Government House
Stanley 21st January 1850

Sir

I have received your letter of the 19th Instant.

In you have thought fit notwithstanding the reprimand I gave you on a former occasion to captious yourself again in a most disrespectful and unjustifiable manner towards the Magistrates. I have felt it to be my duty to play extracts from your letter of last before the Court in order that the Court may deal with you as the case may require.

I am &c.

(Signed) George Kennie
Governor

Mr Jas Edmonds

Government House
Stanley 21st January 1850.

Sir

I have to request that you will at your earliest leisure, convene a meeting of the Magistrates of Stanley to consider the subjoined extracted expressions of Mr Edmonds contained in letters of the 24th Ultimo and of the 19th Instant to me.

Adverting to my reception of the letter of the 19th Instant in a note I addressed to Mr Edmonds, I reprimanded him for the want of respect he showed to the Court of Civil and Criminal Justice as now established viz "I have to express to you my disapprobation of the allusion you have made to your unwillingness to submit your case to a Stipendiary Magistrate were there one in the Colony. Whatever your opinion may be the Courts for the Administration of Justice here have acted most impartially and to my entire satisfaction for every case that has been brought before them."

3. The two paragraphs of Mr Edmonds letter are as follows. "I

Honorable
H. J. Hamblin Esq.
Magistrate for the month of Jany 1850.

"I had hoped that I had explicitly stated to your Excellency on Saturday morning when your Excellency sent Mr. Longden for me to see you in the Library at Government House that I should not object to lay my case before a Stipendiary Magistrate, if one were in the Colony but as there was not, I had chosen the course which I intend to pursue."

"Your Excellency has alluded to the shameful outrage committed on me previous to your Excellency's arrival and has expressed your disapproval of my having preferred a Stipendiary Magistrate to decide in cases of common assault between persons having little knowledge of English law and judging by their actions no respect for it."

"Being myself ignorant of any proceedings which can justify and judging by their actions no respect for it, I felt it to be my duty to request that the Court would immediately call upon Mr. Edmonds to answer for this flagrant contempt of Court."

I am &c.

(Signed) George Rennie

Governor

Government House
Stanley 22nd January 1850.

Sir

I have received your letter of this days date.

2. As long as it was in my power to be useful to you in accomodating your differences with Mr Bailey, I offered you my best advice to guide you in your proceedings. This was rejected respectfully by you, you will now most probably have to answer for (in my opinion) a most libellous and disrespectful accusation of the honour of the legally constituted Courts of Justice in the Colony. Every letter on this and connected with this matter shall be laid before the Court, but as to the production of the Colonial Minute book the Magistrates have no jurisdiction in that department, until I may request them to enquire. I desire however peremptorily that you will without delay communicate to me what is your motive, and whether you impute any transaction affecting the honour or trustworthiness of any Officer

To James Edmonds

or

or other person connected with that department.

The last suggestion I will make to you is offering a proper and respectful apology to the Magistrates for your unjustifiable attack on them, to accommodate amicably with Mr. Bailey and on no account fail in communicating to me immediately for what your object is in requiring the Store Book to be produced in Court.

I decline to arbitrate in any case where one party communicates to me as you have hitherto done, until this morning, that as a condition of the arbitration your opponent must be put in the wrong before the case has been heard. If this advice be rejected as on former occasions I decline to carry on any farther correspondence on the subject, you can therefore proceed in the usual way & make complaints as you think fit to Earl Grey.

I am &c.

Signed George Rennie

Governor

Government House
Stanley 24th January 1850.

Sir

I have to request that as there are now six prisoners confined in the temporary wooden gaol, you will give orders to the detachment under your Command that in case of any disturbance among the Prisoners, they may give such assistance to the gaoler to preserve the peace, as occasion may require, in any emergency

I am,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
Signed George Rennie
Governor

Captain Reid
Staff Officer Commanding Pensioners
Falkland Islands.

Government House
Stanley 26 January 1850

Sir

I am directed by H. E. the Governor to desire that you will furnish at your earliest convenience a report on the School under your charge.

2. The report should specify the number of children of whom the School is composed, distinguishing boys from girls, and the average number of Scholars actually attending; the mode of Instruction adopted, and the general progress made; and the rate of contribution paid by the parents of the children as well as the number at each rate; to which you will, of course, add such observations or suggestions as you may wish to make to His Excellency.

I am &c.

signed J. Thompson
Colonial Secretary

W. H. Williams
Schoolmaster

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Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
25th January 1850

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th. April 1849, enquiring whether there are any Funds belonging to Droits of Admiralty in this Colony; and in reply I beg to inform you there are none.

I am &c.
(signed) George Rennie
Gov.

J. H. Dyke Esquire
Her Majesty's Procurator General
Doctors Commons
London

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
25th January 1850

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 6th April 1849. labelled "Adjudications of the Vice Admiralty Court here on Vessels "captured on "suspicion of having been engaged in the "Slave Trade".-

In reply I have to inform you that no adjudications have taken place up to this date in the Vice Admiralty Court of this Colony.-

I am &c
(signed) George Rennie
Gov. & Vice Admiral

Captain W.B. Hamilton R.N.
Secretary to the Admiralty
&c &c &c
London

Government House
Stanley 30th January 1850

Sir

I have had an application from Corporal Gilmour to be allowed some indulgence in the payment of an allotment of one acre of land, in the event of his becoming a purchaser at the sale already announced to take place on Friday next the 1st. Proxo.

The Act of Parliament for the sale of Crown Lands in Her Majesty's Colonies is imperative as to payment by Ordinary purchasers But I think there are circumstances connected with the situation of the Pensioners under your command, which would probably be approved of by Her Majesty's Government as good reasons for sanctioning a modification in their favour.

I would therefore request of you to muster your detachment at your early convenience and state to the men, that should any of them be desirous to purchase allotments at the sale on Friday, preferring land in the immediate vicinity of the Town of Stanley to the rural lands intended for them - I will on condition of their renouncing their claims

Captain Reid

to

Staff Officer Commanding Pensioners
Falkland Islands.

to those ten acres of rural land valued at 8/- per acre = to £4 allow them credit to that amount in part payment of any purchase they may make at the above mentioned Sale. It must however be distinctly understood that this arrangement is conditional on its approval by the Right Honble the Secretary of State for the Colonies, whose answer may be obtained in the course of six or eight months - during which time I cannot guarantee any remuneration for work or improvements which the Prisoner or Prisoners may carry out. They will however be allowed to complete the purchase as private individuals should this arrangement not be confirmed - viz that is to say for example if Corporal Colman shall purchase a lot for 10£ the local Government will require £6 to be paid the rural land Standing for the difference and further that if the Corporal shall expend in labour and improvements 10£ more he has the power to save himself from loss should the rural land not be taken in exchange by paying 4/- to complete the original purchase. Any person intending to purchase on the above terms must signify such intention to Mr Longden previous to the sale

I neither recommend nor discourage

this

this proposal the men must choose for themselves, but in no case, can I undertake to release them from completing their houses and gardens according to the present arrangements.

I am &c.

(signed) George Dennis

Governor

Government House
Stanley 31st January 1850

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your note of this days date, relative to the sale of suburban allotments advertised to take place tomorrow.—

2. Having laid your letter before H. E. the Governor; I am directed to inform you in reply, that he has no objection to your becoming a purchaser at the above named sale on the conditions named in his letter to you, of yesterday's date; but as the land in the immediate neighbourhood of Stanley, open to Captain [illegible] is very restricted in quantity, His Excellency deems it necessary to confine the privilege to the purchase of one section of one acre, and has desired me to inform you thereof accordingly.—

I have &c
Signed
J. R. Longden
Chief Clerk

Captain Reid
Staff Officer Commanding Pensioners
Falkland Islands

Government House
2nd February 1850

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of to-day's date applying for the immediate occupation of the District, including Long Island, situate between Berkeley Sound and the range of hills dividing they sound from Port San Salvador under the terms of the proclamation of 2nd July 1849 and intimating your wish to purchase and lease a Station as soon as it can be surveyed.

I have to inform you in reply that I have no objection thereto and that you are at liberty to occupy the above District on the terms of the proclamation alluded to. The Station will be surveyed and put up to auction as soon as circumstances will permit.

I am Sir
Signed George Rennie
Governor.

Hon^ble
Captain Sullivan R. N.
Stanley.

Government House
Falkland Islands
4th February 1850

Sir

I has afforded me much pleasure to learn that the amended terms of contract between Her Majesty and Mr Lafone, so liberally and [illegible]ently granted by Earl Grey on Her Majesty's part, are fully recognized and appreciated by Mr Lafone and yourself, and I cannot doubt that the hearty co operation which I now fully rely on from you for promoting the colonization and welfare of these Islands can from the experience I have had during my short residence here prove otherwise than an important means to farther the objects of Her Majesty, as well as to advance the accomplishment of the true interests of Mr Lafone.

Being about to address the Right Honble the Secretary of State for the Colonies I am desirous of communicating thro' his Lordship to the Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners the terms upon which you can guarantee to provide, on the following settlers of Capital, a sufficient number of Cattle with which

to

R. A. Williams Esqre

to commence grazing establishments
and such assurance as may be satisfac-
tory for the supplies being provided with-
in a limited period after their arrival:
also the number of years from the pre-
sent date that you will abide by these terms.

I am &c.

Signed George Rennie

Governor

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
5th February 1850

My Lords

I have the honour to inform your Lordships that I have drawn the undermentioned bills on Her Majesty's Treasury.

No Seventy seven, dated 31st December 1849. The Sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds drawn in favour of the Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners, being the amount of Crown Lands Revenue received in the Colony from 1st April 1848 to 31st December 1849. By Authority of Earl Grey's despatch No 10 dated 2nd February 1848

No Seventy eight, dated 31st December 1849. The Sum of Nineteen Pounds three shillings and tenpence drawn in favour of the Treasury Assessment Commissioners being the amount of Income Tax received from the Government Officers in the Colony from 1st July 1849 to 31st December 1849. By authority of Lord Stanley's despatch No 54 dated 11th July 1845.

No Seventy nine dated 3rd January 1850 The Sum of Thirty eight Pounds sixteen shillings and eightpence drawn in favour of

J. Stanley

The Right Hon.ble
The Lords Commissioners
of Her Majesty's Treasury
London

G. Bonnie Governor in part payment of his salary for the month of December 1849. deducting One pound three shillings and sixpence Income Tax.

No Eighty dated 3rd January 1850 The Sum of Twenty four Pounds five shillings and sixpence, drawn in favour of H. J. Hamblin, Colonial Surgeon, in payment of his salary for the month of December 1849, after deducting fourteen shillings and seven pence Income Tax.

No Eighty one, dated 2nd February 1850 The Sum of Two Hundred Pounds, drawn in favour of J. M. Dean, in exchange for Cash to be expended in the general service of the Colony.

No Eighty two, dated 2nd February 1850 The Sum of Sixty Pounds three shillings and ten pence drawn in favour of G. Bonnie Governor in part payment of his salary for the month of January 1850, deducting One pound sixteen shillings and two pence Income Tax.

The four last named Bills have been drawn on the Authority of Earl Grey's despatch No 35 dated 21st March 1849.

I have &c

signed George Bonnie

Govr

Government House
Stanley 7th February 1850.

Sir

I am directed by H.E. the Governor to request you will inform him, at your earliest convenience, of the average number of persons attending the Chapel, according to your estimate, during the year 1849, in order that the same may be reported in the Blue Book for last year, according to the direction of Her H. Majesty's Government.

I have &c.
(signed) J. B. Longden
Asst Clerk

Revd J. L. Moody
Stanley

Government House
8th February 1850
10 o'clock P.M.

Sir

I have just received your letter of this days date enclosing a Memorial from your detachment of Sappers expressing their dissatisfaction with the arrangements that are made for their Settlement here.

By the Postal Regulations your communication cannot be received by me to forward by this mail, at the hour which I have arranged understanding with Captain Deacon was to be considered the latest time that he could assume charge of his vessel being in this Port: and the fact of his not sailing until Monday does not alter the case in this respect that communications are not to be sent to the Governor on the vessels sailing, which ever should Sunday intervene makes the official time equally short. I have further to inform you that I have written and it has since been copied a long and explanatory despatch to Earl Grey giving fully my Reasons for adopting the course I pursued with a drawing also to shew the situation of the Settlement more accurately as regards the Barracks and Seamens Village.

Captain Reid, Staff Officer, Commanding Engineers, The Falkland Islands

The Memorial transmitted to me being dated the 2nd. January I am at a loss to understand why it was not sooner delivered here, the mail being at this moment partially closed. - I am however unwilling to interpose any delay in obtaining any redress which the Petitioners may desire, and I therefore request that you will assemble them in front of my Office immediately as I wish to explain a decided mistake they seem to be under, and if possible to arrange matters to their satisfaction. -

I am &c.

Signed George Rennie

Governor

Government House
Stanley 9th February 1850.

Sir

Whilst addressing your detachment yesterday afternoon on the subject of the Memorial your men wish to be forwarded to Her Majesty's Government, I expressed my surprise that a document dated the 7th of January last, should not have been communicated to me, until the hour at which the closing of the Mail for England by this opportunity had been publicly announced. I require no answer from the Pensioners, but as near as I can recollect you stated that you did not think proper to do so and that you had some doubt whether it was necessary that you should send me a copy for that and that you considered it an act of courtesy to send it at all. These may not be the exact words but I request that you will at your earliest convenience correct them, and inform me also how long you have been in possession of that document, or been cognizant of its contents.

I am Sir
Signed
George Rennie
Governor

Captain Reed
Staff Officer, Commanding Pensioners
Falkland Islands.

Government House

Stanley 12th February 1850.

Sir

I have to acquaint you that I have forwarded to Earl Grey Secretary of State for the Colonies the Copy of the Memorial of your detachment of thirty Pensioners which I received on the 8th Instant and I have added such remarks as I hope will enable his Lordship to understand the circumstances connected with the disappointment, the Pensioners wish to express.

I will give my most anxious attention to such that Earl Grey (with whom the decision rests), can suggest me so as to provide for the settlement of your men in any manner that may be most suitable for them.

I request that you will read this Letter to your detachment at your early convenience.

I am Sir

(signed) George Rennie

Governor

Captain Reid

Staff Officer, Commanding Pensioners

Falkland Islands.

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Government House
Stanley 13th February 1850.

Sir

The reply I received from you on the 9th Instant in answer to my question why the copy of a memorial from the detachment of Pensioners under your command, sent to you early in January last to be transmitted to the Secretary at War should not have been communicated to me until the hour advertised publicly for the closing of the Mail on the 8th Instant leads me to suppose that you are unacquainted with Her Majesty's rules and regulations for the Colonial Service. I have therefore desired a copy shall be sent to you, and I would more particularly direct your attention at present to Chapter 1st Section 2nd and clause 5th and request that you will send me returns and duplicates &c as required by that regulation. Also to Chapter 6th Section 5th clauses 3rd and 6th which clauses apply most directly to the positive prohibition of the course you have just pursued respecting the Memorial. Under all the circumstances I feel it to be my duty to admonish you most seriously of the impropriety of detaining a document in your hands (for a fortnight) containing statements of an erroneous nature

Captain Reid
Staff Officer Commanding Pensioners
Falkland Islands

nature, accusing me of injuring the prospects of your men by my change of purpose. I am at a loss to understand that you could be ignorant of the unjustifiable nature of the charge that I would no longer allow them to exchange their useless land for suburban land, as you yourself not only acted on my written permission of the 30th of January to open your detachment by my consent that they might avail themselves of that privilege, but in reply to that letter you state that you have made known publicly to your men that I would receive their land as payment at the sale which took place on the 1st February.

At the meeting of your men held here on the 8th Instant I most positively denied that I had ever thought of withdrawing the permission and called on every man of your detachment to state from whom they ever heard of my change of purpose. I received no answer, nor could you bring forward any proof to support the charge in the Memorial. On the contrary my instructions to Mr Bailey prove the reverse - yet altho' I offered to you (acting as you professed to be for your men) my consent to the withdrawal or amendment of the Memorial you presented on sending to the Secretary at War, a document containing most unfounded and libellous accusations. I am now as I

always

always have been ready to exchange the ten Acres of rural land guaranteed to the Pensioners for two acres of Suburban land open to public selection, provided that the Secretary of State approves of the exchange.

The fact of a Memorial being drawn up, and signed by your own men to be presented to the Secretary at War, would (cognizant as it was your duty to make yourself of its contents) be no justification for your forwarding it without using every means in your power to convince them that their statements were erroneous and I question whether it was not your duty to decline forwarding it at all, and certainly not without fully explaining on your own part the error it contains.

I do not profess any acquaintance with Military details, but I cannot avoid a feeling ~~of impropriety~~ (perhaps an erroneous one) that you being cognizant of misstatement in the Memorial, previously, but most certainly on the 8th Instant by your own declaration and that your permitting to forward that document may be brought within the meaning of the Mutiny Act, Section of false returns 2 clauses 88 and 90.

I conceive it to have been clearly your duty you being present when your memorandum was signed on the 31st December to the

please

plan for the arrangement of their Cottages to remain as they projected, to have informed me at the earliest moment of their change of resolve, which seems to have taken place within 48 hours, and that they had determined to appeal to the Secretary of War. This I conceive to have been your duty to me, as well as to save the Colonial Government from the risk of proceeding to great expence on an arrangement which the result of that appeal might prove to be unnecessary.

I have therefore to require that in the event of your receiving any further Communication appealing against my proceedings or applying for any matters of a civil nature either here or from Her Majesty's Government in England you will make me acquainted with it without delay. And I also require that should you be informed of any insubordination or disaffection among your men tending to want of discipline or due respect for the Laws or for the Government of this Colony you will report it immediately to me.

I have never allowed any personal inconvenience to interfere with what I conceive to be for the good of the Public Service, and altho' you consented to a postponement of the harassing effect of the Removal of your detachment, I feel it

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to be my duty for the welfare of your men that the delay in the erection of their Cottages and gardens should not be prolonged to their prejudice and inconvenience by your omission to comply with the rules and regulations prescribed to every Officer and Individual in Her Majesty's Colonies further than what may be absolutely necessary to obtain the decision of the Secretary of State on the subject of this appeal.

I am &c.

(Signed) George Grey

Governor.

Government House
Stanley 13th February 1850

Sir

The reply I received from you on the 9th Instant to the answer to my question why the copy of a memorial from the detachment of Pensioners under your command, and to your early in January last to be transmitted to the Secretary at War should not have been communicated to me until the hour advertized publicly for the closing of the mail

Government House
Stanley 13th February 1850

Gov.

Sir

I have received your letter of yesterdays date. Sergeant Maggs & Tolton's report to your of the words I said to them, on the subject of the misrepresentation of the memorial of your detachment to the Secretary at War, are perfectly correct and it certainly does grieve me not a little to learn that you object to my speaking to them or to any of your men on subjects connected with Military discipline, and having simply on questions relating to their interests here, as individuals and civilians settlers after the course you have thought fit to pursue, it

Captain Reid
Staff Officer Commanding Pensioners
Falkland Islands

it is my duty to ascertain the feelings and opinions of your men on all questions relating to land or cultivation and employment for them, and whilst acting as Labourers I shall, until I am instructed to the contrary, be ready at all times to offer them my best advice, and I will not admit of your assuming to act for your men as you have done in the case of the memorial without reference to me, and to attempt to call in question my right to explain to them a number of circumstances regarding the capabilities of this Colony and their prospects in it, which up to the present time they seem to be most imperfectly informed of.

2. I shall therefore when addressed by the Seamen in a proper manner, and on any subject unconnected with Military duties, treat them as Civilians and give them such advice as they may require.

3. I have further to add, that this morning on inspecting the progress of the new barrack several of your men addressed me and informed me that they were now perfectly aware that my views and intentions for them had been misrepresented.

4. Under these circumstances whilst

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I have hitherto and shall always refrain from all interference or superintendence of Military details I shall (after the experience I have had), exercise my own discretion as to whether any observation I may make to any individual of your detachment, be of sufficient importance to make it necessary that I should call upon you to assemble your men to hear my advice on [illegible] the pattening of Pigs or of planting Potatoes &c.

I am &c.

(Signed) George Rennie

Governor

No 3.

Government House
Stanley 13th February 1850.

Sir

I have just received your letter of this days date enclosing a memorial from Steward William Stokes on the subject of providing him with a Blacksmiths or Armourers shop.

As regards the promise which he alleges to have received from Colonel Tulloch that he should be provided with a forge, I know nothing, nor could I get upon any inquiries or assurance that Colonel Tulloch might have given to W. Stokes had I Colonel Tulloch's orders to that effect verbally or in writing I have however observed the inconvenience that the Memorialist suffers under, but I regret that at this moment I have no means of relieving him; nor can I take only consideration the grounds on which he applies. His only upon its being shewn by me and recommended by you that the labour of an Armourer or Blacksmith is essentially necessary for the efficiency of the detachments of your corps that I could entertain an application for the use of a Government building. When the new Blacksmiths shop the property

Capt. Reid
Staff Officer, Commanding Pensioner
Falkland Islands

now

bers of which are now being dug, esplanade, and the necessities of the case are shown, I will give an application a favourable hearing.

I also regret that I cannot comply with your suggestion regarding the erection of a portion of the Settlers Cottages for the use of the tradesmen of your detachment. Until the answer of the Secretary of State for the Colonial Department is obtained to the Memorial lately despatched or that that Memorial be repealed, I do not feel it my duty to incur farther expence than is absolutely necessary, and in no case could I sanction the carrying on a trade of any manner and like Smith in a wooden building near to so many others

I request that you will make known to the Memorialist the reasons which make it impossible for me to grant his request at this time.

I am &c

Signed George Rennie

Governor

Government House
Stanley 16 February 1850

Sir

I have to acquaint you that the Surveyor General has reported to me that the western wing of the Barracks is completed and that the Eastern is also sufficiently advanced for the unmarried adults of your detachment to occupy.

2. I request therefore, that you will give orders for the Evacuation of the present quarters occupied by your men, beginning with the Government Storehouse, and the small temporary Red Sentry box, the materials of which are required for immediate use.

I am &c

Signed

George Rennie
Lt-Govr
in Chief

Captain Reid
Staff Officer Comm.d Pensioners
Falkland Islands

Government Office
Stanley 16 Feby. 1850.-

Sir

I request that you will draw up a statement (from documents which you may have in your possession, and also from my instructions may have been verbally communicated to you to the best of your recollection) of all that has taken place regarding the settlement of the Pensioners under command of Captain Reid.

I more particularly would draw your attention to the instructions I have from time to time given respecting my willingness to entertain an application from the Pensioners for exchanging their rural land for similar value in Town, and whether you ever (verbally or in writing) had any reason to suppose that I had changed my views on the terms originally agreed to, or that I were unwilling to exchange subject to the decision of the Secretary of State.

I am &c

(Signed) George Rennie
Jr=

Arthur Bailey Esq.
Surveyor General
Stanley

Government House
Stanley 16th Feby. 1850.

Sir

I request that you will report to me from documents within best of your recollection, whether you have ever heard the slightest intimation of an intention on my part to withdraw or alter the conditional proposal of my willingness to allow the Pensioners under Captain Reid to exchange their allotments of ten acres of waste land for a corresponding value of uncertain land, provided that arrangement should obtain the sanction of the Secretary of State for the Colonial Department.

2. I desire more particularly a description of what took place at a conference held with Captain Reid and some of his non-commissioned Officers and Privates in my office, when the subject was first mooted, on the 5th of November last.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

George Rennie
Govr.

J. R. Longden Esqr.
Stanley —

Government House Stanley
18th February 1850.

Sir

I have just received your letter of this days date containing a memorial signed by twenty eight of your detachment and I request that you will communicate to them the enclosed answer.

I am &c

(signed)

George Rennie
Govr

Captain Reid
Staff Officer Comm[g] Engineer
Falkland Islands.

Government House Stanley
18th February 1850.

His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief has received through Captain Reid a memorial signed by the twenty eight non commissioned officers and Privates requesting to be allowed ten acres of suburban land in exchange for ten acres of rural land guaranteed to them by Her Majesty's Government, and also that their affairs may be proceeded with immediately.

2. The Governor has no objection to this memorial. Before however the prayer of it can be acted on, it will be necessary that the pensioners should see Mr Bailey the Surveyor

General, and fix on such Colonel or Lieut Colonel for selection as they may determine to choose, and the Governor further requires that he shall be made acquainted with the precise grounds for each man's vote also bind himself to abide by this determination.

3. The Governor in conclusion reminds the Lieutenants that he cannot guarantee absolutely the arrangements, the ultimate decision resting with the Secretary of State. The Governor can only approve them & his most favourable recommendation will be used to confirm it.

To the

Non Commissioned officers and Privates of Pensioners whose names are attached to a Memorial received this day by the Governor.

Government House
Stanley 1st February 850

Sir

I have to acknowledge your letter of yesterdays date in reply to mine, No 1, of the 15th Instant.

2. I should feel myself unworthy of retaining the office I have the honour to hold in this Colony, were I to put on official record any further vain attempt to explain the total misconceptions upon Colony under and the unbecoming language in which I am addressed.

3. I have only therefore to inform you that I feel it my duty to report some whole proceedings, connected with the settlement of Port Stanley Pensioners, to the Right Hon.ble the Secretary of State in order that his Lordship may judge of them. This report when completed will be sent to you to make such reply or comment as to you may seem fit.

I am, &c

(signed)

George Rennie
Govr & Comr in chief

Captain Reid R.N.
Staff Officer Commg Engineers
Falkland Islands.

Government House
Stanley 25th February 1851.

Sir

I am desired by His Excellency the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of to-days date applying for 700 Bricks, and to forward to you an order for the same to be taken from the heap lying near the foundations of the new Jail.

I have &c

(signed)

J. Knight
Chief Clerk

Master
Captain Sullivan R.N.
Stanley

Government House
Stanley 26th February 1850

Sir

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to enclose herewith for your information a Despatch to the Right Honble Earl Grey on proceedings referred to in His Excellency's letter to you of the 11th instant, and I am to request that you will make such answers to the different paragraphs as you may think proper and return them together with the despatch at your earliest convenience, in order that the whole may be transmitted to the Right Honble the Secretary of State for the Colonies by the first opportunity.

I have &c &c

(Signed) J. R. Longden
Chief Clerk

Captain Reid
Staff Officer Commg Falkland Islands.

Government House
Stanley 1st March 1850

Sir

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th Ult., applying for a copy of His Excellency's unwritten address delivered to the detachment under your command "on the 8th"; - and in reply I am to state that no written official answer to the Memorial was sent to them. At the same time, however, the Governor has directed me to forward a copy of the notes on which he founded his verbal address to the Memorialists, which are accordingly enclosed.

2. I am also directed by His Excellency to enquire, with reference to the 1st Paragraph of his letter to you of the 13th February, whether any "Returns" relative to the Pensioners under your command have been made by you to the Military Authorities in England, and if so, that His Excellency may expect to receive the copies of them, as required by the Colonial Regulations, Chapter 1, section 2, clause 5.

3. The Governor desires me to add in conclusion that he has never written any

Captain Reid
Staff Officer Commanding Pensioners
Falkland Islands

any other note or copies of any address he has made to the Governors there that might (except that now enclosed and such as have been sent through you) and that consequently there are no more documents of that nature which can be furnished to you -

I have &c.

Signed

J. Le Longden
Chief Clerk

Copy

Memorandum of Governor's Answer to complaints of Settlers, contained in a Memorial dated 2nd January 1850, respecting their Claims for Land, presented to the Governor on the 8th February 1850.

1. First complaint has not yet been sufficiently proved, although there is every reason to believe the Memorialists have adopted erroneous views.

2. The Governor stated that if they would first decide on the question of where their houses were to be, that he would consider favourably an application made for gardens elsewhere but that they could not have them attached to their houses if the houses were brought close together. The Governor has never yet seen the practicability of carrying out to the letter the plan contemplated by Her Majesty's Government, which the Settlers appeared to expect, but in conformity with the desires of the Government for their welfare he has given as a free gift about a quarter of an acre of land as proved by the late sale to be worth at the rate of £5 per acre, in lieu of any inconvenience which they might suffer from being at a distance from their 10 acre allotments, on which

it was contemplated by the Government to have placed their Horses, and which would have been adhered to if it were practicable.

3. The Governor has never officially intimated (until the 31st Ultimo) his intention to allow any exchange of rural land for suburban - although he intimated privately to Captain Reid, and desired him to consult with the detachment, that he expected to receive favourably and recommend Earl Grey to allow that indulgence provided the men should desist and make application by many, but not otherwise. And further the Governor most positively assures the Pensioners that he is still quite ready (on proper application) to make such exchange for any suburban land that has not at this moment acquired an extra value. The intention of Her Majesty's Government appear to the Governor to be that the Pensioners should be allowed land to the value of £10 that is to say 10 acres at 8/ per acre, which in exchange would purchase suburban land to the same value or 2 acres.

4. As the Governor has intimated to the Pensioners that he will favourably recommend to the Home Government the exchange of rural land which has been

assigned

assigned it is unnecessary that he should express any opinion as to the choice they may make.

5. Having answered the leading points of the Memorial the Governor is at a loss to understand what the Petitioners, as it appears to him there is no material difference excepting as regards the situation of the Cottages, and the Governor must remind the men that, with a view to providing so far as lies in his power for their comfort, they are now engaged at Government expense on an extensive shelter being built, which (according to the original instructions) they would have had to construct at their own expense. And in conclusion as a proof of the value of the land on which their houses and gardens are to stand the result of the sale on the 1st Inst. is the best answer. Moreover the old settlers here, who (as well as Captain Reid) were purchasers have had, at least the settlers more experience in estimating the benefit of shelter, considering that the land at that spot extended 70 yards higher up the hill, and contains about one third of the whole area of bare rock.—

(signed) George Rennie
Governor and Commander
in Chief

Government House
Stanley 4th March 1850.

Sir

I am desired by H.E. the Governor to acquaint you that the Surveyor General has reported that the Partitioning of the new Barracks is completed, and that His Excellency thinks it desirable that the whole of the detachment under your Command (not already located in the Barracks) should forthwith occupy that Wing.

2. His Excellency also requests that you will give orders that, as soon as the large Room in rear of the Court House is cleared, the Artificers at present allowed to work in the Court House shall remove all their materials into that room and after sweeping out the Court House return the key to the Surveyor General.

I have &c.
Signed
J. R. Longden
Chief Clerk

Captain Reid
Staff Officer Commanding Prisoners
Falkland Islands

Government House
Stanley 4th March 1850—

Sir

From the various communications which I have had from time to time with you both verbally and documentary, I am led to infer that you either assume to have or that you do possess instructions which seem to me to require alteration with my general Colonial Government and Commander in Chief in this Colony. I feel it requisite, therefore, that I should be made cognizant of the nature of your duties.—

2. Under these circumstances I desire that you will furnish me with a copy of such regulations and orders as may have been furnished to you for your guidance here.—

3. I have also to remind you that on the 5th Ult. I particularly called your attention to Section 2 Chapter 5 of the Colonial Regulations, respecting "returns" and likewise on the 12th Instant by Mr. London I repeated my desire to learn whether you were not bound to furnish such information in Quarterly from your Department. To neither of the communications in those letters have I yet received any reply.—

4. As I am not aware of the length of time which may be required for

Captain Reid
Staff Officer Commg Engineers
Falkland Islands—

for copying the above documents I desire that you will immediately give me an explicit reply as to whether any returns are due, and if so why they have been furnished.—

I am &c

(signed)

Gonzalez Ramirez
Jr.

Government House
Stanley 4th March 1850

Sir

My letter to you of this morning's date was intended to ask for simple questions, which required a very few lines for answer, but which you by my notice are why - I asked for a copy of your instructions, which you have not thought it fit to take any notice of.

2.- As to the second question regarding the returns, it is principally in order that I may know whether the duties which have been prescribed to you are in accordance with the proceedings you have taken since your arrival here, and as I have no special direction to vary the rules laid down in the Regulations of Her Majesty's Colonial Service, failing your producing to me any special cause of exemption, I shall expect you to be guided by those rules. —

3.- I have further to state that in my letter to you of this morning I am not aware that in requiring returns which were first asked for on the 15th Ult.o and again on the 1st Inst., without either your furnishing them or explaining why you did not, you have any reason to suppose that the returns should be demanded

Captain Reid
Staff Officer Comm.g Prisoners
Falkland Islands

firmly or even peremptorily. You were acquainted previously by my Letters from Mr. Pitt with my wish that your proceedings should be conducted in the most conciliatory manner, and might have been furnished shortly after or an explanation given. —

4. My letter from Mr. Pitt merely contained a request from you delay in not answering the allegations in my letter to Earl Grey although you undoubtedly lengthen the correspondence by alluding to it. When I have seen your instructions I shall be better able to judge whether it may be necessary to have retrospective recourse to prospective letters furnished to me. Whatever trouble or inconvenience you may find in an epistolary correspondence pertaining only to me & my acts and duties, it will be incumbent upon you to complain of. It is however my imperative duty to think no inconvenience will ever make me even desire from you to be that those placed under my government shall perform their duties according to the instructions I have the honour to hold from Her Majesty. And I have (including this correspondence in the absence of the Secretary to Government) performed his duties in addition to my own.

5. I am not aware that it answers whether you will furnish me with a copy of your instructions without once

definite time is a very awkward task, or if they are so circumstanced as to require many days, I will direct any clerk to copy them.

I am &c

(signed)

George Rennie
Govr

Government House
Stanley 6 March 1850

Sir

I have to acknowledge your letter of this days date, enclosing the copy of an application from Lieut. Major Felton to be allowed to occupy the house in which he now lives until his new Government shall be ready for him. Under the circumstances I have no objection whatever to Mr Felton's occupying his present quarters.

I am Sir

(signed)

George Rennie
Govr

Captain Reid
Staff Officer Commg Royal Engineers
Falkland Islands

Government House
Stanley 6 March 1850

Sir

I am directed by H.E. the Governor to observe that in your letter of the 4th instant you state with reference to the Governor's report to Earl Grey of your proceedings that you had received permission to make such comments on it at your convenience as you might think proper: in the recorded copy of the letter enclosing to you His Excellency's report the words are "at your earliest convenience" the Governor regrets that if the word earliest should by accident have been omitted, you will be pleased to insert it. —

2. As an opportunity for sending a mail to England may suddenly occur and one is expected almost immediately he trusts that as soon as the returns and instructions required by him are prepared you will use no time in making the necessary alterations in the report and returning it in order that the required copies may be made for transmission. —

I have &c.

J. Rowlett
Chief Clerk

Colin Mackenzie
Staff Officer Commg Royal Engineers
Falkland Islands —

No 7.

Government House
Stanley 7th March 1850
5 o'clock PM.

Sir

I have had the honor to receive your letter of this days date enclosing "Extracts" of returns instructions &c and requiring of me your doubts whether you are bound to comply with my demand for a copy of your instructions or not.

2. Your admission that you showed me portions of your instructions on various occasions proves that you did not consider them private, and indeed I quite recollect now you mentioning it. The fact of your having so stated in your letter of this mornings date, I send it back from with me to my house & shall after your arrival. In my demanding a copy of your instructions I could know how those doubts have arisen. If, therefore, no distinct prohibition exists which you can produce to me, I will adopt the responsibilities of taking the step, to make me acquainted with the nature of your powers and duties.

3. After the repeated times I have already applied for a copy of your instructions I have only to add that if within twenty four hours you will not give me a plain and decided answer to the question, I must treat your silence as a refusal and act upon it according to my instructions.

4. I regret

Captain Reid
Harbour Comm.dg Ambrose
Falkland Islands.

4. I regret that you should, by the course you are now taking, oblige me to be prepared to act towards you (notwithstanding what has already passed) in a manner which I desire much to avoid. But whilst I hold the powers and instructions entrusted to me by Her Majesty, I shall think it to be my duty to put them in force to the best of my judgment, where required for the proper subordination and general welfare of the Public service. From I regret your views I should intimately be no longer Governor here. But if you consider yourself aggrieved you have a final appeal elsewhere. Until however the sentence of that appeal has been pronounced, I shall perform what I believe to be my duty and maintain the authority delegated to me by Her Majesty by every means in my power.

I am &c

(Signed)

George Bonnie

Gov

Government House
Stanley 9 March 1850.

Sir

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to enclose herewith the original Instructions from Colonel Tulloch Royal Sappers & Miners to His Excellency, upon which he has acted in his letter of the 8th instant. —

I have &c

(Signed)

J. R. Longden
Chief Clerk

Captain Reid
Staff Corps Commg Engineers
&c &c &c
Falkland Islands

For copy of the above named Enclosure see Guard Book of "Miscellaneous Documents, Vol 3, 1850 to 18

Government House
Stanley 11th March 1850

Sir

I am directed by H.E. the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date enclosing copies of the Diary of work performed by the Convicts under your command, and of a report, dated 10th Feby relative to the conduct of the detachment, also a copy of the Provisional Instructions for Staff Officers of Pensioners, which His Excellency has directed me to return to you, and is accordingly enclosed.

2. In order to simplify the Returns relative to Work performed by the Convicts, and at the same time to adapt them to furnish the information required by the Commissioners of Audit, the Governor has directed me to prepare blank forms for them, which I shall have the honour to forward for your information as early as possible.

I have &c.
signed
J. Y. Longden
Chief Clerk.

Captain Reid
Staff Officer Comm'g Pensioners
Falkland Islands

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Government House
Stanley 11th March 1850

Sir

I have to inform you that I have received instructions from the Right Honble Earl Grey, that for the future Progress Returns of Works in the annexed form are to be forwarded quarterly for the information of the Commissioners of Audit, which returns you will perceive are directed to be made out, signed, and certified by the Surveyor General.

2 In order you to carry out these instructions I have directed there enclosed Price Book of all Building Materials in Stage to be compiled, and copies of the Invoices of all materials purchased from time to time will be furnished to you.

3 It of course necessary that the Building Materials required for immediate use should be drawn as heretofore upon a previous reference to this Office, but I have directed that every morning an Indent of the Materials issued for works during the preceding day shall be furnished to you, in order that any inaccuracies which may occur between the

Arthur Bailey Esqre.
Surveyor General
Stanley.

the Store Accounts and your own, may be at once rectified.

4. It is requested that these Progress Returns may be made out on the same sized paper as the annexed form, and I have therefore caused three quires of folio paper to be forwarded to you for that purpose. As the first return is to be made out for the quarter ending on the 30th of June 1850, these regulations will come into effect on the 1st April next. Incidental Services mentioned in the 4th page of the enclosed form, will include the repairs of boats, repairing locks and all other employments of a similar nature, not included in any specific work or construction.—

I am &c.

(Signed) George Rennie

Gov.

Government House Stanley
23rd. March 1850

Sir

I am desired by His Excellency the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st. Inst. enclosing a Report from His Excellency to Capt. Grey on your proceedings; which, with the exception of one paragraph you decline to answer. That paragraph you assume to be the substance of a private conversation. His Excellency has a total and distinct recollection that the case was in substance as he stated it, but, as it is not the Governor's habit to support his views in the language you so highly indulge in I am directed to add that he has nothing more to say on the subject.

I have &c.
signed
J. R. Longden
Chief Clerk.

Captain Reid
Staff Officer Commanding Detachment
Falkland Islands

Government House
Stanley 23rd. March 1850.

Sir

It appears to His Excellency the Governor from your letter of the 21st Instant, that you have forwarded to the Right Honorable the Secretary at War (unknown to His Excellency) copies of his correspondence with you, and your remarks thereupon. I am directed to request that you will immediately furnish His Excellency with a copy of every document that you have sent to the Secretary at War, which contains comments upon changes in his administration of the government of this Colony, and that you will not in future transmit the Regulations which are so clearly defined and appropriate on the manner in which all Officers serving under a Colonial government are to conduct their correspondence. Nor can His Excellency conclude without expressing his astonishment, after the plain language in which the Regulations have been brought under your notice, he should receive from you an intimation that it is your intention to pursue the same course.

2. The Governor desires me to add that he feels it to be his duty, and will certainly

Captain Reid
Staff Officer Commanding Pensioners
Falkland Islands.

fairly to take every means in his power to maintain the Regulations established by Her Majesty's Government of Her Colonies, which you will openly announce your intention to effect.—

I have &c.

Signed J. R. Longden

Chief Clerk.

Government House
Stanley 27th March 1850.

Sir

I am directed by H.E. the Governor to forward herewith for your information a copy of the conviction of one of your detachment, Sergeant John Mowat, for a misdemeanour, and of the sentence passed upon him by the Court of Civil and Criminal Justice.

The conviction took place on the 18th instant but His Excellency's illness unavoidably prevented its immediate transmission to you.

I have &c.
signed
J. R. Longden
Asst Clerk.

Captain Reid
Staff Officer Commanding Pensioners
Falkland Islands

Copy

Falkland Islands. Stanley to wit

Be it remembered that on the eighteenth day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty at the Court House Stanley in the County of Stanley aforesaid before me one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, acting in and for the County of Stanley, John Morris Stanley duly appointed before me the said Justices for that he the said John Moggs on the tenth day of March instant did commit one Christopher Henry Lilburn to defraud one John Mac Andrew of his moneys, goods and chattels, the said John Mac Andrew not being at that time in possession of this territory and belonging under the Acts of Enlistment, contrary to the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, and He the said Justices do declare and adjudge that the

said

said John Magnus for the offence aforesaid, be imprisoned in the Jail at Bantry for the space of three Calendar months next ensuing.—

Given under our Hands and Seals on the day in the year first above mentioned.

Seal of the Court

Signed Phillip Raymond J.P.
" Arthur Bailey J.P.
" John S. Whittington J.P.

In the Case lately depending in the Court of Petty and Summary Jurisdiction.

Government House
Stanley 28th. March 1850.

Sir

I am directed by H.E. the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 22nd. March 1850 requesting the Governor to take your case into consideration and set you at liberty.

H.E. regrets that he has been unable to learn any circumstances to induce him to alter the decision pronounced by the Court of Civil and Criminal Justice in your case on the 18th. instant and cannot therefore comply with your request.

I have &c.
signed
R. Ongley
Chief Clerk.

W.C. Murray.

Government House
Stanley 4th April 1850.

Sir

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letters dated respectively 27th and 28th March 1850, addressed by you to His Excellency, as also three enclosures contained in the last named letter.

I have &c.
signed
J. E. Langdon
Chief Clerk

Captain Reid
Staff Officer Commanding Pensioners
Falkland Islands

Government House
27 April 1850.

Sir

With reference to His Excellency's conversation with you yesterday relative to the proposed engagement with the steamer "Vigilante" I am directed to inform you that the Governor has since visited the vessel, when he felt the cold in the water so much that he has relinquished the idea which he entertained of visiting West Falkland.

I have &c

J Moody

Ra Williams Esq.

Government House
Stanley 30th April 1850

Sir

I am directed by H.E. the Governor to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter of the 29th Instant, enclosing an application from one of your detachment, Private James Hocking, for the vacant situation of Schoolmaster, and recommending him to be appointed provisionally to that situation.

2. His Excellency having referred to the testimonials contained in your letter, upon the various Officers with whom Private Hocking has served, as well as your own recommendation, sees no objection to his appointment provisionally, and I am therefore to request you will inform him that His Excellency appoints him provisionally to the situation of Schoolmaster, and that he is to commence his duties on the 1st of May.

I have the honour herewith to return the Original testimonials enclosed in your letter to the Governor.

I have &c.
(signed) J. D. Longden
Chief Clerk

Captain Reid
Staff Officer of Pensioners
Falkland Islands.

Government House
Stanley 2nd. May 1850

Sir

I am directed by H.E. the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of petition from you dated 30th. April 1850, soliciting a mitigation of the sentence passed upon you in the Court of Civil and Criminal Justice on the 18th. March last.

2. His Excellency, after consulting the Magistrates on your case and giving it his full consideration does not feel himself called upon to interfere with that sentence and cannot therefore accede to your petition.

I have &c.
signed
J. R. Longden
Chief Clerk.

W. C. Mercy
Stanley

Government House
Stanley 7th May 1850.

Sir,

I am directed by H.E. the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date, respecting the future employment, superintendence and wages of the detachment of Pensioners under your command.

2. His Excellency proposes that (with the exception of the Corporals, who must be retained to furnish the men's cottages) the Pensioners should be allowed to hire their services to the Colonists; but those who are unable to do so, or who prefer Government employment, should be engaged during working hours at such Colonists at an average rate of pay.

3. On this subject however, the Governor would be glad to receive any remarks which your experience in similar matters may suggest to you.

I have &c.
(Signed)
J. R. Longden
Chief Clerk

Captain Reid
Staff Officer Commanding Pensioners
Falkland Islands

Government House
Stanley 13th. May 1850.

Sir

I am directed by H.E. the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th. instant relative to the future employment of the Pensioners under your command.

2. His Excellency has decided (in conjunction with the views expressed in my letter of the 7th. instant) that those of the Pensioners, who apply for Government employment, should be engaged during the usual working hours as Civil Labourers, under the superintendence of the Surveyor General who has received the necessary directions on the subject. Those who prefer private employment will, with the exception of the Artificers who must be retained to finish the Pensioners Cottages be allowed to take private employment, provided of course such employment does not remove them above 5 miles from Stanley.

3. With reference to the concluding portion of your letter the Governor wishes it to be distinctly understood by the Pensioners that, although they are allowed during

Captain Reid
Staff Officer Commanding Pensioners
Falkland Islands

during the day to hire out their labour, they are still under your Military charge and superintendence, and while occupying the barracks they must in all respects conform to the Rules from time to time laid down by you for the preservation of good order, and for regulating the interior economy of the same.

I have &c.

(Signed) J. R. Longden
Chief Clerk.

Government House
Stanley 13th May 1850

Sir

I am directed by H. E. the Governor to inform you that the period, for which the services of the Pensioners were engaged to the Government, has expired.

2. His Excellency has therefore decided that those of the detachment, who wish to continue in government employment, should be engaged under your superintendence, and be considered during working hours as Civil Labourers; the rate of pay they will receive will of course be regulated by you according to their efficiency, but the maximum is not to exceed three shillings per diem, except in the case of the Sergeant Major who if employed as their foreman may receive five shillings.

3. Although as a general rule the Pensioners will be allowed to take private employment, this cannot apply to the carpenters among them, who must be retained to finish the Cottages, and whose pay the Governor requests you will regulate according to their efficiency without reference to the above maximum, which

Arthur Bailey Pope
Surveyor General
Stanley

which does not apply to Subjects.

(signed) Shavette

J. R. Longden

Chief Clerk

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Government House
Stanley 15th. May 1850.

Sir

I am directed by H. E. the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 4th. days date, stating your desire to purchase 160 acres of land together with the Government buildings at Port Louis, as soon as the same can be surveyed.

His Excellency desires me to state that he has given the necessary directions to Mr. Bailey, the Surveyor general, and that the land in question will be advertised for sale as early as possible.

I have &c.
signed J. R. Longden
Chief Clerk

Honble
Captain R. L. Pulvertaft R. N.
Stanley

Government House
Stanley 16th May 1850.

Sir

I appear to me desirable that the detachment of Enrolled Pensioners under your command should be called out for a few days drill according to their conditions of service, and I have therefore to request that, provided the weather renders it practicable, you will call out the detachment for 5 days drill commencing on Monday next 20th and ending on Friday the 24th inst.

I am &c.

Signed George Rennie

Governor

Captain Reid
Staff Officer commanding Pensioners
Falkland Islands.

Government House
Stanley 17th May 1850

Sir

I am directed by H.E. the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th January last, and to forward to you the Papers with which you therein request to be furnished.

2. The enclosed documents are

1st. A copy of a certificate granted to you by M. T. Hood Esqr. H.B.M. Acting Consul General for the Republic of the Uruguay

2nd. A copy of a letter to Governor Mardones at Port Famine from you.

3rd. A copy of Governor Mardones' 1st answer to the foregoing letter,

4th. A copy of a certificate from H.E. Governor Mardones relating to the subject of his letter.

I am &c

(signed) J. F. Longden
Chief Clerk

Captain M. S. White
Monte Video

In Re Capitulation Arrested

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Copy

Martin Tupper Hood Esqre
Her Britannic Majesty's Acting Consul
General to the Oriental Republic of the
Uruguay &c &c &c

To All to whom these presents
shall come greeting

Whereas Mr. Matthew Smith White
Master of the British Schooner Ariel is
about to start from this City of Monte Video
bound to the East of Patagonia with the
object of endeavouring to discover and
procure the release of certain British
subjects made and detained prisoners
by some Indians in the Month of
March last at Santa Cruz in which
the British Brig Avon was attacked and
plundered there.

These are to request all persons whom
it may or doth concern to grant and to
afford the said Mr. Matthew Smith White
and also the said Schooner Ariel all and
every assistance protection and aid possible.

Given under my hand and
Seal of Office at the British Con-
sulate General Monte Video this
21st day of February 1848.

Seal

signed

Martin T Hood

2.

Copy

Port Famine

17th June 1848.

Sir

Captain Eaton and part of his Crew of the Brig Avon of Liverpool having been murdered and Captain Seymour Sims, and Mr. William Dring taken prisoners on the River Santa Cruz Patagonia in May 1847. by a Chief named Whistle I will request You to your Excellency and whose under Command Robert Johnson the said Chief visit you along your Excellency will detain the said Chief Whistle to answer the ends of Justice and to prevent similar occurrences by sending the said Chief up to the Chilian Government Authorities who always act upon such occasions according to the Faith of Nations.

I beg to subscribe myself
your humble and obt Servt
(signed) W. S. White
"Ariel"

To
His Excellency
Governor Mardones

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Fort Dulyner
June 17th 1848.

Mr. M. S. White

My dear Sir,

In answer to your esteemed letter of this date - allow me to say that I think in justice that the capture of the Chief Wasp (which you desire when he visits the Colony) seems to me, to be a measure unfounded on grounds unjust and even rash, because no person would approve my taking a violent measure in abuse of good faith and friendship to the individual with whom it should be done be whosoever he may as it would happen in the case of what you wish should be done with Mr. Sand I should moreover be wanting in my duty by committing such violence when my Government charges me particularly to preserve friendly relations with the Natives, whom I do not believe to be Chilian subjects as no jurisdiction has been given me over them.

It not being possible for me to accede to your wishes please accept the considerations of distinguished esteem with which I am your obedient servant

Signed José de los Santos Mendoza

4.

Copy

Don Jose de los Santos Mardones
Governor of the Colony of Magallanes.

I Certify that the Captain Don Matthew White of the English Lugger Ariel came to this Port the 25th of May last with the intention of gaining information of two Individual named Douglas and Sykes who were made prisoners by the Patagonian Indians on the River Santa Cruz in the Month of May last year. The said Captain White has used all diligence and put every thing possible in practice to forward the object of his visit here and at the present time he has not been fortunate enough to obtain information of them

Given at the Fort Bulnes
the 16th June 1848.

(signed) Jose de los Santos Mardones

Government House
Stanley 21st May 1850.

Sir

I am directed by H.E. the Governor to inform you that the Paddock adjoining Government House is open for your use in drilling and exercising the Prisoners under your command.

2. His Excellency requests, however, that in the event of your exercising the Prisoners in firing Ball cartridges you will take every precaution by the placing of sentinels &c. to avoid the possibility of any accident.

I have &c.
(Signed)
J. R. Longden
Chief Clerk.

Captain Reed
Staff Officer Commanding Prisoners
Falkland Islands.

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Government House
Stanley 21st May 1850

Sir

I am directed by H.E. the Governor to inform you that the Colonial Surgeon has requested that a room may be appropriated by the Government for the immediate reception of such female patients as he may desire to have removed from the Barracks now occupied by the Pensioners under your Command.

2. His Excellency therefore requests you will order Private Simpson at once to remove his working materials from the large room in rear of the Court House, in order that the same may be placed at the disposal of the Colonial Surgeon for the purpose above named.

I have &c
(signed) J.R. Longden
Chief Clerk

Captain Reid
Staff Officer commanding Pensioners
Falkland Islands

Government House
Stanley 21st. May 1850.

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge your letter of the 15th. instant enclosing eight documents of recommendation to good character in favour of Corporal Gilmour which documents are now returned enclosed.

8 documents

I have given your application for remission of the fine lately imposed on Corporal Gilmour my most serious consideration and although the assault for which the Corporal was convicted seems to have been of an aggravated description I am willing to believe from the fact of it being a first offence and that its non-remission would in fact be an additional punishment to Mr. Gilmour that the offence will not be repeated. I will therefore in the name of Her Majesty remit the fine of 5£

I beg that you will seriously admonish Corporal Gilmour in presence of your men, that this must not be looked to as an example in future - and I hope sincerely that nothing similar will again occur as I look for a good conduct more particularly from those who have hitherto behaved unexceptionably.

I am Sir
Signed
George Rennie
Governor.

Captain Reid
Staff Officer Commanding
Falkland Islands

Government House
Stanley, Falkland Islands
28th May 1850

Sir

In April 1849 I had a letter from Earl Grey informing me on your part of your desire to procure & obtain grass seeds which grow in these Islands & also that you had deposited £20 for expenses with the Crown Agent.

2. I must frankly tell you that I know nothing of Botany not is there any person in the Colony who does. I have therefore made minute enquiries of the principal graziers who recommended me 5 different kinds as the grasses preferred most by the cattle. I hope that they may turn out to your good. They have been sowed as you will see, but my gardener says that a handful or two sown in different soils will test their capabilities: you will observe that only a small portion of your deposit has been expended namely £1 5s 6d for the man who collected the seeds and £1.0 for the freight of the box to England & any of the seeds on trial are found to answer I shall be glad to attend to your wishes for any farther orders or the money will be returned deducting costs as you may desire

James Matheson Esqre M.P.
13 Cleveland Row
London

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4. I have heard that you have succeeded in raising Tufaic. These grasses are of a totally different character, and when the weather is fine, the Cattle will not go near the Tufaic if they can procure the grasses I have sent you. The Tufaic when matured reaches Height enough for shelter, the Cattle flock to it and if not driven off they rest it out altogether. It is valuable for feeding Cows in the winter, stall fed, I keep my own Cows in excellent condition with it, but I have commenced the cultivation of the Swedish Turnip, which flourishes equal, if not superior to the Swedes of the Lothians. Our Potatoes are also excellent and indeed every kind of ordinary garden produce is good. My attempts to raise Barley Wheat and Oats have not given me much encouragement

I would give me pleasure to hear that these grasses succeed with you. The Bill of Lading for the box is received.

I have &c

(signed)

George Ramsay

Governor

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
1st June 1850.

Sir

I have the honour to address you under the disadvantageous circumstances of being most imperfectly informed of the subject I feel it my duty to apply to you on.

2. Rumours of considerable probability have reached this place that the French have sent a large squadron of ships with troops on board to the River Plate with the view of blockading Buenos Ayres. Should this be the case it may be of very serious consequence to the subsistence of this Colony. ~~Should~~ As

3. Until August of last year a large portion of the people were supplied with rations from Government. This being found to be most objectionable for various reasons, I abolished the system altogether, ~~and~~ up to the present time the change works well, and under ordinary circumstances I should say that the Colony is well supplied. ~~Should~~ Should however the circumstances of the River Plate, to the effect which the blockade would have on the American vessels from whence we draw our chief supplies, not differing as usual, I deem it my duty

Admiral Reynolds
Commander in Chief S. E. A. Station
Monte Video.

to

to request your most serious and favourable consideration of an extract of Lr. patch I have lately received from Lord Bathurst relative to the stationing of this Colony by a Ship of War occasionally until it is decided whether a Colonial Schooner shall be appointed for this Colony or not. Since the Dædalus touched on her voyage round Cape Horn I have not had a Vessel in the Harbour, now five months since I have had a vessel of any kind belonging to the Colonial Government that is seaworthy and although many vessels touch here from various parts of the world my supplies of breadstuff depend on America, the service which at present appears little to be relied on.

4th It is also to be remembered that I must be prepared not only to protect all my settlers here, but I must have a supply for their purchasing which are necessaries of life.

5th Under these circumstances which I have deemed it my duty to lay before you I have to request that a vessel should be sent here not later than the 1st. of August to know the state we are in.

I have &c.

Signed George Bonne

Governor

Government House
Stanley 1st June 1850

Sir

With reference to your conversation with His Excellency yesterday at which he informed you that Messrs Lamb's correspondents in London were under the impression that two sums of 360£ each had been paid by you into the Colonial Chest, and that under this misapprehension they had made an application to Lord Grey on the subject, the Governor has directed me to state that in his opinion the settlement of this question would be much facilitated by an acknowledgement under your hand that only one such sum of 360£ had been paid by you (being the forfeiture of non-delivery of 20 horses according to Contract) at 18£ a horse paid under protest and accepted by the Governor and that no other sum had been exacted from you: which acknowledgement His Excellency would forward to the Right Honble Lord Grey and thus relieve Messrs Jones Bateman & Co from the misapprehension under which they at present appear to labor on this account.

I have &c
signed
J. R. Longden
Chief Clerk

R. A. Williams Esqr
Agent for J. F. Lafone Esqr

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
31st. May 1850

My Lords

I have the honour to inform your Lordships that I have drawn the undermentioned bills on Her Majesty's Treasury

No. Eighty three, dated 10th. of February 1850. The sum of Two Hundred and thirteen Pounds drawn in favour of R. A. Williams in exchange for Cash to be expended on the general Service of the Colony.

No. Eighty four, dated 2nd. of March 1850. The sum of Twenty four Pounds, one Shilling and Sixpence drawn in favour of H. J. Hamilton Colonial Surgeon, for payment of his salary for the month of February 1850, after deducting fourteen shillings and threepence Income Tax.

No. Eighty five, dated 28th. of March 1850. The sum of Fifty Pounds drawn in favour of J. R. Longden, in exchange for Cash to be expended in the general Service of the Colony.

No. Eighty six dated 24th. of April 1850.

The Right Honble
The Lords Commissioners of
Her Majesty's Treasury
London

The

The sum of Two Hundred Pounds drawn in favour of R. A. Williams, in exchange for Cash to be expended in the general service of the Colony.

No. Eighty seven, dated 26th. of April 1850. The sum of Fifty Pounds drawn in favour of J. Reid, in exchange for Cash to be expended in the general service of the Colony.

No. Eighty eight, dated 2nd. of May 1850. The sum of Forty eight Pounds, Ten shillings and Sixpence drawn in favour of C. Rennie, Governor; in part payment of his Salary for the month of April 1850, deducting One Pound nine shillings and two pence Income Tax.

No. Eighty nine, dated 2nd. of May 1850. The sum of Twenty four Pounds, five shillings and fivepence drawn in favour of H. J. Hamilton, Colonial Surgeon; in payment of his Salary for the month of April 1850, after deducting fourteen shillings and sevenpence Income Tax.

No. Ninety, dated 2nd. of May 1850. The sum of Twelve Pounds two shillings and eight pence halfpenny drawn in favour of J. Edmonds Clerk in payment of his Salary for the month of April 1850 after deducting seven shillings and three pence halfpenny Income Tax.

No. Ninety one, dated 4th. of May 1850.

The

The sum of Three Hundred Pounds drawn in favour of J. Mc. Leary in exchange for Cash, to be expended in the general service of the Colony.

No. Ninety two dated 30th. of May 1850. The sum of Two Hundred and Sixteen Pounds drawn in favour of W. Mc. Skelling; in exchange for Cash to be expended in the general service of the Colony.

The authority by which I have drawn the aforementioned Bills is contained in Her Majesty's dispatch to me. No. 35 of the 21st. of March 1849.

I have &c.

(Signed) George Rennie

Governor

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Government House
Stanley 8th June 1850

Sir

I am desired by H.E. the Governor to request you will inform him what decision you have arrived at respecting your choice of the rural land to which you are entitled, but of which you have not yet been placed in possession.

I have &c.
(signed)
J. R. Longden
Chief Clerk.

Captain Reid
Staff Officer Commanding Pensioners
Falkland Islands

Government House
Stanley 8th June 1850.

Sir

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to inform you that in consequence of Mr Williams intended departure for Monte Video in the Schooner "Vigilante", he is desirous of learning which (in your opinion) the Seamen under your Command will be prepared to receive the Cash and Bounty to which they are each entitled under their "Conditions of Service"; in order, that if necessary, the Governor may take the legislative Steps, before Mr Williams' departure, to insure their delivery.

Mr Williams purposes to return to the Colony in the latter end of August or beginning of September next.

I have &c.
(signed)
J. R. Longden
Chief Clerk

Captain Reid
Staff Officer, Commanding Seamen
Falkland Islands

Government House
Stanley 12th June 1850

Sir

The Pensioners under your Command having by their Memorial of the 18th February last decided on the question of the land to which by their conditions of service they are entitled, His Excellency is desirous of communicating with the above information the choice which you may make of the land granted to you: and as the Mail will shortly close I am directed to request that you will at your very earliest convenience reply to that letter, which by His Excellency's direction I addressed to you on this subject on the 8th inst.

I have &c
signed J. R. Longden
Chief Clerk

Captain Reed
Staff Officer commanding Pensioners
Falkland Islands

P.S. His Excellency also requests you will forward an answer to the second letter addressed to you on the 8th instant relative to the period when the Pensioners will be prepared to receive the Cows and Sows to which they are entitled

(signed) J. R. L.

Government House
Stanley 14 June 1850

Sir

I request to know if you can undertake to furnish the Colonial Government on or before the first of October next sixty barrels (American) of flour and thirty bushels of Potatoes for seed or more if according to price

I am &c &c

(Signed) George Kennedy
Esq

R.A. Williams Esq
Agent for J.F. Lafone Esq

Government House
Stanley 18th June 1850.

Sir

Mr. Dean having, as agent for Mr. Bowden of Rio de Janeiro, applied for a lease of the Mangrove and surrounding lands, I am directed by H.E. the Governor to request you will at your earliest convenience make a valuation of the enclosing fence and construction belonging to the Colonial Government at the Mangrove.

I am instructed to add that Mr. Cullenay wishes the valuation should be as moderate as the present condition of the Fence will warrant

I have &c.
signed
J. R. Longden
Chief Clerk

Arthur Bailey Esqre
Surveyor General
Stanley

Government House
Stanley 24th June 1850.

Sir

Mr. Bailey having reported to His Excellency the Governor that completion of the centre portion of the Pensioners Barracks, I am directed to inform you that it is ready for your temporary accommodation, as contemplated by the Right Hon.ble Earl Grey.

I have &c.

(Signed) J. R. Longden.
Chief Clerk

Captain Reid
Staff Officer, Commanding Pensioners
Falkland Islands

Sir

I am to add that I have received His Excellency's instructions to afford you any assistance in moving which may be in his power.

(Signed) J. R. L.

Government House
Stanley 28th June 1850

Sir

I am commanded by His Excy the Governor to inform you that the house lately in your occupation, which formerly served as the Hospital, is the only place at his disposal, wherein to accommodate a man who has met with a severe accident, named David Headley, and who is hourly expected to arrive at Stanley in the Government Cutter Lady.

2. In this emergency His Excellency requests you will make arrangements to enable the room to be again placed at the disposal of the Colonial Surgeon and prepare for the reception of the above named invalid.

I have &c.
Signed
J. R. Longden
Dep. Clerk

Captain Reid
Staff Officer Commanding Seamen
Falkland Islands

Government House
Stanley 27th June 1900

Sir

I have had frequently on former occasions to remark verbally to you the unpunctuality of your attendance here, and I regret to call your attention to the time I am informed you have come here this morning namely 20 minutes past 11 o'clock.

2. I am aware that until there is a public clock it may be difficult to ascertain the exact hour but I have to observe that (as far as I know) although I find you frequently too late, I am not aware that you have ever made the mistake of coming too early.

3. In these short days your attendance (deducting your absence in the middle of the day) will not exceed three hours. I must therefore admonish you to be more regular for the future

I am &c

(Signed)

George Mennie
Gov.

Mr. James Edmonds
Stanley

Government House
Stanley 29th June 1850.

In the name of Her Majesty Queen Victoria I hereby remit the remainder of the term of imprisonment with hard labour of the three prisoners now in your charge named Cipriano Gomez, Feseria, and Andres Vidal.

You will therefore release them and for so doing this shall be your Warrant.

(Signed)

George Stanley
Govt.

To C. M. Sutcliffe
Jailer

Government House
Stanley 5th July 1850

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of a Warrant from Earl Grey appointing you to be Stipendiary Magistrate hereof and I beg to inform you that I have given directions to have your Commission made out without delay

I have &c
(Signed)
George Kennie
Gov.

Algernon Montagu Esq.
Stipendiary Magistrate
&c &c &c

Government House
9th July 1850

Sir

A trifling delinquency has been reported to me this morning which will come on tomorrow at the Police Court. In after what you have already said to me on the subject you will desire me I leave it to yourself whether you will take the oath today or postpone the actual commencement of your duties

I have &c
(Signed)
George Kennie
Gov.

Algernon Montagu Esq.
Stipendiary Magistrate
Stanley

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
6th July 1850

Gentlemen

No 11 dated 1st July 1850
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I have the honour to enclose herein a Bill drawn on His Majesty's Treasury in your favour for the sum of One Hundred & Forty six Pounds fourteen shillings and two pence, being the amount received by the sale and rental of Crown Lands in the Falkland Islands, during the six months ended on the 30th Ultimo. I also enclose a detailed statement, showing from whom the various sums were received and whether for the sale or rental of land.

I have &c

Signed George Rennie

The Colonial Land
and Emigration Commissioners
Westminster

&c &c

Statement of Sums received on account of Crown Lands Revenue, between the 1st of January, and the 1st of July 1850, at the Falkland Islands.

Date	From whom received	Description of Receipt	Amount £ s d
1850 30th June	H Bush	Fee on the "temporary occupation" of an unsurveyed district of rural land*	1 0 0
February 2nd "	J. M. Gifs	Purchase of special Suburban Lot, No 8	7 0 0
2nd "	J. M. Dean	Do Do Do No 10.	5 15 0
2nd "	J. L. Moody	Do Do Do No 1	10 0 0
2nd "	Capt. Hamond	Do Do Do No 6	5 0 0
2nd "	J. Edmonds	Do Do Do No 9	7 0 0
2nd "	Capt. Reid	Do Do Do No 12	5 15 0
2nd "	Capt. L. P. Sulivan	Fee on the temporary occupation of unsurveyed rural land at Berkeley Sound	1 0 0
		Carry forward £	42 10 0

* This "temporary occupation" was allowed and regulated by the Proclamation of 2nd July 1847, approved by Lord Grey.

"Crown Lands Revenue"

Date	From whom received	Description of Receipt	Amount £ s. d
1850		Brought forward	42 . 10 . 0
2nd Feby	J. B. Whitington	Fee on the temporary occupation of unsurveyed rural land at Port Anson.	1 . 0 . 0
4th "	R. A. Williams	Purchase of special suburban Lot 1, 2, 3	15 . 0 . 0
4th "	R. A. Williams	Do Do Do No 5	5 . 0 . 0
12th "	J. Casey	Do Do Do No 4	5 . 0 . 0
19th "	J. B. Whitington	Part Purchase* of rural Lot at Weir Creek	26 . 12 . 6
March 2nd	Messrs. Mac Kennon Hamond & Sullivan	Part Purchase# of rural land at Berkeley Sound	20 . 0 . 0
April 1st	J. B. Whitington	Rental of Peninsula and adjoining land near Stanley by special agreement	7 . 1 . 8
		Carry forward	£ 131 . 4 . 2

* The purchase was completed by the surrender to the Crown of certain land held by Mr Whitington at Port Anson.

\# The balance of this money formed part of a sum of £100 paid by Captain Fulwood in England to the Commissioners for Land & Emigration by him in the Falkland Islands.

"Crown Lands Revenue"

Date	From whom received	Description of Receipt	Amount
			£ s. d
1850		Brought forward	131. 4. 2
May 6th.	J. Edmonds Clerk to Government	Rent of town allotment. No. 5.	2. 10. 0
June 10th.	Captain Herman	Fee on the temporary occupation of unsurveyed rural land at Mare Harbour	1. 0. 0
" 10th.	J. Vaillant	Do Do Do at Kelp Lagoon	1. 0. 0
" 26th.	Captain D.S. Sullivan	Do Do Do at Port Pleasant	1. 0. 0
" 29th.	J. M. Dean on behalf of Thos. Bowden	Lease of Station on Point William under proclamation dated 31st July 1849.	10. 0. 0
		Total	£ 146. 14. 2

(Signed)

George Rennie

for

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
10th July 1850.

No. X

My Lords

I have the honour to inform your Lordships that I have drawn bills on demanhoned Bills on Her Majesty's Treasury

No. Ninety three, dated 20th June 1850. The sum of Two Hundred Pounds drawn in favour of J. M. Dean: in exchange for Cash to be expended in the general service of the Colony. By authority of Earl Grey's despatch No 35, dated 21st March 1849.

No. Ninety four, dated 1st July 1850 The sum of One Hundred and forty six Pounds fourteen shillings and two pence drawn in favour of the Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners, being the amount of Crown Lands Revenue received in the Colony from 1st January to 1st July 1850. By authority of Earl Grey's despatch No 10 dated 2nd February 1848.

No. Ninety five dated 4th July 1850. The sum of Twenty five Pounds drawn in favour

The Right Honble
The Lords Commissioners
of Her Majesty's Treasury
London

favour of G. Rennie, in exchange for Cash to be expended on the general Service of the Colony. By authority of Earl Grey's despatch No 35 dated 21st March 1849.

~~J. Rennie~~

~~(signed)~~

No. Ninety six, dated 12th July 1850 The sum of One hundred Pounds drawn in favour of C. Murray, in Exchange for Cash to be expended in the General Service of the Colony. By authority of Earl Grey's despatch No. 35 dated 21st March 1849.

Share 4th

(Signed)

George Rennie
Govr.

Government House
Stanley 16th July 1850.

Sir

I have had the honour to receive your note of 10th day's date containing an application for boots for the use of your detachment, and having laid your request before H.E. the Governor I am directed to inform you that in consequence of the very limited number of shoes in the Government Store, and the numerous demands for them, he is unable to comply with your request in its full extent.

2. The Governor, therefore, requests that you will cause enquiries to be made as to the number of men who are in absolute need of new shoes, and cannot continue their daily work without receiving them, and inform me of their names.

3. His Excellency requests you will not include the names of any men who have shoes which can be repaired, nor the names of French and Alderley each of whom have lately received a pair of shoes from the Government Stores.

I have &c.

(Signed)

J. A. Longden
Chief Clerk

Staff Officer Captain Reid
Commanding Pensioners
Falkland Islands.

Circular.

Government House
Stanley 16th July 1850—

Sir

I am directed by H.E. the Governor to request your attendance at the Government House tomorrow morning the 17th instant at ten o'clock

I have &c

(Signed)

J. A. Loughlen
Chief Clerk

To

Algernon Montague Esqr
J.P.
John C. Whitington Esqr
J.P.
Arthur Bailey Esqr
J.P.
and John M. Dean Esqr
J.P.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
20th July 1850.

Sir

A man named David Reddie formerly a private in the Royal Sappers, purchased his discharge from the Corps two years since when my Predecessor Governor Moody quitted the Islands, and since then has been working as a joiner and carpenter.

2. About a month since a gun unfortunately burst in his hands which led to the necessity of amputating his left hand. Reddie is consequently quite unable to carry on his trade and there are no means by which he can earn his livelihood in this Colony.

3. I have therefore to request you to grant him a passage as a distressed British subject to England when his Militia services, or the good offices of his friends may perhaps enable him to obtain a situation such as he may be able for.

I have &c.
(signed)
George Rennie
Governor

Acting Commander Goode
H. M. S. Rattlesnake

Government House
Stanley 20th July 1850

Sir

The Commander of H. M. S. Rattlesnake having agreed to give David Reddie a passage to England, I have to request that you will confer with the Surgeon of the ship as to his treatment, and reception on board, not later than Monday afternoon.

I am &c.

(signed) George Kennie
Governor

Hon.ble
H. J. Hamblin

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Government House
Stanley 23rd July 1850.

Sir

I am directed by His Excy the Governor to express his wish to see you at Government House this morning should it be convenient.

I have &c.

(Signed) J. R. Longden
Chief Clerk.

Algernon Montague Esqre

&c &c &c

Government House
Stanley 1st August 1850.

Sir

I am instructed by H. E. the Governor to inform you that His Excellency has given directions to the Surveyor General to make an accurate survey immediately the weather will permit of the land intended to be allotted to each pensioner as a house garden, and his Excellency suggests that as some months must elapse before the Cottages of the Pensioners can be all erected: it would be most desirable to proceed at once on the termination of the survey with the cultivation of the gardens.

2. The Governor has instructed the Surveyor General to number the different plots of ground so that no impediment on the score of the Cottages not being erected can interfere with the preparation for a crop in the ensuing season.

3. The Governor suggests further the propriety of allowing the Pensioners to choose the mode of selection or balloting for the different sites of Cottage and garden as much as possible to bind them to rest satisfied with their Lots.

4. The Surveyor General will be instructed

Captain Reid
Staff Officer Commanding Pensioners
Falkland Islands

structed by His Excellency to communicate to you immediately that which has been complied with.

I am &c.

(Signed) J. R. Longden
Chief Clerk

Government House
2nd August 1850.

Sir

I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency has directed the Salaries of all the Government Officers to be paid by Bills on Her Majesty's Treasury, for the present, and accordingly I beg to enclose a bill for £ being the amount of your salary for the past month to become due.

I have &c.

(Signed) J. R. Longden
Chief Clerk.

Revd. J. S. Moody
&c. &c.

Government House
Stanley 1st August 1850.

Sir

I am desired by His Excellency the Governor to call your attention to your accounts for pay and allowances as Commanding the Pensioners in this Colony.

His Excellency observes that a charge for "Command Pay" at the rate of 1/ per day is made by you, which the Governor is not instructed to allow, - while you charge only 10/6 per your daily pay the Governor being authorized to grant you 1/. - There has consequently (as far as the Governor is instructed) been an overcharge of 1/6 per day by you and which appears to have been paid to you since the 1st of December last. I am therefore to request that you will offer any explanation you may have in your power to explain the discrepancy between your charge and the instructions regarding it in the War Office, and transmitted with Earl Grey's approval to the Governor.

I am &c.
signed
J. R. Longden
Chief Clerk

Captain Reid
Staff Officer Commanding Pens.
Falkland Islands

Government House
Stanley 13th. August 1850.

Sir

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to enclose you a copy of the Surveyor General's letter to the Governor, of yesterdays date; by which you will see that the Survey of the Pensioners' house garden Ground has been completed.

I have &c
signed Jas. Edmonds
Second Clerk

Captain Reid
Staff Officer, Commanding Pensioners
Falkland Islands

(Copy)

Stanley
19th. August 1850.

Sir

I have the honour to inform your Excellency that I have completed the survey of the ground allotted to the Pensioners as gardens, which is now ready for apportionment.

I have &c.
(signed)
A. Bailey
Surveyor General

To His Excellency
The Governor.