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BOOK

DESPATCHES  
TO SECRETARY  
OF STATE FROM  
GOVERNOR

2 January 1888  
to 26 October  
1891

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Falkland Islands

no 45.

Government House  
Stanley  
29<sup>th</sup> March 1891.

My Lord,

I have the honor to inform your Lordship that Governor Kerr embarked for England yesterday in the Hornet Steamer 'Isis'.

2. As Senior Justice of the Peace I have assumed the Administration of the Government of the Colony.

I have the honor to be,

My Lord,

The Right Honble

Lord Huntsford G. C. B.

Colonial Office

Downing Street

Your Lordship's obedient humble servant  
(signed) Fred Shedden Sanguinette  
Administrator

Falkland Islands

no 46

Government House  
Stanley 29<sup>th</sup> March 1891

My Lord,

I have the honor to forward a Memorial addressed to your Lordship by certain persons resident in this Colony asking that a pension be not granted to Mr. Kerr, the late Governor until an investigation has been held into the allegations made against his character by a member of Parliament.

2. The Memorial was received by Mr. Kerr before his departure, but he declined to take any notice of it, beyond requesting me to transmit it.

The Right Honble  
Lord Huntsford G. C. B.  
&c &c &c

I have the honor to be etc  
(signed) Fred. Shedden Sanguinette  
Administrator

Falkland Islands.

no 47.

Government House  
Stanley 1<sup>st</sup> April 1891.

My Lord.

I have the honor to forward to your Lordship a Report of the Survey of the Public Chest for the Quarter ending 31<sup>st</sup> March last which was held this day and a Certificate of Quarterly Survey containing a Statement of the Receipt & Disbursements of the Colony during the same period.

I have the honor to be etc  
The Right Honourable (signed) Fred Shedden Sanguinette  
Lord Huntsford Guelph. Administrator  
tc tc tc.

Falkland Islands.

no 48.

Government House  
Stanley 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1891.

My Lord.

I have the honor to forward herewith to be transmitted to the Board of Trade the Statements furnished to me by the Principal Lightkeeper showing the expenditure of oil & stores at Cape Pembroke Light house during the March Quarter 1891.

I have etc  
(signed) Fred Shedden Sanguinette  
The Right Honourable Lord Huntsford Guelph. Administrator  
tc tc tc

Falkland Islands.

no 49.

Government House  
Stanley 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1891.

My Lord.

I have the honor to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Board of Trade accounts current with supporting vouchers of disbursements on account of Cape Pembroke Light house and an account of D.B.S for the March Quarter 1891.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the ~~Governor~~ <sup>Administrator</sup> of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 1891

| No. of Despatch. | Date of Despatch.        | Subject of Despatch.                                                                                                                  | No. of Enclosures. |
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| 45               | 29 <sup>1891</sup> March | Report departure of Governor Kerr C.M.G. and assumption of Administration of the Government by Mr. F. Shedden Langemeth.              | None.              |
| 46               | " "                      | Forwards Memorial from certain persons against pension being granted to Mr. Kerr C.M.G. until certain charges have been investigated. | Two                |
| 47               | 1 April                  | Forwards Report of Quarterly Survey of Public Chest                                                                                   | Two                |
| 48               | 3 "                      | Forwards Statement of Expenditure of Oil Stores at Cape Pembroke Lighthouse, March 1 <sup>st</sup> .                                  |                    |
| 49               | " "                      | Forwards A/c Current Ac. for Disbursements                                                                                            | One                |

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|                  | 1891              | on a/c of Lighthouse<br>and Distressed British<br>seamen, Messrs. J. T. T. T. T.                                                                    |                   |
| 50               | 7 April           | Forwards copy correspond<br>ence with Falkland<br>Islands, as to periods of<br>payment of interest on<br>unpaid balances of<br>land purchase money. |                   |
| 51               | 11 "              | <del>Reports</del><br>Bills of exchange<br>submitted to Custom Agents. Not<br>by the mail.                                                          |                   |

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The March Quarter 1891

no 192 231/3/91 2 I have drawn Bill of Exchange as noted in the margin in repayment by the Colony on these a/c I have etc

The Right Honble (Signed)  
Lord Knutsford & Co  
to to to

Fred Shadden Sanyumette  
Administrator

Faerland Islands

G. H. 7<sup>th</sup> April 1891

no 57

My Lord,

It appears to me desirable that your Lordship should be placed in possession of a copy of a correspondence which has recently passed between the manager of the Faerland Islands Co and this Government respecting the period at which the payment of interest should take place on the unpaid balances of moneys due on account of the recent purchase of by the Co of their leasehold lands in this Colony.

I have therefore

the honor to transmit it.

I have etc

The Right Honble (Signed)  
Lord Knutsford & Co

Fred Shadden Sanyumette  
Administrator

Faerland Islands

G. H. 11<sup>th</sup> April 1891.

no 57.

My Lord,

I have the honor to report that I have remitted to the Crown agents for the Colonies by this mail the Bills of Exchange noted in the margin amounting to the sum of £ 91 = 10 = 6 the proceeds of which are to be credited to this Government

I have etc

(Signed) Fred Shadden Sanyumette  
Administrator

The Right Honble  
Lord Knutsford & Co  
to to to

no 112 31<sup>st</sup> March }  
Board of Trade }  
19 15<sup>th</sup> April }  
Paymaster General }  
21 7<sup>th</sup> April }  
to General of the }  
Army }

Faakland Island

Government House  
Stanley  
April 14<sup>th</sup> 1891

No 52.

My Lord,  
I have the honor to report my arrival here  
at noon yesterday in the Steamer Herodot and my  
assumption of the Government of the Faakland Island & their  
Dependencies after taking the prescribed oaths in Executive  
Council

I have etc

The Right Honble. (Signed) Roger Tuckey Goldworthy  
Lord Mountford Gully  
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J. H. Stanley  
April 14<sup>th</sup> 1891

No 53.

My Lord

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt  
of the Despatches & Circulars mentioned in the  
margin

I have etc  
Roger Tuckey Goldworthy

The Right Honble  
Lord Mountford Gully  
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No 8 dated 25<sup>th</sup> Feb  
to No 15 - 15<sup>th</sup> March inclusive  
General dated 9<sup>th</sup> Feb  
Library - 7<sup>th</sup> March  
Circulars - 6<sup>th</sup> Feb  
- 14<sup>th</sup> Feb  
Unnumbered 10<sup>th</sup> Feb  
confirming Telegrams.

J. H. Stanley  
April 15<sup>th</sup> 1891

J. P.  
No 54.

My Lord.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your  
Lordships despatch of and with reference to the last  
paragraph thereof to inform you that Governor Kerr & I will  
leave the colony till the 28<sup>th</sup> March up to which date he  
will receive his full salary.

I have etc

Right Honble  
Lord Mountford Gully  
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Roger Tuckey Goldworthy

no 55.

J. House Stanley  
15<sup>th</sup> April 1891

My Lord

I have the honor to report for your Lordships information that the deposit in the Government Savings Bank this day amount to the sum of ~~less than~~ <sup>two thousand</sup> nineteen thousand seven hundred and forty three pounds 7/2.

The Right Honble  
Lord Huntford & Co. & Co.

(Signed)

I have etc  
Roger Tuckwell Goldworthy

## FALKLAND ISLANDS.

per Steamer Herodot

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 1891

| No. of Despatch.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Date of Despatch.      | Subject of Despatch.                                                              | No. of Enclosures. |
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| no 52                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 14 <sup>th</sup> April | announcing arrival of His Excellency & as to his being sworn in                   | none               |
| 53.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | .                      | Acknowledging receipt of various Despatches & Circulars                           | none               |
| 54.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 15 <sup>th</sup> April | Stating date of former letter & as to his having drawn full salary till departure | none               |
| 55.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | .                      | Stating amount at present in the Government Savings Bank viz 19,743-7-2           | none               |
| also six copies of the gazette dated 14 <sup>th</sup> April and six copies of each of the following dated gazettes 5 <sup>th</sup> 12 <sup>th</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup> 26 <sup>th</sup> 29 <sup>th</sup> March & 13 <sup>th</sup> April omitted last mail. |                        |                                                                                   |                    |

No 56

Government House  
Stanley  
16<sup>th</sup> April 1891

My Lord.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordships Despatch "General" of the 9<sup>th</sup> February, enclosing copy of a letter from the General Post office to the Colonial office on the subject of the postal rates on letters from the Colonies to places "elsewhere than the United Kingdom".

In accordance with your Lordships instructions I have notified in the Government Gazette that the former rates on letters will be reverted to except in the case of letters for the United Kingdom

The Right Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
Lord Kimberley &c  
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I have etc

(Signed) Roger Tuckers Goldsworthy

57.

G. H. Stanley  
16<sup>th</sup> April 1891

My Lord.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordships Despatch No 10 of the 7<sup>th</sup> inst informing me that an extension of leave to the 23<sup>rd</sup> June ~~and then~~ on half salary had been granted to Mr Brooks Colonial Secretary.

With reference to the concluding paragraph of the Despatch. Mr Langmuir will await your Lordships instructions before taking any steps for leaving the Colony

I have etc

Right Hon<sup>ble</sup>

Lord Kimberley &c  
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(Signed) Roger Tuckers Goldsworthy

58.

G. H. Stanley  
25<sup>th</sup> April 1891

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch No 12 of the 12<sup>th</sup> March with reference to Mr. Harding's appointment to act as Government clerk in order to enable Mr. Jamieson the present holder of that office to go on leave to England.

I have noted your Lordship's instructions relative to the salaries to be drawn by these officers respectively and will submit to the Legislative Council a vote for an amount to be paid to Mr. Harding equal to his Imperial half pay (£700 per year) for the period from the 6<sup>th</sup> of April up to the date of his (Mr. Harding's) arrival in the Colony.

I have etc

The Right Honorable  
Lord Huntford &c (signed) Roger Tuckwell Goldworthy

59.

G. H. Stanley  
2<sup>nd</sup> May

My Lord,

I have the honor to inform your Lordship that the Contractor for the carriage of the mails between the West Falkland Island, for which he receives £300 per annum contemplates relinquishing the same on the 30<sup>th</sup> June next.

It is, I understand, improbable that any one will tender for the service at that rate and it has secured to me that it would be preferable for the Government to take it on its own terms rather than allow the two to get out of repair through not being regularly employed.

At present the Harbour Establishment comprises the Colonial Secretary who acts as Harbour Master

unpaid without any professional knowledge & a pilot who has a master's certificate. In the latter charge are the two Schooners before mentioned & light cargo boat Governor's fig. Customs dingy - Board Officers boats (1 & 2) cutter & dingy belonging to the Madras & the Victoria dingy.

When any hands are required for the boats men have to be employed at the rate of 1/- per hour and they are not always obtainable - whilst to keep the Schooners & the boats in servicable repair there is the pilot alone. It is a small wonder then that I have been left as a legacy a large amount of defects to make good in order to put them into good condition.

Enclosed is a statement shewing the present expenditure and that proposed as also an estimate of the cost of repairs.

With your Lordship's permission I would suggest Capt Campbell Harbour Master & pilot & a 25/- agent & B. Wilmer who is at present a police Constable but holds a 2<sup>nd</sup> mate's certificate I propose to make chief boatman & assistant pilot. He could in Capt Campbell's absence act as he has done on previous occasions as pilot.

The rest of the crew will be composed as in the return marked A.

The cook will act as Steward & provide any passengers on board with food for which he will be allowed from the passage money as may hereafter be decided upon either so much a day (say 2/-) for each passenger or will receive from each passenger so much (according to tariff) per meal - of course with meat at 5<sup>th</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> lb, the allowance will not be high.

Each seaman will be engaged so that his services will be otherwise available than on board - they will be sworn constables & revenue officers & will be competent to act in either capacity. If a revenue officer is required to go to outposts on the East Falkland a constable is at present detailed from the Police whilst absent he receives 10/- per diem from the ship on which he is employed - his police pay being available to employ a substitute.

Now with the system I propose, for a greater <sup>portion</sup> of the month, one or more of the crew will, when in harbour, be available for either duty. For instance - he might be sent as a revenue officer on board a vessel, in which case whatever the ship paid would go into the Treasury - It might however be expedient, as an encouragement to the men, to allow them say 2/6 extra per diem when so employed - still ~~since~~ 7/6 would go toward diminishing the cost of maintenance of the Harbour Masters Establishment, under existing arrangements the constable gets the 10/- whilst nothing is saved, as a substitute has to be employed in the police - In conclusion I trust that your Lordship will approve the proposed alterations which have been considered & concurred in by my Executive Council. At the same time I may mention that it is favourably received by the public generally.

Th<sup>o</sup> Right Hon<sup>ble</sup>

Wm. Lambton Esq<sup>r</sup>

I have etc

(signed) Robert Tuckey Goldworthy

G. H. Stanley

14<sup>th</sup> May

My Lord,

I have the honour to forward the proceedings of a Board of Survey held on the public buildings of the Colony with the report of two practical Carpenters on the cost of putting the same into repair -

I do not wish in anyway to animadvert on what has been done or left undone in the past, but I think it essential & only just to myself to point out that had greater attention been paid to the annual repair of the buildings in question so much would not be required to be done nor would at the present time a surplus of £5697 appear to the credit of the colony, a large portion of which amount will be required to make some of the buildings even tenable.

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Pending your Lordships instructions I shall confine myself to doing the best I can "with the balance now available for works & building."

I have etc

(signed) Roger Tuckey Goldworthy

The Right Honble  
Lord Hunsford & others  
cc cc cc

G. H. Stanley  
8 May 1891

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My Lord,

I have the honor to draw your Lordships attention to past correspondence which has taken place with reference to the construction of a Government Pier with the view to considering how the wishes of the community generally may be best met.

Your Lordship will observe that in November 1889 a plan was submitted by Mr Wakefield C.E. through the Crown agents, for a pier on the screw pile principle to Governor Kerr which was estimated to cost £5369 but as answered by Governor Kerr in his reply whilst "sure that such a structure would be of great advantage to the Colony" he regretted that the funds at the disposal of the Government were insufficient as "the freight on nearly 400 tons and the expense of erection would bring the cost to upwards of £7000."

As the surplus fund of the Colony now only amount to £5697-18-11 it is clear that a structure of this expensive character cannot be thought of - added to which a considerable portion of these funds will have to be applied to works of a more urgent character vide my despatch to you of 4 May

cover sent to you Kerr  
26 Nov 1889

for Kerr to C. agents  
3 Dec 1889

Considering however that the community is generally under the impression that Governor Hervey had undertaken, at the time when he sold the Government Stone Jetty & adjacent land to the Falkland Islands Co, that the sum (£2000) realised should be spent on a pier, and indeed in his despatch to your Lordship he was referring to this sum" and the amount was not "treated as general revenue but has been invested for the purpose of future harbour improvement" so that I think a slight reversion to aid improvement of the existing jetties (revolving, comparatively speaking, the expenditure of but a small portion of the £2000) and the utilisation of the balance in the improvement of the drainage and roads of the settlement would better meet the wishes of the community than its disbursement on harbour improvements alone.

I have etc

The Right Honble (Signed)  
Lord Huntford & Co  
to to to

Roger Tuckett Goldworthy

G. H. Stanley  
12<sup>th</sup> May 1891

62.

My Lord, I have the honor to report for your Lordship's information that I have appointed Wickham Robert Morant Spearman Esq as my private secretary without salary and I trust your Lordship may approve of the same. I have etc

The Right Honble (Signed)  
Lord Huntford & Co  
to to to

Roger Tuckett Goldworthy

G. H. Stanley  
12<sup>th</sup> May 1891

63.

My Lord.

I have the honor to inform your Lordships that I have appointed the Rev. J. P. O'Grady, Roman Catholic Priest, to be a member of the Board of Health under Sec 1 of the Public Health Ordinance No 1 of 1886 in the place of F. Cobb who has left the Colony.

I have etc

The Right Honble

Lord Huntford &c

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(signed) Roger Tuckey Goldworthy

64.

My Lord.

12<sup>th</sup> May.

I have the honor to report that I have appointed provisionally Andrew Louis Ballion Esq., Manager of the Falkland Island Co in this Settlement, to be a member of the Legislative Council vice F. Cobb resigned.

From the important interest Mr Ballion represents both commercial and pastoral, his presence in Council will be of value and I trust that your Lordship may see fit to recommend its confirmation.

I have etc

The Right Honble

Lord Huntford &c

cc cc cc

(signed) Roger Tuckey Goldworthy

65

G. H. Stanley  
14<sup>th</sup> May 1891

My Lord.

I have the honor to draw your Lordship's attention to drafts of Scab and Fencing Ordinances left by Governor Kerr. vide Government Gazette Nos 7, 11, 12 of 12 Feb + 12, 19 March respectively

On a perusal of the opinions of various sheep  
farmers who were communicated with respect  
to a Scab Act I find that the pros & cons  
are nearly evenly balanced - some thinking  
that present legislation is sufficient and there-  
necessarily are against further laws, to whom  
must be added those who consider that a  
fencing should precede a Scab ordinance.

Some have not expressed their views in writing.  
I understand that generally it is thought that  
without fencing a Scab ordinance would be  
ineffective -

The opinion expressed in Executive Council  
was much to the same effect but it was  
considered that a general survey should precede  
fencing, as serious doubts exist as to the  
proper boundaries of land held by Lessees of  
the Crown as well as by freeholders -

From past experience  
in Western Australia, recognising the necessity  
of, as far as possible, minimizing the ravages  
of Scab I suggested conferring with some of the  
leading sheep farmers as to the advisability  
pending more detailed legislation of imposing by  
law compulsory dipping under supervision of  
either Government Inspectors or members of  
a District Board comprised of sheep farmers  
the Islands being subdivided into Districts for  
that purpose.

On submitting this to the  
undermentioned gentlemen<sup>x</sup> at a meeting at  
Government House it was thought before  
arriving at any decision that the report of the  
Commission which I had informed them it was my  
intention

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& Nichol  
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Honble Sheddin Langmuir  
J. J. Telfer  
Hamilton

intention to appoint to enquire into all matters touching Scab and the remedies to be used for its eradication, should be availed and in this view my Council self concur.

The Commission has already commenced its sittings and is composed as follows

Honble Sherrin Langhorne President

" J. J. Selton

Wm Park Esqr

G. Nichol

Wickham Spearman - as Secretary - power being reserved to add to its number.

Messrs E. J. Matthews, Robert Blake, & J. S. Goodhart have also been asked to sit & their replies are awaited.

It is the general opinion here that a much larger area of land is used for grazing than has been granted to the sheep farmers by their leases and I would ask your Lordship whether the time has not arrived for a general survey, the more so as, under recent legislation, every leaseholder can by payment of 3/- per acre over a term of years (vide Sec 3 Ordinance No 9 of 1871) become the freeholder of the land under his lease, though I perceive by Mr. Wingfield's letter of 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 91 that grants for land thus sold will not be issued till the last instalment of the purchase money has been paid; still in view of public feeling that land is claimed used for grazing purposes for which the Government does not receive any

rent I think that the best method of verifying or otherwise the same would be by a general survey which should not be delayed; the very mention thereof was received with tokens of disapproval by the sheep farmers when submitted at the meeting

meeting before referred to and subsequently  
 the lessee of crown land penned the accompanying  
 memorial against any survey being undertaken  
 This alone to my mind betokens the  
 necessity of one because as a general rule  
 both lease & freeholders are only too anxious  
 to have the exact boundaries of their land  
 fixed but their action certainly gives color  
 to the general belief that more land is used  
 by them than they pay for and if the result  
 of a survey be as believed a considerable  
 quantity of surplus land will be available  
 and this, I suggest, should be laid out in  
 sections and leased to small farmers as I  
 see neither reason or justification for allowing  
 a monopoly of land by large farmers &  
 graziers

I have etc

(signed) Roger Tuckers Goldsworthy

The Right Honble  
 Lord Huntsford G.C.M.G.  
 &c &c &c

66.

G. H. Stanley  
 15 May

My Lord,

Amongst the debris at the Government  
 Dockyard (so called) I found 2 dismounted  
 brass guns 9 pr. of the year 1807 in good preservation  
 The gun carriages etc have long since gone  
 to pieces but as the guns themselves are well  
 worth preserving I would ask your Lordship to  
 move the Secretary of State for War to direct  
 that suitable carriages for the same may be  
 supplied by the Ordnance Department without  
 charge to this Government - I enclose a memo of the  
 dimensions of the guns in question and hope

that the Secretary of State for War may see no difficulty in complying with my request the granting of which will I am sure be much appreciated by the Colonists

I have etc

The Right Honble  
Lord Kentford G.C.M.G.

(signed) Roger Tuckey Goldworthy

to to to

J. H. Stanley  
16 May 1891

67.

My Lord.

I have the honor to acquaint your Lordship that on my arrival here on the 13<sup>th</sup> April last a case (Voice v Coleman) was being heard in the Supreme Court by the Honble J. Shedden Sanguinetti the Administrator sitting as Chief Justice

As the case had been opened & part heard before Mr Sanguinetti, I appointed him Chief Justice under Sec 7 of Ordinance No 2 of 1876 ~~in which~~ <sup>as such</sup> he will continue to act till the arrival of the gentleman your Lordship may select to fill that office

I have etc

The Right Honble  
Lord Kentford G.C.M.G.

(signed) Roger Tuckey Goldworthy

to to to

68.

G. H. Stanley  
20<sup>th</sup> May 1871

My Lord.

I have the honor, with reference to ordinance No 9 of 1870, to request that your Lordship will inform me whether under Sec 3 of that ordinance lessees shall at any time have the privilege of purchasing the land leased to them, at 3/- per acre and whether future lessees other than ~~present~~<sup>future</sup> holders will also have the right to do so.

I ask this question as it appears to me from the Preamble & from Sec 1 that the ordinance was introduced (indeed I am aware that such was the object) to enable the Falkland Island Company to acquire forthwith the fee simple of certain lands held by them under lease from the Crown, and it seems to me that more extensive privileges will be accorded to other lessees if they have not to decide forthwith whether or not they will become freeholders by purchase of their lands, or continue to hold their land under lease from the Crown.

Sec 3 was really introduced at the instance of Mr. Fellen an unofficial member, who would have opposed the Bill had it not been inserted, in order that other lessees might not be less favoured than the Falkland Island Company. - On the other hand I do not see that any greater privilege should be accorded to them and think it desirable that they should be called upon to decide one way or the other without further delay, if there be nothing in the ordinance which admits of their holding their land, so to speak, for an indefinite period.

I do not see that Sec 6 of Ordinance No 1871 has been repeated in the ordinance under consideration; how far then are

these two sections consistent one with the other? unless the one be for general purposes and the other for a specific or special one.

I am unable in this Despatch to enter fully into the land question, but personally I must say I regret that the entire land of the Colony are in the hand of a few sheep farmers designated by Governor Callaghan in his despatches as "monopolists" which term was also used by Governor Kerr lately when he made a complete volte face & urged the adoption of a line of action which previously he had condemned.

I say I regret it because there is a strong feeling gaining force in the Colony just altogether without reason, that there is an extensive land monopoly and those anxious to invest their small capital in land are unable to do so because the present holders under their respective leases farm a larger area than they have any right to do -

The truth or otherwise of this case only be determined by a general Survey but if Governor Kerr's statements in Paragraph 5 of his Despatch No 121 of 25 Aug 1882 and para 8 of 17 Sept 1883 be correct, there is good ground for thinking that the general belief will prove not to be unfounded -

I have before me at the time of writing a letter from Packer Bros asking that a Crown Grant should be issued for land purchased by them from the Crown as far back as 1880. I do not see how it is possible for me to comply with this & similar requests where the land has not been surveyed & consequently neither its boundaries and contents can be correctly ascertained.

## FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Per *Februar*

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the  
Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 1891

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| 70               | 26 <sup>th</sup>     | amount in Savings Bank         |                    |

I shall feel obliged by your Lordship giving me full instructions on the points raised in this Despatch at the earliest opportunity so that I may know how to act -

I have etc  
(signed) Roger Tuckey<sup>d</sup> Goldworthy.

The Right Honble  
Lord Huntsford Gchly.  
Colonial office  
Downing Street.

69.

G. H. Stanley  
20<sup>th</sup> May 1891.

My Lord. I have the honor to inform your Lordship that I have paid to Mr. H. G. Jamieson nine months leave on half salary according to your Lordship's Despatch of 12<sup>th</sup> March. Mr. Harding having arrived to relieve him

The Right Honble  
Lord Huntsford Gchly. (signed) I have etc  
Roger Tuckey<sup>d</sup> Goldworthy

70.

G. H. Stanley  
20<sup>th</sup> May 1891

My Lord. I have the honor to acquaint your Lordship that the Deposits in the Government Savings Bank to this date amounts to twenty three thousand three hundred & sixty nine pounds eight shillings

I have etc  
(signed) Roger Tuckey<sup>d</sup> Goldworthy

The Right Honble  
Lord Huntsford Gchly.  
Colonial office  
Downing Street.

no 71.

J. H. S. F. D.  
2<sup>nd</sup> June 1891no 16 of 19<sup>th</sup> Marchno 17 - 21<sup>st</sup> "" 18 - 31<sup>st</sup> "

accounts dated

20<sup>th</sup> March21<sup>st</sup> "

The Right Honble Lord

Kintford

G. C. C. C.

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge  
the receipt of the Despatches noted in the  
margin

I have etc

(signed) Roger Tuckey<sup>d</sup> Goldworthy.

no 72.

J. H. S. F. D.

3<sup>rd</sup> June 1891

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge  
the receipt of the Circulars noted in the  
margin.

I have etc

(signed) Roger Tuckey<sup>d</sup> Goldworthy.Dated 26<sup>th</sup> Feb- 14<sup>th</sup> March

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18<sup>th</sup> March

The Right Honble

Lord Kintford G. C. C. C.

no 73.

J. H. S. F. D.

3<sup>rd</sup> June 1891.

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the  
receipt of your Lordship's Despatch marked  
Account of the 24<sup>th</sup> March informing me that  
the Lord Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury  
have on your Lordship's recommendation agreed  
to reimburse me the actual cost of my expenses  
when returning from British Honduras to  
England in September last and requesting me  
to send a certified statement of such expenses  
accompanied by vouchers as far as possible

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In reply I have to state that I have not  
 Rept any receipts or memos for money paid  
 but that there were various expenses besides  
 actual fares by steamer and rail, in addition  
 to the expense incidental to two days residence  
 in New York, such as expenses for transfer  
 of luggage wines stewards fees on steamer  
 to New York likewise from New York to  
 Liverpool. -

I must therefore leave it to your  
 Lordship to recommend to the Lord Commissioners  
 of Her Majesty's Treasury the payment to my  
 agents Messrs. Friedlay and Co of such sum  
 as in your Lordship's opinion may be fair  
 and reasonable

I have etc

The Right Honble (signed) Roger Tuckey<sup>d</sup> Goldsworthy  
 Lord Kinnaird & Co.

cc cc cc.

no 74

G. H. S. F. D.  
 9<sup>th</sup> June 1891

My Lord,  
 I have the honor to inform your  
 Lordship that the Transport "Maipo" 1536 tons  
 register flying the Chilean flag. From Iquique  
 with a crew of 135 men and carrying  
 two 40 pounders and four machine guns  
 arrived and anchored in Stanley Harbour  
 in the forenoon of the 6<sup>th</sup> instant. -

In the afternoon  
 of the same day. Commandante Militar Benando  
 Gomez accompanied by the 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant, Seluy,  
 who acted as interpreter called upon me. -  
 They gave me to understand

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understand that they belonged to the Chilean revolutionary party, that the steamer's engines wanted repairs, which had caused them to call in here and that they would require water & coal etc. to take them to the Cape de Verde Islands for which they said they were bound. I informed them that I must ask them to put their request in writing when I would consider it, at the same time pointing out that I had no official intimation or otherwise of their having been recognised as belligerents by Great Britain. The 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant intimated that they had been so recognised about the 19<sup>th</sup> May but I said until I had official intimation I could not recognise them.

In the course of conversation I was informed that Admiral Hotham, was when they were on the Pacific Coast, engaged with the representatives of other powers in endeavouring to bring about a convention between the two contending parties in Chile "as the present condition of affairs was ruining the country".

Before leaving the 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant, who throughout was the spokesman though now and again he referred to the Commandante, remarked that he saw my position was a delicate one and that my sympathies were with them to which I replied "I have not expressed sympathy for either side but shall act entirely in a neutral spirit and in accordance to international law."

They then took leave next morning (Sunday) I received a letter for the Commandante Donlhar (enclosure C) and after consultation with

With my Executive Council I sent them on Monday morning by Mr Spearman, my Private Secretary enclosure D. to which the Commandante replied by enclosure E—

Enclosure F details what took place at the interview between the Commandante and my Private Secretary Mr Spearman and I cannot but recognise the discretion & judgment he displayed on a somewhat delicate matter.—

My reply enclosure G to the Commandante's request enclosure E grants what was asked with but slight modification. I felt justified in acceding to this from the fact that we are going through a period of bad weather strong gales existing and as it was stated that there were only 120 to 130 tons of coal on board such an addition as 75 tons would only leave a small margin in the event of accidents to reach Monte Video—

Looking to the regulations in force during the American War in 1862 when it was directed that "ships of war or privateers of either belligerents shall be furnished with only so much coal as may be sufficient to the nearest port of their country or to some nearer destination"—Your Lordships might perhaps consider that I should only have allowed coal to Punta Arenas (Sand Point) the nearest Chilean port but in as much as though the nearest port of their country it was in the hands of supporters of the Chilean government I scarcely considered that I should be acting up to the spirit of the regulations in only furnishing sufficient to enable them to reach what to them was a hostile port and as presumably they

they were going in a contrary direction  
I sanctioned a supply of coal sufficient  
to reach Monte Video.

Though ostensibly bound  
"Maipo" was bound to the Cape de Horn  
Islands I fear she has other objects in  
view and that the Commandant is hopeful  
that I might let him lie here and replenish  
his supplies for future operations not altogether  
peaceful.

There has been a feeling of uneasiness  
since her arrival in view of our being  
totally unprotected and incapable of making  
any defense were she otherwise than what  
she professes to be.

The old guns which we have  
for saluting purposes being unfit for use  
besides which there is no ammunition for  
them.

I would respectfully urge your Lordship  
to move the Lord of the Admiralty to  
station a man of war here during the  
continuation of the Chilean trouble as were  
the ships of either party to insist on  
remaining in some of the many harbours  
of these islands in order to initiate hostile  
undertakings therefrom. I have no means  
at my disposal to compel them to desist.

I am writing meanwhile  
by this mail to the Senior Naval Officer  
at Monte Video furnishing him with  
particulars of the "Maipo" and requesting him  
to send a vessel of war here.

Trusting that your Lordship will approve of  
my action in the matter.

The Right Honble

Lord Auckland  
cc cc cc

I have etc

signed Roger Tuckey of old worthy

no 75.

G. H. S. F. J.

11<sup>th</sup> June 1891

My Lord.

I have the honor to enclose a request for a pillar box for the use of this colony which I trust your Lordship will move the General of the Post Office to supply to this Government free of charge.

The Right Honble  
Lord Runtford G. C. M. G.

I have etc  
(signed) Roger Tuckey<sup>d</sup> Goldworthy

cc cc cc

no 76

G. H. S. F. J.

13<sup>th</sup> June 1891

My Lord.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's despatch to of 2<sup>nd</sup> March appointing the that you have appointed Mr. R. M. Roulledge to act as Judge for a period of six months.

The Right Honble  
Lord Runtford G. C. M. G.

I have etc  
(signed) Roger Tuckey<sup>d</sup> Goldworthy

cc cc cc

G. H. S. F. J. 15<sup>th</sup> June

no 77. My Lord.

I have the honor to forward herewith two copies of the annual Blue Book of the Colony with a report thereon by Mr. Sanginette acting Colonial Secretary.

I have etc  
(signed) Roger Tuckey<sup>d</sup> Goldworthy

The Right Honble  
Lord Runtford G. C. M. G.

cc cc cc

no 78.

G. H. S. F. D.  
18<sup>th</sup> June 1891.

My Lord.

I have the honor to acknowledge your Lordship that I have appointed Mr. Turner temporarily as Foreman of Works.

Mr. Turner's salary will be paid out of the present vote for "Works & Buildings"

I have the

The Right Honorable

Lord Huntford & Co. (signed) Roger Tuckey Goldworthy

no 79.

G. H. S. F. D.

19<sup>th</sup> June 1891

My Lord.

Since writing my Dispatch no 74 of the 9<sup>th</sup> June the Commandant Militar paid me a farewell visit - He was accompanied by Mr. Baillon M.L.C. and manager of the F. D. Co - It seems that Mr. Baillon was to supply the coal and water sanctioned in my letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> June and in the course of conversation he mentioned that the time allowed was too short to put them on board - After reminding him that the delay in shipment had arisen through his (Mr. Baillon) at first refusing to accept payment receipt in gold I consented to extend the time from Wednesday morning to sunset of that day -

They then took their leave -

Meanwhile from what came to my ears I thought it advisable to get a report from the Chief Constable as to what he observed when on board and I beg to enclose the same.

Nothing fresh occurred till after sunset on Wednesday when I received a letter (enclosure B) from the Commandant and immediately returned an answer (enclosure C)

Agreeable

agreeable to his promise he weighed anchor at 7.45  
Thursday and on rounding Volunteer Point communicated  
with a steamer which had evidently been timed to  
meet the "Maipo" - vide Pilot's report enclosure D.

I should here mention that owing  
to my having doubts as to the truth of the statement  
made by the Commandant through the so called  
1st Lieutenant (I subsequently learnt that he was in  
reality the master of the "Maipo" when belonging  
to the South American Steam Ship Co and that the  
engineers and others had also been in their employ)  
I directed the Pilot Campbell to proceed in the  
Government Schooner "Hadasah" outside the harbour  
and watch the "Maipo's" movements - hence he was  
able to give a correct account of the same.

The conclusion at which I  
have arrived is that this port was made a  
rendezvous for the "Maipo" and the other steamer  
that the statement as to her being bound for  
Cape de Verde Island as well as that her  
engines were out of repair was a fabrication.

Looking to the fact that  
I had no force at my disposal to prevent  
the Commandant acting as best pleased himself  
I must be grateful rather than otherwise that  
he did not take more advantage than he did  
of my helplessness - indeed I must do the  
Commandant the justice to admit that he kept  
his promise of not allowing any of his  
officers or crew on shore - as had he not  
done so there is no knowing what might  
have occurred as a ragged dirty undisciplined  
set of men as his crew are described might  
have caused serious trouble amongst a  
defenceless community like that of Stanley.  
In view of their helpless  
condition I have urged on the male  
adults

adults to enrol themselves as volunteers the result being that nearly 70 have already come forward and more are putting their names down.

I hope to have 100 in all of which I propose to drill 25 as gunners and 75 as rifles - and I should be glad if your Lordship will inform me what assistance in the shape of guns rifles and ammunition I may expect from the War Department.

Allow me strongly to reiterate the request contained in my Dispatch No 74 of 9<sup>th</sup> June that a man of war should be stationed here during hostilities in Chile.

I have omitted to state that it is reported there were over 200 soldiers on board - the Captain of the "Maipo" however only acknowledged to 50.

The Right Honble

Lord Auckland & Co.

I have the  
(signed) Roger Tuckwell Goldworthy

Ms 89.

G. H. S. F. D.

20<sup>th</sup> June 1891.

My Lord

I have the honor to forward the enclosed requisition connected with the War Department and to request that your Lordship will instruct the Crown Agents to carry out the same - a good opportunity offering for the whole being forwarded by a vessel, which I understand, Messrs Spearing & Waldron are dispatching to the Colony and which will touch

touch at Stanley if sufficient freight be offered for that port.

This is an opportunity which in my opinion should not be lost as the freight will be something trifling as compared to with that which the "Kosmos" Company would charge.

It may be said that the requisition is a large one but whilst admitting that it is so I have to state that it is not only my individual opinion but that of the Executive Council that the requisition should be sent in, indisputably.

I do not wish to debate on the state of road, drainage, public buildings &c but what I have requisitioned for is absolutely necessary and a much larger expenditure would be incurred where the articles ordered here instead of in England. Indeed many, such as drain pipes &c could not be obtained and those which could be, only at a very heavy cost.

I have the  
 The Right Honble (signed) Roger Tuckwell Goldworthy  
 Lord Clerk of the Council  
 &c &c &c

J. H. P. & J.

23<sup>rd</sup> June 1891

no 81.

My Lord, I have the honor to forward herewith for your Lordships information a copy of a Memorial received by me from certain inhabitants of Stanley with my reply thereto - I believe from what I gather that the question of the the ordinance referred to being legally passed or otherwise will not again be raised. There are

are however references made in the memorial to a matter about which the public mind is much exercised viz the land question. To which I alluded very briefly in my despatch no 68 of the 20<sup>th</sup> ultimo.

On the one hand are the large farmers numbering in all some 23, who are lease or freeholders of the entire lands of the Colony on the other, it may be said, the community at large - The latter, whose case is shortly stated in the memorial, complain that they have no opportunity of acquiring land because the large sheep farmers not only hold on lease or have purchased at some time or another the whole available land but that each lease farms over an area larger than he is entitled to under such lease.

This is owing firstly to the acreage of a nautical square mile having been calculated as if it were a statute mile viz 640 acres to the square mile. and that thus the lease has the benefit of  $\frac{1}{7}$  more land than he pays rent for.

Secondly, that allowances were made for mountain lagoons etc by the late surveyor general so that the mountains afford the advantage of the pasturage free of cost and that land which <sup>is much</sup> has been available for rental is all taken up.

Lastly they are anxious that a survey should be made to prove the truth or otherwise of their contentions and that any surplus land found so to be available should be let in sections of ten thousand acres to those anxious to pursue sheep farming on a small scale.

The large sheep farmers, the present land owners, say - why should there be the expense of a survey? we both freeholders & leaseholders

are content to have matters remain as they are - It is true that we possibly use more land than the acreage named in our respective leases but we are covered by the words "more or less" - that, were a survey to take place we as leaseholders claim our right to lease or buy under Ordinance No 9 of 1890, not only the actual acreage named in the lease but any in excess - That if it be as stated by the other side that "lagoons and mountains" have not been included we maintain that this was very properly allowed as lagoons are useless to us as sheep farmers whilst the pasturage in the mountains is inferior besides involving heavy expense for fencing -

They further contend that though the area of land leased by them were found to be much in excess of the acreage stated in their leases that they should not be liable for any arrears of rent -

I desire calmly and dispassionately to consider the force of the arguments used on either side so that a *modus vivendi* may be found and to do this not only must the legal rights of the Government be considered together with the legal and equitable rights of the landowners but also what is advisable as a matter of public policy -

I am not in any way exaggerating the situation when I state that the tension between landowners and the community is very great and that before matters assume a more strictly hostile character steps should be taken by the Government to find the means of providing land for a more humble class of settlers than the existing large landowners vide latter portion of Para 8 of despatch 29 of 28<sup>th</sup> March 1879 for Governor Callaghan's opinion of 28<sup>th</sup> March 1879 for Governor. If I am not mistaken if the despatches written by my predecessors are to be relied

relied on the conclusion of the non land owning  
 body that a survey would show a large amount  
 of Government land available for rental, is correct -  
 For it stands to reason that if the measurement  
 has been by the nautical mile and the area of the  
 same computed at but 640 acres vide para 5  
 of Governor Ker's despatch No 121 of 1882 -  $\frac{1}{7}$  of the  
 land at present held under lease should be available  
 for rental to the general public - to this also  
 must be added the "mountains and ponds" for  
 which a large and capricious allowance was made  
 by surveyor General Baillie -

It is contended by the leaseholders  
 that they should have the option of leasing any  
 surplus land if a survey shows any excess over  
 the acreage mentioned in their leases and they  
 ground their conclusion on the words "more or less"  
 which appears in each lease -

To the question which I have  
 put to the leaseholders with whom I have  
 conversed how do you construe "more or less" the  
 answer invariably has been We pay a certain  
 rental and whether the land be more or less  
 it is ours during our lease and we should not  
 pay any back rent if found to be "more" nor  
 indeed during the continuance of such lease -

But I have asked if "less" what  
 then would you not demand a rebate of rent?  
 The answer has invariably been no - This was  
 enough, seeing that the acreage has been computed  
 by the statute mile whilst the measurements  
 have been by the nautical -

Now as I have understood  
 the term "more or less", and indeed I believe  
 it has always been so considered both in  
 Western Australia and in British Honduras

where there were large quantities of Crown Land, it means that if there be found on survey more land within the area defined in the lease, then rent was paid for such excess, if not a rebate was given by the Government the same holding good in respect to purchase - thus the boundaries as defined in each were the true test of the rental or purchase money to be paid -

But I also contend that where the law fixes upon the area of each section to be laid out for instance 6000 acres or larger - not only specifying the number of acres each section should comprise but detailing some the shape of such section, if through a nautical mile being reckoned only as 640 acres the leaseholder possesses a larger area of pasturage than under the law was contemplated - such excess should be given up when a proper survey has been made -

Now with respect to the wording of the cases of which it may be said there are two kinds. Firstly those where the boundaries are clearly defined as in enclosure (A.) Secondly, where certain of the boundaries are mentioned whilst others are stated as so many miles from a known point in a certain direction -

As regards the first I should say that the lessee, if the survey shows that he occupies more land (after deducting  $\frac{1}{2}$  for the difference between the nautical & statute mile) than the acreage mentioned in his lease, he is clearly entitled to that excess and provided he pays the increased rental, such excess land should not be taken from him.

But in the second case if is, I think, different if it be shown on survey

that the lessee has exceeded the length of any boundary line mentioned in the lease - thus assuming the boundary as in Enclosure B states miles and the lessee has exceeded that number he is not, I think, in any way entitled to the excess nor has he any preferential claim over others to it and such land should be open for rental or lease to the general public.

The leaseholders however say whilst entirely agreeing with you in respect to the first, we do not with regard to the second, because we have been put possibly to the expense of fencing and should have the right to take up this excess land in preference to others.

Now if such contention is to be allowed all that any lessee has to do when any of his boundaries are stated in miles, is to exceed that number and thus till a survey takes place his sheep graze over the crown land for which he does not pay any rent and when the survey is made he coolly says he should not be called on to pay any rental, though insisting that he has a prior claim over others to the land in question.

Of course it may be accidental his using more land than he is entitled to - on the other hand it may be quite the other way about - but whether accidental or not I consider the land should not be granted to the person who has only to make a mistake to benefit at the expense of others by such mistake.

I append a return enclosure showing how the entire lands of the Colony are apparently absorbed but it will be impossible to

show who are holding land in excess of what is stated in their leases until a survey is made except that one and all farm  $\frac{1}{4}$ " more land than they are justified in doing plus the allowance for "mountains and ponds:-

From this return it will be gathered that there are 700,488 acres of freehold and 1,587,106 acres under lease of which 7,411 are suburban at total of 2,367,594 acres.

Now Governor Kerr in his Despatch no 18 of Jan 12<sup>th</sup> 1885 estimates the area of the Colony at 6,500 square miles "equal to 4,159,969 acres as calculated by Colonel Moody and Mr. Bailey late Surveyor General from the nautical chart." - This was irrespective of South Georgia estimated approximately at 1000 square miles. With this latter it is not my intention to deal as it is neither sold or held under lease.

Now as the entire land absorbed by leaseholders and freeholders plus the suburban land, still Crown land (for reserves) totals up only 2,367,594 acres whilst the area of the Colony is 4,159,969 acres there remains an acreage of 1,792,375 unaccounted for except on the supposition that it be made up by the error in measuring in nautical mile and computing the acreage the same as if measured by the statute mile and to the "large and capricious allowance" made by the late Surveyor General for "mountains & ponds" by which I understood that the area occupied by them was struck out in each lease so that rental should not be paid on them. Thus in considering the quantity of land 1,587,106 acres held under lease it does not represent the true area as "mountains & ponds" have been excluded - possibly too as freeholds

were purchased at so much an acre the same principle was adopted.

The foregoing shows I think the necessity of a survey more especially as several leases are expiring this and following years.

In conclusion I should inform your Lordship that there will be no difficulty experienced, if the land be available, at leasing it at £30 to £35 a section in some cases even more, instead of at £20 under ordinary circumstances.

In fact I have already had many applications from people wishing to lease at these higher rates.

Under all circumstances allow me strongly to reiterate the necessity of an immediate survey.

I have etc

The Right Honble  
Lord Knutsford G.C.B. &c.

(Signed)

Robert Tuckwell Goldworthy

no 82.

G. H. S. F. D.  
26<sup>th</sup> June 1891

My Lord,

I have the honor to submit for your Lordship's consideration the question of a complete reorganisation of the Civil Establishment of the Colony on the following grounds:-

1. That it is very undesirable that a plurality of appointments should be held by one officer but when the said plurality amounts to the holding by one gentleman of no less than 17 posts, the usual routine of work is much delayed and hampered -

2. Because

2. Because whilst not depreciating the abilities of any of such pluralist it cannot be supposed that in the details of each office he is thoroughly conversant nor is it to be expected. - the consequence being that the service suffers from the penny wise and pound foolish principle which obtains of starving the service.
3. That, looking to the numerically small staff, it is impossible for officials to avail themselves of the annual vacation leave, there not being any one to discharge their duties during their absence and thus as compared with other colonies officials are at a disadvantage.
4. That for a similar reason when an official is compelled by ill-health to proceed home to recruit or take his long leave after the customary period of service the Colony is put to the expense of paying the passage out and home of his locum tenens - whilst the unfortunate official himself instead of drawing a full salary for the first 3 months of such leave has to relinquish one half to help to pay his substitute - another hardship to an officer serving in this Colony.
6. Because, owing to the want of sufficient supervision in the Customs and Works Department for example, in the end a larger loss accrues to the Government than would secure the services of the increased staff - necessary to prevent any such loss.
7. Because the Colony requires by the possession of a proper and efficient staff to be recognised as such and no longer as a mere settlement for the benefit of the Falkland Islands Company and of a few who were fortunate enough in the past to acquire long leases of land by the payment of a few pounds to the Government annually and who has a rule starting with not even the proverbial half crown in their pockets but on borrowed capital have realized

realised if not large fortunes, yearly incomes amounting to twice ~~three~~ that of the salary annually voted to the Governor.

8 Because it is time that the idea which has predominated in the minds of the Colonial Office for many long years past, that the Colony is poverty stricken and unable to contribute more than it has done in the past or is now doing, should be removed and the truth realised that the Colony is in a position to pay for a proper and efficient staff

In corroboration of the Colony's financial ability to meet such increased expenditure I would cite the mere fact of a surplus of some £5697 having been acquired within the last five years were it not that I am sensible that such surplus should never have accrued and that it only has accrued from carrying on the government on a cheese paring principle which will necessitate a far larger expenditure now than had the old adage been born in mind "a stitch in time etc."

I have no desire and am loth to reflect on my predecessors but I must in <sup>my</sup> self defence as the expenditure of a large portion if not all of this surplus will be necessary, draw attention to the hoarding up of public funds to the detriment of the public service.

I will now ~~my~~ Lord, ask your careful consideration to the accompanying Scheme - at first glance it will appear to your Lordship that the Scheme (A) is a withdrawal from the position assumed by me in my letter of 12<sup>th</sup> February to the Colonial Office - but there is this distinction that, whilst suggesting the appointment of a Barrister who will jointly hold the offices of Colonial Secretary ~~or~~ Judge and Police Magistrate - I carefully guard against delegating to him other duties which

would in my opinion derogate from the dignity of his office -

The duties of Treasurer, Collector & Customs and Post master are provided for by a new appointment whilst the clerical staff is increased by one thus ensuring the temporary filling in want of illness etc of the superior offices without increased expenditure.

This scheme will I think compare favourably with the existing order of things and I may add is approved by the members of both Councils -

I appeal the services of Mr. Jamieson who is at present on leave of absence - this officer would I doubt not be glad of the appointment of Treasurer on £300 a year his present emolument being him in about £260. He is a good officer for Treasury work but has not the same experience of office work generally as Mr. Hardway his locum tenens -

I believe that Mr. Jamieson would prefer promotion out of the Colony and this perhaps might be expedient as he, I hear, is shortly to be married into a local family and in a small community it is preferable that officials should not have local ties -

For the post of Treasury Clerk I would recommend Mr. Coulson - a very worthy official who has frequently given clerical assistance in the Department - he is at present drawing £100 per annum & will receive £125 in the new appointment -

His son I propose to appoint to his father's vacancy on the reduced salary of £30 instead of £100. The post of Government Housekeeper I propose to abolish, the present holder having resigned, there being two other carvers paid from Public Works who will I think be

be sufficient

Despatch No 59 of 2<sup>nd</sup> May will have apprised you of the contemplated alterations in the Harbour & Pilot Department and the arrangements I have made for carrying on the mail service - This I may inform your Lordship meets the entire approval of the members of the two Councils - a saving will be effected whilst the services of the crew can under the shipping articles (enclosure) be available on shore

I have had to act without reference to your Lordship as the contract mail service expires at the end of this month - a tentative trip to the West Falkland is to be made tomorrow

Both schooners "Hadaras" and "Victoria" have been overhauled the former has been thoroughly repaired whilst the "Victoria" is in hand - but I have not authorized any large expenditure upon the latter as she is scarcely fitted to take the "Hadaras" place for mail service in case of accident. Her services will however be available for Pilot service within the limits of the port.

The various boats attached to the Department are undergoing repairs so that in future I trust there will be an efficient Harbour Master & Pilot department.

Despatch No 78 of 18<sup>th</sup> June dealt with the appointment of Mr. Turner to act temporarily as Foreman of Works his salary being paid from the present vote for "Works and Buildings" - I think however that the time has arrived looking to the contemplated sale of large sums of Crown lands to the present degree, that the appointment of a surveyor and assistants should no longer be deferred - with the appointment

of Government Survey might be combined that of superintendant of works and in his absence on Survey duties the foreman would be in charge

To their not being a properly qualified officer to supervise the public works I attribute the disgraceful condition in which all the public buildings, jetties, sea wall, roads, drains etc have been allowed to fall. —

one portion however I must except and that is the embankment extending for a distance of 150 yards and by which means a considerable area of foreshore has been reclaimed for road purposes. Governor Kerr personally superintended its construction and I have designated it in the Government Gazette the Kerr Embankment.

I have etc  
The Right Honable (signed) Roger Tuckey Goldsworthy  
Lord Huntford & Co.  
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G. W. S. F. D.  
27 June 1891

No 83.

My Lord, I have the honor to acknowledge your  
Lordship that the reports in the Government  
Savings Bank to this date amounts to  
weekly thousand and ninety five pounds  
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I have etc  
(signed) Roger Tuckey Goldsworthy

Right Honable  
Lord Huntford & Co.  
te te te

No 84.

G. H. S. F. D.  
27<sup>th</sup> June 1891

My Lord,

I have the honor to acquaint your  
 Lordship that Mr. Boulle has arrived in the  
 S.S. Raurer, this day to take up his appointment  
 as Judge and Police Magistrate

I have the  
 The Right Honorable (signed) Roger Tuckfield Goldworthy  
 Lord Rumbold & Co.  
 cc cc cc

No 85

G. H. S. F. D.  
8<sup>th</sup> July

My Lord,

I have the honor to transmit herewith  
 to be forwarded to the Audit Department  
 the report of the Survey of the Colonial Chest  
 for the quarter ending 30<sup>th</sup> June and a  
 certificate of Quarterly Survey containing  
 a statement of the receipts and disbursements of  
 the Colony during the same period

The Right Honorable  
 Lord Rumbold & Co. (signed) Roger Tuckfield Goldworthy  
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86

G. H. S. F. D.

My Lord,

9<sup>th</sup> July  
 I have the honor to acknowledge the  
 receipt of your Lordship's despatch No 25 of 9<sup>th</sup> May  
 and in reply to refer you to my despatch No 64 of  
 12<sup>th</sup> May in which I inform your Lordship that I have  
 offered, subject to your approval, the vacant seat in  
 the Legislative Council to Mr. A. E. Baillon manager

Sent 27<sup>th</sup> June per Rames

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| 71.              | 2 <sup>nd</sup> June | Acknowledging Despatches               |                    |
| 72.              | 3 <sup>rd</sup> "    | " Circulation                          |                    |
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| 74.              | 9 <sup>th</sup> "    | Re Maipo                               | 7                  |
| 75.              | 11 <sup>th</sup> "   | Request for a Piller Box               | 2                  |
| 76.              | 13 <sup>th</sup> "   | Re appointment of Mr. Poulton          |                    |
| 77.              | 15 <sup>th</sup> "   | Enclosing two copies report on B. Book | 3.                 |
| 78.              | 18 <sup>th</sup> "   | Appointment of Mr. J. Turpin           |                    |
| 79.              | 19 <sup>th</sup> "   | Re Maipo                               | 4                  |
| 80.              | 20 <sup>th</sup> "   | Request for stores                     | 2                  |
| 81.              | 23 <sup>rd</sup> "   | Re Land                                | 1 sent 3 following |
| 82.              | 26 <sup>th</sup> "   | Reorganisation of Staff                | 6                  |
| 83.              | 27 <sup>th</sup> "   | Savings Bank                           |                    |
| 84.              | 27 <sup>th</sup> "   | Arrival of Judge                       |                    |

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of the Falkland Islands Company, which  
 I saw Mr Baillon occupied at the last meeting  
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I have the  
 pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the  
 the Right Honble (sign) Roger Tuckey Goldworthy  
 and Huntsford & Co.

87.

G. H. S. F. D.

10<sup>th</sup> July

My Lord,

In my despatch 2079 of 19<sup>th</sup> June I mentioned the  
 fact of the "Maipo" when passing Valentin Point, off the  
 Harbour, meeting a steamer.

This steamer, whose name was  
 concealed, was observed from the look out station, after  
 communicating with the "Maipo", to proceed in concert with  
 that vessel in a P.E. direction.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> this steamer which  
 proved to be the "Wander" of London visited this port.

Having suspicions as to her  
 character I caused inquiries to be made and ascertained  
 that she had transferred at San Sebastian Bay to the Maipo  
 some 10,000 rifles & guns and a large quantity of ammunition  
 including shells etc besides a considerable quantity of coal

On questioning the Captain he said  
 that whatever was transferred belonged to a passenger on board  
 and that he was not cognisant of the contents of the cases  
 Captain Herkness, the Master, in course  
 of conversation admitted that he had often been employed  
 "in this sort of business" mentioning also his having run  
 the Blockade the China.

I questioned him with reference to  
 concealing the name of his ship whilst coasting in our  
 waters when he remarked that the men were painting  
 and possibly the name was obliterated.  
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not being satisfied I directed the retention of the ships papers pending further enquiry, the result being that I determined on directing the prosecution of the master under Sec 3 chap 85 of the Merchant Shipping Act 36 & 37.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> June the case was heard before the Honbles F. Panguet & Seldon (members of the Legislative Council) and Mr. Vere Packer, with the result that Captain Sir Rowood was fined £50

On the 26<sup>th</sup> instant the Waverley left with a mail for Monte Video in which was a letter from myself to the Senior Naval Officer (copy enclosed) detailing the foregoing circumstances and requesting him to ~~abstract~~ a man of war to be stationed in these waters during the continuance of hostilities in Chile

I have etc

The Right Honble  
Lord Auckland. G. C. S. G.

(Signed)

Roger Tuckwell Goldworthy

88.

G. H. S. F. J.

10<sup>th</sup> July

My Lord,

I think it desirable that your Lordship should be informed that Mr Bailon, who on Mr Cobbs departure was gazetted to fill the various Consular Offices held by that gentleman - on the arrival of the "Maipo" - ~~on the arrival of the "Maipo"~~ a transport of the Chilean Revolutionary party in this Harbour (referred to in my despatch to you of 9<sup>th</sup> June) hoisted the Chilean flag - subsequently Mr Bailon appears to have considered that he was not justified in acting as Consul as he had neither received Her Majesty's

Exequatur or been authorized by the Chilean Government so to act -

I should also add that Mr Baillon more than once visited the "Maipo" as he informs me in his capacity of manager of the Falkland Islands Company and not as Consul -

I mention these facts in case hereafter any point should be raised in connection therewith.

I have etc  
The Right Honble (signed) Roger Tuck<sup>r</sup>d Goldworthy  
Lord Auckland Genl.  
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89.

G. H. S. F. D.  
11<sup>th</sup> July

My Lord, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's despatch no 22 of 7<sup>th</sup> May and in reply beg to acquaint you that I have informed the Petitioners in accordance with your Lordship's directions I have etc

The Right Honble (signed) Roger Tuck<sup>r</sup>d Goldworthy  
Lord Auckland Genl.  
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G. H. S. F. D. 11<sup>th</sup> July

My Lord, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the despatches noted in the margin I have etc

(signed) Roger Tuck<sup>r</sup>d Goldworthy

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| 26     | 14 <sup>th</sup> "  |
| 27     | 18 <sup>th</sup> "  |
| 28     | 19 <sup>th</sup> "  |
| 29     | 25 <sup>th</sup> "  |

91.

Circular Despatches  
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17, 19 March

2, 4, 9, 11, 16, April

5, 6, 7, 8, 8, May.

G. W. S. F. D

11<sup>th</sup> July 1891

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge  
the receipt of the Circular Despatches  
noted in the margin.

I have etc

(signed) Roger Tuckey<sup>d</sup> Johnworthy

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of July 1891.

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92.

G. H. S. F. J.  
13<sup>th</sup> July, 1891

My Lord.

I have the honor to forward herewith 6 copies of "an ordinance to make further provision" for the administration of justice," which in accordance to the instructions contained in your Lordship's Despatch No 23 of 7<sup>th</sup> May, I submitted to the Legislative Council and which passed through its various readings on the sixth instant.

The only alteration made from the draft ordinance was the omission of the word "Ordinance" after the word "justice" in the title, as it was thought that it had been accidentally inserted.

I have etc

The Right Honble

Lord Huntford &amp; Co. &amp; Co.

(signed) Roger Tuckfield Goldsworthy

93.

G. H. S. F. J.

My Lord.

I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of the minutes of the proceedings of the Executive Council of this Colony for the half year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 1891. The Legislative Council did not sit during the six months ending 30<sup>th</sup> June -

I have etc

The Right Honble

Lord Huntford &amp; Co. &amp; Co.

(signed) Roger Tuckfield Goldsworthy

G. H. S. F. J.

to 94.

My Lord.

I have the honor to forward under separate cover, for transmission to the Board of Trade, the meteorological Register kept at Cape Pembroke lighthouse.

I have etc

(signed) Roger Tuckfield Goldsworthy

The Right Honble

Lord Huntford &amp; Co. &amp; Co.

G. H. P. F. I.  
15<sup>th</sup> July 1891

no 95.

My Lord,

I have the honor to forward herewith for transmission to the Board of Trade the accounts showing the oil stores expenditure at Cape Pembroke Lighthouse during the Quarter ending the 30<sup>th</sup> June

The Right Honble

Lord Huntford &amp;c.

I have the

(signed) Roger Tuckwell Goldsworthy.

G. H. P. F. I.

16<sup>th</sup> July 1891

My Lord,

I have the honor to forward herewith for transmission to the Board of Trade an account current with supporting vouchers for disbursements on account of Cape Pembroke Lighthouse for the quarter ending 30<sup>th</sup> June

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

I have the

Roger Tuckwell Goldsworthy

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G. H. P. F. I.

17<sup>th</sup> July.

97.

My Lord,

I have the honor to inform your Lordships that I submitted to the Legislative Council a bill for £300 to provide for the codification and printing of the Laws of this Colony. Reference to the Statute Book will I think convince your Lordships that some steps have become necessary to put the ordinances of the Colony on a proper basis and a glance at the customs and ordinances will demonstrate this more conclusively than anything I can say.

I forced out of me as this, if my recollection does not fail me, was the amount allowed for the expenses attendant on the work of codification set in St Lucia whilst in British Honduras the expense was considerably greater.

The opportunity afforded by Mr Roulledge being here should not be lost and I have therefore pending a reply from your Lordships, asked him to take the work of codification in hand at once and he is now engaged upon it.

It will I presume be necessary, to appoint Mr Roulledge, by ordinance a Commissioner for carrying out the codification and I would ask your Lordships to send me out a draft ordinance similar to that which was introduced into British Honduras when the codification of the Laws was decided on in that Colony.

The Right Honorable

Lord Kingsford

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I have etc

(Signed) Roger Tuckwell Goldsworthy

J. H. P. G.!!

18<sup>th</sup> July

No 98.

My Lord,

I have the honor to inform you with reference to your Lordships despatch to 23 of 7<sup>th</sup> May that in accordance with instructions I submitted a vote to the Legislative Council for £100 per annum to be granted to the Colonial Secretary from the 27<sup>th</sup> June 1891 in compensation to that officer for the loss of salary hitherto attached to the office of Police Magistrate now held by the acting Judge Mr Roulledge which vote was passed unanimously.

I have etc

The Right Honorable

Lord Kingsford

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(Signed)

Roger Tuckwell Goldsworthy

G. H. S. F. D.

20<sup>th</sup> July 1891

99.

My Lord,

I have the honor to inform you that, in accordance with the instruction conveyed in your Lordship's despatch to 12 of 12<sup>th</sup> May, I submitted to the Legislative Council a vote for £9.8.6 to be granted to W. William Alfred Harding acting Government clerk, in compensation to him for the loss of his Imperial half salary from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 19<sup>th</sup> May, and that the sum was unanimously voted.

I have the  
 The Right Honorable (signed) Roger Tuckwell Goldworthy  
 Lord Kimberley  
 cc cc cc

G. H. S. F. D.

21<sup>st</sup> July

No 100

My Lord,

I have the honor to forward herewith six copies of an ordinance to provide for the holding of "Commissions of Enquiry" which passed the Legislative Council.

Though the two unofficial members did not divide the Council - yet they after the passing of the Bill through Committee expressed their disapproval of Sec 3 which in their opinion gave undue powers to the members of a Commission of Enquiry.

I told them that I was willing to convey their expression of opinion to your Lordship which they asked me to do. Mr. Baillon stating that he would have divided the Council had he not been a stranger to the mode of procedure - this being his first experience as a member of the Legislative Council.

I think

I think it right to mention that I had notified the Council of my intention not to proceed with a Truck Ordinance which had been read a first time, pending the report of a Commission to enquire into the Truck System and it was on this occasion remarked by Mr Baillon that Sec 3 would give too extensive powers to this Commission. - This Ordinance is taken from one in use in Jamaica

The Right Honble

I have the

Lord Auckland (signa) Roger Tuckwell Goldsworthy

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W. H. F. D.

22<sup>nd</sup> July 1891

107

My Lord,

I have the honor to submit for your Lordships consideration the question of the mail service with England - the present contract expiring on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July next -

The manner in which the service has been carried out has not been satisfactory either in the opinion of the Government or the Colonists and it is felt that greater facilities should be afforded in any fresh contract to be made with the Kosmos Company or that other Companies should be invited to tender -

The chief points to which I beg to draw your Lordships attention are

- 1<sup>st</sup> The irregularity in the arrival of the mails, more especially recently, as a perusal of the enclosure (A) will show.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> The high rate of freight charged.

- 3<sup>rd</sup> The increased expense for freight to which exporters of goods from England are put by having to send them to Hamburg apart from

- from the liability of damage to the goods from the frequent handling of the same in transshipment
- 4 The inconvenience and expense caused to passengers generally, in being compelled to forward their heavy baggage to Hamburg instead of being enabled to put it on board when rebarbering at Dartmouth -
  - 5 The filling up of the homeward bound steamers with freight on the West American Coast, so that frequently large quantities of wool, hides, &c are unable to be taken on board and thus heavy losses accrue to the intending shippers by the delay -
  - 6 The fact of there not being a penal clause in the contract enabling a fine to be inflicted in the event of unpunctuality, tending to make the Company regardless in respect to the regularity of the mail service thereby causing great inconvenience to the Colonists at large -

Trusting that your Lordship will give your early attention to this as, if the Contract has to be determined notice thereof must be given by the end of the year

I have etc

The Right Honble

Lord Kempt for the

(Signed) Roger Tuckfield Goldsworthy

to be done

G. H. S. J. J.

23<sup>rd</sup> July 1891

102

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordships Despatch no 26<sup>th</sup> of 11<sup>th</sup> May and in reply have to inform you that I have conveyed to Mr Robert Blake and his partner Mr Holmstead your Lordships sanction to their purchase of the Crown lands contained in the Adelaide station in the West Falkland of which they are lessees, consisting of 109,720 acres at the price of 3/- per acre the purchase money to be paid in the instalments mentioned in Governor Ker's Despatch -

In apprising Messrs Blake & Holmstead I have intimated to them that necessarily this will be dependant on any survey hereafter to be made and that if the acreage is found to be less than 109,720 acres the Government will undertake to make up the difference or give a rebate of the purchase money at the option of the purchaser - but if more will expect either payment for the excess or a surrender of such excess land at the option of the Government

The question of any under or overpayments made in respect of rent due up to the date of the completion of the sale of the above mentioned land must, I have informed these gentlemen, be entirely dependent on the view your Lordships may take of this matter. I have every reason to believe that for years past the various lessees have farmed over land far in excess of that mentioned in their respective leases - though perhaps in one or two cases, in the smaller islands surrounding the East and West Falklands, the converse may be found

on survey to be correct, the undented nature of the coast line making it very difficult to calculate the area on the map with accuracy.

I append a statement enclosed (B) shewing the leases which fall in this year and as I shall have to deal with this very important subject without having the advantage of your Lordship's views I trust that, if in protecting the Government interests I may incur the opposition of the land & lease holders the odium may not fall on me of inviting it as such opposition was bound to break forth whenever the rights and wrongs of the land question came to be sifted.

The question has evidently ~~since~~ since the time when Colonel D'Arcy was Governor been quietly set aside or in other words shelved by the Colonial Office till the period should be reached when the leases were falling in - that time has arrived and unfortunately the duty has devolved upon me of having to deal with the matter, if I would conserve the Government interests, and not be merely repainting the leases for another period of 21 years, virtually defer any decision till the expiration of that time or in other words to the Greek Kalends. -  
August 3rd

Since writing the foregoing I have received a petition from the farmers here which I have the honor to forward to your Lordship together with certain correspondence which has ensued thereon -

The petition is the

outcome of an interview which I accorded to a Deputation of the following gentlemen—  
Messrs Blake, Fillion, Matthews & Speers—  
on the 1<sup>st</sup> instant

On that occasion I informed them of the purport of my Despatch No 81 of 13<sup>th</sup> June reading to them likewise the contents of this Despatch, as shewing my views—

I certainly stated verbally that I must decline to renew any lease—but, they should have added, pending your Lordship's instructions, and conditional on any survey now or hereafter as the petitioners conceive and indeed state that they have a right to all the land they farm though exceeding the area stated in their respective leases—

There are leaseholders here paying rent only on 6000 acres, whilst the measured area on the chart gives double that quantity—Your Lordship may then judge the amount of land which tenants occupy, without rental when I state that such a condition of things (though perhaps not to the same extent) is general rather than exceptional—

Of on the whole of the land over and above the acreage named in the leases & freehold, rent were paid (vide Governor's Despatch No 19 of 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 1885) even at the present rental of £20 per section of 6000 acres a sum of £6000 ~~more~~ annually would be added to the revenue of the colony, but if based at the average rates offered by applicants for land enclosure (c) a sum of £10,500 increase would annually accrue—

Surely

Surely with this sum added to the revenue there would be no difficulty in carrying out a survey and the very rental received from the surplus land of the Colony, now wrongly held, would afford the means -

I have referred in my despatch No 81 of the 23<sup>rd</sup> June to the means by which, I hoped, matters in respect to land might be adjusted without friction between the Government leaseholders and those desirous of leasing land viz by a policy of fair concessions but if on the other hand unless everything be conceded to the leaseholders the Government is to be defied then I would urge that the Government stands on its rights - and, in so doing, will have the support of the whole community except the 23 lease & freeholders -

In conclusion should I not hear from your Lordships anything definite before the expiration of any existing lease I shall if any leaseholder refuses to accept the renewed lease, on the terms mentioned offer them a licence to occupy pending & subject to your Lordships decision in respect of such renewal. Might I add that a cablegram containing your Lordships view would prevent much friction & the expenditure of a few pounds is of no account in a matter of this importance -

I enclose herewith the returns (enclosures A B & C) referred to in my despatch No 81 of 23<sup>rd</sup> June and which were not forwarded therein

There is a

small discrepancy in the amount of land from that shown in the despatch referred to it having later been discovered that Port Stephens was overestimated and Keppel Island, handed to the American Mission at a peppercorn rent, having been omitted - The suburban land should have been 9500 instead of 7411 as stated

The Right Honble (signed) Roger Tuckey Goldsworthy  
Lord Knutsford & Co  
cc cc cc

103.

G. H. S. F. J.  
27<sup>th</sup> July

My Lord.

I have the honor to forward herewith a return of an officer making a family remittance  
I have etc

The Right Honble Lord Knutsford & Co. (signed) Roger Tuckey Goldsworthy  
cc cc cc

104.

G. H. S. F. J.  
29<sup>th</sup> July

My Lord.

I have the honor to forward the following resolution adopted by the Legislative Council on a motion made by the Honble J. J. Selous and seconded by the Honble the acting Colonial Secretary at a meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 20<sup>th</sup> instant -

"Resolved that a sum of £100. be granted in aid of the Roman Catholic School in this Colony -"

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I did not see fit to offer any opposition to the motion - indeed I was of opinion that some assistance should be given to a school which in the opinion of many of the inhabitants is superior to the Government school - this is evidenced by the fact that parents belonging to the Church of England and nonconformist bodies send their children to be educated at the Roman Catholic school in preference to the Government one -

This I allow is partly owing to the feeling which has spread amongst certain of the inhabitants, that the present schoolmaster, Mr Durose, opinions, if not of an atheistical are of an agnostic tendency - <sup>Confidential</sup> vide Despatch to of 18 Oct 1890 from Governor Kerr and Mr Durose's explanation but I fancy that apart from his religious or rather non religious views Mr Durose is not a persona grata to many.

Feeling therefore that the Roman Catholics were aiding in providing a means of education and that too as I am informed quite up to the standard of the Government School I thought it expedient not to withhold that assistance which I felt they deserved, on the understanding that their schools should be open to the supervision and examination from time to time of the Inspector of Schools.

The numbers attending the Roman Catholic Schools are 50 against 74 in the Government school whilst the Roman Catholic population in Stanley is . against that of Protestants, of Presbyterians and of other denominations.

These are the only schools in Stanley not reckoning the Infant School - Thus the attendance at the Roman Catholic school is as 2 to 3 nearly whilst the

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G. H. S. F. D

31<sup>st</sup> July 1891

105

My Lord

I have the honor to forward herewith a letter from the Colonial Chaplain tendering his resignation as a member of the Executive Council. I have however asked that gentleman to retain his seat for the present pending reference to Your Lordship as to whether I should offer the vacancy to Mr Routledge Judge Smaigishaki.

I have refrained from doing so as if I am not mistaken there is an objection to putting judicial officers into Ex Co. but in a small community where there is a difficulty in obtaining suitable members the same objection may not hold good.

Should Your Lordship decide otherwise I would recommend that Mr Bailor be appointed to the vacancy & Mr Ore Paaka be offered the seat in Ex Co vacated by Mr Bailor.

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J<sup>d</sup> Roger Tuckey, J. O. Secretary.

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the cost is as nil to £358 - I therefore have no hesitation in asking your Lordship to approve of this small assistance annually to a deserving educational body -

The question of education needs consideration out here - it is concluded on no properly fixed basis & I should be glad therefore if your Lordship would send me a draft ordinance which might meet our requirements - a modified form of that of Western Australia might suit -

One great difficulty which has to be met is affording education to children in the West Falkland and outlying islands - and at the present time I cannot offer any suggestion the distance of stations from each other being the great obstacle to be encountered. One or more itinerary schoolmasters might be useful or some small annual in addition to his wages might procure the services of some person on a station able to impart rudimentary education to the children - but even then there are difficulties in the way.

I have etc

The Right Honble (Rt Hon) Roger Tuckwell Goldworthy

Lord Knutsford & Co  
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For Dispatch 105 see leaf 26 in.

106

G. H. S. F. I  
1<sup>st</sup> Aug 1891

My Lord,

I have the honor to forward herewith 6 copies of an ordinance entitled "The Naturalization Ordinance No 2 of 1891" which passed the Legislative Council without opposition.

The ordinance empowers the Governor in Council to grant certificates of naturalization to aliens desirous of being admitted to the privileges of British Subjects in this Colony, on his being satisfied that they are fitted to become so and on their taking the oath of allegiance before him.

The unnecessary proceeding of having to submit an ordinance on each occasion to the Legislative Council will thus be avoided in future.

Trusting that your Lordship will recommend this ordinance for the Royal assent.

I have etc  
The Right Honourable (signed) Roger Tuckey Goldworthy  
Lord Kintford, Esq.  
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107

G. H. S. F. I  
1<sup>st</sup> Aug 1891

My Lord,

I have the honor to forward herewith 6 copies of an ordinance to amend the "Public Health Ordinance 1886" which passed the Legislative Council without opposition.

The Ordinance of 1886 was found to be unworkable as much as it

was

was necessary to convene a meeting of the Board before any action could be taken against offenders against the ordinance -

Sec 1 repeals section 1 of the principal ordinance and gives authority for the Government to order a meeting of the Board and provides for the senior member in Stanley summoning the Board in the absence of the President

Sec 2 amplifies the number of subsections in Sec 3 of the principal ordinance, and embodies the powers conveyed in Sec 5 of the Ordinance of 1886

Sec 4. The alterations in Sec 8 are merely verbal

Sec 5. Substitutes the words "other place" for "workshop" thus enlarging the powers of the Board -

Sec 6. This vests in the Inspector of nuisances certain powers hitherto only held by the Board in session

Sec 7. repeals Sec 11 - and defines who shall be considered as the "owners" of any premises and gives power to the Board to demolish "uninhabitable buildings" - This is necessary as persons who have

left the Colony for good have left as their legacy to the Colony uninhabitable and dangerous structures -

Sec 8. enables the Inspector of nuisances or other sanitary officer to lay a complaint without being moved by the Board to do so -

9. The word "those acting under its authority" have been added - in the principal ordinance the Board of Health could alone act -

10. The "sanitary authority" and "Board of Health" being convertible terms it was thought better to adopt one term throughout the ordinance - except in Sec 2 of the principal ordinance - where the authority of the Board is specified

Trusting that the ordinance will meet with your Lordship's approval the Royal  
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The Right Honourable

Lord Riversford & Co.

I have the

(signed) Roger Tuckwell Goldworthy

108.

G. H. S. F. D

3<sup>rd</sup> August

My Lord,

I have the honor to inform your Lordship that owing to the large withdrawals from the Savings Bank by parties leaving the Colony for Palagonia to acquire land which they have no means of doing here, the available land being under lease or sold - the balance in the chest has been so reduced that I must ask your Lordship to inform the Falkland Island Company that the drafts on the Treasury here must not at present exceed £400 each mail.

In addition to the £400 each mail from the Falkland Island Company there has recently been an order on the Treasury for £150 in favour of Albert J. Pike.

The Right Honourable

Lord Riversford & Co.

I have the

(signed) Roger Tuckwell Goldworthy

109

G. H. S. F. D

3<sup>rd</sup> August

My Lord,

I have the honor to forward herewith the Census of the Colony taken on 5<sup>th</sup> April last together with a report thereon by the Acting Colonial Secretary.

I have the

(signed) Roger Tuckwell Goldworthy

110.

G. H. S. J. D.

3<sup>rd</sup> August

My Lord,

adverting to my Despatch to Do. of 20<sup>th</sup> June enclosing a requisition for certain stores for the Public Works Department - I have the honor to request that the order for drain pipes shall be modified, that is to say that  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the original quantity only shall be sent but in the place of the remaining  $\frac{2}{3}$  there should be shipped open half drain pipes - which I consider will be more useful & more economical.

I have etc

The Right Honble (signed)  
 Lord Huntsford Green

Roger F. Goldworthy

111.

G. H. S. J. D.

4<sup>th</sup> August 1891

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's circular despatch of the 6<sup>th</sup> May last transmitting for my information & guidance a letter from the Exchequer & Audit Department relating to Savings Bank accounts.

In reply I forward for communication to the Audit Department a report upon the matter received by me from the Colonial Treasurer who is also manager of the Savings Bank.

I have etc

The Right Honble

(signed)

Roger F. Goldworthy

Lord Huntsford Green

112.

G. H. S. F. D.

4<sup>th</sup> August 1891

My Lord.

I have the honor to enclose a return of all appointments to public office & all alterations made in the salaries or allowances of Public Officers for the quarter ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 1891

I have the  
The Right Honble (signed) Roger Tuckwell Goldsworthy  
Lord Mountford Grey  
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G. H. S. F. D.

4<sup>th</sup> August

My Lord.

I have the honor to acquaint your Lordship that the Deposits in the Government Savings Bank on this date amount to twenty thousand and twenty two pounds 3/-

I have the  
The Right Honble (signed) Roger Tuckwell Goldsworthy  
Lord Mountford Grey  
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114.

G. H. S. F. D.

4<sup>th</sup> August 1891

My Lord.

I have the honor to inform your Lordship that I have appointed a Commission composed as follows Messrs F. Sangermetti President J. J. Fillion, A. Baillon and Mr James Smith, to enquire into and report upon the prevalence or otherwise of the Truck System which I have reason to believe is general throughout the Colony—

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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 4<sup>th</sup> day of August 1891

| No. of Despatch. | Date of Despatch.     | Subject of Despatch.                            | No. of Enclosures. |
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| 92.              | 13 <sup>th</sup> July | Administration of Justice                       |                    |
| 93.              | 14 <sup>th</sup> .    | Ordinance<br>Minutes of the Co                  | 6<br>1             |
| 94.              | 15 <sup>th</sup> .    | C. Pembroke Register                            | 1                  |
| 95.              | 15 <sup>th</sup> .    | .. Digby House Rec.                             | 1                  |
| 96.              | 16 <sup>th</sup> .    | .. .. .                                         |                    |
| 97.              | 17 <sup>th</sup> .    | Vote for £300                                   |                    |
| 98.              | 18 <sup>th</sup> .    | Vote for £100                                   |                    |
| 99.              | 20 <sup>th</sup>      | .. £9-8-6.                                      |                    |
| 100.             | 21 <sup>st</sup>      | Ordinance Commission of Inquiry<br>mail service | 6                  |
| 101.             | 22 <sup>nd</sup> .    | Blake & Holmstead                               |                    |
| 102.             | 23 <sup>rd</sup> .    | Blake & Holmstead                               |                    |
| 103.             | 27 <sup>th</sup> .    | Family Settlements                              | 1                  |
| 104.             | 29 <sup>th</sup>      | Vote for £100 R.C. School                       |                    |

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| 105              | 31 <sup>st</sup> July | Colonial Chaplain          | 1                  |
| 106              | 1 <sup>st</sup> Aug   | Naturalization             | 6                  |
| 107              | 1 <sup>st</sup> "     | Public Health Ord          | 6                  |
| 108              | 3 <sup>rd</sup> "     | Bills for J. J. Co         |                    |
| 109              | 3 <sup>rd</sup> "     | Census                     |                    |
| 110              | 3 <sup>rd</sup> "     | Modifying Regulation       |                    |
| 111              | 4 <sup>th</sup> "     | Savings Bank               |                    |
| 112              | 4 <sup>th</sup> "     | Relieve of Public Officers | 1                  |
| 113              | 4 <sup>th</sup> "     | Savings Bank               |                    |
| 114              | 4 <sup>th</sup> "     | Truck.                     |                    |

in the Government Gazette the draft of an ordinance similar in all respects to that which received the sanction of Herby's sanction in Turks Island, and which, with some modifications notably in the 6<sup>th</sup> section, I thought might be adopted here & it was read a first time - subsequently I found that to make it workable in a place where the means of communication especially with the West Falkland and the surrounding islets were so few and the difficulty of keeping large sums of money on the various stations for the payment of labourers, considerable alterations and amendments would have to be made. I thought it advisable after considering the matter with the unofficial members, before proceeding to the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading to appoint a Commission, which should take evidence touching the Truck System & should suggest how it should be dealt with.

The Bill is not withdrawn but pending the report of the Commission I do not propose taking any further steps

I have &c

Sd Roger Tuckey Goldworthy

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115

G. H. S. F. D.  
12<sup>th</sup> August 1891

My Lord.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch No 26 of 14<sup>th</sup> May in reply to that of Governor Kerr, sanctioning the sale of Crown Land to Messrs Blake & Holmstedt.

As their application was made subsequently to that of W. Bertram, I beg to draw your Lordship's attention to Governor Kerr's Despatch No 143 of 24<sup>th</sup> December 1890 enclosing an application from the latter gentleman to purchase the Crown Land contained in the Ray Cove Station, to which your Lordship's sanction has not yet been received.

I have etc  
The Right Honble <sup>5<sup>th</sup></sup> Lord Tuck of Goldworthy  
Lord Mountford & Co.

116.

G. H. S. F. D.  
13<sup>th</sup> August 1891

My Lord.

I have the honor to forward for your Lordship's information copy of a resolution adopted by the Legislative Council at its last meeting, and to ask your Lordship to instruct the Crown Agents to carry out the requisition I have sent to them, through the Acting Colonial Secretary, by this mail.

The sum of £350 voted should cover all expenses, erection included, of the Bonded Warehouse so that for the building itself a larger sum than £175 should not be spent.

The inconvenience of not having a proper warehouse adjacent to the wharf, where goods can be unpacked is very great - at present they have to be taken to the Dockyard and thence by boat or cart to the consignees stores -

I have indicated for a larger building than is required for a bonded warehouse alone - it being thought that a portion could be utilized as a drake shed for the Volunteer Company it is proposed to form. the increased cost for a larger building being comparatively small -

The Right Honble I have the  
 Lord Knutsford, Esq. Sir Roger Tuckey Goldworthy  
 &c &c &c.

J. H. S. F. D.  
 August 18<sup>th</sup> 1891

117

My Lord,

Referring to my despatch 2061 of the 8<sup>th</sup> May and to the recommendations contained therein I have the honor to forward two photographs of what may be termed the Trend of the Government Jetty - comment is needless on its condition -

Enclosed is also a photograph of the Falkland Islands Co's chief Jetty with the hulk "Snow Squall" in the foreground -

In respect to the Government Jetty apart from the unsightliness it is a positive source of danger to those using it, one fatal accident having already occurred and I doubt whether in the event of any such accident Government might not be held liable -

If put into thorough repair it would cost as much as the construction of

of a proper T and to the jelly and its unsightliness would only be modified - in addition to which the timbers are all so rotten that I doubt whether the hull would bear repair.

With regard to the F. J. Co hulls I have sent a photo as I have doubts whether hulls in this condition may not prove fruitful sources of danger to the community - and this being so I bring the matter to your Lordship's notice -

I believe it is the intention ultimately to remove the "Snow Squal" but as it was determined prior to my coming to the Colony and the hull has not yet been broken up I think it better to inform your Lordship as I wish your Lordship's instructions as to whether hulls should be permitted to lie from year to year close into the shore.

I do not consider that there is any danger from those in mid-harbour - but I am doubtful whether the same can be said in respect of hulls situated as those of the Falkland Island Co are, added to which the fairway is interfered with.

I have no wish to do anything that might impede the business arrangements of the Company but at the same time I am bound to protect the interests of the community and I would ask your Lordship whether it is desirable that hulls should remain situated as those of the Falkland Island Co adjacent to the shore.

I attach the opinion of the Colonial Surgeon who is also President of the Board of Health touching the question from a sanitary point - and in view of the proceedings as reported in the Government Gazette of September 3<sup>rd</sup> I may state that the Inspector of Nuisances has reported unfavourably upon the "Snow Squal".

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apart from the foregoing remarks the position of these two hulks not only tend, but has considerably assisted in the silting up of the sand on the freshore and whereas formerly schooners of some size could come alongside the Company's jetty it is now impossible for any but small boats to do so and then only at high water.-

The adjacent plot where it is intended to have a Bonded warehouse has been equally affected, though possibly the Government Stone jetty may have been contributory thereto. still in the interests of the Government it is desirable that these hulks should be removed, or otherwise are long the proposed Bonded warehouse will be well in shore.-

I cannot by this mail send your Lordship a photograph in which the position of the Government Jetty is shown but I will do so by next mail but if the Government interests are to be conserved it is desirable that hulks aground should not be allowed.-

By the same opportunity I shall forward to your Lordship a copy of the permission to moor these hulks, which provided for their removal within 2 months if called on - subsequently the freshore being sold to the Co I am in doubt how far this proviso now holds good, but I shall more fully deal with this matter in a subsequent despatch.

The question of hulks immediately adjacent to and aground on the shore is one which will require your Lordship's serious consideration.

I have etc

Sd. Roger Tuckfield Goldworthy

G. H. P. F. D

August 18<sup>th</sup> 1891

My Lord,

I have the honor to forward herewith for your Lordship's information copy of a memorial from certain inhabitants of Stanley praying that land may be found for them.

There are the people mentioned in my despatch no 81 of 23<sup>rd</sup> June between whom & the 23 sheep farmers there is such strong feeling shown and which is gaining ground every day.

The memorial is signed by the principal inhabitants of Stanley who are following various vocations such as storekeepers, carpenters, ironworkers, labourers & such like but who have been and are desirous of obtaining land and investing their savings in the same.

My previous despatches have expressed my views so that it is unnecessary for me to reenter upon the subject except to express my conviction that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted but to do this and to enable the Government to ascertain what available land is at its disposal a survey is necessary. Though should your Lordship be willing to accede to my suggestions that if the present lessees are willing to give up one seventh of the entire land held by them, and which can be approximately ascertained by measurement on the cleared, a 21 years lease of the remainder, making fair allowance for "mountain spoils", should be granted.

This would set free a sufficient quantity of land for the small farmers pending a proper survey & any new lease should contain these words.

As the leaseholder now agrees that if a 6000 acre section were found see

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Survey to contain more than double that acreage and there are several such cases - that the leaseholder is entitled to the whole 12,000 or more acres - Surely my Lord such a construction cannot be put on the word "more or less" which convey to my understanding a possible difference of 5 to 10 per cent and which would be adjusted when a proper survey was held, for were it so the Government has alienated, except for purposes of sale, all the lands of the Colony.

With reference to your Lordship's Despatch no 26 of 14 May I most strongly deprecate the sale of land large areas of land as those recently arranged to be sold to the Falkland Islands Co Messrs Blake Holmstead & Mr. Bertrand were this process continued the goose which lays the golden egg will have been destroyed, for however much land might go up here the revenue would be constant at the low rate of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent on the purchase money.

Of course we can fall back on taxation but your Lordship will possibly not have forgotten the outcry raised and the steps taken by a company in B. Honduras, not altogether dissimilar to that of the Falkland Islands Co, on a very small increase of taxation being imposed on land - I therefore do not recommend any further alienation except to a small extent -

As a matter of fact it is neither more or less than land jobbing this acquisition of land - already the Falkland Islands Co let to others some of the land sold to them others it will go on with those who have large areas at their disposal.

Those who lease land will

will willingly from time to time pay a higher rental rather than have his lease determined & the land sold, but the man who owns the freehold will fight tooth and nail against any increase to a land tax - thus <sup>will</sup> the latter ~~will~~ thrive and will always be a disturbing element in any proposed increment in taxation however much the necessities of the Colony may require it - and after all who are the large landowners? why absentee proprietors who spend a large portion of the earnings of their estates in England - good for the mother country undoubtedly but bad for this Colony -

I have etc  
 sd Roger Tuckfield Goldsworthy

G. W. S. G. D  
 5<sup>th</sup> September

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General dated 30<sup>th</sup> July.

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Despatches mentioned in the margin

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 sd Roger Tuckfield Goldsworthy

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3<sup>rd</sup> July

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My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Circular Despatches mentioned in the margin

I have etc  
 sd Roger Tuckfield Goldsworthy.

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| 115              | 12 <sup>th</sup> Aug | Bertrand Land        |                    |
| 116              | 13 <sup>th</sup> "   | Bounded Warehouse    |                    |
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| 118              | 19 <sup>th</sup> "   | Memorial for Land    | 2                  |
| 119              | 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept | ACK Despatches       |                    |
| 120              | 5 <sup>th</sup> "    | " Circulars "        |                    |

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G. H. S. F. O.

15 September 1891

My Lord.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch no 37 of 10<sup>th</sup> July stating that the necessary warrant for the appointment of Mr Baillon as a member of the Legislative Council will be forwarded in due course.

I regret that I overlooked the fact that the Governor of the Falkland has no power to make a provisional appointment of this nature as exists in other colonies and that in consequence Mr Baillon has taken part in the proceedings in the Legislative Council.

I enclose copy of a healing Ordinance which Judge Roulledge has kindly drafted and which I propose introducing at the next meeting of the Leg Council. Might I suggest that looking to the infrequency of communication between these Islands and England and the want of telegraphic communication that it is even more essential here than elsewhere that power should be vested in the Governor to make provisional appointments of the above nature.

I have etc

(sgd) Roger Jackfield S.O. S. W. M.

G. H. S. F. O.

15 September 1891

122.

My Lord.

I have the honor with reference to your despatch no 39 of the 13<sup>th</sup> July and its enclosures to refer your lordship to my despatch no 708 of the 3<sup>rd</sup> ult and to endorse the opinion therein expressed that the drafts on this colony in favour of the Falkland Islands Company should not at all events for the present exceed £400 per month.

I have etc

(sgd) Roger Jackfield S.O. S. W. M.

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G.H.S. F. J

15 September 1891

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 31 of the 29<sup>th</sup> May sanctioning on the conditions named therein the sale to Mr William Wickham Bertrand of the Crown Land contained in Ryferr station in the West Falkland Island, consisting of 61,400 acres.

I have duly communicated to Mr Bertrand the tenor of your Lordship's despatch adding at the same time similar provisos to those contained in my letter addressed to Messrs Blake & Belmont and of which I informed Your Lordship in my despatch No. 70X of 23 July

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I have etc

(sp) Roger Tuckwell Goldsmith

G. H. S. F. J

15 September 1891

124

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 33 of 13<sup>th</sup> June forwarding c/s of a letter from the Board of Trade enclosing one from Lloyd's on the subject of the proposed telegraphic communication between Port Stanley and Cape Pembroke lighthouse, and I have duly noted that the subject is to be brought forward again another year

I have etc

(sp) Roger Tuckwell Goldsmith

125

G. H. S. F. J

15 September 1891

My Lord,

I have the honor to forward for your consideration a c/s of a letter from Mr. B. Milner, Assistant Pilot

The circumstances of the case are set forth in the accompanying memorandum by the Acting Colonial Secretary even admitting that through contrary winds the master of the vessel "P. J. Carleton" could not land the pilot at Stanley.

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still I am of opinion that Mr Widmer should have received daily pay for the whole period of his absence from Stanley besides compensation for his enforced detention

Should your Lordship concur with me might I ask your Lordship to cause the facts of the case to be communicated through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to the American Govt

I have etc

(sgd) Roger Tuckwell Goldworth

G. H. S. F. I

15 September 1891

126

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 40 of the 13<sup>th</sup> July informing me that the Cape Pembroke lighthouse oil and store accounts for March had not accompanied Mr Sanguinetti's despatch No. 45 of the 3<sup>rd</sup> April

I understand that the oversight was accidental and that they were duly forwarded by the mail leaving this Colony on the 28<sup>th</sup> June

I have etc

(sgd) Roger Tuckwell Goldworth

G. H. S. F. I

15 September 1891

127

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 41 of the 14<sup>th</sup> July with enclosures informing me that your Lordship approved of the interest on the unpaid balance of the purchase money of the property purchased by the Falkland Islands Company on the East Falkland being paid half yearly to the Crown Agents by two equal instalments on the 30<sup>th</sup> June and the 31<sup>st</sup> December respectively and that the first payment has been made.

I have communicated the same to the Manager of the Falkland Islands Company at Stanley

I have etc

(sgd) Roger Tuckwell Goldworth

128

G. H. S. F. J  
15 September 1891

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch sanctioning the expenditure of £2500 from the surplus funds of the Colony on the repairs to the public buildings.

I have already used a portion of the sum voted in the Estimates for "Public Works" for the more urgent repairs in connection with Government House, the public offices etc, but I shall direct that whatever sum has been expended on repairs enumerated in, and in accordance with the recommendations contained in the report of the Board of Survey, (enclosure in my despatch No: 6 of the 4<sup>th</sup> May) shall be debited to this £2500, thus there will be set free and be available for roads, drainage and other sanitary purposes a considerable sum - not however more than is absolutely requisite for disbursement during the current year.

I have etc

(sgd) Roger Jackson Esq. M. P.

129

G. H. S. F. J  
15 September 1891

My Lord,

In accordance with the request contained in Sir Robert Herbert's despatch of the 20<sup>th</sup> June last, marked "Library". I have the honor to enclose herewith 6 copies of Ordinance No. 4 of 1881. Ordinance No. 2 of 1872 (to provide for the establishment of a Savings Bank) was disallowed and consequently was not printed.

I have etc

(sgd) Roger Jackson Esq. M. P.

S. S. "Totmes" 16 Sep 1891

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| 121              | 15 Sep            | Provisional app't of Mr Baillon to his Council                                                       | 2                  | my despatch<br>rd copy of the<br>to in that<br>company of<br>re new ground. |
| 122              | " "               | Sale of drafts on Colony by C. Agnès in favour of Falkland Island Company                            | nil                | n Captain<br>the sand<br>he attributes                                      |
| 123              | " "               | Sale of land to Mr Bertrand                                                                          | nil                | nging to the<br>and the                                                     |
| 124              | " "               | Telephonic communication with Cape Pembroke lighthouse                                               | nil                | business<br>n of that<br>tward of the                                       |
| 125              | " "               | Claim of Asst Pilot Milner for compensation from owners of "P. J. Carleton"                          | two                | that are<br>does not<br>in a position<br>that may                           |
| 126              | " "               | Non-transmission of Oil & Store<br>of Cape Pembroke lighthouse                                       | nil                | in respect<br>ers of the<br>it and it is                                    |
| 127              | " "               | Mode of payment of interest on unpaid balances of purchase money for land of Falkland Island Company | nil                | uctions.<br>ade a<br>r rubbish and<br>quall "quite<br>pernt of view.        |
| 128              | " "               | Expenditure on Public Works                                                                          | nil                | "Squall"                                                                    |
| 129              | " "               | Copies of ordinances for library                                                                     | 6.                 | Island comp's<br>to her over                                                |
| 130              | " "               | Power to compel removal of hulks grounded in Harbour                                                 | 3                  | ecessor, Mr<br>complain.<br>only less<br>cally useless                      |

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G. H. S. F. J

15 September 1891

My Lord,

In fulfilment of the promise contained in my despatch no. 117 of the 18<sup>th</sup> ultimo I have now the honor to forward copy of the permission to move the hulk "Snow Squall" referred to in that despatch also copy of the grant to the Falkland Islands Company of the foreshore on which two out of three of these hulks are now grounded.

Accompanying also is a statement from Captain Campbell, the Pilot with reference to the sitting up of the sand and the damage done thereby to the Harbour which he attributes in a measure to the grounding of these hulks.

The Government hulks and those belonging to the Company, the "Snow Squall", the "William Shand", and the "Aetron" (acquired when Mr. Dray transferred his business to the Company) are the only ones with the exception of that belonging to Capt. Pache (grounded quite to the westward of the Harbour and a mile away from the anchorage), that are not afloat. With those afloat, enclosure A, it does not concern me to deal, as though some of them are in a position to obstruct free navigation, still that is a matter that may be dealt with under the port regulations; but in respect to those grounded on foreshore belonging to the owners of the hulks, I am doubtful how far I have power to act and it is on this point I have to ask Your Lordship's instructions.

These grounded hulks have also been made a receptacle for inhabitants, workmen, and others for rubbish and refuse so much so that in the case of the "Snow Squall" quite recently the Board of Health were, from a sanitary point of view, compelled to intervene.

It is essential I think that the "Snow Squall" should be removed but Mr. Baillon the Falkland Islands Company's Manager, is anxious to cut her down and plank her over, and not to remove her as promised by his predecessor, Mr. Cobb; this will not remedy the evil of which I complain, namely, that the customs foreshore is rendered yearly less valuable by the sitting up, and will become practically useless in

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no 117 of 18 Aug

in a short time. Even now except at the end of the  
Government Jetty, boats cannot come alongside at low water.  
I have etc

(sgd) Roger Jackson Esq. Secretary

G. H. S. F. I.

28<sup>th</sup> September 1891

131.

My Lord.

I have the honor to forward herewith  
an application from Mr James Greenshield  
for the purchase of Hougale Station, numbered  
47, 48, 70, 71 leased by him from the Crown  
as 42,000 acres.

The lease expires on the 14<sup>th</sup> April 1892  
I may state that this is the pick of the land  
comprised in that leased by him from the Crown  
as 76,127 acres but which I compute to contain  
over 112,000 acres.

Your Lordship is well aware  
that I do not concur in the advisability of  
thus alienating the Crown lands and I was  
glad to find from your Lordship's despatch  
no of that you also doubted its expediency  
I cannot therefore recommend Mr Greenshield's  
application -

Indeed I would ask your Lordship  
not to consent to any further alienation  
till the lands of the Colony have been surveyed.  
A survey should be from the  
nature of the country an expensive one  
and if commenced from Mr Greenshield's  
boundary a large portion of the boundaries  
of the land of present lessees would be as  
soon determined and without much further  
difficulty and expense those of Mr. R. B.

Messrs Bouver, Cameron, Filton and the Falkland Islands Company, ascertained. —

I should also mention that a large portion of Howgate Station is a Government Reserve and looking to the Harbour being an excellent one and doubtless of utter importance, such reserve should not be disposed of.

The Right Honble I have the  
Lord Knutsford & Co. St Roger Tuckey Goldworthy  
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G. H. P. F. O  
29<sup>th</sup> Sept 1891

My Lord,

I have the honor to forward herewith an application from Mr. W. K. Cameron for the purchase of all the lands leased by him from the Crown the sections being — nos 23, 36, 37, 40, 42, 45 and 53. —

Nos 36 and 42 expire on the 12<sup>th</sup> Oct and no 53 on the 21<sup>st</sup> Oct of the current year. no 40 on the 15<sup>th</sup> January no 23 on the 12<sup>th</sup> June no 42 on the 5<sup>th</sup> July 1892 and no 37 on the 26<sup>th</sup> May 1898. —

Touching no 37 H. San Carlos Governor Kerr made a minute on the 16<sup>th</sup> January 1891 when Mr. Cameron applied for a renewal of the lease as follows. — "a note should be made that it may be necessary to resume possession of the Government Reserve on no 37 for Customs purposes and perhaps a Township, if it is to be a permanent station."

"station for steamers to load frozen meat" -  
 North San Carlos is the port at which  
 steamers now call from whence the frozen  
 meat is reported. it would therefore be advisable  
 at all events to reserve it, for where it to become  
 a township the land would be very valuable  
 No 23 Jamies Head is already  
 a Government Reserve and should not be sold.

I would again respectfully  
 urge upon your Lordship the necessity of a  
 survey prior to alienating any further  
 Crown lands - The information at the  
 disposal of the Government as to the land  
 leased is but scant and discreditable to  
 any Crown Colony and I would again ask  
 vide my despatch No 81 of 23<sup>rd</sup> June that a  
 properly qualified surveyor be sent out to  
 make a report as to the cost of such a survey

It would of course be preferable  
 had he a knowledge of geology - but the survey  
 is of primary importance. -

I should state that fresh  
 leases have not been issued in respect of any  
 of these stations - should I do so they will  
 be in terms of the conditions herewith  
 enclosed (reserved excepted) and if not accepted  
 I shall offer an occupation license pending  
 your Lordship's decision

I have the  
 honor to be  
 Sir Roger Tuckey Goldsworthy

The Right Honble  
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133.

My Lord

I have the honor to acquaint you that the deposits in the  
 Government Savings Bank amount to £20 811-6-0

I have the  
 honor to be  
 Sir Roger Tuckey Goldsworthy

Per "Habarua"

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| 131                 | 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept | Greenwich                   |                       |
| 132                 | 29 <sup>th</sup> "    | Cameroon                    |                       |
| 133                 | 30 <sup>th</sup> "    | Savigny Bank                |                       |
| 134                 | 30 <sup>th</sup> "    | resignation of Adams Foster |                       |
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134.

G. H. S. F. D.  
30<sup>th</sup> September 1891

My Lord,

I have the honor to report to your Lordship that Henry Adams, who has been filling the post of Gaoler has resigned on account of ill health.

I propose appointing in Adams place Harold Millett who is at present a police constable and printer.

As the gaol is often for a lengthened period without prisoners I propose moving the printing press there and giving Millett a small increase to the Gaoler's salary of £5 per month, to do any printing that may be required.

I have etc  
Edw. Tuckwell Goldsmithy.

135

G. H. S. F. D.  
1<sup>st</sup> Oct 1891

My Lord,

I have the honor to report for your Lordship's information that the Chief Constable George Hurst was wounded on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> instant by the male of the Barrage Knight Commander.

The male, Foster by name, had been arrested and placed in the guard room and on the Chief Constable entering it, Foster levelled a pistol and shot him in the abdomen.

For some days the Chief

Chief Constable was in a precarious state  
 but, I am pleased to report, is now doing well  
 Foster has been committed for  
 trial on the charge of 1<sup>st</sup> attempted murder  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Feloniously wounding

I have etc

sd Roger Tuck<sup>r</sup> Goldsmithy.

G. N. S. F. I.  
 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 1891

136.

My Lord

I have the honor to forward herewith  
 for transmission to the Board of Trade an account  
 current with supporting vouchers for advances  
 made by this Government on account of  
 Distressed British Seamen for the year ended  
 30<sup>th</sup> September

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

I have etc

sd Roger Tuck<sup>r</sup> Goldsmithy.

The Right Honble

Lord Huntford G.C. &c.  
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137.

G. H. S. F. J.

19<sup>th</sup> Oct 1891

My Lord.

I have the honor to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the audit department the report of the Survey of the Colonial Chest for the quarter ended 30<sup>th</sup> September and a certificate of the quarterly Survey containing a statement of the receipts and disbursements of the Colony during the same period.

I have etc

The Right Honble

S<sup>d</sup> Roger Tuck<sup>r</sup> Goldworthy.And Knuckford Esq  
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138.

G. H. S. F. J.

19<sup>th</sup> October 1891.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith for transmission to the Board of Trade, the accounts showing the oil stores expended at Cape Pembroke Lighthouse during the quarter ended 30<sup>th</sup> September.

I have etc

S<sup>d</sup> Roger Tuck<sup>r</sup> Goldworthy

The Right Honble

And Knuckford Esq  
 he he he

139

G. H. S. F. D.  
20<sup>th</sup> Oct 1890

My Lord.

I have the honor to forward herewith six copies of an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to extend to this Colony a certain act of Parliament cited as the Bills of Exchange Act 1882" which passed the Legislative Council unanimously.

Trusting that it may meet with your Lordships approval and obtain Her Majesty's gracious confirmation & assent.

I have the

Y<sup>rs</sup> Roger Tuckwell Goldworthy.

Y. H. S. F. D.

21<sup>st</sup> Oct 1891

140.

My Lord

With reference to your despatch  
 no 37 of 10<sup>th</sup> July I submitted the accompanying  
 ordinance, entitled "an ordinance to declare the  
 validity of all ordinances passed and votes granted  
 by the Legislative Council during the period  
 between the 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 1891 when Andrew  
 E. Baillon Esq<sup>r</sup> took his seat as a member of  
 the Council and the date when Her Majesty's  
 Warrant for his appointment as such member  
 was issued" - to the Legislative Council and it  
 was passed unanimously. And I now beg that  
 it may be submitted for Her Majesty's gracious  
 confirmation and allowance

I have the

of Roger Tuck<sup>r</sup> Goldworthy.

G. H. S. F. D.

October 22<sup>nd</sup> 1891.

141.

My Lord,

I have the honor to enclose 6 copies of an ordinance intitled "an ordinance to consolidate and amend the laws relating to Customs Duties and Trade" which has been duly passed by the Legislative Council -

The laws relating to Customs were No 10 of 1882, No 2 of 1889, and No 4 of 1890 and considering that their consolidation was requisite whilst somewhat more stringent provisions were required especially in respect to vessels visiting the West Falkland, I gladly availed myself of the services kindly offered by Judge Roulidge to carry out the same -

In the new ordinance an "interpretation clause" defining "Collector of Customs", "Officer of Customs", "vessel", "master", and "port wharves" has been inserted - provision has <sup>also</sup> been made that where a vessel is discharging cargo that not only shall an officer be employed at the rate of 10/- per diem as in the old Customs ordinance, when there are dutiable articles on board, but that on all occasions when discharging cargo a Customs officer shall be present and such officer shall be paid at the foregoing rate -

This I deem essential as frauds on the revenue are just as easily carried out indeed "more so" where articles declared to be not dutiable but which possibly on inspection may prove to be otherwise are being

being landed -

alterations have necessarily been made in the numbering of the clauses and consequently in the numbering of the forms in the Schedule which latter have been rendered more uniform in their phraseology -

In penul clause instead of not giving any discretion to the judicial authority the words "not exceeding" have been inserted -

It was thought also advisable to constitute all officers of Customs, Excise & Officers which has been done in clause 42.

The Ordinance passed through its various stages without opposition and I beg that your Lordship will obtain Her Majesty's assent thereto

I have etc

Ed Roger Tuckey Goldworthy

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford Esq.

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142.

G. H. S. F. D.

23<sup>rd</sup> October 1891.

My Lord,

I have the honor to forward for your Lordship's consideration the enclosed particulars relative to a pension proposed to be granted to Charles McAlister whose resignation as a constable I called for & accepted -

With reference to the shooting at Chief Constable Hurst whose return to duty I am glad to report, it transpired at the trial of Regina v. Foster that the conduct of McAlister had been of a provoking nature - hence the inquiry which I ordered. of which I enclose a copy -

Taking into consideration McAlister's age his previous service and possession of a good conduct medal with the recommendation of the Court of Inquiry composed of the Judge, Mr. Tilton M.P. and Mr. Baillon J.P. I am able to ask that your Lordship will sanction a reduced pension of £12 per annum being granted to him.

I have etc

J<sup>d</sup> Roger Tuckey Goldworth.

The Right Honble

Lord Huntford &amp; Co.

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143

G. H. J. J.

24<sup>th</sup> October 1891.

My Lord,

I have the honor to forward a petition from the residents of the East Falklands to myself setting forth the inefficiency & irregularity of the present mail service as carried out by the Rosens Co the present contractors and requesting my "urgent attention" to the matter—

In view of the facts stated by me in my Despatch No 101 of 22<sup>nd</sup> July & of the representations made by the memorialists the best course it appears for me to adopt is to communicate with your Lordship in order that steps may be taken to ensure increased facilities and a more efficient & regular mail service at the hands of the Rosens Co which will not how ~~ever~~ I fear be obtained without a penal clause being added to any contract which may be made with that Company or failing their compliance the determination of the present one and negotiations being entered into with the Pacific Royal Mail Company or the Queen Line which latter I understand is willing to put on steamers suitable for the service—

The enclosed resolution passed unanimously at a meeting of the Legislative Council affords your Lordship the opportunity of offering an increased mail subsidy which it is hoped will enable such a contract to be entered into as will do away with all cause  
for

for dissatisfaction, which I regret to say very wide spread amongst all classes of the colonists - feeling and not unjustifiably that their means of communication with the mother country & the outer world is of a very uncertain & fitful character accompanying are some suggestions formulated at a meeting held under the chairmanship of His Honor Judge Roulledge at my request which may possibly be useful in considering the terms and conditions of any new contract. -

I extract the following from a letter addressed by Mr. Gellou M.D.C. to the Colonial Secretary through whom the petition was forwarded to myself. There is a petition to the same effect that will most likely arrive by next mail from the "West Falklands".

Trusting that your Lordship will be able to give this matter your immediate consideration as the present contract expires on the 1<sup>st</sup> July next and by clause 14 of the same six calendar months notice is I presume essential

I have etc

st Roger Tuckey Goldsworthy.

The Right Honble

Lord Auckland & Co.

to to to

G. H. S. J. D.

24<sup>th</sup> October 1891

No 144.

My Lord,

I have the honor to forward herewith six copies of Ordinance No 8 of 1891 entitled "an ordinance to provide for licensing Brewers, and to impose a duty on Beer manufactured in the Colony."

This ordinance was introduced consequent upon an application made to me for a license to brew Beer -

Trusting that the ordinance will meet with your Lordship's approval & obtain Her Majesty's gracious confirmation & allowance

I have the

Y<sup>rs</sup> Roger Tuck<sup>r</sup> Goldsworthy

The Right Honble

Lord Pembroke &amp; Montgomery

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145.

G. H. S. F. D

24 October 1891

My Lord.

I have the honor to request that your Lordship will be pleased to instruct the Crown Agents to procure for the Police & Revenue Service of the Colony three suitable men, under a five years engagement, on the usual conditions.

The salary of the appointment is £5 per mensem quarters & seat.

If possible one should have a knowledge of printing - as we are now entirely dependent on one man who might at any moment become incapacitated by illness.

The two others I should prefer if they had some training on board a man of war they are more amenable to discipline besides would be useful if any of the crew of the mail & Revenue schooner were laid up.

As your Lordship will perceive from the estimates I have increased the police by 3 men but this in view of their performing revenue duty for which hitherto men taken from the ordinary working population have been employed.

The payments made in respect of the services of Revenue officers by Sec 3 of the Customs Ordinance, being paid into the Treasury and not therefor to the Revenue Officer himself, will decrease the amount payable under the head of Police Department.

I have the

The Right Honble.

Lord Kimberford &amp; Co.

2d Roger F. Goldsmithy

G. H. S. J. J.

24<sup>th</sup> October 1891

146.

My Lord,

I have the honor to transmit to your Lordship a letter which I have received from Mr James Smith relative to the Immigration System under which I and many others came to this Colony.

Mr Smith appeared to consider that he had a claim against the Company and soon after my arrival in the Colony wished to appeal to your Lordship.

On my suggestion he waited till the arrival of the new Judge Mr Roulledge before whom he brought his case. His Honor however decided that he had no ground of action - the accompanying (Enclosure A) is the reply to a minute (B) which I sent to Mr Roulledge.

I have not any comment to make upon Mr Smith's personal case but owing to a statement made in his letter regarding some individuals having received free passages as immigrants on two or three occasions I caused the record to be searched and found that his statements are to a certain extent borne out.

Some records however are missing which are necessary to verify entirely the statements in the enclosure to Mr Smith's letter -

For instance in the case of Thomas Watson the passenger list per "Chiselhurst" is not to be found. Though there is an account as between the Immigration Agents and the Colony showing the payments of the monies to the Falkland Islands Company for passages, and in respect

respect of the 'Guadiana' - whilst the accounts as between the Immigration agents and the Colony are missing, the passenger list contains the names of Watson, wife, and 3 children -

I can scarcely believe that Ronsingly the Immigration Commissioners would give the same man a free passage to the Colony on 3 different occasions and that his children born in the Colony would be also looked upon in the light of immigrants and a free passage accorded to them. but if it be so the proceeding has been most irregular and the real object for which free passages were given has been in my opinion frustrated.

I have etc.

Y<sup>rs</sup> Roger Tuck<sup>r</sup> Goldworthy

The Right Honble

Lord Huntford G.C.M.G.

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G. H. S. J. D

26<sup>th</sup> October 1891

147.

My Lord,

I have the honor to forward herewith for transmission to the Board of Trade an account current with supporting vouchers for advances made by this Government on account of Cape Pembroke Lighthouse -

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

I have ~~sent~~

cc Roger Tuckey Goldworthy.

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford Esq.

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Y. H. S. F. I.

26<sup>th</sup> October 1891

148.

My Lord.

I have the honor in reply to your Despatch No 45 of 31<sup>st</sup> July enclosing a despatch from the Governor General of Canada asking for information regarding the seal fisheries in these seas - to forward a précis of the replies to the questions asked, which I have been enabled to obtain here -

I regret that the information is not as full as it might be desired but unfortunately Capt Haurese an old and experienced sealer from whom I had hoped to obtain full particulars was accidentally drowned before my letter, requesting his views on a matter on which he was looked upon as an authority, reached him -

I have been given to understand by those conversant with these matters - indeed it is referred to in the accompanying précis, that foreigners much destroy the seals in the close season, which exists here from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> April.

The foreign vessels alluded to are American sealers and formed the subject of correspondence between Governor Kerr & Capt Musgrave senior naval officer on the S.F. American coast -

I shall probably when better informed on the whole question, be able to submit my opinion on the subject. at present I refrain from doing so

I have the

The Right Honble

Rt Honble Roger Tuckey Goldworthy.

Lord Huntford G. C. S. G.

G. H. S. F. I.

149.

26<sup>th</sup> October 1891

My Lord,

I have the honor to forward herewith an application from Mr. J. J. Fillion for the purchase of the Crown Lands at present leased by him.

Your Lordship is aware that I am opposed to alienating large blocks of land and looking to the survey mentioned in your despatch, shortly taking place I cannot recommend Mr. Fillion's application at any rate for the present.

I have etc

sd Roger Tuck<sup>r</sup> Goldworthy.

The Right Honble

Lord Huntford G.C.M.G.

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G. H. S. F. D.

26<sup>th</sup> October 1891.

150.

My Lord,

I have the honor, in reply to your  
Circular despatch of the 23<sup>rd</sup> June, to forward the  
information sought by the Minister representing  
the Netherlands

I have etc

cc Roger Tuckey? Goldworth

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford &amp; Co.

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