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57.	12 Novemb.	Advising Drafts drawn on the credit of the Parliamentary Grant for 1872-73.	one.
58	14 "	Forwarding Return of Imposts and Taxes	one.

No 49.

Government House
Stanley, Falkland Islands.
1 October 1872.

My Lord,

I have the honour to report that I have drawn on the Paymaster General the following Bill on the credit of the Parliamentary Grant for the current financial year 1872-73.- viz:- No 16 dated 1st October 1872 for One hundred and fifty pounds (£150.) in favour of John Gardiner, or per- £150.

The proceeds of the Bill are required for the general service of the Colony and have been carried to the credit of the Colonial Revenue as per enclosed certificate.-

I have &c

(signed) G D'Arcy
Governor

The Right Hon.ble
The Earl of Kimberley K.G.
&c &c &c

Colony of Falkland Islands.-

Bill No 16 dated 1 October 1872 for £150.-

Drawn by Governor G D'Arcy on the Paymaster General on the credit of the Parliamentary Grant for the general service of the Colony in aid of Colonial Revenue for 1872-1873.-

I hereby certify that the amount realized by the above mentioned Bill was duly carried to the credit of the Colonial Revenue on the 1st October 1872

(sd) G Travis
Finance Clerk.

(sd) G D'Arcy
Governor.

No 50.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
October 21st 1892.

My Lord,

No 65.
25th June 1892.
No 66
3rd July 1892.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch with enclosures from the Emigration Commissioners, and the Falkland Islands Company, in reference to the land orders granted by the Commissioners to the Company.

2. Your Lordship has been pleased to rule that land orders can only be received in the purchase of such country lands as are under lease to the Company, thereby enabling the Colonial Government to put up for Auction from time to time, suburban land, receiving cash for the same to be devoted to the revenue of the Colony.

3. In the Despatch which opened the subject this consideration was requested to prevent a repetition of that which took place in May 1891 to the embarrassment of the Colonial Chest; it becomes necessary here briefly to recapitulate the transaction Mr Coleman having dwelt so forcibly in his letters to the effect that the acceptance of land orders makes no difference to the revenue. Twenty eight acres of Suburban land near Navy Point, opposite the town of Stanley were advertized for sale by auction in two lots, on the application of a Gentleman desirous to purchase the land; the lots were knocked down

down to Mr Cobb the Company's Manager, after a spirited sale for One hundred and eighty pounds that on the day of payment he tendered land orders to that amount which this Government in the absence of precedent accepted. That the Company have sunk a large capital in these Islands, which has for many years remained unremunerative and that they have done much good to the Colony as stated by Mr Sheehan must be admitted; and for this reason myself and Predecessors had refrained from ventilating the question nor would I have essayed to do so, had it not been that Mr Cobb in his praiseworthy zeal for the interests of the Company claimed the right of tendering land orders instead of cash, in the purchase of suburban lands thus giving the Company a monopoly over others in the land market especially as the Manager was then holding land orders to the amount of Five hundred and eighty pounds (£580.) thereby completely commanding the market, purchasing valuable land with paper useless to the Colonial Government instead of cash: nor can I think One hundred and eighty pounds (£180) a "small consideration" in the estimated item of Four hundred pounds (£400) the aggregate Colonial Revenue being only Three thousand seven hundred pounds.

£180.

£580.

£180.

£400.

£3,700.

The Rt Honble
The Earl of Kimberley K.G.
&c &c &c

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

No 51.—

Government House
Stanley, Falkland Islands
9th November 1892.

My Lord,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch No 55 of the 5th September disallowing the Ordinance affording facilities for depositing small savings at interest, but giving me permission to transmit a report with full ~~particulars~~ details of a proposed scheme, and that your Lordship will be pleased to employ some one in England accustomed to such work to draft a suitable Ordinance for carrying out the proposed measure.

2. In your Lordship's directions I have attempted to carry out by forwarding a scheme in the form of a draft Ordinance in conformity with them, and I now proceed respectfully to report upon the several objections taken to the measure.

3. In the third and fourth paragraphs I am advised that my minimum of deposit Five pounds (£5.) is far too large a sum that five shillings would be preferable, and that it is fixed at too low as one shilling in Jamaica, and it is further urged that deposits should be received at least once a week instead of once a month.

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4.- To this I have the honour to reply that I find it difficult to convey to your Lordship in truthful words, free from exaggeration, the little value the population of these Islands place on money; the parties who will gladly avail themselves of the Bank, will be Settlers, Shepherds and Gauchos who occasionally visit Stanley, the former in a voyage or shares individually make from Forty and Fifty pounds each voyage, £40 to £50.
paid in a lump sum by the Merchant who purchases the oil; the two latter again visit Stanley but seldom, then only to receive and spend the hard earnings of a year about One hundred pounds £100.
it was the intimate knowledge of these habits which induced Retailers to specify Five pounds as the minimum, simply £5.
because it was well known this class would not in their ignorance of the value of money consider a smaller sum worth the trouble of banking: their requirements are very dissimilar and the social status superior to the class of depositors in Jamaica — here the population is sparse but well to do, there it is rife but poverty is rife also out of eight hundred and fifty inhabitants, there is but one poor man and he is unable to work from sickness. This Government does not anticipate that this state of things will continue, on the contrary it anticipates in the course of ten years a season of

poverty

poverty embarrassing to the Government and it is for this period we are now anxious to establish a Bank to meet the wants which old age and sickness naturally bring. More people certainly will become Depositors under your Lordship's Despatch but still the greater part will not £5. bank less than Five pounds the reduction in the minimum deposit will in a measure defeat the object the local legislature had in view by making the banking business more like a penny Savings Bank and not a Bank for the sick and aged of a class so notoriously improvident as Sailors and Shepherds who after a toilsome and melancholy life are tempted in the absence of any place of security to spend under the excitement of intemperance the savings of a year in a few days! the measure alluded to such in the United Kingdom has not been initiated for the poor — there are none but for an improvident middle class who certainly would if they have become indigent like William Clayton. —

Vide No 65 of 24 Nov. 84.

5. In paragraph six your Lordship explains that the maximum is placed too high; the Council discussed this clause with much interest and knowledge of the people and I was surprized to hear what large sums of money are known to be secreted about the Camp by the thrifty, only to allure the dishonest to crime

to crisis; in the scheme forwarded the amount is not specified at Five hundred pounds (£500) £500.—

6. Commercial depressions are so little felt here and by the laws of would be Depositors at all consequently the contingency of a run on the Savings Bank would be highly improbable.—

7. The exchange between Stanley and London is always at par but it would [illegible] the object the Colonial Government has in view to invest the greater part of the Savings deposits in the London and Rio Plate Bank at Montevideo, but if this course is thought undesirable, the investment in British Funds or other Colonial Government Bonds would still suit our requirements all provided the longer period of six months was given to realize, this proviso I have added to the scheme in Clause 2.

I would suggest that the question of security of smaller sums might be left to the Local Government, the accommodation to the Merchants will be considerable and frequent, although of a temporary character, the occasional absence of specie in circulation is caused by the want of a regular communication with the United Kingdom.—

8.— In the scheme I have arranged that the bank will be opened once a week instead of once a month, the latter time

time was elected in the disallowed Ordinance
out of consideration to the Financial Clerk
who most probably will be appointed
Cashier under the Ordinance, but who has
other duties to perform. -

I have to express my acknowledg-
ments to your Lordship for entertaining
this project so favourably. It has been
for years in contemplation, and is
believed by those competent to judge that
it will work most beneficially for the
interests and well being of the Settlers. -

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

The Rt Honble
The Earl of Carnarvon K.P.
&c &c &c

Government House
Stanley, Falkland Islands
9 November 1872.

No.	Date.	
72.	15 August 1872	My Lord, I have the honour to
73.	26 " "	acknowledge the receipt on the
74.	3 Sept. "	30 October 1872 of your Lordship's
75.	5 " "	Despatches and Circulars as noted
76.	6 " "	in the margin; also to enclose
77.	7 " "	Schedule of unanswered Despatches -
	5 August Circular	
	6 " "	I have &c
	9 " "	(Sd) G D'Arcy
	26 " "	Governor -
	15 " Parliamentary.	
	20 " "	
	22 " "	
	17 " "	
	9 " "	
	16 " Accounts Circulars	

The Lt Governor
The Earl of Kimberley &c.
&c &c &c

No 52.-

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
9th November 1872

My Lord,

Replying with submission to your Lordship's Despatch No 76 of the 6th September I have the honour to explain that the Schoolmaster and Church Clerks appointment to the office of Sexton arose from circumstances peculiar to the Settlement.

2.- Mr Clarke the Schoolmaster, who so recently has benefited by your Lordship's consideration is certainly the Sexton Lamplighter and Church Cleaner, but he does not himself officiate as grave digger, he only is responsible that the graves are dug, and he is obliged to advance the money to the Labourer for that service which is of a laborious nature in consequence of the substrata of the Cemetery ace consisting of heavy wet blue clay, interlaced by layers of rock, and although Mr Clarke recovers the money from the Estate of the deceased, yet knowing frequently to what some time for it, it was found necessary to appoint some person of sufficient status who was able to pay the Labourer at once for so rough an undertaking, and Mr Clarke was selected being the Clerk of Trinity Church, and he has moreover a

long

long walk to the Cemetery in all weathers to select the ground and to oversee the work otherwise confusion might follow at the funeral indeed I remember occasions when labour was not forthcoming and the government labour placed in requisition, so sudden do deaths occur in Stanley from accident. Sailors in attempting at night to board their vessels in a state of intoxication after the public houses are closed frequently fall into the harbour and altho' the Government have placed lamps on the end of the jetties, it is impossible to prevent these calamities during the long winter nights especially as our Constabulary is represented in the Funeral one.

The Clerk's salary is now as follows:-

Schoolmaster	=	£64 a year
Schoolfence	=	25 "
Clerk, Deputy Coast-		22 "
-Lights and Harbour.		
		£111.

3.- I trust your Lordship will not consider I am overpaid in a Settlement where the necessaries of life are so dear and where as I may have before reported a day labourer receives from £104 to £127 a year according to the season of the year.

£104.
£124.

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

The Rt Honble
The Earl of Kimberley K.P.
&c &c &c

No. 53.

Government House
Stanley, Falkland Islands
9 November 1872.

My Lord,

I have to request your Lordship will be pleased to sanction my initiating the proposal embodied in the accompanying transcript Ordinance bestowing on Doctor Stirling the legal right to be styled in this hemisphere Bishop of the Falkland Islands.

2. Doctor Stirling was installed in Trinity Church by the Revd Charles Ball Colonial Chaplain and altho' this ceremony was approved of by the Colonial Government yet it appears Mr Ball performed it on Doctor Stirlings instructions relative to the mode of procedure as suggested by His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury; moreover Doctor Stirling admits that the fee the Colonial Government took on the occasion was but secondary, so much so that he is now desirous it will by some legislative enactment in conjunction with the installation give official force to his ecclesiastical position, which the local Clergy represented by the Revd Mr Ball and the Revd Mr Bridges of Oushuaia assigned to him at his Installation and by which the Clergy in the South American States have hailed him; in the absence of such enactment Doctor Stirling feels that he is left outside the Government pale except so far as the Home Government have nominated

nominated his residence to be in these Islands, and have placed this Chaplain under him as Bishop, but the bestowal of it he is fully aware would be an Act of Grace confirming the title his Clergy here and in South America wish him to assume - that of Bishop of the Falkland Islands. -

3. - There are moreover other reasons besides those of mere courtesy which may induce your Lordship favourably to view the Bishop's application, the Act of Parliament 59 Georgii III. Cap 60. is still unrepealed in the 4th Clause it is clearly laid down that Candidates for Holy Orders ordained by a Colonial Bishop not possessing a Diocese are not capable of holding preferment or acting as a Minister by the established Church thus it might happen that Doctor Sterling's ordinations of persons subsequently officiating as Clergymen in this Settlement, or in the South American States might by interested parties be repudiated, their ministrations under the Act not being legal, - this is but one of several reasons manifest to Doctor Sterling and his Clergy which prompts him to move so urgently that his title and powers may be recognized by the Colonial Government.

4. I venture to recommend the Bishop's request for your Lordship's favourable consideration, it is moderate - he does not require to be constituted a corporate sole,

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the Ordinance in draft does not conflict in any way with the Royal Mandate conferring Dr Sterling as Bishop and I have carefully drafted it so that it comes within the spirit of the 2nd paragraph of your Lordship's Despatch No 58 of 15th April 1870, but at the same time it meets all that this estimable Prelate requires to consolidate his important functions.—

The Right Honble
The Earl of Kimberley K.C.
&c &c &c

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

No 54.

Government House
Stanley, Falkland Islands
9th November 1872.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's Despatch No 77 of 7th September 1872 wishing to be informed why the leave to Buenos Ayres of six months granted to Mr Hurst, as Clerk of the Council, was not reported in due course, as it appeared from the Blue Book of 1871 that he receives a salary of Thirty pounds per annum from the Colonial funds as temporary Clerk. £30

2. Most respectfully I proceed to explain that a temporary Clerk was only entertained when Mr Byng, the Colonial Secretary per se, acted on all the work of the Office, from the day Mr Travis was entertained as Financial Clerk to 1st April 1871 Mr Hurst ceased to draw a salary from Colonial funds. The appointment of Clerk of Council in this Colonial Government establishment is purely honorary.

3. Mr Hurst being a native of the Orkney Islands, it was found that the climate of these Islands during the Winter was far too severe for his delicate constitution, so much so that the Colonial Surgeon recommended his departure.

The Right Honble
The Earl of Kimberley K.T.
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I have &c
(sd) G D Kruy
Governor

No 55.

Government House
Stanley, Falkland Islands
9th November 1872.

My Lord,

I have the honour to forward a programme of the Mail Service to and from this Settlement for the year 1873 which it is hoped will be carried out by the new schooner "Black Hawk".

The Rt Honble
The Earl of Kimberley K.P.
&c &c &c

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

No 56.

G. H. F. I.
9th November 1872

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of certain Parliamentary papers the titles and numbers of Copies of which are specified in the margin.—

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

The Rt Honble
The Earl of Kimberley K.P.
&c &c &c

2 Copies of correspondence relating to Colonial Bishoprics
3 " " further correspondence on the same subject
4 " " Blue Book Reports 1870 and 71
1 " " Report of Select Committee on Telegraphic Communication &c 1872.

No 57.

Government House
Stanley, Falkland Islands
12th November 1872.

My Lord,

I have the honour to report that I have this day drawn the following Bills on the Paymaster General, on the credit of the Parliamentary Grant for the current financial year 1872-73, viz: No 17 dated 12th November 1872 for One hundred pounds in favour of Torry Paget & Co at par. £100.

No 18 dated 12th November 1872 for Thirty five pounds in favour of Zimmermann Weir & Co at par. £35.

No 19 dated 12th November 1872 for Three hundred pounds in favour of the Crown Agents for the Colonies, at par. £300.

The proceeds of these Bills are required for the general service of the Colony, and have been carried to the credit of the Colonial Revenue as per enclosed certificate.

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

The Rt Hon'ble
The Earl of Kimberley K.G.
&c &c &c

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Colony of Falkland Islands.

Bill № 17 dated 12th Novemb 1872 for £100.-
" 18 " " " 35.-
" 19 " " " 300.-

Drawn by Governor G D'Arcy on the Paymaster General on the credit of the Parliamentary Grant for the general service of the Colony, in aid of Colonial Revenue for 1872/73.-

I hereby certify that the amount realized by the above mentioned Bills was duly carried to the credit of the Colonial Revenue on the 12th Novemb 1872

Ld G Travis
Treasurer.-

Ld G D'Arcy-
Governor.

№ 58.-

G. H. I. & F. I.
Novemb 14th 1872.-

My Lord

In continuation of my Despatch № 48 of 1st October I now have the honour to forward the Return of taxes and imposts required which have been carefully compiled by Mr Byng, the Colonial Secretary, and which I trust will prove satisfactory.-

I have &c
Ld G D'Arcy
Governor.-

The Right Honble
The Earl of Kimberley K.C.
&c &c &c

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies per Mail Schooner "Black Hawk" via Montevideo on the 3rd January 1873.—

Number of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	Number of Enclosures
—	31st December 1872	Acknowledgment of Despatches and Circulars per "Black Hawk" & London	nine
—	31st — do	Acknowledgment of Despatches and Circulars per Tweed via Montevideo	1.
59	31st — do	Respecting the delay in rendering the Post Office & Money Order Office Account	1.
60	31st — do	Report on claim made by Captain of H.M.S. Reindeer for the Governor's entertainment during passage & Port Stanley and back.	2.
61	31st — do	Advising draft drawn on Paymaster General	2
62	31st — do	Contract for Mail Service 1873.—	2
63	31st — do	Forwarding copies of Colonial Ordinances since formation of the Settlement	1.
64	31st — do	Reporting arrival of Acting Colonial Chaplain	none
65	31st — do	Appointment of Revd H. Clay Acting Colonial Chaplain	none
66	31st — do	Forwarding Copies of Minutes of the Executive and Legislative Councils	2.—

No	Date
78.	18th September 1872
79.	20th " "
Circular	5 " "
"	7 " "
"	9 " "
"	12 " "

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
31st December 1872

My Lord,

I have to honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch and Circulars, as noted in the margin on the 29th November last per Blackhawk from London.

The Right Honble
The Earl of Kimberley K.T.
&c &c &c

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

No.	Date
80.	26th September 1872
81.	12th October "
82.	16th " "
83.	25th " "
84.	25th " "
85.	26th " "
86.	26th " "
Circular	31st August "
"	24th Sept. "
"	28th " "
"	8th October "
"	14th " "
"	21st " "
"	22nd " "
"	23rd " "
"	25th " "
"	29th " "
Acknt of Despatch	6th November "

Stanley, Falkland Islands
31st December 1872.

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt on the 25th December 1872 of your Lordship's Despatche and Circulars as noted in the margin, and to forward a Schedule of unanswered Despatches. —

To The Right Honble
The Earl of Kimberley K.T.
&c. &c. &c.

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

Schedule of Despatches from the Secretary of State which have remained more than a month in my hands unanswered

Nil —

Schedule of Despatches sent by me to the Secretary of State which have remained unanswered more than four months.

Nil

(Sd) G D'Arcy
Governor.

No 59.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
31st December 1872

My Lord,

In acknowledging the receipt of your Lordship's Despatches Nos 81 and 82 of the 12th and 26th of October, together with enclosures from the Postmaster General complaining of the irregularity of this Office in rendering the Post Office accounts of these Islands; I have in reply respectfully to remind your Lordship that the Mails to and from the United Kingdom are bi-monthly, and I find upon enquiry that these accounts have been forwarded by the second mail after the ending of the quarter as will be seen by the following statement.

Period up to which account rendered	Date on which Accounts were sent.	Date of departure of Mail by which Account may have been forwarded
31st December 1871.	3rd April 1872	15th February 1872
31st March 1872	9 July "	2nd July "
30th June "	30 Sept "	15th August "
30th Sept "	25th Nov "	1st October "

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explanation

in some explanation for this delay, I beg to state that the interval between the arrival of the Mail from England and the departure of the one from Stanley is frequently less than a week, and should a "statement of errors" from the Post Office arrive there is hardly time to examine and bring the amounts to credit, especially as public business of similar importance has to be transacted, and the Post Office accounts have been delayed until the following mail. I have, however, given strict instructions that these accounts should be forwarded more promptly.

As Mr Bigg, the Colonial Secretary, explained to the Receiver and Accountant General in a letter dated the 29th December 1871, as the remote Settlement it is impracticable to forward to London the specie accruing from the Post Office orders consequently as Mr Bigg is the Postmaster, he has arranged with the Colonial Government to give it a preference claim over the cash in exchange for treasury bills; by this Mail £720 has been remitted in that form to the Receiver and Accountant General, the amount due on the last account transmitted and the balance due up to date will be forwarded by the earliest opportunity. — £720

The Right Honble
The Earl of Kimberley K.G.
&c &c &c

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

No 60.

Government House
Stanley, Falkland Islands
December 31st 1872.

My Lord,

I have had the honour to receive a Despatch from your Lordship enclosing a voucher of expenses incurred by the Commanding Officer of H.M.S. Reindeer for my entertainment on board H.M.S. Reindeer, on my passage to Port Howard and back from the 4th to the 10th November 1871, and calling for my report on the claim.

In reply I have the honour to forward a copy of my requisition on the occasion, and to state that since the recent order on the subject Paymasters of H.M. Ships invariably apply to the Government Office for the cable money previous to their departure, but in this instance as he did not do so, it was surmised that Captain Kennedy did not care to take notice of the claim, and I had a delicacy in reminding him of it. The Crown Agents have been requested to pay the amount to the Admiralty.

Voucher

I have &c
(Sd) G D Kercy
Governor

The Rt Honble
The Earl of Kimberley K.P.
&c &c &c

No 61.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
31st December 1872

My Lord,

I have the honour to report that I have this day drawn the following Bill on the Paymaster General, on the credit of the Parliamentary Grant for the current financial year 1872-73 viz: No 20. dated 31st December 1872 for Seven hundred and twenty pounds stg in favour of the Receiver and Accountant General, General Post Office, at par. £720.-

The proceeds of this Bill are required for the general service of the Colony, and have been carried to the credit of the Colonial Revenue as per enclosed certificate.

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

The Right Honble
The Earl of Kimberley K.T.

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Colony of Falkland Islands.

Bill No 20 dated 31st December 1872 for £720.-

Drawn by Governor G D'Arcy on the Paymaster General on the credit of the Parliamentary Grant for the general service of the Colony in aid of Colonial Revenue for 1872-73.-

I hereby certify that the amount realized by the above mentioned Bill was duly carried to the credit of the Colonial Revenue on the 31st day of December 1872.

(Sd) G Fowler
Treasurer Clerk.

(Sd) G D'Arcy
Governor

Falkland Islands.

Statement showing the disposal of the Parliamentary Grant in aid of Colonial Revenue for financial year ending 31st March 1872.

Draft No. 1.	Governor's Drafts	100	"	"
2	"	80	"	"
3.	"	45	"	"
4.	"	100	"	"
5.	"	80	"	"
6.	"	200	"	"
7.	"	100	"	"
8	"	300	"	"
9	"	200	"	"
10	"	300	"	"
11	"	150	"	"
12	"	50	"	"
13	"	300	"	"
14	"	90	"	"
15	"	100	"	"
16	"	150	"	"
17	"	100	"	"
18	"	35	"	"
19	"	300	"	"
20	"	720	"	"
Total Grant for 1872/73.		£ 3,500		

No 62.-

Government House
Stanley, Falkland Islands
3rd December 1872.

My Lord

Replying to your Lordship's Despatch No 78 of the 18th September I may be allowed for the sake of clearness to recapitulate the circumstances attendant on the transfer of the Mail Service to the Falkland Islands Company

2. In September 1871 I reported that I had accepted the Company's tender for the first six months of 1872 at the rate of seven hundred and sixty pounds a year, but in the following month the total wreck of the "Lotus" disturbed this arrangement and in November after taking Mr Smith's advice I wrote to the effect that under the urgency of the notice the "Foam" would be able to continue the running the first six months in 1872 as advertized in the programme, so as to give the Company time to take up the contract if it still suited their circumstances; there was, however, a greater delay than I had anticipated, indeed the "Blackhawk" only arrived on the 29th November 1872, and only commenced the postal service on the 2nd January 1873.

No 56. 27 September 1871. - £760.

No 62 14 October 1871

3. The voyage of the last six months of 1872 have not been undertaken without anxiety and expence, on each occasion of late during the few days the "Foam" was at anchor in the Harbour

Harbour, a rigourous inspection was made by competent professional men, and the Government Tenders were constantly at work repairing so old a vessel.

4. I am now advised by Captain Smithen that the "Foam" is quite unfit for Oceanic voyages of these Antarctic regions but may after extensive repairs suit for the transit of intercolonial produce such as hides and wool, and that it would be more advantageous for the interests of the Government to sell the "Foam" purchasing another vessel hereafter provided the Company are disinclined to continue the mail service; accordingly I have called for tenders and I am informed that a few seafaring people intend purchasing the "Foam" for the intercolonial trade.

5 I have now the honour to forward a copy of the contract I have entered into with the acting Manager, Mr Langdon, for the service; this was necessary as the Company would naturally give their own merchandize preference freight & the Exclusion of Lighthouse stores or other Government goods which are sometimes sent by the Mail Packets to Montevideo, and the public would. I am sure feel it a grievance after the accommodation the "Foam" has afforded if small parcels were refused freight. I trust your Lordship will approve of these arrangements.

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

The Right Honble
The Earl of Kimberley K.P.
&c &c &c

No 63. —

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
31st December 1872 —

My Lord,

The Laws and Ordinances of the Falkland Islands have been printed up to the year 1858, but subsequent to that period they are only in manuscript or printed on loose sheets; frequent applications have been made by the Settlers of the West Falkland Island for copies of those Ordinances which more particularly affect their farming and pastoral interests; to meet this want I requested Mr Travis, Attorney Clerk of the Courts to compile the Ordinances from the formation of the Settlement to the present time in order that they may be printed and bound in one Volume. Mr Travis has completed this work with some labour and considerable perseverance which I have the honour to forward, and to request your Lordship will be pleased to authorise the Crown Agents to deliver the MSS. to Messrs Eyre & Spottiswood to be printed at the expence of this Colonial Government.

The ready sale which the book will ensure, will I trust partially reimburse this Government. —

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

The Right Hon.ble
The Earl of Kimberley K.T.
&c &c &c

No. 64.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
31st December 1872.

My Lord

I have been requested by the Revd Henry Lory, the acting Colonial Chaplain of this Settlement to report to your Lordship that he has requested me to deduct from his stipend the advance he received at Montevideo of Ten pounds by instalments £10. of Five pounds on the 1st February and 1st £5. of March

The Reverend Mr Lory arrived in H.M.S. "Pylades" on the 29th inst; he is to take over the duties of his office from to-morrow the 1st of January.

Bishop Sterling leaves in a few days in the "Allen Gardiner" for Ooserjik the Mission station at Tierra del Fuego.—

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

The Rt Honble
The Earl of Kimberley K.C.
&c &c &c

No 65.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
31st December 1872.-

My Lord,

In reply to your Lordship's Despatch No 82 of the 16th October 1873 notifying the appointment of the Revd H. Lory to perform the duties of Chaplain at the Falkland Islands during the absence on leave of the Revd C Bull, I have the honour to acquaint your Lordship that the acting Chaplain's Salary will commence from to-morrow the 1st January 1873.-

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

The Rt Honble
The Earl of Kimberley K.T.
&c &c &c

No 66.-

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
31st December 1872.

My Lord,

I have the honour to forward certified copies of the Minutes of the Executive and Legislative Councils for the six months ending 31st December 1872.-

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

The Right Honble
The Earl of Kimberley K.T.
&c &c &c

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies per H.M. "Pylades" via Montevideo

No. of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	Number of Enclosures
1.	25th January 1873.	Requesting time to pay Mr Griffiths' gratuity	none
2.	25th — d —	Forwarding copies of the Registration Amendment Ordinance.	two (2)
3.	25th — d —	Forwarding copies of an Ordinance to appoint a Harbour Officer at this Port.	two (2)
4.	4th February	Respecting the service of the J.P. Smitten late Master of the "Fox"	none

No 1.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
January 25th 1873.

My Lord,

Your Lordship's Despatch No 83 of the 25th October, in which you announce that you have been pleased to authorize the grant of a gratuity of Three hundred and ninety three pounds fifteen shillings (£393. 15. 0) to Mr Griffiths lately Chief Magistrate of the Falkland Islands I have to acknowledge. —

As it was quite impossible to estimate for such a contingency I have to request that the Colonial Government may be allowed a little time to liquidate this amount, but every exertion shall be made to do so by remittances from time to time to the Crown Agents.

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

The Right Honble
The Earl of Kimberley K.C.B.
&c &c &c

No 2.—

Government House
Stanley, Falkland Islands
January 25th 1873

My Lord,

Owing to the more favourable prospects connected with the pastoral interests of the Islands the inhabitants of the village of Darwin situated 70 miles from Stanley have considerably increased but they feel it a hardship to be compelled to have the occasion to ride into Stanley for the sole purpose of registering their children.—

It is the opinion of my Council that no provision is made in the Registration Ordinance for the appointment of a Registrar for places other than Stanley; I was therefore under the necessity of instituting this Ordinance which I now have the honour to forward for your Lordship's approval.—

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

The Rt Hon ble
The Earl of Kimberley K.C.
&c &c &c

No 3.-

Government House,
Stanley, Falkland Islands
25 January 1873.

My Lord,

The Colonial Government has hitherto found the Port Regulations sufficient protection against the importation of contagious diseases, as the printed report signed and delivered to the Pilot for the information of the Government; Recently however, an American Master of a Schooner signed the Report, it is generally supposed, with the knowledge that a child was suffering at the time on board the Schooner under his command from an attack of measles of a bad type contracted at his last port of departure Montevideo, the consequences of this contumacious conduct were that the epidemic spread, under such circumstances two deaths took place, and nearly all the young people of the Settlement were attacked, and several adults were for some time dangerously ill.

By incorporating the Act of Parliament 30 & 31 Victoria Cap 124 entitled "An Act to amend the Shipping Act of 1854" into the Colonial Statute Book this Government

Government will have the power to appoint a Health Officer to the Port, and all vessels will be boarded by the Colonial Surgeon and their crews rigourously inspected before the Vessel receives Pratique. I trust your Lordship will consider this precaution necessary, the large towns of the River State being rife with diseases of a contagious nature, whilst these Islands have been for years singularly free from these calamities.

The Rt Honble
The Earl of Kimberley K.C.
&c &c &c

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

No 4.

Government House
Stanley, Falkland Islands
4th February 1873.

My Lord,

I have the honour favourably to bring to your notice the services of Mr J. P. Smithen, the late Master of the Colonial Government Schooner "Foam"

He has conveyed H.M. Mails between this Colony and Montevideo for the last nine years in the most praiseworthy zealous manner, performing during that period fifty nine voyages without the loss of a letter or packet, and this service has been performed over a waterway of continuous storms; several Naval Officers of eminence have expressed their surprize and admiration at the effective manner the service has been performed.

In the event of the situation of Harbour Master becoming vacant in the Colony, may I venture to solicit your Lordship to allow Mr Smithen's name to be noted as an Applicant for the vacancy; his long service in Colonial employ having thrown him out of connection with his friends in the Merchant Service he fears he will experience a difficulty in obtaining employment, such a consideration would have the very best effect with those who might hereafter serve the Colonial Government in a similar capacity.

I have &c
(sd) G. D. Lacy
Governor

The Right Honble
The Earl of Kimberley K.P.
&c &c &c

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies per mail schooner "Black Hawk" via Montevideo 2nd April 1873.

No. of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	No. of Enclosures
—	14th February 1873	Acknowledgment of Despatches and circulars	one (1)
—	20th March	— do — do —	one (1)
5	20th March	forwarding Complaint of Mr Stocking Gaoler Stanley	eight (8)
6	20th — do —	Reporting the bearings of the Beacon recently erected on Point William	one (1)
7	22nd — do —	Report accompanying the Blue Book for 1872.	one (1)
8	20th — do —	Reporting that an account of implements supplied to Lighthouse Keeper will be furnished quarterly	none
9	22nd — do —	Acknowledging receipt of Despatch referring to the Estimates for 1873-74.	none
10	22nd — do —	Acknowledgment of Parliamentary Paper	none

No of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	No of Enclosures.
11	22nd March 1873	Transmitting Declarations relating to Crime and Prison Discipline, and remarks on the Rev Gaol-	one (1)
12	22nd —"—	That a Bonded Warehouse has been established	none.
13	22nd —"—	Reporting that six months supply of Vaccine lymph is sufficient to meet the demand.	none.
14	22nd —"—	Forwarding a set of Photographs of Public Buildings.	none.
—	28th —"—	Acknowledgment of Despatches and Circulars	none
15	1st April	Advising draft drawn on the Paymaster General	one (1)
16	2nd —"—	That Mr Bailey's superannuation form will be sent in a day or two from the Treasury	none -

No	Date	
87.	18th November 1872	
88.	20th — —	
89.	22nd — —	
90.	7 December —	
—	9th November —	Circular Account
—	11th — —	Circulars
—	19th — —	Circulars

G. H. S. T. I.
14th Feby 1873.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt on the 8th Inst. of your Lordship's Despatches and Circulars as noted in the margin, and to forward a Schedule of unanswered Despatches.

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

The Right Honble
The Earl of Kimberley K.T.
&c &c &c

Schedule of Despatches from the Secretary of State which have remained more than a month in my hands unanswered.

Nil

Schedule of Despatches sent to the Secretary of State which have remained more than four months unanswered

Nil.

(sd) G. D'Arcy
Governor

No.	Date	
	1872	
91.	12 Dec.	
92.	28th "	
93.	30th "	
"	13th "	Acknowledgment of Despatch
"	13 "	" "
"	6 "	Circular.
"	13 "	Circular.
	1873	
0.	16th January	
4.	29th "	
5.	31st "	
6.	31st "	
7.	8 Feby	
"	8 Jany	Circular
"	16 "	Circular
"	21 "	Circular
"	21 "	Parliamentary
"	25 "	Parliamentary
"	1 Feby	Parliamentary
"	5 Feby	Parliamentary

G. H. S. T. J.
20th March 1873

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt on the 18th instant of your Lordship's Despatches and Circulars, as noted in the margin, and to forward a Schedule of unanswered Despatches.

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

Rt Hon'ble
The Earl of Kimberley K.C.
&c &c &c

Schedule of Despatches from the Secretary of State which have remained more than a month in my hands unanswered.

Nil.

Schedule of Despatches sent to the Secretary of State which have remained more than four months unanswered.—

Ditto

(sd) G D'Arcy
Governor.

No 5.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
March 20th 1873.

My Lord /

I regret extremely having to take up your Lordship's valuable time with this reference but I have no other alternative -

2. - Rev'd Charles Bull arrived in this Settlement as Colonial Chaplain in 1859, and some little time afterwards very laudably established a Savings Bank for the people - that is to say, he invested their deposits in banks in England at five per cent.; amongst other depositors was the Sailor, James Stocking an enrolled Pensioner of the Royal Marines, who has for the last twelve years officiated as Sailor and occasionally as Clerk, Shipwright and Cooper - from time to time he lodged with Mr Bull as much as five hundred and fifty pounds; more recently in 1869 Mr Bull by the consent of your Lordship's Predecessor administered the Estate conducting ex officio as Administrator the business of the mercantile firm of the late J. A. Goss of Stanley, and persuaded Stocking to invest his bank deposit in the business of the firm at an advanced rate of interest viz: 6% per cent but as your Lordship will be good enough to perceive from Stocking's affidavit marked A on the distinct understanding that Mr Bull would continue his personal security to the

5%

£550

No 11
18 May 1869

6%

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the firm of Goss being even at that period considered unstable and liable to failure an agreement was drawn out, keeping this essential in view, and signed by both parties and the signature attested by a witness one Mr George Turner of this town; some time afterwards the affairs of Messrs Goss having become complicated and notoriously involved, Stocking feeling alarmed about his money wished to withdraw it, whereupon McBall commenced to pay off the capital of the debt agreeable to the tabular statement at foot
B of the agreement marked B, which was substituted and held by Stocking instead of the agreement signed by Mr Turner, and accordingly on the 2nd November 1891 Stocking received from McBall an instalment
£25 of Twenty five pounds agreeable to the tabular statement at foot of the document reducing the debt to Five hundred and twenty
£525 five pounds, but owing to the impecuniosity of the firm McBall failed to pay any more of the instalments.

3.- In May 1892 on McBall's proceeding to England, on leave of absence, Stocking again pressed him to make some satisfactory arrangement which would enable him to recover his capital, and
C the document marked C was the result, as it bore the guarantee of the Chairman of the Magistrates Court it quite satisfied Stocking. On McBall's departure, he handed over to the Court of Magistrates the local administration of the Estate, working it also

to the

to the Chairman that the profits of the bar and Store were fully able to pay Stocking's monthly instalment of Twenty five pounds £25.
together with other liabilities, unfortunately for Stocking's interests, between Mr Ball's departure on the 15th of May and the 10th of June, the day the instalment became due, the Acting Chairman of the Courts found so many other liabilities against the firm, that he repudiated his own act, and refused payment to Stocking of the Twenty five pounds (£25) £25
instalment but continued to pay the interest of the Capital viz:- Two pounds twelve shillings £2-12-6.
and sixpence (this consideration was continued till December 1892 but then ceased, to Stocking's further consternation.)

4- On the arrangement breaking down on the 10th of June, Stocking consulted his friends and the document marked B is scrutinized, and it is discovered that Mr Ball is only liable as Administrator of an alleged bankrupt estate but no mention is made of the personal liability! Stocking then appeals to me for redress and I wrote to Mr Ball, at present on leave in England, by the letter marked D and that D
marked E, is his answer; Stocking E.
was not satisfied considering the reply evasive, and requested I would forward the correspondence to your Lordship, but I determined at the risk of loss of time to make another remonstrance to prevent this reference and in November last I sent Mr Ball the letter marked F and G is his answer, F. G

steadily

steadily evading the personal security.

5.— Most respectfully Stocking now requests me to embody his reasons to your Lordship for demanding a document giving him a lien on Mr Ball. Stocking states that the money is the accumulated savings of many years, set aside placed out of temptation for his support when no longer able to work, banked with the Clergyman of the Parish, his immediate Employer, whom he implicitly trusted, that as the document marked B is worded if Mr Ball happened to die or even to resign the administration of Govt, Stocking would be referred to an Estate which if bankrupt, an event not at all unlikely, would not pay 2/6 in the pound! These contingencies have to be considered, at present he is without any security; he only requires the continuation of Mr Ball's collateral security accorded to him in the form of a bond upon which he might recover the amount.

6.— I trust your Lordship will be pleased to consider Stocking's request as reasonable and that you will rule accordingly, it is not only my desire but of the whole community, nemine contradicente, that the personal collateral security be at once restored to this old public servant.

7. The error of the date in the bond which I forwarded for Mr Ball's signature last November is a clerical one, the draft enclosed

enclosed in my handwriting clearly sets forth the proper date -

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

The Right Hon^ble
The Earl of Kimberley K.P.
&c &c &c

No 6.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
20th March 1873.

My Lord,

In answer to your Lordship's Despatch No 89 of the 22nd November 1872 I have the honour to report that the Beacon on Point William which forms the North headland to the entrance of Port William, is visible in ordinary weather at a distance of five miles. It shews a triangular top with a basement of stonework 9 feet high.

It is 26 feet high and stands in Latitude 51°. 38'. 42" South Longitude 57° 42" 18' West.

From the Uranie Rock the Beacon bears S½E 7/8 miles from the outside Seal Rock to the South East. Nor'West by West ½ West 2½ miles.

A Vessel entering Port William from the South will leave the light on the port hand passing outside the Seal Rocks and when the Beacon bears W by N ½ N and Lighthouse SW by S the port is wide open keeping the Beacon on the starboard hand.

The Beacon was placed on the Point on the 1 January 1873 and Mariners have expressed their satisfaction at the improvement, they are pleased to add that Stanley is no longer a "blind harbour" to Ocean Vessels.

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

The Right Hon.ble
The Earl of Kimberley K.T.
&c &c &c

No 7.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
March 22nd 1873.

My Lord,

In accordance with the Regulations I have the honour to transmit the Blue Book for the year 1872 with the following Report:-

1. Imports and Exports

There an increase in value of £726 in the imports and an increase of £6.743 in the Exports. £726 £6743

2. Legislation.

The following Ordinances were passed in 1872:-

1. The Land Ordinance of 1872
2. Savings Bank Ordinance
3. Naturalization Ordinance
4. Marriage Amendment Ordinance

3. Shipping.

The following ships arrived in distress:-

	Tons
Francis	704
Monarch	1444
Henry Bath	490
Fifeshire	699
Ladoga	865
Rebecca Hassan	399
do	399
Brunette	332
Cecilia "	611
Carried forward	5,943

	Tons
Brought forward	5,943.
"Terzo	993
Mandarin	320
Ost Dade	350
Egeria	1066
Hayle	862
Doldney	330
Oxford	*916
Star of India	1697
Lady of the Lake"	307
	12,784

The following ships put in for water and provisions

	Tons
"Benton	952
Golden West	99
Anglesey	1018
Leon Crespo	696
Columbia	1471
St Denis Sclendorf	386
Flying Fish	114
Edelaine	199
St George	392
Wm Gifford"	241
	5,828

such figures shew the necessity of retaining this Port as a harbour of refuge, the shelter it has afforded to the Mercantile Marine of all Nations is incalculable.

4. Births Deaths and Marriages

are as follows — From a population was of 950 — 14 deaths have taken place (2 accidental) and 43 Births (21 Male

and 22 Female) with 7 Marriages.

5. Public Works.

The new Gaol is now completed by the labour of the Royal Marines adding considerably to the appearance of the town being the only dwelling in Stanley besides Government House which may be termed a house.

6. The Government School.

under the zealous care and superintendence of Bishop Stirling has received much benefit his Lordship met a difficulty under which it had suffered with prompt organization; the children having of late years increased considerably in number, it was found impossible for one Schoolmaster to instruct one hundred children, but during the last six months of 1872, the Bishop established successfully the monitorial system which has worked exceedingly well, and the School is no longer a debt; the expense of this undertaking £48 a year has been borne by myself £48.
in three fourths, and by the Bishop in one fourth; but we hope to be relieved from this charge by asking the Parents to raise their School pence from 3d the week to 6, which would not 3 to 6
only meet the deficiency, but leave a small margin for the contingent expenses which are always accruing in a large Scholastic Establishment.

J. Trake

7. Trade.

has, as I foretold last year in my Report taken the route I expected, royalties have been paid for permission to work the guano abounding in and about the small Islands adjacent to the shore, but it can only be worked in the Summer months, shelter except of a very temporary kind for the Workmen being so difficult and expensive to procure.

Several homeward bound American Schooners from the South Shetlands having put into Stanley for provisions, loaded to the water's edge with cargoes of Seal skins valuing between £4 and 5,000, a £4-5,000. fresh impetus has been in consequence given to the Sealing trade, and early next Season an expedition of at least three Schooners is going to venture for the first time to the South Shetlands on a sealing cruize; it will be attended with some danger in consequence of the masses of floating ice which abound so liable to crush the strongest vessel, and as there is no anchorage, the Schooner will be obliged to stand in and off the shore, while her consort attends to the fisheries inshore.

8. Climate

8. Climate.

Professor Agassiz has recently given to the world the theory that a branch of the Gulf Stream had within the last few years taken from the Gulf of Guinea a South West course embracing these Islands; this may account for the temperate winters we have recently enjoyed to the great advantage of pastoral interests, for certain it is that twenty years ago the winters were much more severe than they are now, however, this might easily be tested by comparing the range of the Thermometer in the Logs of H.M. Ships "Erebus" & "Terror" during the first commission of these vessels in 1842, when they wintered at Port Louis, with the meteorological returns recently forwarded to the Trinity Board by the keeper of the Cape Pembroke Lighthouse.

The dead level of cold which abounds throughout the year, although healthy and invigorating has its drawbacks, inasmuch as it becomes necessary to have fires nearly all the year round, this necessitates service which is difficult to obtain even at a great price thereby reducing the income of the pastoral tenants considerably, Skilled Manual labour receives in the Islands from 5/ to 6/ a day, but domestic labour being continuous demands much more. 5/ to 6/

The absence of consumption, and fatal termination of pulmonary complaints in these Islands is due, Surgeon Fisher of the Navy, believes to the sea air which abounds in and around these Islands, the operation of

of the sea air on health is unexplained, and consequently cannot be regulated or rationally directed, but it is evident and very powerful and still remains a noble field of observation for a scientific Physician.

9. The West Falkland Island.

presents interesting features which only require time to develop into a prosperous pastoral settlement; it furnished to the revenue during 1872 £1000 and is therefore entitled for the first time to a place in this report. £1,000.

The settlers, some ten in number, who have elected to commence life as sheep farmers under the protection of British laws, rather than in the more genial climate of the plains adjacent to the River Plate, where the laws are not respected, have sunk considerable sums in the purchase of stock, in construction of their dwelling houses, and in sheep dipping apparatus; building in this Island for some time to come must continue to be very expensive lumber being 5½ the square foot 5½ in Stanley which can be purchased in England at 1¼. 1¼

The concessions granted by the Land Ordinance of 1871 have been of incalculable benefit to Settlers on this Island, more especially so to those who acting as pioneers first took up land on the West Island, and whose enterprizing example was undoubtedly the cause of every acre of ground being taken up by more recent Settlers, thereby securing a revenue to the Colonial Government

of

of £1000 per annum, so much required since the Parliamentary Grant has been decreased from £6000 a year to £3,500. £1,000 £6000 – £3500.

The first Settlers were quite unable to meet their expenses owing to the high rents originally enforced and would have found it quite impossible to purchase the required amount of land at the expiration of five years as stipulated in the original leases; to understand the difficulties they had to encounter in stocking their land unformably with the then existing land regulations of the Colony, it is necessary to remember that the Proclamation under which the West Falkland Settlers first took up their runs was that which limited the term of the stocking licence to 12 months, this term would have been amply sufficient had it been possible to buy sheep at the East Island, but the only large flock Masters at that time were the Falkland Islands Company who refused to sell although 40/- a head were offered for their sheep; the West Falkland Settlers just arrived from England were therefore obliged to proceed to the River Plate for stock, and this immediately upon taking up their land, since unfortunately for their interests, it is only possible during three months of the year to ship sheep from the warm climate of the Plate, to so inclement a station as the Falklands: many of the Lessees lost the opportunity, and those who did succeed in landing their unacclimatized stock were embarrassed considerably by having to construct houses for themselves to reside in before the ensuing Winter, otherwise they would have simply perished; 40/-

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it is here much to be regretted that the first settlers in the West were unable to purchase sheep from the Falkland Islands Company for it has been well ascertained that had they commenced farming with the acclimatized breed of the Company their flocks would, including the last lambing season, have numbered 60,000 whereas they are but 30,000 in number.

sheep 60,000. 30,000.

The expense and loss attending the carrying of sheep a distance of upwards of 1000 miles, and from a hot climate to a cold one was very great, nevertheless understanding that the Government intended to insist upon the land being stocked within the twelve months; the Settlers brought down from the River Plate a sufficient number of sheep to meet the requirements of the Law, but in doing this they incurred enormous losses, in two cases out of 8000 sheep shipped, in each case only 1000 survived the Winter!

It was just at this time 1868, upon the expiration of the one years licence, that the Settlers received notice of a further year having been granted, in most cases this concession came too late, had it been granted earlier and at the time of the Settlers' application for it they would have been saved several thousands of pounds. It must also be remembered that the cost of erecting houses, wool sheds, fences in an uninhabited Island like the West Falkland, which I need hardly mention has not a tree upon its surface, was very great in the first instance, goods, labour,

labour and the charter of schooners, being exorbitantly dear in the settlement of Stanley, this Expenditure together with their losses in stock, sold at a time when they had to complete the required number upon their runs or lose their land, it was in most case with the greatest difficulty that they succeeded in doing so having already the current expenses of their farms to provide for, together with an annual rent which some had to pay of hundreds of pounds. It will easily be perceived that the first Settlers, the Pioneers of the West Falkland, found themselves in a very unfortunate position, their capital sunk in stock, giving but a trifling return in wool, and yet with the incubus of a rent to pay.

Early in 1870 this deplorable state of things took place, the West Island Settlers were on the verge of bankruptcy, your Lordship was, however, pleased favourably to consider my proposals for improving their condition by lowering the rental and the compulsory purchase of land altered from 5 years to 10 years after the date of the lease, and by the gift of the wild cattle; without such concessions I am now assured it would have been impossible for the greater part of the Settlers to have retained their stations; such a climacteric would have been sad to witness after they had in each case for the most part expended as much as £8,000, after having undergone great hardships in settling on the uninhabited Island; notwithstanding all these sacrifices of time, labour, and capital, ruin was before them, and they must have returned to

Europe

Europe penniless, but the Land Law was bestowed in time to prevent so sad a calamity to the individual Settlers, and moreover so detrimental to the future prosperity of the Settlement

Under the existing Land Regulations there is every reason to believe that the sheep farming interests on this Island will prosper, homes have been erected in every part of the Island six years ago a shipwrecked crew would have died of cold and hunger, but now within 10 or 15 miles in whatever part they might be cast ashore shelter and food is within their reach. Scab, the bane of sheep farmers, is no longer to be dreaded, many flocks being entirely free from this disease, it must always be remembered that as long as it remains unradicated the profits of sheep farming must be reduced to a minimum. The cure of this disease amongst the sheep was effected by the building of dip yards where the sheep are well bathed after shearing in a strong infusion of tobacco this system was introduced by Mr Bertrand, a New Zealand farmer, at some considerable outlay amongst the extensive flocks belonging to the Company, but the success which followed the mode of cure fully warranted the expense; it is now universally adopted by the Farmers of both Islands.

A great deal of attention is paid to improving the breed of the sheep by judicious crossing with English Stock, several of the Farmers have gone to considerable expence in bringing stock from England, the result of the cross between the

the Merino sheep and the Leicester has been to double the weight of the fleece, and to increase the value of the wool from 9 to 1/- to 1/5 and even 1/6 per pound! 9 to 1/- 1/5 to 1/6

The great want of the Settlers has been regular mail communication, without which it is difficult to conduct their business; communication between the two Islands was very bad, it is now improving as the West Island has been stocked, but still the difficulty exists, altho' only 10 miles of sea intervenes between the Islands, yet I have known the letters remain four months without their letters after their arrival at Stanley! the last 200 miles from Stanley round to the West Falkland by water is more difficult to bridge over than the 14000 miles from England, and when we take into consideration that the Settlers now contribute one fifth of our small revenue in the one item of rent alone, I am sure your Lordship will consider the time has arrived when they may expect the extension of the Mail Service to a central harbour on the East of the West Island, and I propose placing a sum in the Estimates of next year for your Lordship's favourable consideration to carry out this essential service.

In a few years I expect the sheep farmers of this Island will realize their hopes, and at the same time the revenue will be considerably increased according to the land law your Lordship was so liberal to recommend to the Sovereign, for altho' their flocks have increased but slowly during the five years that the West Island has been inhabited and sheep farms established, the value of the annual

crop

crop of wool has in most cases equalled the amount of the yearly expenditure incurred by the Farmers.

Notwithstanding the drawbacks enumerated the prospects of the West Falkland Farmers are brightening, the climate and soil is adapted for the raising of sheep, the scab is no longer regarded as incurable, the shepherding is now better attended to, the stock being larger, the grasses are succulent, the climate of the West Island is more genial than the East, the winds are not so cold, and the camp is finer, rivers and mountains in the West take the place of streams and hills in the East, although the West is the finer Island of the two; half way between Port Howard and Shallow Bay with pleasure I observed a large flock of partridges, the first ever seen in the Islands, they must have been blown over from the coast of Patagonia in a gale of wind, I trust they will also become settlers, another article of food being much required in a land where the sun is not powerful enough to ripen wheat or corn, rendering the land comparatively valueless except for pastoral purposes.

This report is the result of my recent personal observation, during the month of February I rode over nearly all the West Island visiting the different stations, and I was glad to perceive that my expectations were realized with regard to the Wild cattle now that the Government has so liberally declared titles upon leases, it

it has been their object to tame and preserve them, and breeding herds abound in every direction easy to prove it is unlikely however that the wild cattle will be exterminated; the strongest the most independent, who will not turn to a horse, have taken to the Mountains where a mounted gaucho cannot follow them, the deepest and most treacherous bogs being invariably on the tops of the mountains, whilst the valleys are comparatively easy to cross.

It is an interesting sight to witness a rodeo a Spanish word meaning "enclosing cattle for the purpose of marking or counting them". Early on a fine day the proprietor gives the word to his gauchos to assemble all his cattle on a well known central spot the spectators assemble on this parade ground and soon perceive the herds approaching from all points of the compass followed by the mounted gauchos, amongst the tame herds are a few wild bulls who have descended from their mountain pastures to enjoy the society of the tame cattle and for a time cheerfully accompany the herds, but soon they shew signs of impatience and attempt to break through the cordon of horsemen. On arriving at the rodeo ground the cattle shew no signs of impatience for the space of one hour during which time the gauchos lasso the wild bulls in the midst of the tame herd for the sake of their hides, the tame animals regarding the process with quiet indifference; sometimes an exciting chase takes place and

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it is interesting to watch the dexterity with which the Gaucho collects his lasso at a gallop after having failed in his cast. Captain Shortt R.N. Commanding H.M.S. Shah "Blades" assured me that in all his travels he had never witnessed a more interesting sight than the rodeo which Mr Edwards Trade was good enough to order for the Officers of the "Blades" to witness.

On the cordon of horsemen being withdrawn the cattle return to their feeding grounds in order; without the daily riddeos or parades the cattle would soon revert to a wild state.

10. Government House.

An Inventory of contents (not being private property) of the Government House is attached to the Blue Book, together with the Vaccination Returns, agreeable to the Colonial Regulations.

The Right Honble
The Earl of Kimberley K.T.
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I have &c
(Sd) G D'Arcy
Governor

No 8.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
March 20th 1873.

My Lord,

In answer to a Circular from Westerhall No 8 of the 15th December 1872, forwarding a letter from the Board of Trade requesting that the Colonial Secretary will render an account of the goods supplied for Cape Pembroke Lighthouse, I have to report that the tools have been received and taken on charge, and the Lighthouse Keeper has been directed by the Colonial Secretary to render an account of these tools together with other implements he may at any time receive, in an Implement Account to be furnished Quarterly.

The Right Hon'ble
The Earl of Kimberley K.T.
&c &c &c

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

No 9.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
22nd March 1873

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge your Lordship's Despatch No 7 of the 8 July in reference to the Estimates of the Falkland Islands for 1873-74.

I hope to furnish an explanation relative to the sale of Crown Lands at the reduced rate of Two shillings, the subject of a distinct Despatch which I trust may prove satisfactory to your Lordship.

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I will see in future that the statements of the actual receipts and expenditure for the two last preceding years are furnished as required by the Treasury.

Your Lordship's instructions in reference to the salary of the Parish Clerk shall be carried out at once.

Most respectfully I am very desirous of pointing out that on the occasion of reporting by your Lordship's orders on the reduction

No 56
15 July 1871

recommended Governor Robinson left with me I agreed with his Excellency that the office of Surveyor General might be abolished, the abolition was on conjunction with that of the Colonial Secretary's appointment to be effected on "promotion or retirement." Mr Bailey being still some years under sixty, did

did not for one moment conceive that your Lordship had in view his immediate retirement, especially as in the Despatch No 48 of the 20th January 1872, your Lordship announced your intention of addressing me at a later period on the subject of the reduction to be effected in the establishment of the Falkland Islands. I therefore waited for these further instructions before acting in so important a matter affecting the vested interests of an old public servant.

I have communicated to Mr Bailey your Lordship's orders, from the 1st April he will appear in the quarterly accounts on half salary, and by this mail I hope to forward the superannuation form carefully filled in for your Lordship's consideration.

The Right Honble
The Earl of Kimberley K.T.
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I have &c
(Sd) G Dobree
Governor

No 10.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
22nd March 1873

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of certain Parliamentary Papers, the titles and number of copies of which are specified in the margin.

I have &c

(sd) G D'Arcy
Governor

The Right Honble
The Earl of Kimberley K.T.
&c &c &c

1 Copy Reports of Railway and Canal Commission 1872.
2 Copies Report of Civil Service Commissioners 1872.
1 Copy Report of Commissioners of Inland Revenue 1872
2 Copies Do Do Do 1872
Statement &c 1-1872

Very important

No 11.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
22nd March 1872

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Circular Despatch No 1 of the 8th January 1872, and to apologize for the delay which has taken place in answering it, but owing to the severe illness of the acting Chief Magistrate and the consequent changes in the Police Office, the blank forms were not returned to the Secretariat, although constantly demanded.

I have now carefully filled up the answers and the criminal Return has been made out by Mr Bailey at present acting as Chief Magistrate.

As your Lordship will perceive from these Returns the Jail is sometimes for months without a Prisoner, it is only on rare occasions a Colonist finds his way within its walls; deserters from the Merchant Marine of all Nations, are the usual Inmates, who hope to enjoy the high rate of pay Labour receives in the Settlement, after having undergone three months imprisonment, the usual punishment for desertion; twenty Prisoners during the year is the average number the government has to maintain, during 1871 a whole crew were imprisoned for having taken charge of the Vessel when under the influence of drink and imprisoned their Officers; this impulsive act of insubordination increased the number for 1872.

I have the honour to be
My Lord
Your Lordship's most obedient
and most humble Servant
Alexander Callaghan
Governor

The Right Honble
The Earl of Kimberley
&c &c &c

Agreeably to the plan and estimate approved by your Lordship's Predecessor, a new jail has been built and is now completed, it stands in the main street with a good view of the harbour, and may be considered the only building in the town bearing any pretensions to a honse, Stanley consisting of three lines of cottages; it is capable of containing twelve prisoners with a day room together with private apartments for the Jailer, and it £1.000. has been valued at £1000 — for the requirements of these Islands it is too large unless some unforseen trade was to spring up considerably increasing the population, indeed the present building with a few repairs will be quite sufficient for all Colonial requirements for the next twenty five years. I have now to suggest your Lordship will be pleased to give me permission to sell this building, in consequence of three unforseen monetary claims having recently been made on the Colonial Government the mention of which would be out of place in the Estimates.

(1) Some twelve years ago a well to do Colonist named Mabey murdered his Wife the man was sentenced to penal servitude for twenty years, and his property fell to the Crown, but my Predecessor in office considering allowed it to be intended to the Children that on their attaining age the property would be returned to them; strictly speaking this money ought to

to have been considered a trust, invested and set aside, it appears however that the amount £500 was collected gradually £500
at the rate of about £40 a year (being £40
the rent of Murray's public house situated in a good part of the town) this amount was annually thrown into the general revenue of the Colony, during my administration the children are gradually becoming of age, and it has been, and is, a source of embarrassment to this Government from an estimated expenditure to pay in cash or else by instalments.

(2) The Griffiths' gratuity has also to be met, but although not quite unforeseen as your Lordship is fully aware.

(3) There is also an amount of £400 which this Government is liable £400
which might any day be demanded. During Governor Moore's administration, on the representation of McGill the Colonial Chaplain a bond was drawn to him to the effect that on his death, retirement, or promotion this Colonial Government becomes liable for all the improvements made in a Government building set aside as the Chaplain's residence, and during Mr Robinson's term of government in March 1870, Mr Bill expecting to be translated to the See of Sierra Leone, applied for a board of valuation, which was granted and the improvements valued at £400. £400

These unforeseen contingencies can all be liquidated if your Lordship is pleased to consent to the sale of the mansion in question, a photograph of which I have the honour to enclose.

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

The Right Honble
The Earl of Kimberley K.C.
&c &c &c

№ 12.

Government House
Stanley, Falkland Islands
March 22nd 1873.

My Lord,

In reply to your Lordship's Despatch № 92 of the 28th December 1872, I have the honour to report that as to the extent of the Merchants Stanley I established on the 1st February last a bonded store without imposing any additional expense on the Colonial Treasury, where Importers can deposit their dutiable articles.

At the time the Spirit Duties Ordinance was framed, the Council advisedly specified that Spirits imported into the Falkland Islands were to pay the duty, and no exemption was made for re-exportation, so many local reasons being against this consideration.

The shipping in the harbour of Stanley presents conditions and circumstances unlike any other harbour; several large vessels are detained here frequently for six or eight months, they arrive in distress after battling with the tempestuous seas of Cape Horn; the estimated expence of repairs in a settlement where labour is so dear alarms the Masters who prefer waiting for orders to the responsibility of incurring so much expense during this weary detention they have nothing to do and it is feared they might be tempted to purchase out of bond free of all duty retailing wines and spirits on board to their crews and to the ship Carpenters who flock on board for work. This

contingency

contingency was feared by the Council at the time of legislation, and except to vessels afloat the drawback for re-exportation was not provided for in the Ordinance. It might, however, still be granted if the Government was assured the shipment to another Port was a bona fide transaction, and I will deliver goods out of Bond accordingly a day or two before the sailing of the vessel, unless I hear from your Lordship to the contrary.

The Right Honble
The Earl of Kimberley K.P.
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I have &c
(Sd) G D'Arcy
Governor

No 13.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
22nd March 1873.

My Lord,

In reply to your Lordship's Circular of the 11th November 1872, transmitting for Extract from a letter received from the National Vaccine Establishment, I have the honour to report that both the Medical Officers of this Establishment agree that a six months supply of vaccine lymph is sufficient for the requirements of the Settlement, the demand being so limited, as the people are generally disinclined to vaccination.

Surgeon Fisher R.N. suggests that the six months supply furnished to this Colony be supplied in glass tubes —

I have &c
G D'Arcy
Governor.

The Right Honble
The Earl of Kimberley K.P.
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No 14.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
March 22nd 1873.-

My Lord,

In conformity with your Lordship's instructions I have the honour to forward a set of photographs of the public buildings of this Settlement, which have been planned and constructed during the last thirty years by Mr Bailey, the Surveyor General.-

The Right Honble
the Earl of Kimberley K.P.
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I have &c
(Sd) G D'Arcy
Governor

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
28th March 1873.

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My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt per "Humbleton" of your Lordship's Despatches and Circulars as noted in the margin. —

The Right Honble
The Earl of Kimberley K.P.
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I have &c
(Sd) G. D'Arcy
Governor