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DESPATCHES
TO THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
BY THE GOVERNOR
OF MYSORE
FOR THE
YEAR 1887

DESPATCHES
TO SECRETARY
OF STATE FROM
GOVERNOR

8 January 1884
to 2 January
1888

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N^o 80.

G. H. S. F. I.

10th March 1886.

Sir

I have the honour to report that Governor Kerr left the Colony on the 3rd instant, in the Honourable Steamer "Kambyse" and that I took the customary oaths and assumed the Government on the following day

Colonel the Rt Hon.

F. A. Stanley, M.P.

rc. rc. rc.

I have the

S^qd^t Arthur Barkly

Lt Governor.

N^o 81.

G. H. S. F. I.

20th March 1886.

Sir

~~separate~~ I have the honour to transmit herewith two copies of the Blue Book of this Colony for the year 1885, together with my Report thereon.

Colonel the Rt Hon.

F. A. Stanley, M.P.

rc. rc. rc.

I have the

S^qd^t Arthur Barkly

Lt Governor.

N^o 82.

G. H. S. F. I.

27th March 1886.

Sir

With reference to the Earl of Derby's Despatch N^o 17 of the 18th April 1885, and to Governor Kerr's communications noted in the margin, I have the honour to recommend for confirmation the appointment of George Hurst, as Chief Constable of this Colony.

2. Hurst's discharge from the Navy was received by him some time ago, and his performance of his duties whilst holding the post on probation has been most satisfactory. I venture to hope therefore that his substantive appointment may be permitted to date from 11th March 1885, at which time he commenced to act.

Colonel the Rt Hon.

F. A. Stanley, M.P.

rc. rc. rc.

I have the

S^qd^t Arthur Barkly

Lt Governor.

N^o. 33.

G. H. S. T. D.

27th March 1886.

Sir

I have inserted in the Blue Book for 1885 (as directed by Cl. 283 Chap 18 of the Colonial Regulations) a short report on the condition of the Government House in Stanley, from which it will be perceived that certain repairs and improvements to the older portion of the house, such as thorough repainting, the replacing of utterly worn out furniture by newer and more serviceable articles &c, are urgently required.

2. There being no Public Works Department in the Colony, and no Builder or Contractor who could make a proper Survey and Estimate, I am forced to confine myself to a general statement of what is required; but Governor Kerr, who is in England, will, I feel assured, bear me out as to the necessity which exists for the repairs &c, which I have mentioned, being effected as soon as possible.

3. Most of the Public Buildings are in need of repair, having been left for a long time without anything of the kind, owing to the embarrassed state of the Colony; but the ordinary vote for Works and Buildings will suffice for this purpose, as well as for maintenance of roads &c, which is included under it. For Government House and the Govt Office, however, (which latter requires partial re-roofing) a supplementary vote will be necessary; I have the honour therefore, to request authority to propose a supplemental Estimate for the repair of these buildings — the amount not to exceed £500, and to be paid, if necessary, from the balance in the Colonial Treasury; though some of it can no doubt be met by savings on other votes, if the application of the money so saved to this purpose be sanctioned.

I have &c

S. R. Arthur Barkly

Lt Governor

Colonel the Adjt Hon
F. A. S. Stanley M.P

re. re. re.

N^o. 34

G. H. S. T. D.

2nd April 1886.

Sir

I have the honour to forward herewith, a petition signed

signed by some of the principal landholders of the West Falkland, against the Customs Amendment Ordinance, c. V. 3 of 1885.

*V. Despatch N° 1
of 17th June, 1885.
Governor Kerr to Secy. of State.*

2. As this Ordinance has been fully reported on by Governor Kerr, it does not appear necessary that I should enter into a fresh explanation of its objects and provisions, or attempt to deal categorically with the various objections raised by the petitioners — which indeed my limited experience of the Colony would hardly permit me to do as yet, whilst Mr. Kerr, who is in England can of course furnish any additional information which may be required on the subject.

3. With reference to paragraph 2 however, I may observe that the Petitioners are in error as to the Ordinance having been passed by the Governor's "Carrying Vote"; their meaning being, I presume, that it was carried by the Official Votes against the wishes of the unofficial members.

Colonel the Rt Hon.

Frederick A. Stanley, M.P.

sc. sc. sc.

I have the

Sgd Arthur Barkly,
Lieut Governor.

N° 35.

G. A. S. G. D.

2nd April 1886.

Sir.

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter from Mr. James Smith, a resident in Stanley, protesting against the projected enclosure of part of one of the streets of the town, called Philomel Street.

2. This enclosure will be mainly consequent on the sale of the frontages alluded to in Governor Kerr's Despatch N° 129 of 10th November 1885, to legalise which sale an Ordinance has been prepared as directed in your Despatch N° 2 of 9th January last; but some portion of the area of the lower part of the original reserve is also included in the Grant recently made for the site of a New Church.

3. I do not think that Mr. Smith has any real grievance to complain of in reference to this enclosure, or that the public will be in any way inconvenienced by it, as there can be no doubt but that the space reserved for

streets in the original plan of Stanley is far wider than is necessary in most cases, and certainly in that of Philomena street, where the roadway of 26 feet which has been left is quite sufficient for the traffic.

Colonel the Rt Hon.

G. A. Stanley, M.P.
sc. sc. sc.

I have &c
S^{gd} Arthur Barkly
Lieut Governor.

N^o. 36.

G. H. S. T. D
2nd April 1886.

Sir

With reference to my despatches noted in the margin, I have the honour to state that the Bills of Exchange which should have accompanied them have been retained by me until the next mail, (which goes home direct) in order to avoid sending them to Punta Arenas in the present state of the postal Department at that place.

2. This has been already reported upon by Governor Kerr in his Despatch N^o. 14 of 11th January 1886, and since that date a fresh case of the grossest irregularity and neglect on the part of the Post master has occurred, as will be perceived from the copy of a letter which I enclose herewith.

3. Under such circumstances I deem it unsafe to send money or valuables by way of Punta Arenas until the Chilean Government has placed the Post Office there under the charge of a fit and reliable Officer.

Colonel the Rt Hon.

G. A. Stanley, M.P.
sc. sc. sc.

I have the &c
S^{gd} Arthur Barkly
Lieut Governor.

N^o. 37.

G. H. S. T. D.
12th April 1886.

Sir

I have the honour to forward, for Her Majesty's gracious confirmation and allowance, an Ordinance (N^o. 4 of 1886) to extend to this Colony, so far as its provisions can be applied, and as local circumstances will permit, the Act of Parliament 41 and 42 Vic. c. 19. entitled, An Act to amend the matrimonial Causes Act.

2. The only portion of this Act applicable here will be.

be clause 4, giving to a court, before which a married woman may obtain a conviction against her husband for an aggravated assault, and where she may seem to be in danger from his violence, the power to order that she shall not be bound to cohabit with him.

3. I have been led to extend this law to the Falkland Islands by the fact that an application has been ^{already} made to me by a wife for a separation order from her husband under the above circumstances; and similar requests have I understand been made before to the Governor, who, of course, was unable to comply with them.

Colonel (Ret'd) Hon

S. A. Stanley, M.P.

sc. sc. sc.

I have the

S. S. Arthur Barkby,

Lient Governor.

N^o 38.

G. H. S. G. J.

19th April 1886.

Sir:

I have the honour to transmit herewith, for Her Majesty's gracious confirmation and allowance, an Ordinance (N^o 2 of 1886) to amend one of the clauses of the Customs Duties Consolidation Ordinance, N^o 10 of 1882.

2. The expediency of this amendment was brought to my notice by both the unofficial members of Council, in consequence of a case which occurred on the very day of Governor Kerr's departure, and which, if the law had been strictly carried out, would have greatly delayed the mail. Indeed the provisions of the original clause 43 would have been productive of constant inconvenience in a harbour like this — where the continuance of fine weather can never be relied upon ^{for an} hour — had they not, as appears to be the case, been frequently evaded.

3. Under these circumstances, I have deemed it better to substitute the clause contained in the present Ordinance, which, whilst fully protecting the Custom's Revenue, will enable vessels which have merely been coasting about the Islands — provided they do not contain dutiable goods — to discharge cargo without

unnecessary delay.

Colonel the Lt Hon

F. A. Stanley. M. P.

&c. &c. &c.

I have the
S^d Arthur Barkly
Lieut Governor.

N^o. 39.

G. H. S. T. S.

12th April 1886.

Sir

Govt despatch No. 29 of 1st March ultimo, and to previous correspondence (noted in the margin) respecting the Sanitary Condition of Stanley, I have the honour to enclose herewith, for Her Majesty's gracious confirmation and allowance, an Ordinance, (N^o. 1 of 1886) to make better provision for the Public Health, by constituting a Board of Health to be the sanitary authority for the Colony.

2. This Ordinance will, I trust, provide for everything necessary for the preservation of Health, and the prevention of nuisances in the Town of Stanley; where it will be chiefly acted upon, for there is no other Town or Village in the Colony. I have, however, considered it more convenient to extend its provisions to the Colony generally, in case any emergency should arise, such as an outbreak of disease, when the Board would have authority to make regulations in any part of the Islands, without a new law being passed.

3. The placing upon the Board of two leading members of the community, which can be done under Cl I of the Ordinance, will I think, tend to lessen the difficulty alluded to by Governor Kerr in paragraph 9 of his Despatch N^o. 51 of 15th April 1885; as the acts of a Board, on which the Public are represented, will be less liable to opposition than would be the case with those of a purely official Body. I may add that both this and the other Ordinances which I forward for approval by the same opportunity, were passed by the Council without opposition - trusting that my action in the matter may be approved

I have the
S^d Arthur Barkly
Lt Governor.

Colonel

the Lt Hon

F. A. Stanley. M. P.

To

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N^o. 40.

G. H. S. F. I

12 April 1886.

Sir

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I have the honour to transmit herewith, for Her Majesty's gracious confirmation and allowance, an Ordinance — N^o: 3 of 1886 — to amend the law regulating the disposal of Crown Lands in Towns, in order to admit of the sale of frontages to persons owning the adjacent tenements.

2. This Ordinance, which was passed in conformity with the instructions contained in your Despatch N^o: 2 of the 9th January last, to authorise the sale of certain frontages in Philomel Street, confers power on the Governor to sell any frontage by private contract, to the owner of the adjacent land or tenement; this general power being given to avoid the necessity for a fresh Ordinance to legalise every sale of the kind, there being several frontages besides those in Philomel Street of which it will be desirable to dispose, and which persons are willing to purchase.

3. Mr. James Smith, whose letter objecting to the enclosing of part of Philomel Street I forwarded with my Despatch N^o: 35 of the 2^d instant, addressed a memorial to me, signed by himself and some other house-holders, requesting me to defer the passing of the Ordinance, pending further reference to the Secretary of State, and a petition to the same effect was presented by him to the Legislative Council, through one of the unofficial members.

4. Under these circumstances I left it entirely with the Council to decide whether or no the second reading of the Ordinance should be postponed, at the same time explaining to them the whole facts of the case, as set forth in Governor Kerr's Despatch N^o: 129 of the 10th November last, and laying before them your Despatch N^o: 2 of 9th January above quoted. The Council, by a unanimous vote, decided in favour of the Ordinance being passed without further delay: The motion for the second reading being seconded by Mr. Cobb, the member who had presented Mr. Smith's petition for him.

I have

Colonel the Rector
G. A. Stanley, M.P.
de. &c. de.

I have the
Sig'd Arthur Barkly,
Lieut Governor.

To open

Government House,

Stanley,

Falkland Islands,

No. 180.

Sir,

16th April 1886.

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Audit Department the Report of the Survey of the Colonial Chest for the quarter ending 31st March 1886, and a certificate of Quarterly Survey containing a Statement of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Colony during the same period.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient,

Humble Servant,

Sig'd Arthur Barkly

Lt Governor.

The Right Honourable

The Secretary of State

for the Colonial Department.

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Government House,

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Falkland Islands,

16th April 1886.

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I have the honour to forward herewith for transmission to the Board of Trade on account current with Supporting Vouchers for advances made by this Government on account of Distressed British Seamen for the quarter ended 31st March 1886.

No. 222.

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31st March 1886.*

I have drawn the Bill of Exchange quoted in the margin in repayment of the amounts advanced.

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Assistant Secretary Finance Department Board of Trade, London, in favor of the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

Your Most Obedient,

Humble Servant,

Arthur Barkely

C^t Governor.

The Right Honourable

The Secretary of State

for the Colonial Department.

Government House,

Stanley,

Falkland Islands,

16th April 1886.

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I have the honour to forward herewith for transmission to the Audit Department, the accounts of this Colony, for the months of February and March, ^{ultimo}, as well as a copy of the Treasurer's Cash Book.

Yours,

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient,

Humble Servant.

Y Arthur Parker

Lt Governor.

The Right Honourable
The Secretary of State
for the Colonial Department.

Government House,

Stanley.

Falkland Islands.

16th April 1886.

No. 44.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith for transmission to the Board of Trade the accounts showing the Oil and Stores expended at Cape Pembroke Light-house during the Quarter ending the 31st March 1886.

Yours,

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient,

Humble Servant.

J. Arthur Barkley
1st Governor.

The Right Honourable
The Secretary of State
for the Colonial Department.

Government House,

Stanley,

No. 45

Falkland Islands,

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No. 221.

I have the honour to forward herewith for transmission to the Board of Trade on account current with Supporting Vouchers for Disbursements on account of Cape Pembroke Light House for the quarter ended 31st March 1886.

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I have drawn the Bill of Exchange quoted in the margin in repayment of the amounts advanced.

31st March 1886.

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I have the honour to be,

Assistant Secretary Finance Department Board of Trade London in favor of the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

Your Most Obedient,

Humble Servant.

John Barker

Lt Governor.

The Right Honourable

The Secretary of State

for the Colonial Department.

No. 46.

Government House,

Stanley,

Falkland Islands,

16th April 1886.

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21. 5. 0.1st April 1886. I have the honour to forward herewith for transmission to the Admiralty and War Office, the accounts current with supporting Vouchers, for Advances to Naval and Military Pensioners for June quarter 1886.

Paymaster General, in favor of the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

I have drawn the Bills of Exchange quoted in the margin in repayment of the amounts advanced.

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I have the honour to be,

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Your Most Obedient,

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Humble Servant.

Paymaster General, in favor of the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

J. Arthur Barkley
P^o Governor.

The Right Honourable

The Secretary of State

for the Colonial Department.

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N^o 48.

Government House,

Stanley,

Falkland Islands,

20th April 1886

My Lord.

No.	Dates	
4	9 th Jan ^{ry} 1886	I have the honour to acknowledge the
to	to	receipt of the Despatches noted in the
6	29 th Aug ^{ust} 1886.	margin.
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Circulars		My Lord
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	to	Your Most Obedient,
	12 th March 1886.	Humble Servant.

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ff Governor.

The Right Honourable

The Secretary of State

for the Colonial Department.

See over.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Per S. S. "Morda"
via Punta Arenas.

1886.

SCHEDULE of despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 20th day of April 1886.

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No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
30.	10 th March 1886.	Departure of Governor Kerr, and assumption of Government by Lieutenant Governor reporting	nil
31.	9 th "	Blue Book for 1885, and report thereon, transmitting	{ 3 2 separate}
32.	27 th "	Confirmation of appointment of George Hurst, recommending.	nil.
33.	" "	Repairs for Government House, concerning	"
34.	9 th April "	Petition from Landholders in W. Falklands, forwarding	1.
35.	" "	Letter from Mr. James Smith to the Secy of State, transmitting	1.
36.	" "	Non-transmission of Bills of Exchange by present mail, complaining	1.
37.	12 th "	Ordinance N° 4 of 1886, transmitting for confirmation	6.

See over.

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
38.	12 th April 1886.	Ordinance N° 2 of 1886, transmitting for confirmation	6.
39.	.. .. ..	Ordinance N° 1 of 1886, transmitting for confirmation.	6.
40.	.. .. ..	Ordinance N° 3 of 1886. transmitting for confirmation	6.
41.	16 th	Survey of Colonial Chest for quarter ending 31 st March 1886, forwarding	1.
42.	.. .. ..	Destressed British Seamen's Account, 1. separate, for Board of Trade, forwarding	1. separate.
43.	.. .. ..	Cash Accounts of Colony, for Feb rd and March, forwarding	2 separate.
44.	.. .. ..	Oil and Store Account of Cape Pembroke Lighthouse, for Board of Trade, forwarding.	2.
45.	.. .. ..	Cape Pembroke Light house Accounts, for Board of Trade forwarding.	1.
46.	Naval and Military Pensions Account, for Admiralty and War Office, forwarding.	2.

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No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
47.	16 th April 1886.	Casualty Report for Board of Trade, forwarding.	1.
48.	20 th	Acknowledgement of Despatches containing.	nil. n Barkley.
General.	27 th March ..	Draft Ordinance to regulate the manufacture of explosive substances, concerning. S. J. Mark Kerr. Private Secretary. 20 th April 1886.	nil.

N^o 47.

G. H. S. G. I.

16th April 1886.

Sir

I have the honour to transmit herewith, to be forwarded to the Board of Trade, a Casualty Report, relating to the British Barque "Rance" which arrived in this Port on the 12th April instant

Colonel the Rt Hon.

F. A. Stanley, M.P.

to the &c &c -

I have the

S. R. Arthur Barkley.
Lt Governor.

N^o. 49.

G. H. S. T. D.

12th May 1886.

My Lord:

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, N^o. 6 of the 13th of March last, and to state that the instructions contained in the concluding paragraph, with respect to the suspending of sections 2 and 3 of the Customs Amendment Ordinance, N^o. 3 of 1885, have been complied with.

2. Section 6. has also been suspended; for I found that, if it were left in force, there would be no longer any law to meet the case of vessels arriving at Ports other than Stanley, as it repeals sections 36, 37, and 38 of the Principal Ordinance, which refer to this matter.

3. As regards the new Ordinance, and the objections raised thereto, Governor Kerr is far better qualified than I am to give information on these subjects. It appears to me, however, I may observe, that much practical inconvenience will be found in carrying out some of the provisions — those of Clauses 2 and 3 especially — unless a port of entry be established, and a Customs Officer appointed, at the West Falkland.

4. This course will no doubt eventually have to be adopted; but it would be attended with expense, and I hardly think that, in view of the small trade of the West Falkland at present, it would produce any increase in the Revenue which would at all counterbalance the additional expenditure involved.

5. Under these circumstances, it may perhaps be expedient to amend Ordinance N^o. 3 of 1885, by omitting sections 2, 3, and 4. (Sections 1 and 5 are necessary), and to warn the Justices of the Peace, that it must depend entirely upon the manner in which the duties imposed upon them by section 37 of the Principal Ordinance are henceforward performed, whether ^{further} legislation will be resorted to or not.

6. As a satisfactory arrangement for the monthly conveyance of the mails to and from the West Falkland has now been made, there can be no longer

longer any obstacle to the regular transmission of the
Justices' returns.

The Rt Hon.

Earl Granville R.G.

I have the

Sgt Arthur Barkley.

N^o: 50.

G. H. S. Y. S.

14th May 1886.

My Lord;

I have the honour to enclose herewith, for transmission to the Board of Trade, a Casualty Report, relating to the British Ship "Sidney Dacres" which arrived in this Port on the 24th of April last.

The Rt Hon.

Earl Granville R.G.

I have the

Sgt Arthur Barkley.

N^o: 51

G. H. S. Y. S.

May 19th 1886.

My Lord;

I have the honour to transmit herewith a petition from Mr. Edward Wilson, a settler in this Colony, praying Your Lordship to grant power to me to give him a license to kill penguins on an Island leased by him from the Crown.

2. This power is already conferred on the Governor, by Ordinance N^o. 1 of 1866, a fact of which Mr. Wilson can hardly be ^{un}aware, as he quotes this Ordinance in his petition, and has already applied, as he mentions, for a license under it.

3. This application was refused by Governor Kerr, as will be perceived from the correspondence which I enclose, but, when I assumed the Government, Mr. Wilson applied to me, in the hope that I would reverse my predecessor's decision.

4. I did not feel at liberty to do this, and caused the applicant to be informed that I could not then grant him a license, but that I would make inquiries and consider the matter. This did not satisfy him, and he has since sent in the petition now enclosed.

5. Governor Kerr, as will be seen from his minutes on Mr. Wilson's letters to him, satisfied himself that no damage

Copy of act enclosed.

damage was really done to the pasturage by Penguins, and there can be very little doubt but that the petitioner's real object is simply to make a profit from the sale of penguin oil.

6. To this he is not of course entitled in any way by the terms of his lease, under which he holds the ground for pastoral purposes only, but there would be no reason, nevertheless, why he and others should not derive advantage from the trade in oil, were it not for the cruelty which no doubt was formerly often practised, in killing and boiling down the penguins.

7. If your Lordship sees fit to leave the matter in my hands, I will make inquiry as to the best means of guarding against unnecessary cruelty, and licenses may then perhaps be granted to respectable persons applying for them, subject to such conditions as may appear necessary as to the method to be employed for killing the birds.

The Right Honourable.
Earl Granville. K.G.

I have &c.
S^t Arthur Barkly.

N^o 52.

G. H. S. S. I.

21st May, 1886

My Lord:

Advertising to my Despatch N^o 36 of 2nd April last, I have the honour to state that the Bills of Exchange noted in the margin have been forwarded by the present opportunity to the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

The Rt Hon.

I have &c.

Earl Granville. K.G.

S^t Arthur Barkly.

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Government House,

Stanley,

Falkland Islands,

22. May 1886.

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My Lord,

I have the honour to forward herewith for transmission to the Audit Department, the accounts of this Colony, for the month of April _____ ultimo, as well as a copy of the Treasurer's Cash Book.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Most Obedient,

Humble Servant.

1886

Sir Arthur Barkly

Lt Governor.

The Right Honourable

The Secretary of State

for the Colonial Department.

1886.

for the information of the Board of Trade:—
The Master of the British Steam Ship "Selenbria"; Official

number

N^o. 53.

G. H. S. Y. S.

21st May 1886.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's Circular Despatch of the 6th February last, informing me that Her Majesty had been pleased to entrust to your Lordship's care, as one of the Principal Secretaries of State, the Seals of the Colonial Department.

The Rt Hon.

Earl Granville K. G.

I have &c.

Sgt Arthur Barkby.

N^o. 55

G. H. S. Y. S.

22nd May 1886.

My Lord:

In connection with my Despatch N^o. 46 of the 16th of April, forwarding the Accounts Current for Advances to Naval and Military Pensioners for the June Quarter of this year, I have the honour to enclose herewith, for transmission to the War Department, the declaration of a Pensioner in the West Falkland, which was not received in time to be sent by the last mail.

The Rt Hon.

Earl Granville K. G.

N^o. 56

G. H. S. Y. S.

May 27th 1886

My Lord:

I have the honour to enclose herewith, for transmission to the Board of Trade, a Casualty Report, relating to the British Ship "Great Britain" which arrived in this Port on the 24th of May last.

The Right Hon

Earl Granville K. G.

I have &c.

Sgt Arthur Barkby.

N^o. 57.

G. H. S. Y. S.

29th May 1886.

My Lord;

I have the honour to report the following circumstances for the information of the Board of Trade:—
The Master of the British Steam Ship "Selenebria"; Official number

number, 86,238, of the Port of Liverpool, engaged in the frozen meat trade between this Colony and London, has, during his visits to various parts of the Islands to take in sheep, discharged three men, whose names are noted in the margin, before Justices of the Peace, instead of having the discharge sanctioned and the proper certificates given by the Shipping Master at Stanley.

George Petersen
Ans^t Stewart
John Kennedy

ditto.

George Russel

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2. The Master states that he believed the Justices of the Peace in these Islands, who perform certain duties in connection with the Customs, under the Local Ordinance N° 10 of 1882, to be "Officers of Customs," within the meaning of Section 207(1) of the Merchant Shipping Act 17 and 18 Victoria Cap. 104.

3. Though this view is, I consider, erroneous, as the Justices of the Peace have no actual appointment as Customs Officers, they appear to have believed themselves competent to act, though they have not furnished the correct certificates — being probably unacquainted with the form.— there is no reason to believe that the transaction was otherwise than perfectly bona fide; the men being discharged at their own request, and provided with employment in the Colony. Under these circumstances I have not deemed it necessary to direct the prosecution of the Master for misconduct under the Merchant Shipping Act (extended to this Colony by Ord 3 of 1857), but it is proper that the Board of Trade should be made acquainted with what has occurred.

4. I have informed Captain Fowler that his course was not regular, and will warn the Justices of the Peace not to permit the discharge of any seamen before them in future; unless the Board of Trade should think fit to approve of their being recognised as "Officers of Customs" for this purpose, which might be convenient to Ship Masters in some cases, and to which there would be no objection, I think — provided of course that Sections 36, 37 and 38 of Ordinance 10 of 1882 are continued in force, by the amendment of Ordinance 3 of 1885, as suggested in my Despatch No 49 of the 12th May instant.

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49.	12. th May, 1886.	Customs Amendment Ordinance, No. 3 of 1885, concerning.	not.
50.	14 th ..	Casualty Report for transmission to the Board of Trade, enclosing.	1.
51.	19 th ..	Petition from Mr. Edward Wilson, to the Secretary of State, forwarding.	3.
52.	21 st ..	Transmission of Bills of Exchange, reporting.	not.
53.	" ..	Assumption of office, acknowledging receipt of Despatch, announcing.	..
54.	22 nd ..	Cash Account of the Colony for the month of April, transmitting.	{ 1. Separate }
55.	" ..	Declaration of Pensioners, to the War Department, transmitting.	1.
56.	27 th ..	Casualty Report for transmission to Board of Trade, enclosing.	1.

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The Right Honourable.

Earl Granville R.G.

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Sgt^d Arthur Barkly.

N^o. 68.

G. & S. T. J.

May 31st, 1886.

My Lord;

The Roman Steamer due here on the 24th instant has not yet arrived, and it appears probable that she may have met with some accident. I have therefore forwarded my Despatch by the Steamship "Sciembris" which is expected to make a rapid passage to England.

The Right Honourable.

Earl Granville R.G.

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Sgt^d Arthur Barkly.

N^o 59.

G. H. S. G. I.

2nd June 1886

My Lord:

Advertising to my Despatch N^o 58 of the 31st of May last, I have the honour to state that the mails from Punta Arenas, due on the 24th ultimo, were brought here yesterday - eight days late - by the Kosmos Steamer "Luscon"; (an extra boat calling for cargo), instead of the "Setos", a very much faster vessel which was advertised to perform the service.

2. As the "Selumbria" was on the point of leaving, I did not alter the arrangements I had made as to the Despatches, for they will reach England sooner by her than if forwarded by the "Luscon", which will probably not leave till Friday, the 4th instant.

3. I understand from the Kosmos Agent here, that the "Setos" was ordered by the Company's Agent at Valparaiso, not to call at Stanley, as she was fully laden, a circumstance which would in no way have prevented her touching to land ^{the} mails, as she should have done according to the Company's programme. The result of her failing to do this has been an additional delay of eight days in the delivery here of letters from Europe which were posted as far back as the 6th April - a delay, the inconvenience of which to a community whose means of communication with the outer world are so limited as that of the Falkland Islands, may easily be imagined. Considerable loss, moreover, will I believe be sustained by the owners of some of the disabled ships in the Harbour in consequence of their not being able to telegraph from Monte Video in time to receive a reply by the next onward mail.

4. As this departure from the arrangements for carrying the mails, notified to this Government last year, does not seem to have arisen either from stress of weather or any "un-controllable circumstance", it would almost appear that a penalty might be claimed under the terms of the contract; but I trust that, in any event, the matter may be brought to the notice of the directors of the ^{Hornos} Company, by the Crown Agents, in such a manner as to obviate the occurrence of similar irregularities in the service in future.

The Rt Honourable.

Earl Granville R.G.

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3rd June, 1886.

My Lord;

In connection with my Dispatch N° 46 of the 16th April last, forwarding the account current for advances to Naval and Military Pensioners for the June Quarter of this year, I have the honour to enclose herewith, for transmission to the War Department, the accompanying "Authority to Pay" of a pensioner at present in the West Falkland Island, which was not received in time to be forwarded by the last mail.

G. H. S. Y. S.

3rd June, 1886.

My Lord,

I regret to have to report that a slip of the peat bog at the back of the Town of Stanley — similar to that which occurred in November 1878, but about two hundred yards to the westward of the scene of that accident — took place last night. A stream of half liquified peat, over a hundred yards in width and 4 or 5 feet deep, flowed suddenly through the Town into the Harbour, blocking up the streets, wrecking one or two houses in its path, and surrounding others so as completely to imprison the inhabitants. Fortunately, as the night was wet and stormy almost everyone was within doors, and the few who were in the wrecked houses escaped in time. One child was unfortunately smothered in the peat, whose body has been recovered, but no other casualties are known to have occurred. An old man is, however, reported to be missing this morning, and it is feared he may also have perished, as part of his house is almost filled with peat.

2. The people of Stanley, as on the former occasion, showed great energy and resource in dealing with the danger, and before I myself reached the spot, barriers had been erected and lanterns placed to keep the public from dangerous spots, whilst all those who had been driven from their houses, had been accommodated by their neighbours.

3. This morning bodies of volunteers were early at work, clearing the streets — so far as it was safe to do so without

without risk of disturbing the superincumbent mass of peat and setting it again in motion — and draining the water from it as far as was practicable. I have also employed a strong body of labourers under experienced supervision in the same work, and have directed the removal of all persons remaining in dangerously situated houses, and there is little risk ^{now} of further accident.

4. The slip was caused apparently by the unusually heavy rains which have fallen during the last few days, and which the drains constructed by Mr. Bailey, the Surveyor, in 1878, proved insufficient to carry off. Deeper and wider cuttings will now be made and I trust that the recurrence of any similar catastrophe may thus be prevented. The Town of Stanley is, however, from its situation, and the masses of peat bog on the high ground behind it, always to some extent exposed to danger of this nature in times of unusually heavy rainfall.

The Right Honourable.

Earl Granville. R.G.

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14th June 1886.

My Lord,

The accompanying Petition has been sent to me by Mr. G. M. Dean, a member of the Legislative Council, praying me to grant a legal title to any purchaser of certain land in Stanley, held by the heirs of the late Mr. W. H. Smiley, at one time American Consul in these Islands.

2. Mr. Dean, who holds a Power of Attorney from the heirs, is desirous of disposing of the property for them, and is anxious to do so, if possible, before leaving the Colony for England, which he proposes shortly to do. He has fully stated the facts of the case in his petition, and the Deeds enclosed show that the purchase by Mr. Smiley of the land in question from Mr. Phillips — who held it under a Crown Grant — was a perfectly fair and bona fide one, the price paid, moreover, was the full value of the ground.

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Per. S.S. Lusor. via Monte Video. on 4th June 1886.

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
59.	2 nd June 1886	Irrregularity in mail Service, reporting.	nil.
60.	3 rd June 1886	"Authority to pay" of a prisoner in the West Falklands, to War Office, transmitting.	1.
61.	Ship of Prat bog at the back of the Town of Stanley, reporting.	nil.
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3. Nevertheless it cannot I presume be doubted that Mr. Smiley, as an alien, could not dispose of landed property in British Territory by will, and that any purchaser of land so disposed of by him, would have no valid title to the same, and the fear of this prevents the sale of the estate.

4. Indeed, under Ordinance No. 2 of 1871, the land could no doubt be excheated to the Crown, if the necessary steps were taken for the purpose. This, however, would under the circumstances be somewhat hard upon the heirs, and would probably not prove in the end profitable to the Government; for, under Ordinance No. 1 of 1869, the parties interested would no doubt make a claim for the refund of the purchase money, and it is very doubtful if the land would now realize more than Mr. Smiley paid for it, whilst the Government does not itself require the ground for any special purpose. The simplest course and that fairest to the heirs would apparently be to grant a title, either to them, or to any purchaser from them, as requested by Mr. Dean.

5. I have not, however, the power to grant such a title, as the land is not "waste land of the Crown," and a short Ordinance will probably be necessary for the purpose. This I do not feel justified in bringing forward without previously submitting the matter for your Lordships' instructions.

The Right Hon.
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No 63.

G. H. S. T. D.
15th June 1886.

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My Lord.

I have the honour to transmit herewith, to be forwarded to the Audit Department the accompanying Queries and answers thereto.

The Right Honourable.
Earl Granville R.G.

I have &c.
Sgd Arthur Barkby.

No 64.

G. H. S. T. D.
21st June 1886.

My Lord;

In reply.

In reply to your Lordship's Despatch N^o. 11 of the 21st of April last, I have the honour to state that no Supplementary Appropriation Ordinances were passed in this Colony for either of the years mentioned, 1884 and 1885.

2. In 1884, Mr. Kerr, in his Despatch N^o. 93 of the 11th September of that year, paragraph 4, wrote that no Appropriation Ordinance having ever before been passed, he found a difficulty in introducing the Supplementary Ordinance required by the Secretary of State, and asked for the Earl of Derby's formal sanction to the excess Expenditure, in accordance with previous custom; and this sanction was given in Lord Derby's Despatch N^o. 40 of the 5th December 1884.

3. With regard to the year 1885, I find that the estimated Expenditure was £ 76 23, and the actual Expenditure, as per Annual Account for the year, was only £ 75 98. 10. 11.— no Supplementary Ordinance was therefore required.

The Right Honourable.

Earl Granville R. S.

I have &c.

S^t Arthur Barkly.

N^o. 65.

G. A. S. F. D.

21st June 1886.

My Lord,

With reference to your Lordship's Despatch N^o. 10 of the 17th April last, I have the honour to transmit herewith the Return therein called for.

2. Care will be taken that these Returns are sent regularly in the future.

The Right Honourable.

Earl Granville R. S.

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S^t Arthur Barkly.

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Government House,

Stanley,

No. 66.

Falkland Islands,

June 21st 1886.

My Lord;

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I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Despatches noted in the margin, on the 19th instant.

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9th April 1886
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12th May 1886.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord.

Your Most Obedient,

Humble Servant.

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10th April 1886.S^r Arthur Barkby.

Lieut Governor.

The Right Honourable

The Secretary of State

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Government House,

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21st June 1886.

My Lord,

I have the honour to forward herewith for transmission to the Audit Department, the accounts of this Colony, for the month of May — ultimo, as well as a copy of the Treasurer's Cash Book.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Per. S.S. "Sarah"

Via Sandy Point.

SCHEDULE of despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 21st day of June 1886.of 19th April
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No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
62.	14 th June 1886.	Petition from Mr. G. M. Dean, having reference to the late Mr. W. D. Smyley, to Secretary of State, forwarding.	3.
63.	15 th	Queries with answers thereto, to the Audit Department transmitting	4.
64.	21 st	Supplementary Appropriation Ordinances for 1884 and 1885, concerning.	mt.
65.	.. .. ..	Financial Returns of the Colony for the year 1886, transmitting.	1.
66.	.. .. ..	Act of Despatches.	mt.
67.	Cash Account of the Colony for the month of May to the Audit Department, forwarding.	1 Separate.
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My Lord,

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15th July 1886.

In reply to your Lordship's Circular Despatch of 19th April last, I have the honour to state that there is no Measuring Surveyor in this Colony. When practicable, it appears to have been usual here to obtain the assistance of Naval Offices in making Surveys of Vessels.

The Rt Hon.

I have &c.

Earl Granville K.G.

Sgt^d Arthur Barkly.N^o 69.

G. & S. G. D.

15th July 1886.

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit herewith, copies of the minutes of the proceedings of the Executive and Legislative Councils for the half year ending the 30th June ultimo.

The Rt Hon.

I have &c.

Earl Granville K.G.

Sgt^d Arthur Barkly.N^o 70.

G. & S. G. D.

23rd July 1886.

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£ 100. 0. 0. of 24 th June 1886.	On J. H. Gran Esqre.
£ 76. 9. 6. of 30 th June 1886	On Ass't Secy Board of Trade
£ 21. 5. 0. of 1 st July 1886.	On H. M. Paymaster General
£ 5. 12. 1. of 1 st July 1886.	On H. M. Paymaster General
£ 262. 14. 8. of 5 th July 1886.	On J. H. Gran Esqre.

My Lord,

I have the honour to state that I have transmitted by the present mail to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, the Bills of Exchange noted in the margin — amounting in the aggregate to nine hundred and thirty three pounds eleven shillings and three pence — to be placed to the credit of this Government and its general disbursements in England.

The Rt Hon.

I have &c.

Earl Granville K.G.

Sgt^d Arthur Barkly.

G. K. S. G. D.

24th July 1886.N.Y.
My Lord;

The funds belonging to this colony at present in the hands of the Crown Agents amount to five thousand £5,412. 0.0. four hundred and twelve pounds, without including the £93. 11. 3. sum of nine hundred and thirty three pounds eleven pence shillings and three pence, forwarded by this mail, which will be required to meet the payment of the mail subsidy for the half year.

£2000. 0.0. 2. The investment of £2000 was approved of by Sir Frederick Stanley in his Despatch N° 12 of the 26th October 1885, paragraph 2., but it does not appear that any communication was made to the Crown Agents on the subject by my predecessor.

3. I would suggest that the above ~~sum~~ should now be invested in good Colonial Securities, which would yield I suppose 4 per cent, and which could be advantageously disposed of whenever it was found necessary to realise the capital. Should Your Lordship approve of this, the Crown Agents might perhaps, in order to avoid delay, be requested to make the investment without waiting for further communication from this Government.

£2000. 0.0. 4. After this investing £2000 pounds, three £3412. 0.0. thousand four hundred and twelve pounds will still remain £2000. 0.0. in the Crown Agents' hands; whilst £2000 pounds is, I think, a sufficient balance for them to hold in order to meet payments on behalf of this Government, and if that amount be retained as a reserve for this purpose, £1,412. 0.0. One thousand four hundred and twelve pounds will remain either to be invested or otherwise disposed of.

5. The general opinion here appears to be, that some portion of this should be expended upon the improvement of the roads, streets, and drainage of Stanley, and in this view, which is shared by the members of the Legislative Council, I myself concur.

6. The roads and streets were in need of repair even before the great slip took place, and the constant passage of carts to and fro consequent on the removal of

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the peat, has cut them up still more. About four hundred pounds is needed to put them in really good order.

~~£500. 0. 0.~~ 7. With regard to drainage, the enclosed minutes of the proceedings of the new Board of Health — which is working, I am happy to say, very satisfactorily — will show that it is absolutely necessary to construct ~~new~~^{better} drains or to lay down drain pipes in certain places. Three hundred pounds will I think suffice to effect all that is essential at present in this respect.

~~£100. 0. 0.~~ £ 800. 0. 0. 8. The eight hundred pounds required for these purposes will be gladly voted by the Council, and its expenditure will gratify the public, who have, for some time past, been complaining of the state of the roads and drains, and of what they considered the accumulation of a needlessly large balance at home. I need hardly add however that no such reason as the above would induce me to recommend this expenditure if I did not myself consider that it was needed.

9. I feel convinced however that this is the case, and that the only result of delay will be to necessitate a larger eventual outlay, whilst the Legislative Council, as before stated, are prepared to vote the money at once. I cannot however venture to place so large a sum on the Estimates without having previously obtained Your Lordship's sanction, and will therefore delay passing the Estimates for next year till I receive your reply to this Despatch.

The Rt Hon.

Earl Granville. K. G.

I have the
S^r Arthur Barby.

G. H. S. G. D.

27th July 1886.

No. 72.
My Lord,

I have the honour most respectfully to request that during the remainder of my administration as Lieutenant Governor of this Colony I may be permitted either to draw the unappropriated half pay of the Chief Commissioner of Seychelles, or, if this be considered undesirable, to receive a personal allowance in

in addition to my half pay here of £ 500 a year.

2. This sum I find, after six months of the strictest economy, to be insufficient for my own support and that of my family (whom I have on account of the uncertainty of my remaining here been compelled to leave in England) even with the addition of the small private income which I possess.

3. I am most unwilling to raise the question of enrolment, and feel that I could not fairly have done so during the 6 months for which my appointment was originally made; but it is now nearly seven months since I left England, and as it appears not unlikely that my acting appointment may continue for some months longer, whilst I find the cost of living here to be in some respects greater than I anticipated, I am reluctantly compelled to ask for some addition to my present salary in order to avoid involving myself in debt.

4. I may add that I believe no opposition would be made here to a vote of a small personal allowance for a few months.

The Rt Hon.

Earl Granville R. G.

I have &c.

Sgd Arthur Barkly.

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27th July 1886.

My Lord.

I have the honour to transmit herewith, to be forwarded to the Board of Trade, a "Casualty Report" concerning the British Ship "Fingal" which arrived in this port on the 26th inst.

The Rt Hon.

Earl Granville R. G.

I have &c.

Sgd Arthur Barkly.

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No 75 to 78 (both inclusive) being printed forms filled up come after No 80. the last written & signed by this mail.

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July 1886.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

SCHEDULE of despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 27th day of July 1886.

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
68.	15 th July 1886.	Measuring Surveyors in Colonial Ports, relative to.	ut.
69.	" "	Copies of Minutes of the proceedings of the Executive and Legislative Councils, transmitting	2.
70.	23 rd	Bills of Exchange, transmission of reporting.	ut.
71.	24 th ..	Balance in Lands of Crown Agents, respecting.	1.
72.	27 th ..	Emoluments of Lieutenant Governor, respecting.	ut.
73.	" "	Cash account of Colony for month of June, transmitting	separate 17 th of July letter.
74.	" "	Cape Pembroke Lighthouse Oil & Store account, forwarding.	1 separate of the used, one, and up one of
75.	" "	Cape Pembroke Lighthouse Account current, forwarding.	see over.

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in addition to my half pay here of £ 500 a year.

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
76.	27 th July, 1886.	Report of Survey of Colonial Chest to Audit Department, forwarding.	1.
77.	"	Naval & Military Pensioners Accounts transmitting.	2.
78.	"	Acknowledgement of Despatches.	nil.
79.	"	Casualty Report to Board of Trade, forwarding.	2.
80.	"	Statistical Abstract and Copy of Tariff of Customs Duties, to Board of Trade forwarding.	2.
<u>The Rt. Hon. Earl</u>		G. J. Mark Kerr 27 th July 1886.	
<u>Mr. 79.</u>			
<u>The Rt. Hon. Earl</u>			

N. B. Nos 73 to 78 (both inclusive) being printed forms filled up come after No. 80. the last written Despatch by this mail.

N^o 80

My Lord,

G. H. S. T. I
27th July 1886.

With reference to your Lordship's Circular Despatch of the 5th April last, I have the honour to return herewith, for transmission to the Board of Trade, the Statistical Abstract filled up as requested.

2. I also have the honour to enclose a copy of the tariff of customs duties.

The Rt Hon.

Earl Granville. R.B.

I have the
Sgd Arthur Barkly.N^o 81.

G. H. S. T. I.

16th August 1886.

My Lord,

Advertising to previous correspondence (noted in the margin) on the subject of the proposed erection of a new Church in Stanley, I have the honour to enclose a copy of a letter addressed to me by the Colonial Chaplain, acting as Secretary to the Church Building Committee, ^{in the name of the Committee}, asking to have made over to them the site of the building used until recently as a Church and School, in lieu of the plot of ground granted by Mr Kerr under the sanction of Lord Derby's despatch N^o 41. of the 10th December 1884, and also to be allowed to make use of the materials of the present building, in so far as they can be made available, in constructing the new Church.

2. Since Mr Kerr wrote his Despatch of the 17th of October 1884, the position of affairs has been entirely altered by the fact, alluded to in Mr Brandon's letter, that the existing building has been so injured by the recent peat slip that neither wing of it can be used. The School is now held in the Government Store, and Divine Service is performed in a room lent by one of the Merchants in the Town.

3. My Despatch reporting the peat slip was written in great haste the morning after the accident, and I was not then aware of the amount of damage which had been done to the Church. It was found however that so great a mass of peat was pressing upon the South wall

wall that it had cracked in several places under the weight, and had thus not been speedily lessened by cutting across and draining the mass, which could not be altogether removed, the whole structure must soon have fallen. This was prevented, and the walls supported by shores, but it was impossible to use the building any longer, and a Builder and Mason by whom I have had it examined reports it in a dangerous condition, the campanile or central tower being three feet out of the perpendicular.

4. It is not worth the cost of the extensive repairs — including the taking down of the tower — which would be necessary to render it fit for use again, as it was ill constructed originally, and much of the stone of which it is composed is of a very inferior description.

5. The spot on which it stands is more central and convenient than that lately granted to the Committee, and will be much more generally approved of as a site for the new Church. On the other hand the Committee's present grant is close to the stone Jetty — which if extended a few yards into deep water would be the most convenient ~~rapid~~ place for ~~loading~~ goods in Stanley — and the land would therefore be an excellent situation for a warehouse, or a Custom House if one should ever be established here.

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6. Under these circumstances I shall be glad to be favoured with your Lordship's permission to cancel the existing grant and to grant in lieu the same amount of land on the spot where the old Church Building now stands. If the Committee are also allowed to make use of the materials of the present building (which will in effect save Government the cost of removing it) and to quarry stone free on Crown Lands, as I have already offered to permit them to do, it would be unnecessary to make them — nor would they I think expect — any pecuniary grant. Indeed we could not afford this, as we must now in ~~any~~ event provide a new Government School. For this purpose a wooden building will suffice; it can be erected at a very moderate cost and

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Government House,

Stanley,

Falkland Islands,

16th August 1886.

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My Lord,

I have the honour to forward herewith for transmission to the Audit Department, the accounts of this Colony, for the month of July — ultimo, as well as a copy of the Treasurer's Cash Book.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Most Obedient,

Humble Servant.

R. H. S.

Lt Governor.

The Right Honourable

The Secretary of State

for the Colonial Department.

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Government House,

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21st August 1886

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receipt of the Despatches noted in the
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The Secretary of State

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

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SCHEDULE of despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 23rd of August 1886

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch	No. of Enclosures.
81	15 th August 1886	Church Building Committee of Stanley — application from respecting site of new church	1
82	- - -	Inquiry to the Board of Trade and reply forwarded	1
83	- - -	Casualty report for transmission to the Board of Trade and reply forwarded	1
84	- - -	Accounts of the Colony for July for transmission to Audit Department forwarded	separate
85	21 st -	Acknowledgement of Despatches	-
		Henry B. L. Cameron acting Private Secretary	

and to state that the Legislative Council, before whom it

and will be in every respect superior to the old School, which
was extremely ill ventilated and unhealthy.

The Rt Hon.

Earl Granville. K.G.

I have &c.

S^qd^t Arthur Barkby.

N^o 82

G. H. S. T. D.

16th August 1886.

My Lord.

I have the honour to forward for transmission to
the Board of Trade the accompanying query, with the
answer thereto.

The Rt Hon.

Earl Granville. K.G.

I have &c

S^qd^t Arthur Barkby.

N^o 83

G. H. S. T. D.

16th August 1886.

My Lord.

I have the honour to transmit herewith for
transmission to the Board of Trade a "Casualty Report"
relating to the British barque "Ada Browne".

The Rt Hon.

Earl Granville. K.G.

I have &c

S^qd^t Arthur Barkby.

N^o 86.

G. H. S. T. D.

September 23rd 1886.

My Lord.

6.— I have the honour to transmit herewith for the
signification of Her Majesty's pleasure an Ordinance (N^o 5
of 1886) for the naturalisation in this Colony of Pedro
Carravas, J. Fiallo Farías, and Estevan Botto.

The Rt Hon.

Earl Granville. K.G.

I have &c

S^qd^t Arthur Barkby.

N^o 87.

G. H. S. T. D.

September 23rd 1886.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of
your lordship's Despatch N^o 25 of the 16th July last,
and to state that the Legislative Council, before whom
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it was laid, have unanimously passed an Ordinance herewith transmitted for Her Majesty's gracious confirmation and allowance — legalising the additional expenditure of £500 for the repairs of Government stores and the Government Office.

The Rt Hon.

Earl Granville R.G.

I have the
S^{g^d} Arthur Barkly.

N^o: 88.

G. H. S. F. I.

23rd September 1886,

My Lord.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Circular Despatch of the 21st June last, and to forward for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure an Ordinance (N^o 7 of 1886) embodying provisions similar to those contained in Sec. 12 of of Act 16 & 17 Vict. Cap. 69.

The Rt Hon.

Earl Granville. R.G.

I have the

S^{g^d} Arthur Barkly.

N^o: 89.

G. H. S. F. I.

23rd Sept 1886.

My Lord.

I have the honour to enclose herewith, for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure, an Ordinance (N^o 8 of 1886) repealing Ordinance N^o 4 of 1886, and embodying the provisions of section 4 of the Imperial Act 41 and 42 Vict. Cap. 19. with the modifications pointed out as necessary in your Lordship's Despatch N^o 07 of the 2nd June last.

The Rt Hon.

Earl Granville. R.G.

I have the

S^{g^d} Arthur Barkly.

N^o: 90

G. H. S. F. I.

23rd September 1886

My Lord.

With reference to your Lordship's Despatch N^o 25 of the 16th July last, and to my communication N^o 87 of this day's date, I have the honour to transmit herewith

herewith a requisition in duplicate for certain articles
of furniture required for the Government House in
Stanley.

2. I forward this requisition without delay, as
it is necessary that the amount should be charged
in the Crown Agents account for the current year.

3. The total cost of the articles will not, I think,
exceed £ 250, and this will leave a similar sum for
actual repairs to the House and offices, some of which
are already in hand.

The Rt Hon.

Earl Granville K. G.

I have re
Sgd Arthur Barkby.

No. 91.

G. B. S. Y. D.

24th September 1886.

My Lord,

In reply to your Lordship's Circular Despatch of the
7th July, I have the honour to state that there is no local
law or regulation in force in these Islands with regard
to the conveyance of cattle or other animals.

2. I shall be glad to be furnished with a transcript
of part IV of the Animals Order in Council of 1884, for,
as the export of sheep from the West Falkland to the
South American coast has considerably increased of late,
legislation on the subject may eventually become necessary.

The Rt Hon.

Earl Granville K. G.

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Sgd Arthur Barkby.

No. 92.

G. B. S. Y. D.

27th September 1886.

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on I have the honour to state that I have remitted by
J. H. Dransfield this mail to the Crown Agents for the Colonies the Bill of
24th August 1886 Exchange noted in the margin.

The Rt Hon.

Earl Granville K. G.

I have re

Sgd Arthur Barkby.

N^o 93.

My Lord,

I have the honour to enclose here with for transmission to the Board of Trade, a "Casualty Report" relating to the loss of the British Ship "Sidney Saucer".

The Rt Hon

Earl Granville. R.C.

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I have re
S^{gt} Arthur Barkby.

The deposition of the master is also enclosed.

N^o 94

G. H. S. T. I.

30th Sept 1886.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch N^o 6 of the 23rd August:

2. I fear that, owing to the short time for which the mail steamer remains here, a reply from Dr. Houston (who resides at Darwin, 70 miles ride from Stanley) cannot be obtained in time to forward by this opportunity. I hear however from Mr. Kerr that Mrs. Houston, who has, I understand, her husband's authority to act for him, has already accepted the offer on his behalf.

3. Should Dr. Houston apply for leave on half pay I will grant it as directed.

4. With regard to the appointment of his successor, I understand that the Falkland Islands Company have some intention of submitting a proposal to maintain a medical man, at their own expense, at Darwin, and it may perhaps be deemed advisable to await this before filling up the appointment.

The Rt Hon.

Edward Stanhope M.P.

I have re
S^{gt} Arthur Barkby.

N^o 95.

G. H. S. T. I.
30th Sept 1886.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your circular despatch of the 6th August last informing me that Her Majesty had been pleased to entrust to your care as one of the principal Secretaries of State, the seals of the Colonial Department.

The Rt Hon.

Edward Stanhope M.P.

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I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Most Obedient,

Humble Servant.

Arthur W. Barkly
Lieutenant Governor.

The Right Honourable
The Secretary of State
for the Colonial Department.

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I have the honour to acknowledge the
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22.	"	"

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Your Most Obedient,

Humble Servant.

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26. July 1886.

A. G. Barkly

A. G. Governor.

The Right Honourable

The Secretary of State

for the Colonial Department.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Per. S.S. Holmes

Via. monte-video.

SCHEDULE of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 1st day of October 1886.

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No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
86.	23 rd Sept. 1886.	Ordinance No. 5 of 1886, for confirmation transmitting.	6.
87.	" "	Ordinance No. 6 of 1886, for confirmation transmitting.	6.
88.	" "	Ordinance No. 7 of 1886, for confirmation transmitting.	6.
89.	" "	Ordinance No. 8 of 1886, for confirmation transmitting.	6.
90.	" "	Requisition for furniture for the Government House, forwarding.	2.
91.	24 th "	Law relating to the conveyance of cattle & other animals, concerning	mt.
92.	27 th "	Bill of Exchange, transmission of notifying.	mt.
93.	29 th "	Casualty Report, to Board of Trade forwarding.	1.

P.T.O.

No. 93.The Rt
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No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
94.	30 th Sept 1886	Transfer of Dr. Houston, concerning.	mt.
95.	" "	Assumption of Office, receipt of Despatch announcing, acknowledging,	mt.
96.	" "	Cash account of Colony for month of August, forwarding.	1 Separate
97.	" "	Act of Despatches.	mt.

Sgt. Major.

Private Secretary.
1st October 1886.The Rt-H.
EdwNo. 94.The Rt Hon.
Edward Stanhope, M.P.

Secretary of State, the seals of the Colonial Department.

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Sgt Arthur Barkly.

No. 98.

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Sir,

I have the honour to enclose for transmission to the Board of Trade, copy of the proceedings at an Enquiry held before the Police Magistrate in Stanley into the circumstances attending the loss of the British Ship "Sydney Dacres", wrecked in Port William on the 28th ultimo.

The Rt Hon.

Edward Stanhope M.P.

G. B. S. T. O.
18th October 1886.

I have &c
Sgt^d Arthur Barkly,

No. 99.

G. B. S. T. O.
18th October 1886.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith, for transmission to the Board of Trade, the distressed Seamen's Account current, with supporting vouchers, for the Quarter ended on September 30th.

2. The Crown Agents have been instructed to pay to the Board of Trade the sum of £ 55. 16. 10 in settlement of the amount due by this Government.

The Rt Hon.

Edward Stanhope M.P.

I have &c
Sgt^d Arthur Barkly.



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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Par. S.S. "Letos", via Punta Arenas.

SCHEDULE of despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 2nd day of October 1886.

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
98.	18 th October 1886	Copy of proceedings at Court of Enquiry held respecting loss of British Ship "Sydney Dacres", to Board of Trade forwarding.	1.
99.	" .. "	Distressed British Seamen's Account, to Board of Trade, forwarding.	1.
100.	21 st ..	Cape Pembroke Lighthouse Account current, to Board of Trade, forwarding.	1.
101.	" .. "	Cape Pembroke Lighthouse Oil & Store Account, to Board of Trade forwarding.	1.
102.	" .. "	Report of Survey of Colonial Chest, to Audit Department, forwarding.	1.
103.	" .. "	Naval & Military Pensioners Account current to Admiralty & War Office, forwarding.	2.
104.	" .. "	Cash Account of Colony for month of Sept' to Audit Department, forwarding.	{ separate } 1.
105.	" .. "	Cerualty Report to Board of Trade, forwarding.	1.

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106.	22 nd October 1886.	Acknowledgement of Despatches containing 88 ^d Mark Kerr. Private Secretary. 22 nd October 1886.	m

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30th September 1886.

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28th October 1886.

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On The T. J. Company.

16th November 1886.

No. 108.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith an application from Mr. E. P. Brooks, Colonial Secretary, Treasurer, &c., of these Islands for transfer or promotion to another Colony.

2. Mr. Brooks has performed the duties of his various Offices in a very satisfactory manner during the period of my administration, and I have much pleasure in recommending his application to your favourable consideration.

The Rt Hon.

Edward Stanhope M.P.

G. H. S. Y. D.

26th November 1886.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that I have remitted by this mail to the Crown Agents for the Colonies the Bills of Exchange noted in the margin.

The Rt Hon.

Edward Stanhope M.P. 87th Arthur Barkby.

G. H. S. Y. D.

26th November 1886.

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87th Arthur Barkby.

No. 109.G. A. S. F. I.
27th November 1886

Sir,

With reference to your Despatch No. 6 of the 23rd of August last, I have the honour to state that I have, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, granted three months leave of absence on half salary to Dr. Heuston in order to enable that Officer to proceed to England by the mail leaving on the 30th inst.

The usual Certificate is enclosed.

The Rt Hon.

Edward Stanhope M.P.

I have &c.

S. J. Arthur Barkby.

No. 110.

G. A. S. F. I.

27th November 1886.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith six copies of Ordinance No. 9 of 1886 — the Appropriation Ordinance for 1887 — together with 3 copies of the Estimates of Revenue & Expenditure forming the Schedule to the Ordinance.

2. I trust that these Estimates will meet with your approval and that the Ordinance may receive Her Majesty's gracious confirmation and allowance.

3. As one of the votes (that for "Charitable Allowances") was opposed in the Legislative Council by an Unofficial Member, I enclose, in conformity with the instructions conveyed in Lord Granville's Despatch No. 9 of the 17th April last, paragraph 3, a copy of the Minutes of the Council, in order to show what occurred. The Vote has been considerably reduced on the present Estimate, as was promised to Mr. Cobb, who objected to it last year, and small as the amount now is, (Twenty Pounds) it is sufficient to meet any emergency which is likely to arise.

4. It would not however in my opinion, which was shared by all the Official Members of Council, be desirable to abandon the vote altogether, for there would then be no means whatever left to Government for

Copy

Government House,

Stanley,

No. III.

Sir,

Falkland Islands,

27th November 1886.

I have the honour to forward herewith for transmission to the Audit Department, the accounts of this Colony, for the month of October — ultimo, as well as a copy of the Treasurer's Cash Book.

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

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November 1886.

Your Most Obedient,

Humble Servant.

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The Right Honourable

The Secretary of State

for the Colonial Department.

Draft.

No 113.

Government House,

Stanley,

Falkland Islands,

29th November 1886.

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as Dates

10	5 th October	}
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I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Despatches noted in the margin. on this day.

Circular.

I have the honour to be,

4th October 1886.

Sir

Your Most Obedient,

Humble Servant,

Sgt Arthur Barkly.

Lt. Governor.

H.S.T.S.
November 1886.

The Right Honourable

The Secretary of State

for the Colonial Department.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Per S.S. Ibs.

Via Monte Video.

SCHEDULE of despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 30th day of November 1886.

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
107.	26 Nov 1886	Bills of Exchange, transmission of notifying	not.
108.	" "	Application of Mr E. P. Brooks for transfer of promotion, transmitting	1.
109.	27 "	Departure of Dr Huston on three months leave of absence, notifying	1.
110.	" "	Appropriation Ordinance and Estimates for 1887, for approval & confirmation, transmitting	10.
111.	" "	Cash Account of Colony for month of October last, transmitting	{ 1 Separate } received telegram in to
112.	29 "	Receipt of telegram announcing Mr Kerr's proposed return to this Colony, acknowledging	not. to Colony
113.	" "	Receipt of Despatches, acknowledging	not. care our
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for dealing with any urgent case of destitution, or the Destitute Poor Committee alluded to by Mr. Dean is entirely a private body over which the Government has no control, and upon whose assistance the Governor could never absolutely rely in any particular instance, even if it were expedient that he should be under the necessity of applying for it.

5. There is only one other point in connection with the Estimates which seems to require any special explanation, namely, the apparent excess of estimated expenditure over Revenue, but this it will be perceived has been caused by the sum of eight hundred pounds, sanctioned by Despatch No. 8 of the 17th September, and which is to be paid from balances and savings, having been included in the general vote for "Works & Buildings". The ordinary vote under this head is one hundred pounds less than that for the current year, so will be perceived from the detailed Estimate.

The Rt Hon.

Edward Stanhope, M.P.

I have &c
Sgd Arthur Barkly.

No. 112.

G. H. S. T. I.
27th November 1886.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that I have received by H. M. S. "Frisia" from Monte Video, copy of your telegram to the British Consul at that place, directing him to inform me of Mr. Kerr's proposed return to this Colony to reassume the Government.

I have made my arrangements to leave on Mr. Kerr's arrival

I have &c.
Sgd Arthur Barkly.

The Rt Hon.

Edward Stanhope M.P.

G. H. S. F. I.

9th December 1886.No. 114

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a certificate of an examination of the funds in the Colonial Chest of this Colony which I caused to be made on the 1st instant without previous notice.

The Rt Hon

Edward Stanhope. M.P.

I have the

Sgt Arthur Barkby.

No. 115.

G. H. S. F. I.

9th December 1886.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith, to be returned to the Audit Department, the accompanying Queries with the answers thereto.

The Rt Hon

Edward Stanhope. M.P.

I have the

Sgt Arthur Barkby.

No. 116.

G. H. S. F. I.

9th December 1886.

Sir,

With reference to your Despatch No. 11 of the 17th of October, I have the honour to state that in accordance with the permission therein given, I have submitted to the Legislative Council, at a meeting held this day, a vote for a personal allowance to myself as Lieutenant Governor from the 3rd of September last.

2. This was passed unanimously, the unofficial members manifesting no opposition, but expressing willingness to have voted a larger sum had it been sanctioned.

The Rt Hon.

Edward Stanhope. M.P.

I have the

Sgt Arthur Barkby.

No. 117.

G. H. S. F. I.

15th December 1886.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that I have obtained from the Treasury here an advance of Twenty

five pounds to meet the expences of my return to
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No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.	Barkly.
114.	9 th Dec 1886.	Certificate of Surprise Survey fund for Colonial Clerks transmitting	1.	I over 1886.
115.	" " "	Bueris to Audit Department with answers thereto, returning	4.	your via this of the
116.	" " "	Personal allowance to Mr Barkly as Lt Governor, commanding	uit.	I proceed captain which the unbarking steamer
117.	15 th " "	Advance of £10 travelling expenses to be given him on his return.		* of our and
118.	16 th " "	Departure of Mr Barkly by Mrs Ruby, reporting.		my man is back
119.	17 th " "	Reassumption of Government by Mr Kerr, reporting.		Barkly.
120.	12 th Dec	Cash account of Colony to Audit Department transmitting	1.	over 1886.
121.	16 th ..	Ack of despatches.		arrived of this beance

five pounds to meet the expenses of my return to England.

The Rt Hon.

Edward Stanhope. M.P.

I have &c

S. J. Arthur Barkly.

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G. H. S. F. I

16th December 1886.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch N^o. 15 of the 10th November.

2. Governor Kerr landed from the Selimbra this afternoon and will resume the administration of the Government tomorrow.

3. As H.M.S Ruby is in the harbour and proceeds to Monte Video very shortly, I have requested Captain Kennedy to give me a passage to that Port which the "Ruby" will reach in time to admit of my embarking for England on board the Pacific Company's steamer "Valparaiso" which leaves Monte Video on the 1st of January.

4. This arrangement will save both time and expense as it will obviate the necessity for my proceeding to Sandy Point by one ^{mail} steamer and back to Monte Video by another.

The Rt Hon.

Edward Stanhope. M.P.

I have &c

S. J. Arthur Barkly.

N^o. 119.

G. H. S. F. I.

17th December 1886.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that I arrived here yesterday to resume the administration of this Government on my return from leave of absence.

I have &c

S. J. Kerr.

The Rt Hon.

Edward Stanhope. M.P.