunderstanding that at your request I allowed the English Tailor and his Wife to remain in the Cottage during the Winter only.

I Expect therefore that he will move out on the 1st September.

From the hearing of his Wife at the Office the other day I am inclined to think he imagines he is to remain ad infinitum

His uncalled for abuse of Wm Cox - his conduct to Mr Melville - and his beating Degenhardt after he was down (although I do not mean to infer Degt was blameless) are all strong reasons for making it highly desirable to get rid of such a tenant

D^r Watts -
Deputy Chairman of Sessions

Yours &
[illegible] J. D. Lacy

G.O. G.P.O.
12th May 1875

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit the account current of the Colonial Post Office for the quarter ending 31st March 1875.

£910. 1. 5. The balance standing to the debit of this Office at that date amounts to £910. 1. 5, presuming the Crown Agents for the Colonies have
£1020. 1. 7 paid the balance of £1020. 1. 7 due for
£1200. — the December quarter, as £1200 out of the Parliamentary Grant for the current financial year are appropriated to the Crown Agents to pay your Department.

The amount of Money orders drawn is annually increasing, chiefly owing to there being no banks in the Colony, and the impossibility of obtaining bills on England so that some of the Colonists are obliged to remit specie home at considerable risk and expence. To prevent this I have on one or two very pressing occasions given Money orders for large sums to one individual especially however, as I find nearly as much difficulty in obtaining bills, and the balance due your Department is very large, I have reluctantly decided to discontinue issuing any more Money orders during the remainder of this year. —

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

The Receiver Accountant General
&
General Post Office
London.

G.A. & S.D.
15th May 1875.

Gentlemen/

I have the honour to enclose the account current of this Government with the General Post Office London for the quarter ended 31st March 1875 shewing a balance due the Post Office £910-1-5. £910-1-5.

I also enclose the first bill of Exchange for £110-4-9 drawn in your favour on the 12th May 1875 at 1 the Paymaster General at par. also another first of Exchange for the sum of £125-1-7 dated 12th May 1875 and drawn in your favour on the Accountant Board of Trade at par. £110-4-9. £125-1-7.

When realized I request you will be pleased to place the sums to the credit of this Government.

By the next mail I shall be able to send you a larger remittance out of the Parliamentary Grant for 1875-76.

The Crown Agents for the Colonies
4 to 6
Spring Gardens
London S.W.

I have &c
(Sd) G.D. Ainslie
Governor

Lt. Stanley
12th May 1875

Sir/

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th of May in which you endeavour to defend a distinction without a difference.

Lieut Seeley Adt
Commdg the Forces
L L L

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

Lt. Stanley
12th May 1875.

Sir/

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th May, and to refer you to a quotation from Mr Sanders letter to me

"It was only a few days ago that I was informed that in the event of a similar charge being made against an Officer in the Army or Navy, if he took no notice of it or failed to report it to the authorities he would be liable to be tried by Court Martial & cashiered!
Until I heard this I was half inclined to let the matter drop. —

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

Staff Surgeon Dobyns R.N. Adt
L L L
Stanley.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
May 20th 1875.

Sir,

You made a requisition to shingle your back yard with public labour and public material - I declined to comply. Your next step is to take the detachment off the works - of course I imagined your object was to make the requisition one of regimental fatigue, and that you would use the shingle belonging to the Government; but the latter idea was only a matter of conjecture; had I written to you, as you suggest, on no account to take shingle without permission, you might with reason have written that you had no idea of taking shingle - that an Officer of your experience of the service knew full well that the shores and foreshores belonged to the Government.

2. I have now the honour to answer that I require all the shingle for the public roads, and that I cannot spare any of it for back yards.

3. Meanwhile it is for me to make clear that on this subject, I will not continue the correspondence, you are quartered within half a mile of the Government Office, and if you have any business on the public service, I will be glad to give it every attention in the course of my duty.

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

Lieut Sweny R.M.
Commanding Detachment

Minute 19th May 1875.

Vide 2 Clause No 3 Ordinance of 1857.

I am concerned to find that the Stipendiary Magistrate is acting in such a way as to lower this Office in public opinion, especially in the eyes of the Masters of Vessels, in fact he is supporting the Merchants in the habitual policy of ignoring the ~~Assistant~~ Shipping Master's Office, making it appear that the Government Department is the fifth wheel of a coach in this settlement; very different was the line his Predecessor took on, invariably he sided with the Governor, for he felt that in supporting the highest authority he was supporting his own.

Whenever a case is taken by the Masters against the crew to the Police Office the Latter becomes reckless, all this world's goods - and they are never in redundance - are merged into a debt, he is charged with boat hire, defence of Master at the Court (altho' it is not clear who defends him in his town) also with long shore hands to do his duties at 5/ a day and 5/6 per diem expenses.

Whereas on the other hand, if the case is referred to the Shipping Master for arbitration and settlement he returns to his own ship, or another, as the case may be, with his wages intact, and his mind at ease.

I cannot help seeing that it is unfortunate that the Stipendiary Magistrate appointment is combined with that of Notary Public; directly the anchor is down, whether the disaster which compelled the cause of it to seek the Port is fresh upon their minds

minds, Masters hasten or chose to the Notary to draw up a protest for the information of Owners, for this they have to pay £5, and as much more for each copy of the document, it stands to reason that the Magistrate takes more interest in supporting the Masters than the Sailor, who is brought up a day or two afterwards for disobedience: In Mr. Smith's sentences I fail to see an adjudication on the broad basis of Equity — (at least as far as the interests of poor Jack are concerned.)

In Mr. Griffith's time the post was empty for the simple reason that he invariably referred such trouble to the Shipping Masters — instead of being hand and glove with the Merchant, he was so with the Governor, whose interest it is with so limited a grant, and so few colonial assets, to have an empty post.

Whilst the circumstances are fresh in my memory I make this minute in order that it may catch the eye of my successor, to whom this book is open, recommending him to separate the appointments as soon as the separation will not interfere with vested interests, as I am firmly convinced all the scandal suffering, and Expense would have been saved on the occasion of the "Staffordshire" palaver had the matter in the first instance been referred to the Shipping Masters. —

It is erroneous to suppose that the two appointments necessarily are combined — in the absence of a Notary being sent from England the appointment, agreeable to the local Ordinance clearly rests with the Governor, pending the approval of the Secretary of State

I may add that from the date of arrival of Mr. Smith in the Island for many acts of considerable importance in the Judicial Administration of the Island — the Governor has refused his official sanction — on account of his not having complied with the necessary conditions of the Ordinance

Consequently he acts without Authority & Cannot claim as to the exercise of his prerogative of pardon

R. W. D. Berry
Governor

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
May 20th 1875.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 18th of May applying for a renewal of several leases falling in this year.

I have the honour to state that I would prefer before doing so receiving the answer to the question in reference to the Amalgamation of the Company's leases.

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

F. E. Cobb Esqre
Colonial Manager
F. I. Company

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
21st May 1875.

Sir,

In answer to your letter of this day's date inquiring whether the Royal Salute in honour of the Sovereign's birthday is to be fired from the battery in the Dockyard at noon on Monday.

I have in reply to state that such is my desire.

I cannot help regarding your Service letter of this days date as one of supererogation, it being always the custom to fire a Royal Salute on the birthday of the Sovereign.

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

Lieut Sweny R. M.
Commanding Detachment
Stanley

Government House
Stanley Falkland Is.
May 22nd 1875.

My Dear Sweny,

I have no desire to open out a painful subject, but in justice to myself I wish to animadvert somewhat on our conversation of this morning.

The letter in question of the 26th April written by me to Mr Smith upon which you and Dr Rodger expressed so decided an opinion was not a charge as Mr Smith has been pleased to term it but the last of a series of letters in which I had requested him in future to receive medical Certificates in Court according to the usual custom in Colonial Police Courts- he flatly refused to do so, treating my authority with contempt, then, and not till then, did I threaten him with suspension considering such conduct if persevered in tyrannical and oppressive.

You will observe I did not state he was tyrannical and oppressive - I wrote "if you persist in refusing medical certificates your conduct will be so" or words to that effect.

I think if you and the Staff Surgeon had perused my letters of the 22nd. 23rd & 24th together with Dr Watts' letter to me on the subject of medical Certificates, you never could have expressed yourselves so strongly as you did from the cursory view of my one letter of the 26th. the ultimatum in fact.

If a Field Officer in his tour of

inspection

inspection after investigating a complaint made by the Regimental Surgeon against you, his immediate Commanding Officer, was thus to address you

"Mr Sweny in future I request you will receive medical certificates and on no account punish a man until he is clear of the Doctors hands; if after this reprimand I hear of your setting aside his certificate I will have but one course to persue"

Would you upon the receipt of "necessary a reproof (one brought upon yourself by a determined resolve to have your own way in spite of the rules of the service) would you I ask, think it necessary to apply for a Court Martial?

The cases are quite analogous to my mind! are subordinates never to be reprimanded! are they immaculate? can they never do wrong? What is the use of General Officers? and what is the use of Governors or Bishops? but to check the abuse of power, which young men in authority are but too apt to exercise. I quote from memory your favourate Poet, having given away my Volume to one of your crew as a reward for making the crosses in memory of the Naval Officers.

"Man, proud man! dressed in a little authority
So apt to play such tricks before high heaven

As

As to make the very Angels weep.

Yours &c
(S.) G D'Arcy
Colonel & Governor

Lieut Sweny R.M.
Commanding Troops
&c &c &c

Minute

25th May 1875

1. When the North wind sets in strong during the forenoon heavy rain generally follows in the afternoon.

2. The Easterly wind does not blow twenty times in the year, when it continues in this direction sickness follows.

3. When a mass of white clouds bank up to the southward look out for a gale from that quarter.

4. The prevailing winds blow from the South West, a due West wind without any Southing is warm and genial.

5. The Spring is harsh and trying to aged persons, inasmuch as the sun gradually obtains ascendency the violent winds arise from a cold quarter the South West meanwhile the heat of the sun causes unwholesome exhalations from the damp Camp saturated by the rain and snow of winter.

6. I have a theory that as the Spring or early Summer Sun acts upon the Icebergs to the South - they loosen - get detached - and the prevailing Southerly

wind

wind drives the pack north to the vicinity of these Islands rendering the atmosphere cold and piercing during the Spring.-

(S.) G D'Arcy
Governor

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
May 20th 1875

My Dear Sweny,

In your second quotation you have certainly given me Roland for my Oliver, but I cannot see how the first is applicable, unless as a warrant for one in Authority to exercise reproof.

I commanded for Seven years forty Officers (rough diamonds for the most part) and never brought one to a Court Martial, or compelled one to send in his papers, but I suppose now I am getting old and crop.

Meanwhile, as far as we are concerned, let us bury the war hatchet.

Yours &c
(S.) G D'Arcy
Colonel & Governor

Lieut Sweny R.M.
Commanding Troops

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
May 25th 1875.

Sir,

In giving authority this morning to the Colonial Secretary to cash your pay lists as Coroner, I cannot help observing that you called in the assistance of a Medical Man at the Inquest of Thompson, but not on White, who lost his life by the fury of the elements, such discrimination I looked for when the body of the Sailor Jones of the "Adriana" was found on the other side of the harbour three months after death; I argued at the time that it was unnecessary to call in the assistance of a Medical Man when the cause of death was not doubtful; as far as my memory serves me you ruled, to my disappointment, that the Doctor's assistance was required by a Jury on every occasion; I am however, now much pleased to see that you think with me.

Meanwhile, I find I was in error as to your being Coroner for Stanley only; I could not possibly conceive that the Government of the day with its limited resources contemplated the possible conveyance of yourself and a Jury to Shallow Bay or New Island!

You are moreover quite correct where you write in your letter of the 6th that I made the statement that you were only Coroner for Stanley inadvertently, I never had occasion to read your Commission until you drew my attention to it.

I have &c

A Bailey Esqre
Coroner &c

(sd) G D'Arcy
Governor

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
May 26th 1875.

Sir,

The expiring leases will certainly be renewed to the Company as soon as ever the Secretary of State replies to my Despatch.

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

S. E. Cobb Esqre
Colonial Manager
&c &c &c

G. H. S. I. &c
May 27 1875.

My Dear Dr

It is more than rumour when Degenhardt's sister in law my servant made a complaint about it to Mrs D'Arcy and when on my cross questioning her, confirmed the statement.

I wish you to be so good as to bind for all parties and bind them over to keep the peace in a round sum.

It will have a good moral effect in the place.

Meanwhile when you have occasion to write to me on matters connected with the public service, will you do me the favour to write legibly - there is one word in your letter I cannot read and it is a material word and from not being able to read it the note does not throw any light upon the matter!

Yours &c
G D'Arcy
Governor

The Honble
Dr Watts M.D.
Acting Chairman
Magistrates Court

G. H. C. J.
May 28th 1875.

Sir/

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 27th enclosing a recommendation from your Jury, that something might be put up at the place where the said accident happened, in the way of posts and rails, and the street lamps lighted on dark nights, seeing that as they are at present any person particularly a stranger might walk over the inner end of the jetty and a similar accident occur again.

Moreover in the last para: you agree with the Jury stating that had a lamp been burning this accident might not have happened!

The Foreman of Works had orders to light the lamps one week ago unfortunately in his considerations for my interests he desired the lad not to commence the operation of lighting the town before the 1st of June.

When I reflect that to prevent such accidents I sent to England and purchased the lamp posts from the public funds for the last three or four years and I have paid the Lamplighter a matter of Three pounds from my private means, I think it would have been more generous to have spared any admonishment such a grave reflection.

£30.

Yours

You will now have the goodness to explain to your jury that steps will be taken to render the jetty less dangerous, and that the necessary legislation must in consequence of that ~~take~~ ride pollar to form a municipality to see that the town rates are duly expended on the roads, drains, and street lamps

A Bailey Esq
Crown
+ + +
Stanley

I have &
(Sd) [illegible]
Governor

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
May 28th 1875.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th enclosing a recommendation from your Jury, that something may be put up at the place where the recent sad accident happened, in the way of posts and rails, and the street Lamps lighted on dark nights, seeing that, as they are at present, any person particularly a Stranger, might walk over the inner end of the jetty and a similar accident occur again.

Moreover in the last Para = you agree with the Jury adding that had a lamp been burning this accident might not have happened!

Some years ago I anticipated the requirements of the Town by sending to England for Lamp Posts from the Public funds and to maintain the lights I have (owing to the poverty of the Chest) for the last three or four years paid the lamplighter a matter of some Thirty pounds from my private means, meanwhile the Foreman of Works had orders to light the lamps a week ago, in conciderations for my interests, he unfortunately ordered the Lad not to commence the operation of lighting the Town before the 1st of June. £30

You will now perhaps have the goodness to explain to your jury that steps will be taken to render the Jetty less

dangerous

dangerous, and that the necessary legislation will in consequence of their rider follow, forming a Municipality to collect the town rates whose province it will be to see them duly expended on the roads, drains, and Street Lamps.

I have &c
C D'Arcy
Governor &c

To Arthur Bailey Esqre
Coroner &c

(S).

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
May 28th 1875

Dear Mr Williams,

Last evening you stated as far as I can recollect that inasmuch as by local enactment "all laws which were in force within the realm of England on 1st January 1850 shall be applicable in this Colony so far as the same can be applied," and you added that it was a pity a short Ordinance to incorporate Acts of Parliament since that period, which were not included within the local Statute book.

I have been deep in the subject all the forenoon with Mr Travis.

I find however that when it has been necessary to adopt the provisions of an Imperial Act, or a part of one, passed since 1850, Special local legislation follows in the form of an Ordinance.

We know the reason the Divorce Act is not extended to the smaller Colonies but I know no reason why the civilized laws of the Mother Country should not be swept into our Statute Book.

Will you favour me with a call on this subject at your convenience?

Yours &c
C D'Arcy
Governor

(S).

C.K. Williams Esqr
Stanley

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
May 30th 1875.

My Dear Sweny,

Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, Lord Carnarvon, sent me this model Quarantine Ordinance as a guide for my proposed legislation on the subject.

It is framed from the Laws of other Colonies and gone through the scrutiny of the great law officers of the Crown.

My Eye was caught by Clauses 8 & 21 had the Stipendiary Magistrate seen this document he would not have ruled that the Government should be cast in costs nearly £5 & in moral defeat. £5

It stands to reason that if Parties from the shore are obliged to remain "at a distance" from the vessel when asking questions they cannot without a grave breach of the Regulations pass a letter on board it being "a thing", except as I said before through the Guardian's boat.

I am sure now you will be generous and to admit that inadvertently you misled the Court

Lieut Sweny R.N. (
Commanding Troops)

Yours &c
(sd) G D'Arcy
Colonel & Governor

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
1st June 1875.

My Dear Doctor,

Your friend the Carpenter wishes to keep a leg on each side of the hedge! In fact he wishes to trim - he wants to preserve his potatoes and yet he wishes to keep in with his neighbours - his candour is refreshing; in this world where for the most part hands are not shewn.

I think however he is right, by the Ordinance it is clearly Parry's duty to inform the Owners of stray Pigs that they the Pigs are at large - you need not appear in the matter -

Thank you for your advice in reference to the Quarantine law.

Yours &c
(S) G D'Arcy
Colonel & Governor

The Honble
Dr Watts M.D.
Acting Chairman of Magistrates Court

Government House
Stanley Falkland Isds
June 3rd 1875.

Dear Mr Williams,

Eighteen months hence when it becomes necessary to continue the Ordinance I will (DV) be glad to add the lines securing the Mortgagee from possible loss, but to do so now by an Amendment Ordinance however short would puzzle the people at Downing Street moreover I do not think the lines would pass the Rialto.

I would much like to serve you, but in this instance the difficulties are insurmountable.

C. H. Williams Esqr
&c &c &c

Yours &c
(Sd) G D'Arcy
Governor

G. H. & F. I.
June 4th 1875

Dear Mr Williams,

God forbid that injurious consequence should follow from any caution on my part as to how the Dons at the Colonial Vatican might view my legislation.

I leave it to you to make Dean friendly to the Amendment it will really only take half an hour of his time which between this and the 2nd of July will be to him money.

C H Williams Esqre
&c &c &c
Stanley.

Yours &c
(Sd) G D'Arcy
Governor

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
June 12th 1876.

Sir,

I have great pleasure in the name of the Secretary of State to grant you six months leave of absence from your post as Legislative Councillor to visit the United Kingdom.

It will be however necessary for you to report your arrival and departure to Lord Carnarvon.

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

The Honble
G. M. Dean Esqr
&c &c &c

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
June 18th 1876.

My Dear Sweny,

Certainly give the Bishop 7 Guns on Landing.

Hitherto this small Colonial Government with limited means has fired a Salute and proclaimed a holyday on the Birthday of the Sovereign and the Prince of Wales. I am not disposed now with a limited Garrison extending these ceremonies. I would therefore in answer to the latter part of your note request that a Salute may not be fired on the 20th and 28th.

Yours &c
(sd) G D'Arcy
Colonel & Governor

Lieut J. A. Sweny R.N.
Commanding Scorpion

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
20th May 1875.

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to enclose a Bill of Lading for 120 empty Oil cans forwarded to England per "Sea Witch," which vessel left here on the 11th instant.

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

The Assistant Secretary
Marine Department
Board of Trade
London.

Government Office
Stanley Falkland Islands
20th May 1875.

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 17th February last marked F. 20 12/75, transmitting one book containing 12 Blank Bills of Exchange 793 to 804.

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

Assistant Secretary
Finance Department
Board of Trade
London

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
20th May 1875.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that by the mail of the 15th instant the following drafts were transmitted to the Crown Agents for the Colonies for the General Services of the Colony viz:-

No. 1. dated 12th of May 1875 drawn by Governor D'Arcy on ~~~~ A. M. Paymaster General, in favour of the Crown Agents for the Colonies, for the sum of
£110-4-9 £110 .. 4 .. 9 sterling at par.

No 946 dated 12th May 1875 drawn by Governor D'Arcy upon The Accountant Board of Trade, in favour of the Crown Agents for the Colonies, for the
£125-1-7 sum of £125-1-7 sterling at par.

The
Comptroller & Auditor General
&. &. &.
Somerset House

I have &c
(sd) G Travis
Acty Colonial Secretary

Colonial Secretary's Office
Stanley Falkland Islands
20th May 1875.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 274 of the 12th February last containing a copy of an agreement under which the family named in the margin have been provided with passages to this Port in the Royal Mail Steamer "Neva" via Monte Video.

The Family arrived here on 24 March and agreeable to the 8th Article of the agreement the Falkland Islands Company have been provided with the Certificate of safe landing.

I have &c
(sd) G Davis
Actg Colonial Secretary

Angus McDonald aged 25
Christina do " 30
Murdoch do " 3
Mary do " Infant

The Secretary
Govt Emigration Board
Downing Street
London

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
June 18th 1875.

Sir,

You may remember a letter I wrote to your address at Port Howard in which I requested you would on your next visit to Stanley attend at the Government Office for the purpose of being sworn in again by me as a Justice of the Peace for the West Falkland Island.

2. This was necessary which I accepted at the time under Mr Smith's legal ruling that you having been sworn in on Sunday at Port Howard was illegal.

3. Accordingly on your arrival in Stanley

last April en route for the United Kingdom I offered to perform the ceremony, but you requested it might be put off till your return – it becomes however now quite unnecessary, having been informed by a Gentleman learned in the law, that nowhere is it laid down that a Magistrate shall not be sworn in on a Sunday, you will therefore in consideration of the powers vested in me by the 10 para.s of the Charter be pleased to consider the ceremony as final.

4. Had I been aware of this at the time I would have suspended Mr Smith for having illegally set aside my authority.

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

To
J. L. Waldron Esqre J.P.
Port Howard W. F.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
June 21st 1875.

Sir,

Having received a letter from Mr James Felton reporting that you have not stocked the stations known as the Whittington Rincon and the land situated between Mount San Simon and the Wickham Heights.

I have to request you will inform me with your reasons for not having complied with the law.

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

To
Mr R. Greenshields
Stanley

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
24 June 1875.

Sir,

I have received instructions from the Secretary of State to amalgamate your leases in the East Falkland Island for no longer period than the term of the longest of your existing leases viz:- 1880. on the expiration of this consolidated lease, its renewal for 21 years can be granted upon reasonable terms as to rent, and other conditions.

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

To
F. E. Cobb Esqr
&c &c &c
Manager Falkland Island Coy.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Island
June 26. 1875

My Dear Dean,

Do you remember a conversation we had on board the "Orissa" in reference to land orders? we were all at sea pretty much in the matter, I have now mastered the question it is as follows.

If on your return to the Falklands you announce to the Emigration Commissioners No 8 Park Street Westminster that you have engaged five Emigrants to serve you in these Islands, the Emigration Commissioners will require you to deposit with them a cheque for £100, in return for which they will give you a land Order on this Government value £100; meanwhile you

will

will have to provide them with a passage, on their arrival in Stanley they "toe a line" before the Governor, who on the expression of their contentment as to their treatment on Board, signs a Certificate to that effect, in due course this document is presented by your Agent in London to the Commissioners and your cheque is returned to you.

The Land Order will come in useful on the occasion of the compulsory purchase of the 160 acres for each 6000 acres, the Government here taking the order as a credit in your account.

The Company do not ask for the passage money from Immigrants.

It is possible you may find this explanation of rather a complicated scheme in aid of Colonization useful in your return, especially as you are a shipowner.

Yours &c
G. D'Arcy
Governor

To the
Hon.ble G. M. Dean Esq
Stanley Cottage

G. M. I. I. S. &
June 26 1875

My Dear Chaplain,

Early in the week I informed you by note that the Despatches were silent as to your successor, and at the same time I suggested in consideration of your anxiety to return home I would request Mr Yeoman to take the Acting Chaplaincy. As time is getting on, and the Mail leaves on the 2nd Prox I would feel obliged by your favouring me with a reply.

My note must have miscarried otherwise I am sure you would have answered it or have done me the honour of a visit to let me know

Your

Your wishes in so important a matter.

Very sincerely Yours
(Sd.) G D'Arcy
Governor

The Revd
A. C Long
Stanley

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
29th June 1875

Sir,

I have the honour to forward the Cash Accounts of this Government for the month of March 1875.

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

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

G. H. S. I.
29 June 1875.

My Dear Cobb,

If the Government amalgamated your leases not yet fallen in, however few they may be, it would be establishing a precedent for Capt Packe, Peteluga, Chamossa, James Felton, John Bonner, and Greenfields to ask for a similar consideration.

At the time Capt Packe asked for 3 of his leases to be amalgamated, I do not think he had in view the possibility of the Government raising the rents, it was simply an arrangement

to

to simplify his accounts, but when you applied for the Amalgamation of the Company's leases the subject as Napoleon 3rd used to write assumed "grave proportions."

It is doubtful whether the revenue will ever be raised in this way, still I am averse by any concession I may make preventing the Government doing so hereafter especially as the question has been sentillated with the home authorities. As the case stands now the Company are in the same position as other lessees - as each lease falls in it is renewed - the small lessees can have no complaint

An Ordinance raising the revenue would act only when each lease falls in working the same to all.

Yours &c
(S.) G D'Arcy
Governor

H E Cobb Esqre
&c &c &c
Manager Falkland Island Compy.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
29th June 1876.

Sir, I have the honour to transmit the following documents relating to the Cash Accounts of this Colony for the year ending 31st December 1874. viz:-

Ledger
Journal
Deposit Account
Rent Roll
Account Current
Statement

Statement of Assets and Liabilities
Advances and repayments in behalf of the
Board of Trade in respect of Cape Pembroke
Lighthouse.

Advances and Repayments in behalf of the
Board of Trade in respect of Distressed
British Seamen.

Statement of Military Advances and
Repayments
Copy of the Estimates for 1874-75

The Quarterly returns of changes of Office
have always accompanied the Cash Accounts at
the end of the Quarter, it is therefore supposed
that such a return for the year is not again
required.

I may mention that the foregoing returns
complete the whole of those required for the
past year.

I have &c
The Comptroller & Auditor General (&c, G D'Arcy
&c &c &c Governor.
Exchequer & Audit Department
Somerset House London WC

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
29th June 1876.

Sir,

I have the honour to return the Query paper marked F 3764 of 12 April 1876 and the replies thereto which I hope are satisfactory.

I am &c
(sd) G Travis
Actg Col Secretary

The
Assistant Secretary
Finance Department
Board of Trade London

Government Office
Stanley Falkland Islands
29th June 1876.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th April last drawing my attention to the last para:- of Rule 23, and to thank you for the information.

The enclosed forms and list, belonging to the Colony of Bermuda, were inadvertently sent in your letter.

I Am &c
(sd) G Travis
Actg Col Secty

The Controller
&
Money Order Office London

Colonial Secretary's Office
Falkland Islands
10th June 1875.

Sir,

I have the honour to request you will be pleased to furnish me with a further supply of the forms as per margin.

Light House
I. H. 11

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

I am Sir &c
W. G. Travis
Acty Col Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office
Falkland Islands
10th June 1875.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to request you will be pleased to forward a few appropriation forms, as per enclosed, required for the annual returns of British Shipping registered at this Port.

Address:-
The Crown Agents
for the Colonies
&c &c &c
London

I have &c
W. G. Travis
Acty Col Secretary.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
10th June 1876

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose a Requisition for stores required for use of the Light House at Cape Pembroke.

I would suggest that the 100 Cans Oil are sent out by the "Sea Witch" Captain Thomas which Vessel will leave London for this port during September next.

It would be convenient if the other portion of this requisition came out by Mail Steamer via Southampton and Monte Video.

The Assistant Secretary
to the
Harbour Department
Board of Trade London

I have &c
(sd) G Pitaley
Colonel & Governor

Requisition

100	Cans	Oil.
12	Doz	Cylinders.
66	lbs	Tow.
28	lbs	Cotton Waste.
2	Doz	Skins.
2	"	Glass Cloths.
2	"	Reflector Cloths.
2	"	Woollen Rubbers.
12	Gross	Cotton Wicks.
2		Sweeping Brushes.
2		Hand Brushes.
2		Scrubbing Brushes.
1		Set of Black Lead Brushes.
2		Bass Brooms.

2

2 Wooden Buckets
2 Door Mats
6 Yds House flannel
56 Lbs Soap
28 " Soda
2 Dozen Coal Sacks (for conveying the Coals from Stanley to Cape Pembroke)

1 Cwt White Lead (for painting interior of Lantern
1 " Red Lead (for painting exterior of Lantern
8 Galls Paint Oil.
14 Lbs Patent Driers.

Stanley Falkland Islands
10 June 1875

Approved
(signed) G D'Arcy
Colonel & Governor

Government Office
Stanley Falkland Islands
20th May 1875.

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to transmit the Oil and Store account for the months of January, February and March 1875.

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I am &c
(signed) G Davis
Act Colonial Secty

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

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
29 June 1875.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to transmit a Draft No 3 which I have drawn in your favour, this day, on Her Majesty's Paymaster General, for the sum of Eight hundred pounds Sterling, at par, being a portion of the Parliamentary Grant for the current financial year of 1875-76, in aid of Colonial Revenue.

£ 800

When realized I request you will be pleased to place the draft to the credit of this Government.

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

The
Crown Agents for the Colonies
&c &c &c
Spring Gardens
London

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
29 June 1875.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that a Bill No 3 dated 29th June 1875 for the sum of Eight hundred pounds sterling which I have drawn on Her Majesty's Paymaster General, in favour of the Crown Agents for the Colonies, on the credit of the Parliamentary Grant for 1875-76, in aid of Colonial Revenue, for the general service of the Colony, has been remitted to the Crown Agents by this mail.

£800

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

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

Colonial Secretary's Office
Stanley Falkland Islands
29th June 1875.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to forward a requisition of Stationery to required for use of the Public service.

In the list of Garden seeds it will be seen that a few flower pots are asked for; I may mention that they are for my own use; Flower Pots are never imported, and, as they pack in a small space, I thought this would be a good opportunity, and could be sent out along with the seeds.

I trust this course is not too irregular; I should credit this Government with their cost under the heading "Sale of Government Property".

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

The
Crown Agents for the Colonies
&c &c &c
Spring Gardens London

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
June 30th 1875

Your Excellency,

I have on the part of the resident Roman Catholics of these Islands, to express their acknowledgments for your consideration in forwarding to them nine documents of importance received from Canon Dillon, connected with property they hold in the Town of Stanley.

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

To His Excellency
The Honble
L.S. Sackville West
&c &c &c
Buenos Ayres.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
July 5th 1875.

Sir,

In answer to the reference you made to the Secretary of State last February relative to a moiety of your Salary having been applied to remunerate the Officer temporarily acting in your place, I have the honour to report that His Lordship is of opinion that I had no alternative but to adopt the course of which you made your complaint.

If you are now willing to accept your Salary, I will send it down by the Office Messenger less the amount paid to Dr Watts.

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

The Hon^ble
E. L. Smith Esq^re
&c &c &c
Stanley.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
5th July 1875

Sir,

I have the honour to call your attention to the case of George Davis, a shipwrecked British Sailor, who you have by your professional skill saved from the bed of sickness!

At the same time keeping in view the interests of the Board of Trade, I am of opinion your Patient is now sufficiently recovered to be sent to the United Kingdom.

In the event of your approving of this arrangement I will obtain a passage for the

the Man on board the "Fredrica" now bound for the Port of London - he will in course of a week from departure be in a genial climate, avoiding the remaining cold winter months, and the trying Spring months of our Islands.

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

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

Government Office
Stanley ¼ past 2 p.m
July 6th 1875.

My Dear Magistrate,

On reflection I think you will see that you are not treating me in a business like way, I am now, in the absence of the Treasurer, solely responsible for the Chest.

You retain a large sum in coin, and you take your time about signing the Vouchers. Suppose like Mr Robinson you slipped into the Harbour this afternoon - what should I do?

May I request you will make it a matter of duty to return me the Vouchers signed and oblige by so doing?

Yours Sincerely
(S) G D'Arcy
Governor.

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

Government Office
Stanley July 6th 1875.

Sir,

I hasten to answer your letter.

In conformity with my letter to you of October 28th 1870 it is out of my power to lease any Surburban land under the Amalgamation or Land Ordinances, but there is nothing to prevent the Governor from granting Special Leases of Surburban lands revokable by a years notice.

By this arrangement I have added to the revenue an amount sufficient to pay a small department viz:-

Nanson	£20	a year in advance
Dethleff	40	" "
Smith	10	" "
Coulson	10	" "
	£80	

not to speak of the good feeling which is developed by the Government taking into consideration the interests of the people.

With every courtesy toward yourself as an old Government Lessee.

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

To
Capt R.C Rede
&c &c &c
Sulivan House
Stanley.

G. H. I. I.
July 1st 1870.

My Dear Doctor,

On the publication of Mr Tennants book on Ceylon, the Times said all Governors ought to go and do likewise, and I am in a small way obeying the great Thunderers behests.

I told you how the Surgeon on board H. I. M's Ship "Verginie" lectured that cold, bronchitis, Coughs, &c all were branches, Cadets of the house of Gout, and in Melville and Myself you have not failed to see that the diagnosis is correct - so keen is the Etiquette in diseases that when the Senior appears, the small inflammatory action of the chest lapses.

Now why not get your name up as a Medical Man and write a book on diseases of the human frame, from your ten years' observation and practice you will find it a new pleasure as the work grows under your pen, and it is a proud feeling to dismiss an English M.S. to the press, and think in how many Zones and Regions your thoughts and conclusions will be read!

The Honble
Dr Walker
&c &c &c

Yours &c
&c. G D'Arcy
Governor

G. S. A. F. I.
July 7th 1875.

Sir,

At my desire Mr Travis has requested you orally and by letter to define the boundaries of the small pieces of land recently purchased from the Government by several of the people, receiving an honorarium for your services.

The land was sold on the 19th of April and up to date you have taken no steps to comply with my earnest requisition; I imagine you feel that I must wait your leasure as you are no longer in the Colonial Service.

If I had purchased the land I would certainly wait your convenience, but when others, poor people are the purchasers their reasonable behests becomes embarassing especially as I have taken their good money, therefore I think it only right to enclose for your information this Circular (which I request may be returned); you will perceive that I have the power of making a requisition upon you to execute the duties of your recent situation.

The boundaries of the lot I have the honour to enclose.

£ 86

From Sundry pets 11
10 Aug 1875

A Bailey Esqre
&c &c &c
Stanley

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

G. H. S. I. S.
7th July 1875.

My Dear Magistrate,

I hold your receipt for £274 this is quite sufficient for me - pleased to let me have the unsigned Vouchers.

On Travis' return the question of the one months salary can easily be settled - if you are correct in your calculation fresh Vouchers can easily be made out - if Travis (whose business it is to be correct in such Monetary transactions) is right, then you can have no objection to sign.

As Mrs Anderson leaves by the "Orissa" tomorrow, she is anxious to be able to let her house, if you or Monte Dean will sign this Paper it will be all right and set her mind at ease, her husband has been a faithful servant of the Government and I should like to serve him.

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

Yours &c
G. D'Arcy
Governor

G. H. S. S.
July 1st 1875.

Sir,

In answer to your letter of this date I have the honour to reply that no part of the land specially leased to Coulson was proclaimed as common land.

I deeply regret you should have placed on record so strong an expression that I have been unjust to you in this matter of business.

I have to remind you of an open question of some moment that of the lease of the Section to the South of No 49 which occurred during my first year of administration all my sympathies were with James Felton, the poor hard working son and brother, yet after perusing every document and hearing all sides of the question I gave the lease to you, one of the most influential Proprietors in the Islands, because I thought, in justice, you had a prior claim to the land, such a desire to be invariably just to all irrespective of social position I can truthfully state has actuated me for the last six years.

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

To
Capt R.C. Parke
&c &c &c
Sullivan House

G. H. S. I. 9
July 4th 1873.

My Dear Magistrate,

Let your signature to the Vouchers stand over by all means till Travis returns.

But I think it right to tell you that I hold your receipt for £41.13.4 paid to you on the 1st of December for November, £41.13.4

this according to my figures makes Travis account correct except the trifling deficiency of 1/ one shilling and some odd pence in the cash bag forwarded which you make mention of in your letter of last evening.

It is not surprizing that Travis has proved himself a correct man of figures for "tis no sin for a man to labour in his vocation"

The Honble
E. S. Smith Esqre
Stipendiary Magistrate.

Yours &c
(sd.) G D'Arcy
Governor

G. M. S. S.
7th July 1876

Dear Henry Waldron,

Your inquiring mind, travels beyond our little Clapham-size, and takes interest in the great spasms of the century!

Behold an interesting account of the Meeting, it will be a relief to you, between whiles, when tired of making purchases on the Rialto.

Chamberlain and Myself were Brother A.D.C.'s to Sir George Russell-Clerk, Governor of Bombay - He was a bean Sabreur - a Nimrod - but as we always told him no Strategist - He never comprehended the great axioms of the profession of arms - 1 Never to risk a Soldiers life without gaining a permanent advantage - 2 Always to bring your strength to bear on the Enemy's weakness - 3 To respect, not to despise your Enemy - Many years after the Mutiny when commanding against the Hill tribes he was defeated simply because he lost sight of these great truths.

Vale, most illustrious of Leaders

&c &c

Henry Waldron Esqre
&c &c &c
Stanley

G D'Arcy
Governor

G.H.S.I.
July 6th 1875.

Sir,

In my letter to your address of July the 7th 1875 I state "

"that no part of the land specially leased to Coulson was proclaimed Common land"

this is an error, after considerable research I find you are correct where you say in your letter

"that a large portion of the land you have leased to Coulson was proclaimed as Common land"

I find on the occasion of the Surburban land inside the Wall being leased to Mr Whittington the land outside the wall was made Common land by a Proclamation of Governor Rennie's - this necessitates a Proclamation on my part reserving Woody Valley for purposes of Revenue.

Capt. R. C. Packe
&c &c &c
Sullivan House.

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

G. A. S. I. S.
9th July 1875.

Sir,

I have to request that you will be pleased to return me the enclosures I forwarded in my letter of the 7th.

His Lordships of the Treasury in awarding your pension, at my earnest solicitation, took special consideration that it was framed on abolition of Office.

That Mr Travis is about to engage a Surveyor is to me news - I am afraid such is mere idle rumour - unworthy of consideration. I am glad to find that you are willing to mark the corners of the recently purchased lots time being money with the poor - to prevent delay when you are able to perform the duty, perhaps you will make a requisition on me by message for a Marine to carry your flags &c

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

Arthur Bailey Esqr
&c &c &c
Stanley

G. A. S. I. S.
9th July 1875.

My Dear Magistrate,

This is irregular - I cannot do so, in your seat in Council you could propose to peruse old minutes but you have not the power to take copies of these without the Governor's leave

Yours &c
(sd) G D'Arcy
Governor

The Honble
E. L. Smith Esqre
&c &c &c
Stipendiary Magistrate

Government House
Stanley Falkland Isds
10th July 1875.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this day's date in which you announce that it is the intention of the people of Stanley to appeal to the Secretary of State for the Colonies against my having deprived them of their Common rights, and should the Revenue of the Common be deemed indispensable by the Secretary of State you are quite ready to guarantee the required sum in the name of the Inhabitants of Stanley.

I need scarce remind you that there are reasons independent of Revenue which have actuated the local Government to lease the Surburban lands and which I am quite prepared to give in extenso to His Lordship.

To yourself in courtesy I will name but one — Stanley is yearly increasing in population, it contains an expansive element of small well to do Artizans who unless encouraged to remain tide away to the River Plate — give a man with a little Capital a long lease of land and he embarks his savings in houses, sheep, and boats, — it is the desire of all Governments to form a Middle Class, between the rich and the hewers of wood and drawers of water.

Capt R. C. Packe Esqre
Sulivan House.

I, &c,
G. D'Arcy
Governor.

Government House
Stanley, Falkland Isds
July 10th 1875.

My Dear Magistrate,

All our differences have arisen from your want of experience in Colonial administration.

I was appointed Governor in 1859 but the 7 years previous as Commanding the Troops and a Member of Council of the various small Islands in the West Indies I became thus intimately acquainted with the respective powers of the Government - per se - over the chest & and of the Office in Council.

There is little if any analogy between the Imperial Parliament and our local Councils; continue to follow so grand a precedent and you will be constantly at war with the Governor whoever he is.

The debates in Parliament are published and the august body elect to debate with open doors - as yet we debate with closed doors and our debates are not published.

Excuse me when I inform you that it is not for you to assist by advice and research factious opposition, if you think I am acting in a tyrannical manner towards the People you have your remedy, a letter to the Secretary of State through me will be forwarded.

Mr Dean is to all intents a Tribune of the People, it is for this Gentleman to record on the Minutes any reflection on my acts, but it is unconstitutional for you, Dr Watts, or Mr Travis, to do so, at least so long as you remain salaried Officers.

I have &c
(Sd) G D Arey
Governor

The Hon ble
E. L. Smith Esqre
Stipendiary Magistrate

G. H. S. I. I.
July 12th 1875

My Dear Magistrate,

Captn Packe quite en regle threatens me with an appeal to Coun-
cil in the midst of the enclosed paper battle you ask for a perusal of the Minutes of Council of the year 1858 a year when there was a debate about these lands without informing me of the subject you are in search of, I naturally draw a conclusion that you are giving Captn Packe the benefit of your legal advice.

If I have been mistaken I beg to apologize for my mistake.

Please to read and return me these letters - the lands have been enjoyed free gratis for nothing by the Company, and Captn Packe, and now after 20 years they are leased to 3 of the people - the Animals of the people seldom if ever graze beyond Goose Green.

The Honble
R. T. Smith Esqre
&c &c &c
Stipendiary Magistrate.

Yours &c
(d) G D'Arcy
Governor

G.S.I.I.
July 12. 1875

My dear Magistrate

The words you have underlined do not appear in the Despatch but these do.

"and to request that you will inform Mr. Smith that I have learnt with regret that he was prevented by illness from discharging his duties and that it became necessary under the circumstances that one moiety of his Salary should be applied to remunerate the Officer temporarily acting in his place but that in the absence of a competent Officer willing to undertake the duties gratuitously I am of opinion that you had no alternative but to adopt the course of which he Complains"

As you seem to imply in the 2nd Para of your letter that my covering Despatch conveyed an erroneous impression to the Secy of State, I enclose a copy of it intact

You will now see that the possibility of your duty being performed by a Volunteer Competent Officer emanated from His Lordship

You have very recently admitted that from illness your memory was so defective that you did not remember you had rec'd your Salary for November, you will therefore excuse me

if I remind you of the exact facts as they took place in reference to the appointment of your locum tenens.

When I became aware of your being too unwell to appear at the Police office, I offered the Acting appointment to Mr. Dean who declined it on receiving his answer, before offering it to the next competant Magistrate I determined to wait, trusting that no case of importance would occur during your illness and there the matter would have rested until your recovery, but about one week afterwards you took the initiative by sending a message to me through the Chief Constable to the effect that as a question of importance was coming on you wished I would appoint a Magistrate to act for you whereupon I gazetted Dr. Waite.

The question of the half Salary was then not thought of, your illness being it was supposed of a trivial character indeed I told Dr. Walls I would indemnify him by charging Each sitting in Miscell. Expenses, but as you became worse from day to day and the flogging of the Mutineers took place under his personal Supervision I felt it my duty to offer half your Salary from the 6th Dec. to the 5 Jany. to Dr. Waite which he decided to accept from the 5th to 31st Dec. waiving the 5 days in Jany. in your favour

You will now see the reason I kept back the sentence in the Despatch simply to prevent your re-opening the whole Subject. Cui bono? Seeing that I have the power under the Ordinance to select a competent Officer, the case will still be given against you and you compel me to undertake an invidious task to give my reasons to the Secretary of State for making a selection.

Considering that Dr. Wallis has performed the duties during your vacation like, gratis, for nothing, I think you might let the matter drop with advantage to yourself and the Service

I have &c

sd — G D'Arcy

The Hon.ble
C. T. Smith Esqr
&c &c &c

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
July 14th 1875.

Sir,

I have had the honour to receive your letter of the 12th instant in which you protest against a Special Lease of Woodby Valley having been given to one of the people, as a number of the Company's horses amongst others, have been in the habit of feeding on the Common for years.

2. The interests of the Company were not forgot on the occasion of leasing the suburban lands to three of the people; 1000 acres have been retained as Common land on the North West of Fairy Cove between the Cove and Yearndon Water.

3. It has become necessary for the Colonial Government to look up all sources of revenue, the Parliamentary Grant being about gradually to be withdrawn.

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

S. E. Cobb Esqre
&c &c &c
Manager F.I.C.

Important

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
July 20th 1875.

Dear Mr Collins,

I have taken thought on what you told me this morning - that the School collection on the increased ratio amounts to £5 per mensem and that I had better pay myself out of this for the present expenses I am incurring in re the Infant School Mistress and Monitors.

£5

I would prefer (my departure being probable on the 1st of April) that you hold these pence as a small addition to your Salary, and that I send in to the Secretary of State a contingent bill for the drawback extending over 3 years, this would simplify monetary matters; after my departure other arrangements might be made on a more permanent footing; meanwhile will you obtain for me the amount the Bishop paid Emily King?

Yours &c
H. G. D'Arcy
Governor

J. W. Collins Esqre
&c &c &c
Government Schoolmaster.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
July 21st 1875.

My Dear Henry Waldron,

You asked me where I learnt about Silver being found in the Islands, behold a specimen that was given to me, but by whom now I forget - will you bring your geological mind to bear upon it and test it with nitric acid which I think I heard you say you have and let me have it again.

I trust your Copper Specimens will bear the scrutiny of the learned.

I hope poor Cairncross will not be shoved off his perch by the Southern Confederation

Vale most illustrious
of Northerners.

Henry Waldron Esqre
&c &c &c
Port Howard W.F.

(S) G D'Arcy
Governor

G.A. S.F.I.
24th July 1875.

My Dear Magistrate,

I have desired Kelway to place some marines on your garden on Tuesday, as soon as the drains are finished.

Meanwhile think twice about excommunicating the Dr - his Father went smash and all his Sons had I believe

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to take to manual labour for a livelihood. eventually he recovered himself somewhat and by dint of the most rigourous economy this one managed to take out his diploma, but he underwent such deep waters of poverty, arising from his father's extravagence, that he determined to take his namesakes advice "Rem facias; rem si possis, recte; si non, quocumque modo rem" and this singular little man was gifted with the determination to carry out the resolve, at present he has saved £5,000 and a pension is conditionally within his acceptance, the abolition of his office is before their Lordships of the Treasury.

With this love and appreciation of the value of money he could not resist taking the 17 beautiful pounds, but very soon he found he had made a mistake, and as an amende knowing that I would not consent to Mrs Bailey acting for you, Mr Watts volunteered to do your duty on your vacation leave.

Now all things considered I would advise your not showing resentment at what is past and gone "injuriarum remedium est oblivio":- Watts - in return for much consideration made my Private Secretary, Hurst, so discontented and sulky, that I was obliged to send him to his friends - and more subsequently at my table, he abused the officers of the 23rd then going on a desperate service to Ashantee - yet I have forgotten it all! Nothing we can do will improve this one in a thousand man, and as it is your lot, probably to associate with him for the next five years, I think it would be a wise course to bear with him.

Yours &c
(S) G D'Arcy
Colonel & Governor

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

G. H. S. St. J.
July 30th 1875.

Dear Mr Bertrand,

This day reminds me I have by the favour of God arrived at my 57th year - and leads my mind to the ironical words made use of I understand by the Revd Mr Lory in conversation with yourself viz:- "that's right, praise up the old Governor"

I decline to accept its application, Men of the present day are not thought old until past 70, moreover in our youth we have been taught to regard old age as honourable.

The taunt savours more of the cock pit than the University, and comes with a bad grace from one who ought to set an example of good manners and benevolence.

W. H. Bertrand Esqr
&c &c &c
Stanley

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

G. H. S. St. J.
July 30th 1875

My Dear Dr,

Relative to our conversation about the cuttle fish, I find in an account of the Creature by a modern French Naturalist, he is inclined to suppose that the destruction of the great French Man of War the "Ville de Paris" in 1774 together with nine other ships which came to her assistance on hearing her fire signals of distress, was owing not to

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the storm, which accompanied the disaster, but he supposes to a group of colossal cuttle fishes, which happened at that very time to be prowling about the ocean beneath these unfortunate vessels!

Certain it is that Pliny mentions how Caligula's vessel was arrested by one of these creatures which had fastened itself on to the helm - and in Polehampstons Gallery of Nature and Art Vol. v. there is an account of three Sailors being swept into oblivion by a cuttle fish seizing them with one of his suckers! as they were employed in caking the vessels sides.

Is it not possible that these gigantic fish, may remain at the bottom of the Ocean in a torpid state, as the Dormouse does on shore, only galvinized into motion by some electric shock caused by a convulsion of Nature.

In the Museum at Stockholm there is the vertibræ of a Sea Serpent upwards of 200 feet long this is a fact for a friend of mine saw it.

I observe that among naturalists at home, the question of the existence of the gigantic species of cuttle fish is warmly discussed.

Yours &c
&c, &c, G D'Arcy
Governor

The Lon^ble
Dr Wallis D.D.
&c &c &c

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
July 30th 1875.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th applying for a renewal of the lease of Section 35 which has lately fallen in together with another lease of the Slaughter House for the usual term of three years the last one having expired.

On the return of the Acting Colonial Secretary from his Vacation leave, I will direct him to draw out new leases for the section in question and the building, and I have to thank you for the care you have taken of Government Property.

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

To
F. A. Cobb Esqre
&c &c &c
Manager F. I. Compy

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
August 2nd 1875.

My Dear Mr Williams,

You have explained to me how you cannot appeal under the 13th clause of the Administration of Justice Ordinance to a Magistrate's Court as none exists therefore you appeal to the Governor in Council.

In your letter oblige me by giving a reason it may possibly go home why we may in your peculiar case entertain your appeal
£50. although the claim in dispute is but £50,
£100 the 9th clause specifying £100 as the minimum account for the Governor in Council's order.

I must be prepared for fierce opposition, and the likelihood of Mr Smith's refusing to obey an "illegal order of the Governor's"

Meanwhile, however, he can scarce refuse to obey my injunction to stay proceedings, if, on the receipt of your letter tomorrow, I think it my duty to issue it.

There is one thing however you should well consider if the Court above confirms the finding of the Court below will not Laws go in for heavier demurrage?

Yours &c
(sd) G D'Arcy
Governor

C.A. Williams Esqre
&c &c &c
Stanley

G. M. S. F. S.
August 3rd 1875.

My Dear Mr Williams,

There is not much time for me to decide, but this is the best course under all the circumstances.

Appeal to the Magistrates Court - I will appoint Ballion and Montague Dean - If I were to set aside the objections so likely to be raised the amount &c and were to sit tomorrow it would really only be to your injury - the demurrage would be more because if I granted a Council it would still follow that Watts and Travis would take Mr Smiths explanation of the law in preference to mine.

As Laws has a verdict, you cannot expect he would consent to a six weeks' delay.

Sincerely yours
(sd) G D'Arcy
Governor

To
C M Williams Esqre
&c &c &c
Stanley

G. M. S. F. S.
August 3rd 1875.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this days date in which you state that M Mc Mails arriving this day by the Schooner "Black Hawk" have been opened before being taken to the Post Office, and furthermore You ask me whether the

the person who opened them and who was not Postmaster as he was absent from his Office and could not by any possibility know that another Postmaster had not been appointed is a fit person to retain that Office?

You conclude your letter by announcing your intention to report the case to H.M.'s Postmaster General, it becomes therefore unnecessary for me to answer your query.

Lieut Lowry R.N.
&c &c &c
Commanding Troops

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

G.H.S.I.O.
August 3rd 1875.

My Dear Magistrate,

Thank you for delaying to answer my official letter.

But let me ask you one question before taking your advice, in absence of a Magistrate's Court, has Mr Williams no appeal?

In the absence of a Magistrate's Court I imagined an Executive Council, after Law's trip to Staten Island, with the money in trust would have poured oil on the troubled waters.

The Hon^ble
C.J. Smith Esq^re
&c &c &c
Stipendiary Magistrate.

Yours Sincerely
(sd) G D'Arcy
Governor

G.H.S.I.I.
August 3rd 1875.

Sir

Mr Williams having shewn sufficient cause for an appeal to the Governor in Council against your decision of yesterday in the Police Court, and having also shewn that a legally constituted Magistrate's Court cannot be constituted in Stanley at the present time, I have to acquaint you that I have entertained his application and by virtue of this injunction I have the honour to request you will stay all further proceedings in the case of Laws versus Williams, until the decision of the Court above is known.

Meanwhile the cheque of £69 odd I have directed to be given to the clerk of the Courts. £69.

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

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

G.H.S.I.I.
August 5-1875.

My Dear Mr Williams,

I comprehend perfectly your reasoning and I am now sufficiently well up in the clauses to have mastered the subject had it been necessary in Council and in an explanatory Despatch, but directly Mr Smith flatly refused, on the evening of Tuesday, to obey my injunction

Thingo

came to a dead lock - I must have suspended Mr Smith with the somewhat dubious reading of the law, as to the £100 limitation not applying to an appeal from the Police Court, there was a great risk that I should have gone to the wall!

Suspending a professional Officer is a great responsibility it is as much as to say to the Secretary of State

"You have not appointed
a fit and proper Person
to administer Justice"

which the Authorities are always inclined to resent.

Moreover the forms, the detail of suspension, are so troublesome, the writing so voluminous, with other mail business, that really I do not think I could have got through with it, not being so strong as of yore.

Of course it is victory for Mr Smith my yielding "after offering battle" but this must be endured - it was a mistake but the time was so limited it was difficult to determine.

Yours Sincerely
(d. G D'Arcy

C. H. Williams Esqre
to to to
Stanley

G. H. S. F. I.
August 6th 1875.

My Dear Henry Waldron,

Cairncross will tell you that he has signed an agreement for six months to take the Mails from Kelp Harbour to Hill Gap.

This was done without consulting me, or the Postmaster (the latter was absent) I would have veto'd this arrangement had it been submitted - the shepherd at Hill Gap not being a fit and proper Person to receive the Mails, but as the arrangement is only for six months, and as my opposition might have lost Cairncross the berth I confined myself merely to an expression of the irregularity of the proceeding.

Meanwhile this trip of Cairncross comes under and is the last of the Governor's and the West Falkland Settlers arrangement it completes the six months guaranteed by us consequently the amount I have to pay unto Dean for Cairncross is £40, and I must ask you to collect your £40 for me please, also to pay unto Dean to Cairncross's credit. I fear this will be an unpleasant job for you, people do not like paying for services rendered months ago - such is life - and I do not like paying £40 but my Imprest must be endured with calm philosophy being expended in a good cause. £40 £40

Mr Travis has returned reports things commercially at the lowest ebb at Monte Video. The Mc Clymonts have arrived - the lady a blooming bride staying at Deans.

The Home Government approve of the

the immigration of Terra Dels as shepherds & now is Law's chance or Mr Lauchlan's two would do for Beaver? Ah. Bye and bye it may all be worked out to the advantage of all, at present prejudice will prevent its execution.

Yours &c
(sd) G D'Arcy
Governor

To
Henry Baldron Esqre &c &c &c
Port Howard W. F.

Government House
Stanley 10th August 1876

Sir,

Mr Greenshields has assured me that the Stations of Whittington's Rincon, and the land lying between Mount Simon and the Wickham Heights, are stocked.

2 As soon as the weather becomes more genial, I purpose either going myself or appointing a Government Officer to report to me the facts of the case.

3. I can quite realize how easy it is to pronounce a Station unstocked after only riding along the track, fully believing such to be the case; although the Lessee has really complied with the Law by placing say five hundred sheep on the ground, which may be out of view in a stone run where the grasses at this season are dry and full of nourishment.

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

To
Jas Felton Esqre &c &c &c
Stanley

Government House
Stanley 11th August 1875.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this days date enclosing a petition to the Secretary of State which I will duly forward by this mail.

2. I have just received a letter from Wm Coulson, also forwarding a petition to the Secretary of State, signed by several of the inhabitants to the effect that their interests have not suffered by the suburban lands being leased.

3. You state in your letter that you, nor any of your agents, have not been able to obtain a copy or even a sight of this document, whereas Wm Coulson assures me he shewed it to your capitaz George Letherow.

4. The alleged misrepresentation is easily explained. After J. C. Dethleff purchased his flock of sheep from the Company in Stanley, sickness of an epidemic character took charge of his home, and he was unable to drive the flock out to Mount William - as you will see by this notice.

5. I wish to call to your memory the fact that the Proclamation giving Moody Valley to the people as common land was made twenty years ago by the then Governor alone and not by aid of his Council.

I have &c

(Sd) G D'Arcy
Governor

Capt R. C. Packe
&c &c &c
Stanley

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
August 16th 1875.

To the Consul of England
Drontheim
Norway

Sir,

I have great pleasure to enclose for a Government Bill for £12-17-5 the proceeds of the estate of the late Hans Peter Has, for the benefit of his nearest of kin.

The bill I have no doubt can be cashed at Trondhjem.

Yours &c
(s.) G D'Arcy
Colonel & Governor

Draft No 793 dated 12th August 1875
drawn on the Assistant-Secretary
Finance Department
Board of Trade
London
in favour of A Backke Esqre
for the sum of twelve pounds
seventeen shillings and five
pence British Sterling.-

To
A Backke Esqre
H.B.M. Consul
Trondhjem
Norway

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
12th August 1875

Sir,

I have the honour to report I have drawn on your Department the two following drafts, against the amount standing to my credit in respect of Cape Pembroke Lighthouse for the Quarter ending 30th June 1875 viz:- No 947 dated 12th August 1875 for the sum of Forty three pounds ten shillings sterling (£43..10/-) drawn in favour of C. Charles at par. — No 947 £43..10/-

No 973 dated 12th August 1875 for the sum of twelve pounds seventeen shillings and five pence (£12..17..5) drawn in favour of A Bachke Esquire at par. — No 973 £12..17..5

Mr Bachke is H. Mc Consul at Drontheim - Norway.

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

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

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
August 12th 1875

The Governor is anxious that the Harbour Master should remember that it was a most gigantic undertaking forcing a ship from West to East to find the North West passage, but quite another thing to steam and cut through the belt of ice from South to North.

All depends upon the existence of a mild temperate polar sea beyond the belt of ice which bounds the world.

From the voyage of the "Polaris" - from the annual disappearance north of the Knott bird - from the tradition of old Navigators - Greenlanders and others - there is every hope that such a sea washes round the pole perhaps who knows with Islands on it - peopled even! as the new world was when Columbus followed the shags!

The "Polaris" steamed 250 miles up Smiths Sound - open water and anchored in Thank God Bay Lat 81° 38'. Capt Hall sleighed to higher latitudes, and found in three excursions a milder climate with much animal life?

He died from fatigue suddenly when the sailors brought back the sledge!

W. G. D'Arcy
Governor

To
C Melville
Harbour Master

C.O. 879.
12 August 1875

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to transmit the enclosed draft No 947 drawn on the Accountant Board of Trade for the sum of Forty three pounds ten shillings stg —

I request you will acknowledge the receipt thereof —

I am &c
(Sd) J. Travis
A.G.

Wm. C. Charles
Esq. Wm. A. Lecomte
37 Frederick Street
St Johns Wood, Regents Park
London N.W.

C.O. 879.
12 August 1875

Sir,

Referring to a conversation of which I had no cognizance it is impossible for me to make any remark thereupon.

The copy of a letter from Mr Collins is, I presume, a private one —

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

The Revd H.M. Stanley
&c &c &c
Stanley.

Post Office
Stanley Falkland Islands
12th August 1876.

Sir,

No 74, 090. In reply to your letter as per margin respecting a packet of photographs alleged to have been sent by Mr Cobb of this Colony to Mr Coleman of London, I have the pleasure to state that no such packet was forwarded to Mr Coleman direct, but to a friend of Mr Cobb's, a Mr Sharpe, who was requested to give some of the photographs to Mr Coleman.

I understand the misapprehension arises through Mr Cobb writing to Mr Coleman "I am sending you some photographs" but omitting to state that they would be received through Mr Sharpe.—

I have &c
(sd) G Travis
Postmaster

John Tilley Esqre
&c &c &c
General Post Office London.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
12th August 1876.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 24th May last respecting the Certificate of the Revd H.C. Lowry, and to inform you that in future these certificates will be transmitted quarterly.

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

The Crown Agents
for the Colonies
&c &c &c
Spring Gardens
London

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
12th August 1875

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to inform you that the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have consented to allow Doctor A N Watts, Colonial Surgeon of these Islands, to receive in England two thirds of his salary of Four hundred and fifty pounds a year viz:- Three hundred pounds, instead of two hundred pounds a year as heretofore.

Treasury to Colonial Office 15th Sept 1874
Secretary of State to Governor No 35 dated 23rd October 1874

The Crown Agents
for the Colonies
&c &c &c
Spring Gardens London

I have &c
W. G D'Arcy
Governor

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
12th August 1875

Sir,

I have the honour to return the Query papers, as noted in the margin, with my answer thereto.

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No 4

I am &c
W. G D'Arcy
Governor

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

C.O. 75.

12 Augt 1875

Sir,

I have the honour to request you will be pleased to furnish me with a further supply of the following forms viz:- L H 1. & L H 3. & 3 Selected pages Registers. —

The Assistt Secty
Marine Department
Board of Trade
London

I have &c
(sd) J. Davis
Actg

C.O. 75

12 Augt 1875.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit the accts Stores accounts of Hope Rubble Light House for the months of April, May & June 1875, the Implement Acct for the quarter ending June 30th 1875, and the Meteorological Register for the half year ending 30th June 1875.

The Assistant Secretary
&
Marine Department
Board of Trade
London

I have &c
(sd) J. Davis
Actg

St. Stanley
17th August 1875

My dear Chaplain,

Certainly — the School room could not be used for a better purpose; you are welcome also to the forms &c. of the Infant School.

I would suggest that the amount you collect be given to Mr Bridges to distribute in rice and biscuit to those Natives, who, during the present season, die of hunger near the Mission, instead of the money going into the general fund for Missionaries Maytime.

I wish this to be considered as an offer from a Subscriber, only known at — I cannot expect that it will be carried out, as such a subject there is a diversity of opinion.

I request you will be so good as to receive my subscription — The severity of the weather alone prevents my attendance.

The Revd H. C. Long
&c &c &c

Yrs Truly
P. D. Tracy