

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the 20th April 1889, by S.S. Kambyes, via Punta Arenas.

No.	Date	Subject of Despatch	Enclosure
72.	20 th April 1889	Private Secretary, appointment of, reporting.	nil.

No. 73.

G.H.S.G.I.

4th May 1889.

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith in duplicate a letter addressed to your Lordship by Mr. James Smith of Stanley, dated on the 1st of May instant.

2. I shall as briefly as possible report on Mr. Smith's allegations - which are apparently based on very imperfect knowledge or observation.

3. With reference to my alleged breach of the Quarantine regulations on the 16th of December 1883, I find on reference to my corresponding and other records, that the Kosmos steamer "Sakkarah" arrived in the harbour between 9 and 10 on the evening of that day. Captain Mayow of H.M.S. Rifleman dined with me that evening, and as I wished to offer Mr. Staudé the Managing Director of the Kosmos Company - who was a passenger by the "Sakkarah" - the hospitality of Government House, Captain Mayow offered to take me off to the steamer soon after she anchored. On going alongside I found the Customs boat, and the Kosmos Agents' boat waiting, but that Mr. Hamilton, the visiting officer could not be found, although he had been sent for, and both of these boats had waited for him for some time. I waited a long time expecting him to come off, and then, having made the necessary inquiries and finding that there had been no illness on board, and that there was a clean bill of health from Montevideo, I gave the vessel pratique and allowed the passengers and mails to be landed. I was very anxious to receive the mail that night, as I expected a reply to my telegraphic despatch announcing the death of Mr. Green, the Colonial Secretary. Before I left the steamer Mr. Hamilton came off board, and excused himself by saying that he had missed the boat.

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4. With reference to the case of H.M.S. Swallow which was in quarantine for a few days in December last, having lost a man from yellow fever soon after leaving Rio Janeiro - it was found that she was in a thoroughly healthy condition, and I allowed, according to the practice in all previous cases - and with the consent of the lessee of the adjoining sheep run - the Officers and men to land for exercise at Sparrow Cove, ^{on the North side of Port Williams} a place at least ten miles distant from the nearest Shepherd's hut.

5. At the time of the departure of H.M.S. Swallow, told me privately that he desired to express his regret for having thoughtlessly and unintentionally been a party to a breach of the quarantine Regulations on the evening before he received pratique: he said that a boat ^{on board of} which were the Colonial Secretary, the Government Clerk, Mr. F.J. Cobb, and a lady, had rowed near the vessel, and that while they were conversing with his Officers and himself some refreshments - cake and fruit - were lowered into the boat, and partaken of by its occupants. He said that he was aware that Dr. Hamilton knew all about it, but that he wished to express his regret for having heedlessly permitted it. This was my only information on the subject, and Dr. Hamilton made no report on it, although I found afterwards that he had been in communication with Mr. James Smith respecting the occurrence.

6. The statement that I boarded the mail steamer on the 20th last month before she was admitted to pratique, is untrue. I went off to the steamer soon after her arrival to meet my son who was a passenger by her. The visiting officer had been on board for some time when ^{I went} alongside, and on being informed by the officer at the gangway that pratique had been given, I went on board, where I was received by the Captain who informed me that Dr. Hamilton had given pratique and was then in the cabin.

7. With reference to the memorial of the 16th of September 1884, which contained a request that the quarantine regulations as to infected ports should be extended to Chili, I immediately communicated with the British Consul at Valparaiso, a copy of whose reply I transmit herewith, after the receipt of which I did not feel justified in proclaiming the Chilean ports to be "infected places".

8. With reference to the manner of the introduction of measles by the Rosario steamer in July last, there was for a long time much

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Valparaiso to C.
Secretary Standard*

much uncertainty. Only two passengers arrived in the Colony by that steamer, both of them labouring men, who have ever since been at work on the sheep farms, and who has not had the disease. The vessel was reported by the Captain as having no sickness on board, and it now seems tolerably certain that a child of one of the second class passengers, ^{in Stanley} had measles while the vessel was in harbour taking in cargo, and one of the crew of the ^{in Stanley} boat, who was a good deal on board the vessel, was the first person ^{in Stanley} suffered from the disease. There is no reason however for believing that the Captain of the steamer was aware of the existence of any disease on board, neither is it probable that a visit by the Colonial Surgeon would have detected ~~so unimportant~~ a case.

9. It would be impossible by any system of visiting steamers arriving from Punta Arenas after a passage of less than two days, absolutely to prevent the introduction of infectious disease, as passengers frequently go on board at that port from the Pacific Company's steamers from the River Plate, on board of which cases of measles sometimes occur, and the disease may exist in its incipient form, and only become distinguishable after the persons attacked have landed. The only certain mode of making the introduction of such diseases impossible, would be by placing all steamers arriving from short voyages, in quarantine, and causing the passengers for the shore to be isolated in a hulk or lazaretto until all danger was over; but such a regulation would be very vexatious in its operation, both to the importers of goods, and to passengers and their friends, while the expense would be very great.

10. Typhoid fever appears to be localised in only one part of Stanley, of which the house in which Mr Smith lives is the centre.

11. When the settlement was first made, a slaughterhouse was built there for the Government, at which all the animals required for the food of the population were killed, and the whole surrounding area, — at that time outside the town. — was saturated with blood and offal; more recently Mr Smith started the business of a butcher in the same locality, thus reviving the former nuisance, which he continued during the first years of my administration of the Government; but after the extension of the town boundary, he received notice to discontinue it.

12. The deaths from typhoid fever have almost invariably occurred in that neighbourhood, or have been traceable to it. In 1885 a daughter of the lightkeeper at Cape Pembroke, died of the disease at the lighthouse, but she had ² been previously at school in Stanley and

had lodged with friends in Smith's immediate neighbourhood. Dr. Huston, when at Darwin, told me that he had traced the cause of a death which had occurred at Darwin from typhoid, to the same locality. Smith himself and two of his ~~children~~^{AK.} have lately been ill with typhoid symptoms. Two of the children of a neighbour named Rowland have died of it, as also two of the children of another neighbour named Bernstein, and there have been other cases of the disease in the same families which have not terminated fatally. In these cases as well as in previous instances, Typhoid has made its appearance, when rainy weather has succeeded a long period of drought, and impure water has been thoughtlessly used for drinking and cooking.

12. The drainage of the town of Stanley has been constantly proceeded with during every year of my administration, and large sums have been expended in repairing and renewing the imperfect drains which previously existed, and in constructing new ones. Something still remains to be done, but I do not believe that any recent cases of illness are traceable to improper or imperfect drainage.

14. I do not understand the allusions to misuses on Government property, and no report has ever been made to me by the Board of Health, on the subject.

15. The statement with reference to the wages of the workmen re-employed by the Government in December last, is based on the following circumstances. Shortly before the end of that month, it was found that the balance remaining of the vote for Works and Buildings, was not sufficient to meet the cost of re-employing all of the labourers, for the whole of the month, and some of them rather than be turned off the works on the last week of the year, elected to receive their wages for that week, as arrears, on the following month. They were therefore paid at the end of December, for the first three weeks, and the arrears (amounting in the whole to £14. 5. 8., were entered separately against each of their names on the wages list for January, under the respective amounts due to them for that month, as may be seen by reference to the vouchers transmitted in my despatch No. 89 of the 5th of February last, to be forwarded to the Audit Department.

16. It is not true that any workmen are paid for work which they do not perform.

17. I do not understand what is meant by the yearly balance sheet, with reference to the Rules and Regulations for the colonies; and with respect to Rule 284, which refers to the furnishing of the government house, no deduction has been made from the salary of any governor since the settlement of the Colony.

18. I regret to have had to occupy your lordship's attention to such an extent in reporting on the subjects which have been brought to your notice, but I have thought it best not to pass lightly over any of them, however baseless or malicious they may be.

The Right Honourable
Lord Kneppford. G.C.M.G.

I have to
Ld) T. Kerr.

No. 74.

G.H.S.T.S.

8th May 1889.

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith - in duplicate - one letter addressed to your lordship by Mr. James Smith, dated on the 7th of May instant, respecting which I have the honour to report as follows.

2. Mr. Smith was duly informed by the Colonial Secretary of the receipt on the 2^d instant, of his letter of the 1st instant, for transmission to your lordship.

3. The memorial on the subject of the mail service, which Mr. Smith incorrectly refers to as having been forwarded to me for transmission to your lordship, was a petition to the governor, a copy of which I transmit herewith, as well as a copy of a letter from Mr. T. Langdon, in behalf of himself and the other petitioners, requesting leave to withdraw it.

4. When I received that petition, I informed Mr. Langdon - who drew it up - that as it was not a privileged communication I would refer it to the Agent of the Kosmos Company - which was done, and the result was that the petition was at once withdrawn.

5. I informed your lordship fully respecting the delay of the mails by the Kosmos Steamers in my despatches noted in the margin. It is scarcely necessary to notice seriously the scandalous insinuation that I received presents from the Kosmos Company's vessels, in the nature of bribes, which is I suppose based upon the fact that on several occasions, cases of claret have been landed for me from the steamers, the agent having been good enough to purchase ^{some} for me from the ship's stores when my supplies from England have run short - no good wine being procurable.

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procurable in the Colony— Of course the price which I paid for it was at the same rate at which it is supplied to passengers.

6. Respecting 'Consumption of fuel' I am unable to understand what is meant.

I have &c.

(sd) T. Kerr

The Right Honourable
Lord Rutherford G.C.M.G.

No. 75

G. H. S. F. I.

10th May 1889.

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith in duplicate, a Memorial addressed to your Lordship by Mr. F. J. Cobb and Mr. J. J. Falton, Members of the Legislative Council, on the subject of the Quarantine Regulations of this Colony.

2. In reporting on this Memorial, I beg in the first place to refer your Lordship to my despatch No. 68 of the 20th of April last, in which I informed you of the difficulties which had arisen by the conflict of authority under the Quarantine Regulations and the Public Health Ordinance, and suggested that the administration of the provisions of the Quarantine Ordinance should be transferred to the Board of Health, at that time composed of the petitioners and two official members.

3. The correspondence which I transmit herewith, contains a full statement of the subject of this memorial, and shews that before it was written, the memorialists knew that I had already referred it to your Lordship with a recommendation that such a transfer of authority should be made.

4. In my despatch No. 105 of the 10th October last, I reported to your Lordship concerning the epidemic of measles which had prevailed in Stanley, and the report on the Annual Blue Book for 1888 transmitted in my despatch No. 61 of the 20th of March last, contains the report of the Colonial Surgeon in which he makes no mention of deaths— directly or indirectly from measles, nor has any actual case of death been reported to me, as having resulted from the effects of measles, although in many cases protracted illness was said to have resulted.

5. There was much doubt for some time as to the manner in which the disease was introduced, although it has at last been assumed

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assumed as certain, that the child of a passenger in transit by the Dredger was ill when the vessel was in Stanley harbour in July last. The Captain of the steamer ~~had~~ at the time, and the Agent afterwards, in reply to a letter from the Colonial Secretary - copies of which I transmit herewith - reported, as I believe, in good faith, that there was no sickness on board - and it is not probable that Dr. Hamilton, had he visited the vessel on her arrival, in the ordinary manner, would have become aware of a circumstance which was unknown and unsuspected at the time of the arrival of the vessel.

2/ 6. Mr. Falton informed me, that when he was on the voyage from England to Punta Arenas, there were cases of measles on board the Pacific Company's steamer, and one child had died of the disease, and that persons like himself and his family who were transhipped to the Kosmos steamer at Punta Arenas might easily have conveyed the infection to Port Stanley.

7. Persons might under such circumstances join the Kosmos steamer at Punta Arenas with the latent germs of infectious disease, and be landed at Stanley before it developed itself, in spite of the most rigorous examination, and although Punta Arenas was perfectly healthy, seeing that the voyage never exceeds two days. Such cases however would be very rare, and strict attention to the regulations for the guidance of the visiting officer, as to the necessary precautions to be put, and examination of the Bill of Health before boarding, are a sufficient safeguard under ordinary circumstances, as it is most unlikely that the Captain would run the risk of incurring the heavy penalty to which he would be liable for untrue answers.

8. The transfer of the Quarantine Authority to the Board of Health, and the appointment of a more reliable and capable Medical Officer to direct the proceedings of the Board, would, I believe, have the effect of allaying discontent and apprehension, and would probably give general satisfaction.

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(s) T. Kerr

The Right Honourable
Lord Kneppford. G.C.B. M.P.

No. 76.

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith, to be forwarded to

G. H. S. F. J.

13th May 1889.

Separate

to the Audit Department, the Cash Account of this Colony for the month of April 1889, with supporting vouchers and a copy of the Treasurer's Cash Book.

The Right Honourable
Lord Kentsford. G.C.M.G.

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(sd) T. Kerr

No. 77.

G. H. S. F. I.

14th May 1889.

My Lord

In reply to your Circular Despatch of the 13th November last, requesting me to furnish you with the information desired by the Statute Law Revision Committee as to Sections 15 and 17 & 5 and 6 Wm. 4. Cap 62 having been repealed, altered, or amended by local legislation, and whether there is any objection to the repeal of those sections, and of 22 and 23 Vict. cap 12. I have the honour to inform you that no action has been taken by the Legislature of this Colony with regard to sections 15 and 17 & 5 + 6 Wm. 4. Cap 62, and that the act 22 + 23 Vict. cap 12. has not been extended to this Colony.

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(sd) T. Kerr.

The Right Honourable
Lord Kentsford G.C.M.G.

No. 78

G. H. S. F. I.

15th May 1889.

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Circular despatch of the 2nd November last requesting me to reply to your Circular despatch of the 29th February 1888 in which you requested to be informed whether it was desired in this Colony that legislation should be initiated in the Imperial Parliament, extending copyright throughout the Colonies, to works of art produced in a Colony.

2. As far as I can learn or am capable of judging, it is extremely improbable that any work of art or of literature will be produced in this Colony in the near future, and that any legislation in the nature of protection to be given by way of copyright to the authors of literary

or artistic works would be premature and unnecessary.

The Right Honourable

Lord Kintford G.C.M.G.

I have the

(sd) T. Kerr.

No. 79.

G. H. S. F. I.

16th May 1889.

My Lord

With reference to your Circular despatch of the 25th February 1888, respecting supplies of warlike stores to Colonies, I have the honour to inform you that no warlike stores have been required in this Colony for a very long period, and that there is no prospect of any immediate requirement of such supplies.

2. I regret very much that the above mentioned despatch was not replied to at the proper time.

I have the

(sd) T. Kerr.

The Right Honourable

Lord Kintford G.C.M.G.

No. 80

G. H. S. F. I.

18th May 1889.

My Lord

^b I have the honour to transmit herewith six printed copies of Ordinance No. 6 of 1889 entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Laws relating to Juries and Inquisitions."

2. This Ordinance, which has been framed in accordance with the instructions conveyed to me in your Lordship's despatch No. 49 of the 24th November, was passed in the Legislative Council without opposition, and I trust that it will meet with your approval and receive Her Majesty's gracious confirmation and allowance.

I have the

(sd) T. Kerr.

The Right Honourable.

Lord Kintford G.C.M.G.

No. 81

G. H. S. F. I.

18th May 1889.

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My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith six printed copies of ordinance No. 7 of 1889 entitled "An Ordinance to abolish the

'the Office of Coroner in the Falkland Islands?

2. This Ordinance was framed in accordance with the suggestion contained in your Lordship's despatch No. 49 of the 24th November last, in which you wished me to consider whether Coroner's inquest might not be abolished, and an inquisition by the Police Magistrate in Stanley, and by two Justices of the Peace in any other part of the Colony, substituted.

3. I approve of the expediency of this enactment for several reasons, the chief of which is, that inquisitions concerning the causes of death by violence or accident are likely to be conducted with more deliberation and impartiality by persons holding the responsible office of Justices of the Peace, than by the class of persons from whom juries are taken in this small community, in whom prejudice and injurious impulse often override reason and evidence, and whose verdicts might cause the temporary imprisonment of a person who might not only be innocent of crime, but against whom no ^{sufficient} evidence might appear, to warrant his commitment for trial.

4. The Ordinance was passed in the Legislative Council, but Mr. Cobb, the only one of the unofficial members present, voted against it for reasons contained in an extract from the minutes of the Council, which I transmit herewith.

5. Mr. Cobb's opposition was unlooked for, as he has always expressed the strongest disapproval of the ordinary conduct of juries, but as he appears in this case to represent the views and feelings of the class who serve on juries, and as I am informed that some agitation is in progress for the purpose of obtaining signatures to a protest against the provisions of the Ordinance, I have withheld my assent, until it has been submitted for your Lordship's consideration.

The Right Honourable
Lord Kintford G.C.M.G.

No. 82.

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith, six printed copies of Ordinance No. 8 of 1889 entitled "An Ordinance to authorise

I have &c.
(sd) T. Kerr

G.H.S.F.J.

20th May 1889.

"authorize the prohibition of the export of certain articles."

2. This Ordinance was passed unanimously in the Legislative Council, and I trust that it will meet with your Lordship's approval and receive Her Majesty's gracious confirmation and allowance.

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The Right Honourable

Lord Kentsford G.C.M.G.

(sd) T. Kerr.

No. 83

G. H. S. F. I.

20th May 1889.

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith six printed copies of Ordinance No. 9 of 1889, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the payment of compensation in the respect of the loss or damage of parcels in the post."

2. This Ordinance was passed unanimously in the Legislative Council and I trust that it will meet with your Lordship's approval, and receive Her Majesty's gracious confirmation and allowance.

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(sd) T. Kerr.

The Right Honourable

Lord Kentsford G.C.M.G.

No. 84.

G. H. S. F. I.

20th May 1889.

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith, six printed copies of Ordinance No. 10 of 1889, entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Law relating to the sale of Tobacco in the Colony of the Falkland Islands."

2. When the "License Ordinance 1882" was passed, the several Spirit Licensing Ordinances previously in force were repealed, and it escaped my notice at that time, that the Tobacco license Ordinance No. 5 of 1878 contained certain provisions respecting the sale of Spirits, wine, and beer and permitted persons holding licenses under the Wholesale and retail Spirit License Ordinances then in force, to sell tobacco without license.

3. The repeal of these Spirit License Ordinances by the licensing Ordinance 1882, rendered all dealers in Tobacco who did not take out a license under the Tobacco Ordinance 1878, liable to penalties and for this reason, and in order to regulate the sale of Tobacco both

both in Stanley and in the outlying districts, the present Ordinance has been passed.

4. The Revenue to be derived from the operation of this Ordinance will be small, but it is important that there should be a registration, by means of licenses, of all persons who are engaged in the sale of an article which is liable to a high Customs duty, and with reference to which, it has been found necessary to take every possible precaution to prevent smuggling.

5. This Ordinance was passed unanimously in the Legislative Council, and I trust that it will meet with your Lordship's approval, and receive Her Majesty's gracious confirmation and allowance.

I have the
Sd^d T. Kerr.

The Right Honourable
Lord Kentsford G.C.M.G.

No. 85

G. H. S. F. J.

21st May 1889.

My Lord

With reference to my despatch No. 81 of the 18th of May instant transmitting for your consideration, copies of the Coroner's Abolition Ordinance, I have the honour to request that in event of your instructing me to assent to the Ordinance, you will be pleased to sanction the payment of such like fees to the Police Magistrate and Justices of the Peace on making inquisitions, as have hitherto been paid to Coroners.

2. The fees hitherto paid to Coroners have not been fixed by legislation, but it has been customary to pay two guineas to the Coroner for holding each inquest.

I have the
Sd^d T. Kerr.

The Right Honourable
Lord Kentsford G.C.M.G.

No. 86.

G. H. S. F. J.

21st May 1889.

My Lord

I have the honour to report for your information that the deposits in the Government Savings Bank this day, amount to the sum of £12,628. 15. 7. Twelves thousand six hundred and twenty eight pounds, fifteen shillings and seven pence.

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2. As the deposits are constantly increasing, it would be well to increase
 £12,500.0.0.
 the investment of Savings Bank funds to twelve thousand, five hundred
 pounds.

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sd T. Kerr.

The Right Honourable
 Lord Knutsford. G.C.M.G.

No. 87.

No. 982. 2nd May 1889
 £ 400.0.0.
 on the Falkland Islands Company
 in favour of
 the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

G. H. S. F. I.
 21st May 1889.

My Lord

I have the honour to inform
 you that I have remitted the Bill of
 exchange noted in the margin, for the
 sum of Four hundred pounds, to the
 Crown Agents for the Colonies, to be placed
 to the credit of this Colony.

I have the

sd T. Kerr.

The Right Honourable
 Lord Knutsford. G.C.M.G.

No. 88.

G. H. S. F. I.
 21st May 1889.

My Lord

I have the honour to inform you that the Rosario Steamer
 Karrac arrived here this day from Punta Arenas, without the English
 mail.

2. The notice issued by the General Post Office on the 18th of December
 last respecting the mails for the Falkland Islands, which was ~
 transmitted to me by your Lordship's direction in despatch No. 57
 of the 2nd of December last, fixes the date of the mail now due here
 as leaving London on the 2nd of April and (supplementary) on the 6th
 of April, to leave Punta Arenas on the 13th of May, and to arrive at
 Stanley on the 15th of May.

3. By the last mail from England I received a letter from Mr.
 Coleman, the Secretary of the Falkland Islands Company ~
 transmitting a mail table issued by the Falkland Islands Company,
 in which the departure of the English mail from London is changed
 from the 2nd to the 16th of April, to leave Punta Arenas on the 28th of
 May, and to arrive at Stanley on the 25th of May.

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4. The Agents of the Rosario Company at Valparaiso and in this Colony have had no intimation of this alleged change of date respecting the mail service, the result of which will probably be, that the April Mail from England will be detained at Punta Arenas until July next, unless instructions are given to one of the homeward bound Rosario Steamers, to bring it to Stanley.

5. The Agent of the Rosario Company in Stanley proposes to telegraph via Montevideo to the Agent of the Company at Valparaiso requesting that this may be done, but it is doubtful whether they will comply with the request.

I have the
(sd) T. Kerr

The Right Honourable
Lord Kentsford G.C.M.G.

No. 29.

G. H. S. F. I.
21st May 1889.

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith a duplicate of a petition from John Aldridge and others having reference to the Quarantine Regulations.

2. As this petition is a sequel to that of Mr. F. E. Cobb and Mr. F. J. Felton transmitted in my despatch No. 75 of the 10th instant it does not appear necessary that I should make a further report on the subject.

3. In compliance with the wish expressed by the petitioners, the Colonial Surgeon visited the Rosario Company's Steamer which arrived this day.

4. Although dated on the 6th instant, this petition was not forwarded to the Colonial Secretary until the 18th instant.

I have the
(sd) T. Kerr

The Right Honourable
Lord Kentsford G.C.M.G.

No. 90.

G. H. S. F. I.
22nd May 1889

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a letter from Mr. F. J. Felton a Member of the Legislative Council having reference to the Coroners' Abolition Ordinance which was

was transmitted to your Lordship in my despatch No. 81 of the 18th instant, respecting which Mr. Felton sets forth the grounds of his objections to the abolition of the Office of Coroner.

The Right Honourable
Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have &c
(sd) T. Kerr.

No. 91.

April 2nd 1889.

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drawn by Thomas Hoodless
Supercargo of Steamship "Grandholm"
on

To Messrs. Townsend Brothers
Leadenhall Street, London
in favour of I. Gorring
Assistant Collector of Customs
West Falklands
payable to the Crown Agents for
the Colonies.

G. H. S. F. J

2nd May 1889.

My Lord

I have the honour to inform you that I have remitted by this mail a draft on Messrs. Townsend Brothers of London, in favour of the Assistant Collector of Customs, West Falklands, and endorsed by him, to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, for the sum of Forty Three pounds eleven shillings, for tonnage dues on the Steamship -- "Grandholm" on the 2nd of April last, to be placed to the credit of this government.

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(sd) T. Kerr

The Right Honourable
Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

Schedule of despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 23^d of May 1889 by S.S. "Karrac" via Montevideo

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No. 92.

G.H.S.F.I.

10th June 1889.

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith two copies
of a petition protesting against the abolition of the Office of Coroner,
forwarded to me by Mr. T. G. Poppy and addressed to your lordship.
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2. In his covering letter, Mr. Poppy, who is the sexton to the
Church, informs me that he was the chairman of a public
meeting held in Stanley, and that the petition has been signed
by one hundred persons.

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3. As I have already in my despatch No. 81 of the 18th May last,
fully reported on the Ordinance referred to by the petitioners, I
do not think it is necessary to add anything to what I have said on
the subject.

A.K.

4. With reference to the statement contained in the third
paragraph of the petition, of my having asserted in the Legislative
Council that "the people here have no rights or privileges," the
petitioners have evidently misconstrued something which I said
in the debate on the Bill for amending the law relating to Juries.

5. Alluding to a remark which had been made by the Colonial
Chaplain that it was a pity to disfranchise the people, I pointed
out that the qualification required for a juror, was not
in the nature of a franchise, which in the ordinary sense, was
the right to vote at elections, and therefore did not exist in a Crown
Colony.

6. There does not seem to be any reason in the assertion that
the substitution of Inquisitions by Justices of the Peace for Coroners
inquests, in any way affects the rights and privileges of
British Subjects, a phrase often used, but evidently little
understood by the class of persons who have prepared this
petition.

I have to
(Sd) G. Kerr.

The Right Honourable
Lord Rutherford, G.C.M.G.

No. 93.

My Lord

G.H.S.F.I.
11th June 1889

I have

separate

I have the honour to transmit herewith ~~herewith~~ to be forwarded to the Audit Department, the cash account of this Colony for the month of May last, with supporting vouchers and a copy of the Treasurer's Cash Book.

I have I.
(sd) T. Kerr.

The Right Honourable
Lord Kneppford by C.M.G.

No. 94.

F. H. S. F. D.

12th June 1889.

My Lord

With reference to my despatch No. 88 of the 21st of May last, reporting the arrival of the Kosmos Company's steamer 'Karma' from Punta Arenas, without the April mails, I have the honour to inform you that on the following day I received a letter from Mr. Cobb the manager of the Falkland Islands Company stating that the non arrival of the English mail had caused serious inconvenience to all sections of the community, as well as to masters of vessels in the port expecting instructions from their owners, and asking if it would be possible to charter a schooner to fetch the mails, deducting the expense from the subsidy payable to the Kosmos Company for the service.

2. After consulting the Executive Council, I caused a notice to be issued calling for tenders to perform the service. Two tenders only were received, one from the Falkland Islands Company for £100, the other from the owners of a cutter called the 'Louisa' for £65 to which had to be added the reemployment of a competent master for £10.

3. The 'Louisa' was therefore employed for the service, she arrived safely at Punta Arenas on the 2nd of June and returned to Stanley this day with fourteen bags and one parcel of mails, which had been left at Punta Arenas by the P.S.M.C. Steamer 'Sorata' after the departure of the 'Karma'.

4. As I have no information on the subject of the charge which has been made by the Postmaster General, of the despatch of the English mail, from the 2nd to the 16th of April, of which this government has ~~had~~ no official notice, I am uncertain whether the expenditure of £75¹, ^{which has been incurred,} has to be borne by this government, or by the Kosmos Company, but

I hope that your Lordship will approve of the course which I have thought it my duty to pursue under the circumstances.

I have the

(sd) T. Kerr.

The Right Honourable
Lord Kentsford, G.C.M.G.

No. 95.

G. H. S. F. J.

14th June 1889.

No's	Dates
11	18 th March 1889
12	20 th " "
13	10 th April " "
14	25 th " "
15	26 th " "
16	- - -
17	- - -
18	30 th " "
19	1 st May " "
20	2 nd " "
21	6 th " "
22	7 th " "
23	11 th " "
24	- - -
Circular	12 th March " "
"	13 th " "
"	14 th " "
"	16 th " "
"	29 th April " "
"	8 th May " "
"	10 th " "
"	16 th " "
"	24 th " "
"	30 th " "
Library	30 th March " "
"	5 th April " "
"	3 ^d May " "
"	8 th " "

My Lord
I have the honour to
acknowledge the receipt of the
Despatches noted in the margin.

I have the
(sd) T. Kerr.

The Right Honourable
Lord Kentsford, G.C.M.G.

No. 96

G. H. S. F. J.

14th June 1889.

My Lord

I have the honour, at the request of Mr. F. G. Cobb,
to transmit herewith, in duplicate, a memorial from some
of the Justices of the Peace in this colony, objecting to the
responsibility thrown upon them by the Coroner's Abolition
Ordinance.

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I regret that these gentlemen have been led to adopt
the views which they express with regard to the operation of
this Ordinance, against which they appear to be most unreasonably
prejudiced, notwithstanding the almost unanimous opinion
which they constantly declare, as to their utter want of confidence
in the verdicts of Juries in this Colony.

The Right Honourable
Lord Kentsford. f.c.m.f.

I have the
(sd.) T. Kerr

No. 97.

G. H. S. F. J.
14th June 1889.

My Lord

I have the honour to
inform you that I have remitted by
this mail to the Crown Agents for
the Colonies, the Bill of Exchange
stated in the margin, for the sum of
One hundred and sixty two pounds,
fourteen shillings and sixpence, to be
placed to the credit of this Government.

I have the
(sd) T. Kerr

25th May 1889
£ 162. 14. 6.
on the Falkland Islands Company
in favour of
The Crown Agents for the Colonies.

The Right Honourable
Lord Kentsford. f.c.m.f.

Schedule of despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 15th June 1889 :
per S.S. Ramees.

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No.	Dates	Subject of Despatch.	Inclosure
92.	10 th June 1889.	Petition against abolition of office of Coroner - forwarding.	2
93.	11 th " "	Cash account for month of May, with supporting vouchers - transmitting.	1 2
94.	12 th " "	Mails from Punta Arenas, reporting despatch of Louisa for the purpose of fetching.	1 st part
95.	14 th " "	Acknowledging receipt of despatches	all
96.	" " "	Memorial from Justices of the Peace objecting to Coroner Abolition Ordinance - forwarding.	2 nd part
97.	" " "	Bill of Exchange - advising remittance of.	all

No. 98

G.H.S.F.J.

24th June 1889.

My Lord

I have the honour to inform you that I am sending a mail to Montevideo by the Falkland Islands Companies Schooner Castalia for transmission to England by the first steamer from that port.

2. Although I have had only a few hours notice of the sudden despatch of the Castalia - which is to sail today - I have thought it expedient - for the convenience of the public - to send a mail by her in advance of the regular one by the Rosario steamer, which at this season of the year, is sometimes much behind the time appointed for arriving from Punta Arenas.

I have to

(sd) J. Kerr.

The Right Honourable
Lord Knutsford. G.C.M.G.

No. 99.

G.H.S.F.J.

24th June 1889.

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 24 of the 11th of May last, transmitting for my information and with reference to my despatch No. 46 of

1. On the 8th of May 1888, copies of correspondence between the Colonial Office and the Crown Agents for the Colonies on the subject of the purchase of a Pilot Boat for this Government.

2. I approve of the suggestion made by Captain Brumley in the 6th paragraph of his letter of the 23^d of March last, that a sailing yacht of from 30 to 40 tons would be a suitable vessel for a Pilot Boat, and would eventually not cost more than a boat of the dimensions at first specified.

3. The Government Pilot is of the same opinion, and I propose to send him to England by the mail steamer of the 15th of July next (by which I will also be a passenger) that he may select a suitable vessel for purchase by the Crown Agents for the Colonies, superintend her fitting out and sail her to the Colony.

4. I am communicating with Messrs Krabbé Higgins and Co. of Buenos Ayres by this mail, requesting them not to take any action respecting the purchase of a pilot boat at that port in pursuance of any instructions they may have received on the subject from the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

5. I am informed that the class of small vessels to be obtained at the ports on the River Plate are adapted to river navigation and shoal water, and are unsuitable for the service here, where a vessel of deep draught which will beat to windward in bad weather, is required.

6. I trust that your Lordship will approve of the action which I am taking, and which I hope to be able to assist in carrying out effectually on my arrival in England

The Right Honourable
Lord Rutherford G.C.B. G.

I have the
(sd) J. Kerr.

No. 100

G. H. S. F. I.

24th June 1889

My Lord

With reference to my confidential despatch of the 23^d of May last in which I informed you that I was at the same time sending a telegraphic despatch to be forwarded to your Lordship from Montevideo, in which I applied for leave

of

absence by an early mail, to escape the winter - and also to my Confidential Despatch of the 14th of June instant informing you that I had received your reply granting me the leave which I applied for, I have the honour to inform you that I have made arrangements for leaving the Colony by the Kosmos Steamer - Dredger which is reported here on the 15th July next.

2. I hope to arrive in London about the end of August, when I will call at the Colonial Office to report my arrival to your Lordships.

3. Mr. A. Pakenham Brooks, the Colonial Secretary will assume the Administration of the Government on my departure in addition to the duties of the Office which he now holds, and as the affairs of the Government are in a settled and orderly state it is apprehended that he will experience any difficulty in the discharge of his duties.

I have the
(sd) S. Kerr.

M. J.

Memorandum

The despatches from
the Falkland Islands

N. 97.98.99 sent by
the Falkland Islands Compty
Schooner, Castalia have
been altered to 98.99. & 100
as reported by former
Kerr in a private note to
this office.
2 Nov. 1889.

J. Hale

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which the
duties connected
be sufficient and satisfactory,

Rec'd from	Date	Despatch No.
Monterosso -	21 June 1889	97.98.99
Montevideo -	28 June 1889	100

G. H. S. F. I.

28th June 1889.

to acknowledge the receipt of your
18th of March last in which you draw my
attention to the irregular despatch of the 18th of September last
arrangements for the Audit of the Colonial Accounts
and the usual despatch of the 23rd of March last, I had
the honour to inform your Lordship that the arrangement by
which the Auditor General performs all the
duties connected with the Audit of the accounts appears to
be sufficient and satisfactory, and that, with the exception
of

absence by an early mail, to escape the winter - and also to my Confidential Dispatch of the 14th of June instant informing you that I had received your reply granting me the leave which I applied for, I have the honour to inform you that I have made arrangements for leaving the Colony by the Rosario steamer - Dredger which is expected here on the 15th July next.

2. I hope to arrive in London about the end of August, when I will call at the Colonial Office to report my arrival to your Lordship.

3. Mr. W. R. Pakenham Brooks, the Colonial Secretary will assume the Administration of the Government on my departure in addition to the duties of the office which he now holds, and as the affairs of the Government are in a settled and orderly condition, I do not apprehend that he will experience any difficulty in carrying on the public business.

I have the

(sd) T. Kerr.

The Right Honourable
Lord Rutherford G.C.M.G.

No.	Dates	Subject of Dispatch	Enclosure
78.	24 th June 1889	Mail per schooner Caetalia - advising despatch of to England via Montevideo.	nil
79.	- - -	Pilot boat - announcing despatch of government Pilot to England to assist in selecting suitable one.	-
80.	- - -	Leave of absence of the Governor, having reference to.	-

f. H. S. F. J.

28th June 1889.

No. 101.

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 11 of the 18th of March last in which you draw my attention to your Circular despatch of the 18th of September last relating to the arrangements for the Audit of the Colonial Accounts.

2. In my confidential despatch of the 23rd of March last, I had the honour to inform your Lordship that the arrangement by which the Comptroller and Auditor General performs all the duties connected with the audit of the accounts appears to be sufficient and satisfactory, and that, with the exception

of the Treasurer and his clerk, there is no officer in the service of this Government who is competent to check or inspect the accounts, the only local supervision of the receipts and payment being that which is exercised by the Governor in person, that no payments are made unless with his written approval, and that all accounts transmitted to the Audit Department are inspected by him and verified by his signature.

£ 30 3. I am placing upon the Estimates for 1890 the sum of thirty pounds for auditing Colonial accounts, as a sub-head of miscellaneous services, out of which all the expenditure hitherto incurred has been disbursed.

I have the
(sd) T. Kerr.

The Right Honourable
Lord Rutherford G.C.M.G.

No. 102.

G. H. S. F. J.
1st July 1889.

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Audit Department the Report of the Survey of the Colonial Chest for the Quarter ended on the 30th June 1889 and a certificate of Quarterly Survey containing a statement of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Colony during the same period.

I have the
(sd) T. Kerr.

The Right Honourable
Lord Rutherford G.C.M.G.

No. 103.

G. H. S. F. J.
3^d July 1889.

My Lord

No. 180
29th June 1889
£77.17.0
on the Board of Trade
in favour of
the Crown Agents for
the Colonies

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Board of Trade an Account Current with supporting vouchers for Disbursements on account of Cape Pembroke Lighthouse for the Quarter ended June 30th 1889.

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

advanced.

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the Right Honourable
Lord Kinteford G.C.M.G.

I have the
(Sd) T. Kerr.

No. 104

My Lord

G. H. S. F. I.
3rd July 1889.

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded
to the Audit Department the accompanying Query numbered
7, with the answer thereto.

I have the
(Sd) T. Kerr.

the Right Honourable
Lord Kinteford G.C.M.G.

No. 105

My Lord

G. H. S. F. I.
3rd July 1889.

~~separate~~ I have the honour to transmit herewith to be
forwarded to the Board of Trade the account of the oil and stores
expended at Cape Penrhos Lighthouse during the quarter ended
on the 30th of June 1889 together with the Meteorological Register for
the half year.

I have the
(Sd) T. Kerr.

the Right Honourable
Lord Kinteford G.C.M.G.

No. 106.

G. H. S. F. I.
8th July 1889.

My Lord

~~separate~~ I have the honour to transmit herewith to be
forwarded to the Audit Department the Cash Account of this
Colony for the months ended on the 30th of June last, with
supporting vouchers and a copy of the Treasurer's Cash Book.

I have the
(Sd) T. Kerr.

the Right Honourable
Lord Kinteford G.C.M.G.

No. 107.g. H. S. F. I.
8th July 1889.

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith copies of
 the Minutes of the proceedings of the Executive and Legislative
 Councils of this Colony for the half year ended on the 30th of
 June 1889.

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The Right Honourable

Lord Kentsford f.c.m.a.f.

I have &c

(sd) J. Kerr.

No. 108.

g. H. S. F. I.

9th July 1889.

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My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith in
 duplicate a petition to your Lordship from Mr. James Lewis,
 a carpenter residing in Stanley in which he asserts that
 provision is made in the Ordinance Book for the leasing of
 Suburban lands to farmers on a small scale, and complaining
 that Captain R. C. Packe holds on lease suburban lands which
 he states were fraudulently leased to him, and praying that
 the suburban land at present held by Captain Packe
 may be leased to the petitioner.

2. There is no provision in the Land Ordinances for leasing
 the Suburban lands to small farmers as alleged by the petitioner.

3. With reference to certain leases of Crown Lands held by
 Captain R. C. Packe, which include certain portions of the
 suburban lands, I reported fully to the Secretary of State in
 my despatch No. 61 of the 1st July 1883. and I at the same time
 transmitted copies of the leases in question.

4. Mr. Lewis has already been informed that all the Crown
 lands are already occupied.

The Right Honourable

Lord Kentsford f.c.m.a.f.

I have &c

(sd) J. Kerr.

No. 109

My Lord

g. H. S. F. I.

9th July 1889.

I have

I have the honour to transmit herewith in duplicate a letter addressed to your Lordship by the Reverend Mr Brandon the Colonial Chaplain who acts as Government School Inspector in which he brings to your notice certain particulars concerning education in this Colony.

£ 48

2. Mr. Brandon suggests that the expenditure on education should be increased by Forty eight pounds a year for the purpose of employing an assistant teacher and a school mistress and that the sum expended on school reagents should be increased.

3. Before the year 1883 the teaching staff in the Government School was limited to the Master of the Senior School and the Mistress of the Infant school, but as at that time the attendance at the schools had considerably increased I appointed one assistant teacher and two school cleaners, to be paid out of surplus school fees.

£ 200.

4. I reported this arrangement to the Secretary of State in my despatch No. 24 of the 5th of March 1883 and it received Lord Derby's sanction in his despatch No. 25 of the 1st of May 1883 "provided that the total expenditure from public funds on education did not exceed two hundred pounds a year"

5. Soon afterwards an Assistant teacher was employed in the infant school, it being supposed that the surplus school fees would be sufficient to meet the increased expenditure.

6. The average income for the last five years from school fees, (after deducting allowances from fees to the School master and Schoolmistress) has been £46 and from the sale of school materials £20 - in all £66.

7. During the same period the average expenditure has been as follows:-

Salaries of Master and Mistress	£ 200
Salaries of two assistant teachers	48
Pay of School Cleaners	18
Cost of School materials	30
Total	£ 296

which after deducting the sum of £66 for surplus school fees and the sale of school materials shows an increase of Thirty pounds a year on the limit fixed by Lord Derby in 1883.

8. In 1883 the average daily attendance at the Government schools was 132 and in 1888 it had fallen to 119.

g. There.

q. There is no prospect of any increase in the Annual Revenue of the Government which is just sufficient to meet the ordinary expenditure, and I have informed Mr. Brandon both personally and in Executive Council that in order to provide for any further increase of expenditure it would be necessary to have recourse to taxation.

I have &.

(2d) T. Kerr.

The Right Honourable
Lord Kentsford G.C.M.G.

No. 110.

G. H. S. F. J.

11th July 1889.

My Lord

I have the honour to report that I have transmitted by this mail to the Crown Agents for the Colonies the Bills of Exchange drawn on the manager, amounting in the whole to one hundred and eighty two pounds two shillings and two pence, to be placed to the credit of this Government.

I have &

(2d) T. Kerr

28th June 1889 - £ 93. 6. 8.
on the Falkland Islands Company

29th June 1889 - £ 77. 17. 0
on the Board of Trade

1st July 1889 - £ 1. 2. 6.
on Accountant general of the Navy

1st July 1889. - £ 9. 15. 0
on the Paymaster general.

The Right Honourable
Lord Kentsford G.C.M.G.

No. 111.

G. H. S. F. J.

13th July 1889.

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 22 of the 7th of May last, conveying to me Her Majesty's gracious confirmation and allowance of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1889, entitled "An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the law relating to fraudulent marks on merchandise" and requesting me to procure the amendment of the Ordinance by the substitution of the word "prosecutor" for "inform-

"informant" in section 12.

2 At a meeting of the Legislative Council this day the amendment was agreed to, and I transmit herewith six printed copies of the Ordinance as amended, in the place of the six copies transmitted in my despatch No. 47 of the 7th of March last.

I have the

(sd.) G. Kerr.

The Right Honourable
Lord Rutherford F.R.S.F.

No. 112.

G. H. S. T. J.

13th July 1889.

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith six printed copies of Ordinance No. 112 of 1889, entitled "An Ordinance to make further provision for the service of the Colony of the Falkland Islands for the year 1889."

2. This Ordinance contains a vote of £107 under the head of salaries & Provisional and Temporary to provide for the payment of the Assistant Collector of Customs in the West Falkland for the performance of his duties from the date of his appointment in May 1888 to the end of 1889, a payment which is calculated at the rate of fifty pounds per a year, either in the form of fees or salary as your Lordship may be pleased to sanction. This expenditure will be met by the receipts in tonnage dues paid by the vessels trading to the West Falkland. The vote also includes the prospective payment of the nurse and midwife from the date of her leaving England to the end of the year.

3. The vote of £60 under the head of contingencies is rendered necessary by some additional requirements for the printing Office and an increase of printing work, and by the cost of telephones to the Government Offices, but the whole of this vote will probably not be expended.

4. The vote of £800 under the head of Revenue services is for the purpose of purchasing and sending out to the Colony the Pilot boat which is required, and which has for some time past been the subject of correspondence between the Colonial Office and the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

5. At a meeting of the Legislative Council on the 18th February last a vote of £500 for this service was unanimously agreed to, but by the receipt of your Lordship's despatch No. 24 of the 11th of May last transmitted,

transmits the report of the Crown Agents for the Colonies, in which it is stated, that a boat small enough to be carried on the deck of a steamer would cost about £700 when delivered at Sandy Point, so that the additional expense of sending a crew to meet her there, fit her out and sail her to Stanley would probably bring the cost up to £800, a sum for which a more suitable vessel might be procured in England and sailed to the Colony; and have proposed in my despatch No. 99 of the 24th June last.

6. To my surprise the increased vote was objected to by the unofficial members of the Council, who were of opinion that the office of Government Pilot should be abolished and the pilotage carried on by private enterprise. At my request they have supplied written statements of their objections, which I transmit herewith, but they did not vote against the passing of the Ordinance, which was carried without opposition.

7. The proposal that the pilotage should be transferred from the authority and control of the Government is the outcome of objections which have constantly been raised by the merchants in Stanley to the restrictions imposed by the Port regulations on the boarding of any ship by their agents or by any person except the Government Pilot until she is at anchor. The abolition of the Office of Pilot would therefore transfer this necessary control from the Government to the merchants of Stanley, which means the Falkland Islands Company, who have now absorbed the entire trade of the Port.

8. The proposal of Mr. Setton that the "Juliet" a vessel of about sixty tons, which has been on shore at Sandy Point and could now be bought for £300, but which would require coppering and refitting, and the alternative proposal that the "Fair Rosamond" an old schooner of 74 tons belonging to this port, which might be purchased for £600 could not be entertained, as they are both much too large for the service, and would be dear at any price.

9. The vote of £75 for the conveyance to Stanley of the April mails which had been left at Sandy Point as reported in my despatch No. 94 of the 12th June last, was agreed to with the request from Mr. Cobb that it might be deducted from the subsidy of the Rosario Company, through whose default

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he contended the expenditure had been incurred.

10. I trust that after giving due consideration to all the circumstances this Ordinance will be approved by your Lordship and that it will receive Her Majesty's gracious confirmation and allowance.

The Right Honourable
Lord Kneatford F.C.M.G.

I have 9c
(22) T. Kerr

No. 113

G.H.S.7.3

13th July 1889.

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith six printed copies of Ordinance No. 12 of 1889 entitled An Ordinance to provide for the service of the Colony of the Falkland Islands for the year 1890.

2. I also transmit two copies of the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year 1890, which were agreed to at the same time in the Legislative Council.

3. I also transmit a copy of the Rent Roll for 1890.

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

I have etc

(52) V. Kerr.

The Right Honourable

~~Lord Knutsford by C. M. F.~~

No. 114

G.H.S.T.S

15th July 1889.

My Lord

My Lord
I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your
Circular despatch of the 24th January last transmitting a
copy of drafts of a Bill for Facilitating the Execution in the United
Kingdom of Judgements recovered in British Possessions, and a
Bill for Facilitating the Co-operation of British Courts in the several
parts of Her Majesty's Dominions, in matters of Bankruptcy
and Insolvency and in the winding up of Companies; together
with a Memorandum upon these Bills by the Parliamentary
Counsel

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2. Both of these Bills appear to be well suited for the purpose for which they are intended and if passed by the Imperial Parliament, this Government will be prepared to pass the Ordinances necessary to give them effect in this Colony.

3. With reference to the Colonial Probates Bill transmitted in your Lordship's Circular despatch of the 24th April 1888, to which I replied in my despatch No. 114 of the 24th October following, the same course would be pursued, subject to any special instructions which may be received from your Lordship.

I have &c

(Sd) V. Kerr.

The Right Honourable
Lord Kentsford G.C.M.G.

No. 115

G. H. S. F. J.

15th July 1889.

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your circular despatch of the 28th February last, in which you request my attention to the memorandum and correspondence laid before the Colonial Conference on the subject of the Census of the British Empire, and transmitting a copy of correspondence with the Registrar General as to the best hope of securing uniformity of treatment.

2. The view of the Registrar General that all necessary and practicable uniformity in the Colonial Census might be attained by following the lines laid down for the Census of 1881 will meet with the concurrence of this Government, and there will be no difficulty in taking the Census of 1891 in the same manner as that of 1881.

I have &c
(Sd.) V. Kerr.

No. 116.

My Lord

ans'd by N^o 51 of Oct 24th
W.P.W.

G. H. S. F. J.

15th July 1889.

I have the honour to transmit herewith in duplicate a letter addressed to your Lordship by the Colonial Surgeon in which he complains that I have acted unjustly towards him in refusing to pay him his legitimate fee for boarding vessels; and

and in which he further states that when he accepted the appointment of Colonial Surgeon he was informed that his salary would be £300 a year and fees with the right of private practice, but that in reality he has no private practice, being restricted by the Government to a very low scale of fees, and that his private practice and fees combined have never - independent of his official salary amounted to £200 a year.

2. With reference to the fee of 10/- which has been usually paid to Dr. Hamilton as visiting Officer, it has been confined to the visiting of vessels on board of which sickness was reported to exist, and to vessels arriving from ports which are declared by proclamation to be infected places. The payment of this fee appears to have been established by custom, as there is no authority by Ordinance or by instruction for its payment, and I have only sanctioned it under the general authority vested in the Governor by section 34 of the Quarantine Ordinance 1875 which makes it lawful for the Governor to draw upon the treasurer for any expenses incidental to the execution of the Ordinance.

3. Dr. Hamilton has constantly been advocating the extension of the visits to all vessels arriving in the Colony, whether from ports proclaimed as infected or otherwise, but as this did not come within the scope of the Quarantine Ordinance, I could not authorize the increased expenditure.

In view to 4. In my despatches noted in the margin, I have reported full Secretary State on the action which has been taken by the members of the Board No. 68 of 20 April of Health in support of Dr. Hamilton's views, and have submitted

1889. No. 75 of 10th May 1889. for your Lordship's consideration the desirability of transferring the authority now vested by the Quarantine Ordinance in the Governor in Council to the Board of Health.

5. Pending any alteration of the Quarantine Ordinance I have not acted on the suggestion of Dr. Hamilton that he should receive fees for visiting vessels from non-infected places where sickness was reported to exist on board of them, but, in consideration of the wish expressed in the petition of John J. Aldridge and others - transcribed in my despatch No. 89 of the 21st of May last - that the Colonial Surgeon should be instructed to visit the Koomoo Company's steamers arriving from Sandy Point, I instructed Dr. Hamilton to do so in his capacity of Colonial Surgeon and as part of the duty for which he received salary.

b. Sh.

W. H. W.

6. The only fees to which the Colonial Surgeon is entitled, are
are the fees for successful vaccination, under the Ordinance
No. 1 of 1868.

7. With reference to Dr. Hamilton's statement that his private
practice and fees combined do not amount to £200 a year,
I have endeavoured without success to obtain from him a
more distinct and detailed statement with regard to the
annual income which he derives from his private practice,
in order that the actual value of the appointment which he
holds may be ascertained, and I have also endeavoured to
ascertain from him, either a corroboration or a denial of the
informal complaints which have been reported to me, of his
having demanded and received very much larger sums than
he is entitled to charge under the scale sanctioned by the
Secretary of State and agreed to by Dr. Hamilton on his
arrival in the Colony.

8. It is difficult to reconcile Dr. Hamilton's statement
as to the small amount of his income with the fact that he
has been constantly remitting considerable sums from his
sewage. I know of £2944 so remitted and the actual sum
is said to be much larger.

9. I transmit with this report a copy of the scale of fees
appointed to be taken by the Colonial Surgeon, and a copy of
Dr. Hamilton's letter of the 20th of May 1879 in which he
agreed to adhere to that scale, and I also transmit copies of
the correspondence with Dr. Hamilton on the subject of his
fees, which I hoped would have enabled me to report on the
subject to your Lordship with greater certainty.

10. I have to add that Dr. Hamilton's letter to your Lordship
did not come into my hands until the arrival of the last
mail steamer, and even then in an incomplete form, so
that it could not be transmitted with a report before the
mail now expected.

The Right Honourable
Lord Kintford G.C.M.G.

No 117.

My Lord

I have the
(S) J. Kerr

G. H. S. T.
17th July 1889

~~copy of this
letter in
book 19
p 54
W.H.W.~~

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Board of Trade, a Casualty Report relating to the British Barque "Hertfordshire" which arrived at this port yesterday in a damaged condition.

The Right Honourable
Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have &c
(sd) T. Kerr.

No. 118

G.H.S.F.J.
29th July 1889.

No.	Date
25	23 ^d May 1889
26	1 st June "
Circular	11 th May "
"	28 th "
Confidential	24 th "
Confidential	10 th "
Circular	28 th "

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Despatches noted in the margin, on the 28th instant..

I have &c
(sd) T. Kerr.

The Right Honourable
Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

No. 119

G.H.S.F.J.
29th July 1889.

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 26 of the 1st of June last transmitting to me copies of correspondence respecting the purchase by the Falkland Islands Company of drafts on this Government from the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

2. There will be no difficulty in meeting drafts for six hundred pounds every month to the end of the present year, but it would not be prudent to enter into arrangement for a longer period without previous communication with this Government.

I have &c
sd T. Kerr.

The Right Honourable
Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

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No. 120

G. H. S. F. I.
29th July 1889

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Circular Note of the 11th of May last, having reference to the addition to a foot note on page 2 of the Naval Cadet Regulations enclosed in your Circular Note of the 19th of January last, and to inform you that I have made the required addition in accordance with your request.

The Right Honourable

Lord Kneafsey G.C.M.G.

I have the
(sd) T. Kerr.

No. 121

G. H. S. F. I.

29th July 1889.

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Audit Department the enclosed Queries, numbered to with the answers thereto.

The Right Honourable

Lord Kneafsey G.C.M.G.

I have the
(sd) T. Kerr.

No. 122

G. H. S. F. I.

30th July 1889.

My Lord

£13,791. 16. 0

I have the honour to report for your information that the deposits now in the Government Savings Bank amount to the sum of Thirteen thousand, seven hundred and ninety one pounds, sixteen shillings.

The Right Honourable

Lord Kneafsey G.C.M.G.

I have the
(sd) T. Kerr.

No. 123

G. H. S. F. I.

31st July 1889.

My Lord

With reference to my despatch No. 99 of the 24th of June last, I have the honour to request that you will authorize the Crown Agents for the Colonies to pay to Mr. John

John Campbell the Government Pilot of this Colony, who is — proceeding to England on duty by the mail steamer which leaves this day, the amount of his salary while he is in England.

£ 8. 6. 8.

2. The pay of the Pilot is eight pounds, six shillings and eight pence per month, and he will also be entitled to receive subsistence money at the rate of one pound per week and his travelling expenses while engaged in the service of this Government.

£ 1. 0. 0.

3. Mr Campbell has received his pay in this Colony to this date.

The Right Honourable

Lord Knutsford M.P.

I have the
(sd) T. Kerr.

Schedule of despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 31st of July 1889 by S.S. Dunderah via Montevideo.

No.	Date	Subject of despatch	Enclosure
101	28 th June 1889	Colonial Accounts - relative to audit of	nil.
102	1 st July	Colonial Chest, quarterly survey transmitting.	2
103	2 ^d "	Cape Pembroke Lighthouse quarterly account --- transmitting.	1
104	" "	Audit Department transmitting every and answer	1
105	" "	Cape Pembroke Lighthouse, Bil and Store Account with Meteorological Register transmitting.	1
106	8 th "	Cash account of Colony for June last, transmitting	"
107	9 th "	Minutes of Councils - transmitting.	2
108	9 th "	Petition from Mr. James Lewis, transmitting	2
109	" "	Letter from Colonial Chaplain concerning Education transmitting.	1
110	11 th "	Bills of Exchange - reporting remittance of.	nil.
111	13 th "	Ordinance No. 1 of 1889 transmitting six copies as amended.	6
112	" "	Ordinance No. 11 of 1889 transmitting six printed copies with notes of the debate on.	8
113	" "	Ordinance No. 12 of 1889 transmitting six printed copies with two copies of Estimates and Rent Roll for 1890.	9
114	15 th "	Bills - having reference to drafts of transmitted by the Secretary of State.	nil.
115	" "	Census for 1891, concerning the taking of.	"

No.	Date	Subject of Despatch	Enclosure
116	15 th July 1889	Colonial Surgeon, transmitting letter from, with correspondence concerning.	5
117	17 th "	Casualty, transmitting a report of to Board of Trade	1
118	29 th "	Acknowledgement of despatches.	nil
119	" "	Drafts on this Government, concerning sale of to the Falkland Islands Company.	nil
120	" "	Naval Cadet Regulations, having reference to.	nil
121	" "	Inquiries from Audit Office answered, transmitting.	6
122	30 th "	Savings Bank deposits reporting on.	nil
123	31 st "	Government Pilot, payment of salary by the Crown Agents, respecting.	nil

20.124.

G. H. S. J. I.

13th August 1890.

My Lord,

I have the honour to report that I assumed the administration of this Government in addition to my other duties on the 31st ultimo being the day on which General Kerr left for England by the Kosmos steamer "Denderah".

The Right Honorable

I have the honour to report
Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G. (Id) E. Pakenham Brooks.
He is the Administrator

20.125.

G. H. S. J. I.

13th August 1889.

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Audit Department, the Cash Account of this Colony for the month of July 1889 with supporting Vouchers together with a copy of the Cash Book.

The Right Honorable

I have the honour to report
Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.
He is the Administrator

(Id) E. Pakenham Brooks.
Administrator

Separate

No. 126.

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G. H. S. J. I.
13th August 1889.

My Lord,

I have the honour to report to you that with the advice and consent of the Executive Council I have granted to Mr J. G. Poppy, lecturer to the Protestant Church in Stanley, six months leave of absence without salary on the special grounds of urgent private affairs subject to Your Lordship's approval and confirmation - and I transmit herewith the usual leave certificate.

2. On the recommendation of the Colonial Chaplain I have appointed Mr William Hardy to act as sexton during Mr Poppy's absence.

The Right Honourable

Shan se . H

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

1st S. Takeham Brokly.

se se - H

Administrator

No. 127.

G. H. S. J. I.
23rd August 1889.

My Lord,

I have the honour to report for your information that the deposits in the Government Savings Bank this day amount to the sum of £14,314.5.2 fourteen thousand three hundred and fourteen pounds, five shillings and two pence.

The Right Honourable

Shan se . H

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

1st S. Takeham Brokly.

se se - H

Administrator

No. 128.

G. H. S. J. I.

26th August 1889.

My Lord

Numbers	Dates	Numbers	Dates	Numbers	Dates
A 36	1 st June 1889	20 33	16 th July 1889	Circular	11 th June 1889
A 37	"	34	17 th "	"	13 " "
A 38	31 st	"	"	"	17 " "
A 26	15 th	"	"	"	18 " "
A 27	4 th	"	"	"	6 " "
A 28	11 th	"	"	"	22 " "
A 29	15 th	"	"	"	28 " "
A 30	19 th	"	"	"	"
A 31	15 th July	Circular	10 th June "	Accounts	5 th July "
A 32	"	"	"	"	6 th June "

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the despatches listed in the margin to the 24th instant.

Shan se H
1st S. Takeham Brokly

The Right Honourable
Administrator
The Secretary
to the Colonial Department
to the H. C.

Schedule of despatches transmitted by the Administrator of the Government of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 26th of August 1889 per S.S. "James" via Punta Arenas.

No	Date.	Subject of despatch	Enclosure
124	13 th August 1889	Assumption of Government on departure of Governor, reporting	nil.
125	.	Cash Account of Colony for July last, transmitting	(separate)
126	.	Leave of absence to Mr J. G. Poppy, Church Sexton, reporting.	1
127	23 rd .	Sanblas Bank deposits reporting	nil
128	26	" Acknowledgment of Despatches	nil

G. H. S. I. J.

6th September 1889.

No 129.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's Despatch No 31 of the 15th of July last transmitting copies of a correspondence between Mess^{rs} Townsend Bros. and the Colonial Office on the subject of the tonnage dues imposed on vessels landing goods in this Colony elsewhere than at Stanley.

2. These dues were fixed under Section 5 of Ordinance No 2 of 1889 for the purpose of defraying the salaries of the Officer or Officers Musters proposed to be appointed under the Ordinance. As yet only one Officer has been appointed, Dr. Jones, and Garrison here in Paragraph 2 of his despatch No 112 of the 13th July last recommended that he should receive £50 a year either as salary or fees, for his services as Assistant Collector of Musters in the West Falklands.

3. The alternative to Mess^{rs} Townsend would be for their steamer to call in at Stanley to enter, which would be far more desirable in the interests of this Government, as the entries and

arrangements for goods could be checked at the Government Office with greater efficiency than in the West Falklands, and the duties paid in Stanley by the Agents of the importers, which would not necessitate the detention of the steamer for more than twenty four hours and which would be more than compensated for, by the vessel being only liable to pilotage at the rate of 6/- per fort for her draught inwards, and 3/- a fort outwards, instead of tonnage dues.

4. The tonnage dues received this year to the 31st of August, reach the sum of £157. 5. 0 which is attributable in a great measure to the amount derived from Chilean Schooners employed in carrying live sheep to the coasts of Chile and Patagonia, which trade I do not anticipate will continue much longer, as most of the farming stations on the coast will shortly be stocked and there will be no further outlet for the sheep from the Colony. The only tonnage dues available then to meet the salary of the Assistant Collector of Customs would be those received from Mrs. Townsend's yearly steamer.

5. I enclose herewith a copy of a letter I have received from the Assistant Collector of Customs in the West Falklands from which it will be seen that in defiance of the laws of the Colony, the Master of the S.S. "Grandholm" never cleared his vessel before leaving the Colony on his last homeward voyage, although he appears by what Dr. Young writes, have been repeatedly warned about the necessity of his doing so, either at Stanley or before him. In this breach of the law he has rendered himself liable to a penalty of £100 under Section 3 of a Decree No 2 of 1859, as the steamer never put into Stanley. Likewise forward a copy of Par. 2 of my letter No 246 of the 27th of May last to Dr. Young as he alludes to it in his communication to me.

The Right Honourable
Lord Knutsford
G.C.M.G.

He . He . He

I am &c
J. G. Lakin and Henk.
Administrator

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20/30.

G. H. S. I. J.

65 September 1889.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's despatch No 32 of the 15th of July last asking on behalf of the Board of Trade for information with regard to the declarations made by Masters of vessels arriving in this Colony as to Ports of origin and destination which was called for by your Circular despatch of the 5th of November last.

2. The practice in this Colony is for Masters on arrival to declare the last Port touched at, and on clearing the next Port to which they are bound.

3. There are no special rules with regard to the manner of recording vessels which call at more than one Port in the Colony on an inward voyage or on final departure, provided that they are duly entered on arrival in the first instance before the proper Office of Customs, and cleared on departure in a similar manner.

The Right Honourable
Lord Knutsford

u. u. G.C.M.G.

I have the honour to

inform Your Lordship

of the

Id. Rakenband Smith

Administrator.

20/31.

G. H. S. I. J.

65 September 1889.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's despatch No 37 of the 18th of July last in reply to Mr James Smith's Memorials of the 1st and 4th of May last in which he complains of Governor Kerr's action on various occasions.

2. I communicated to Mr Smith Your Lordship's decision on the 24th ultim., on the receipt of which he applied to me for a copy of Governor Kerr's explanation to Your Lordship.

3. I did not feel myself justified in acceding to his request, and I therefore informed him that I would forward a copy of his application to Your

Administered
 to Mr J. Smith
 27 August 1889
 Mr J. Smith
 28th August 1889
 Administered to
 Mr J. Smith
 29 August 1889

Lordship's instructions.

4. Transmit herewith copies of the correspondence which has passed between Mr Smith and myself in connection with the matter.

5. Also note Your Lordship's directions with regard to the 284 of the Colonial Regulations being copied with a future

The Right Honourable
Lord Knutsford

G.C.M.G.

I have the pleasure to inform

Mr G. R. Lakenham Braks.

Administrator

G. H. S. I. I.

6 September 1889.

20/32.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's despatch No 38 of the 18th of July last directing that Ordinance No 7 of 1889 entitled "An Ordinance to abolish the Office of Comptroller in the Falkland Islands" should not be passed or assented to.

2. I have as directed communicated a copy of Your Lordship's despatch to His Excellency Colbran Telton.

The Right Honourable
Lord Knutsford

He is at G.C.M.G.

I have the pleasure to inform

Mr G. R. Lakenham Braks.

Administrator

20/33.

G. H. S. I. I.

6 September 1889.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's Circular despatch of the 11th of June last asking for the number of deaths from all causes which have taken place in this Colony during the last ten years, as well as the total number of deaths during the same period from Diabetes, for the information of Dr Robert Saundby.

2. The deaths during that period appear to have been as follows, viz:

1878	15
1879	17
1880	9
1881	14
1882	20

1883	23
1884.	32
1885.	22
1886.	15
1887	18
1888.	28.

None of these occurred from Diabetes.

The Right Honourable
Lord Knutsford
S.C.M.G.
to me re me re

I have the honour to inform you that
the Audit Department
Administrative
of the
Administration

No 134.

G. H. S. I. J.
6 September 1889.

My Lord,

-3— I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Audit Department the enclosed

Invoices numbered 14516 together with my answers thereto.

The Right Honourable,
Lord Knutsford
S.C.M.G.
to me re me re

I have the honour to inform you that
the Audit Department
Administrative
of the
Administration

No 135

G. H. S. I. J.

6 September 1889.

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Audit Department, the Cash Account of this Colony for the month of August 1889, with Supporting Vouchers together with a copy of the Cash Book.

The Right Honourable.
Lord Knutsford
S.C.M.G.
to me re me re

I have the honour to inform you that
the Audit Department
Administrative
of the
Administration

No 136.

G. H. S. I. J.

6 September 1889.

My Lord,

I have the honour to inform you that I have remitted by this mail to the Crown Agents for the Colonies the Bill of Exchange noted

20/1022.
27 August 1889
£108.6.8
The Directors
of the Falkland Islands
Company London
in favour of the
Falkland Islands

in the margin for the sum of one hundred and
eight pounds, six shillings and eight pence, were
placed to the credit of this Government.

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The Right Honourable

Lord Knutsford

S.C. M.G

et cetera

Share & the

Rev. G. Rakenham Banks.

Administrator.

20/137.

G.O.S.D.I.

5 September 1889

My Lord,

I have the honour to bring to your notice a
difficulty that has arisen under the Licensing Ordinance
No 11 of 1882 in connection with Wholesale Licenses.

2. The Falkland Islands Company who hold one of these
licenses, acquired at the beginning of the year the
business of Mess^{rs} J. M. Dean & Sons in Stanley, who were
likewise similarly licensed, and which license did not
expire until the 31st ultimo.

3. On the date of the expiration of Mess^{rs} Dean & Sons license,
intified verbally through the Chief Constable at their
place of business now in the occupation of the Falkland
Islands Company and used as a Wholesale liquor
store, that the license had expired. He told the
Company's Manager in Stanley maintained and
I think with some justice, that under Section 13
of Ordinance No 11 of 1882 he can sell liquor whole-
sale anywhere in Stanley under the Company's own
license which does not expire until the 22nd of January
next, as there is no mention with regard to premises
in the Ordinance as is the case with regard to Publican's
Retail Licenses.

3. I do not however think that when the Ordinance
was passed it was contemplated that a Wholesale
license should authorize the holder to sell
liquor on more premises than one under the
same license, as I believe in England such licenses
are only granted for the premises as specified
in the license.

4. I transmit herewith a copy of the Licensing Ordinance
No 11 of 1882, and I would ask from Lordships

Sanction to introduce into the Legislative Council an Ordinance providing that a Wholesale license only authorizes the holder to sell liquor on the premises specified in the license which must be contiguous to each other: In the present instance the two stores of the Falkland Islands Company where liquor is being sold Wholesale (under one license) are about two hundred yards apart - and it is possible in the future that other traders may act in a similar manner.

The Right Honourable,
Lord Knutsford
G.C.M.G.
sc. sc. sc.

I have the honour to be
M.R. Lakenham Branks.
Administrator.

20/38.

G. H. S. J. I.

7th September 1889.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's despatch No 33 of the 16th of July last transmitting copy of a letter from the Admiralty enclosing correspondence in connection with the pension payable to George Kellond a Naval Pensioner.

2. I have communicated to Kellond the contents of the letter from the Admiralty, and I transmit herewith a certificate from the Chief Constable of this Colony relative to the man's employment from the 1st of April 1886 to 30th September 1888, which I trust will meet the requirements of the case.

The Right Honourable,
Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.
sc. sc. sc.

I have the honour to be
M.R. Lakenham Branks.
Administrator.

20/39.

G. H. S. J. I

11th September 1889.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's despatch No 36 of the 17th July last conveying the Queen's gracious Confirmation and allowance of Ordinance No 6 of 1889 entitled "An Ordinance to amend the laws relating to Juries"

and Juries.

2. In accordance with the instructions contained in the concluding paragraph of Your Lordship's despatch I have procured the necessary amendment to Section 1, and transmit herewith six copies of the Ordinance as amended.

The Right Honourable,

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.
sc . sc . H

I have &c &c
J. S. Parker and Brants.
Administrator

No. 140.

G. A. S. F. I.

11 September 1889

My Lord.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's despatch No 35 of the 17th July last relative to the Petition addressed to Your Lordship by Messrs Cott and Setton, and the Petition of John G. Aldridge and others, with having reference to the Quarantine Regulations of this Colony.

2. I have communicated to Messrs Cott and Setton a copy of Your Lordship's despatch under acknowledgement as well as a copy of your despatch No 24 of the 4th of June last, and also the purport of the same to those persons who signed the Petition of John G. Aldridge.

3. In accordance with the instructions contained in Your Lordship's despatch I have procured the necessary amendment to the Quarantine Ordinance, and transmit herewith six printed copies of Ordinance No 13 of 1889, which I trust will meet with your approval and receive Her Majesty's gracious Confirmation and allowance.

4. I have issued an order under the provisions of this Ordinance, making its operation applicable to all vessels arriving in this Colony from Ports in South America.

The Right Honourable. I have &c &c
Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G. J. S. Parker and Brants.
sc . sc . H Administrator

No. 141.

G. H. S. I. I.

15 September 1889.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt
of Your Lordship's despatch No. 29 of the 4th of June
last relative to the functions of the Board of Health in
this Colony.

2. As will be seen by my despatch No. 40 of even
date, I have procured the amendment to the
Quarantine Ordinance in the sense suggested
in Your Lordship's despatch.

The Right Honourable Sir -

Lord Knutsford 1^d S. Falkenhayn Brothers.

G.C.M.G.

Administrator.

" " "

No. 142.

G. H. S. I. I.

14 September 1889.

My Lord,

I have the honour to report for your information
that the deposits in the Government Savings
Bank this day amount to the sum of fourteen
thousand six hundred and five pounds ten shillings
and eight pence.

The Right Honourable

Sir -

Lord Knutsford

1^d S. Falkenhayn Brothers.

G.C.M.G.

Administrator

" " "

Schedule of despatches transmitted by the Administrator
of the Government of the Falkland Islands to the
Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 16th day of September
1889 per S.S. "Reko". via Montevideo

No	Date.	Subject of despatch.	Enclosure
129	15 September 1889	Complaint of Messrs. Younsead Bros. respecting tonnage dues imposed on the West Falklands, reporting on.	
130	" "	Declarations of Masters of Vessels arriving in the Colony as to Ports of origin or destination, reporting.	1 Ind.

No.	Date.	Subject of despatch.	Enclosure
131.	6 th September 1889	Application of Mr. J. Smith to be furnished with a copy of Governor Ken's explanations in reference to his complaints.	
132.	.	Acknowledging receipt of despatch No. 38 of the 18 th of July last and reporting having communicated a copy of the same to Messrs. Hobson and Setton.	1.
133.	.	Deaths that have taken place in the Colony during each of the last ten years reporting for the information of Dr. Robert Sandby.	hit.
134.	.	Licenses for transmission to Audit Department, forwarding.	hit.
135.	.	Cash Account of Colony for August last, transmitting	1 (separate)
136.	.	Remittance to Board Agents, reporting.	hit.
137.	.	Wholesale Licenses difficulty that has arisen in connection with, reporting as	1.
138.	7 th	Certificate for Admiralty relative to George Bellard, Naval Pensioner.	
139.	11 th	Ordinance No. 6 of 1889 as amended transmitting	6.
140.	.	Quarantine Amendment Ordinance No. 13 of 1889, transmitting	6
141.	.	Amendment to Quarantine Ordinance reporting having procured.	hit.
142.	14 th	Savings Bank deposits, reporting as Jd S. Pakenham Brwth Administrator	hit

No. 143

G. H. S. T. I.
5th October 1889.

My Lord,
 I have the honour to transmit herewith the forwarded to the Audit Department, the Cash Account of the Colony for the month of September last with supporting Vouchers together with a copy of the Cash Book.

The Right Honourable
 Lord Knutsford
 G. C. M. G.
 fe d h

I have the honor to
 Jd S. Pakenham Brwth
 Administrator

20/44.

G. H. S. J. J.
5th October 1889

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Audit Department the Report of the Survey of the Colonial Chest for the Quarter ended on the 30th September 1889, and a Certificate of Quarterly Survey containing a statement of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Colony during the same period.

The Right Honourable,
Lord Knutsford
G.C.B.G.

Shan se se
Sir E. Pakenham Branks
Administrator

20/45.

G. H. S. J. J.
5th October 1889

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Board of Trade the Account current for Distressed British Seamen for the Quarter ended on the 30th of September 1889.

2. I have instructed the Crown Agents for the Colonies to pay to the Board of Trade the sum of Four pounds twelve shillings and six pence in settlement of this account, and to debit the same to Her Government.

The Right Honourable,
Lord Knutsford G.C.B.G.

Shan se se
Sir E. Pakenham Branks
Administrator.

20/46.

G. H. S. J. J.
5th October 1889

My Lord,

20/46 30th Sep. 1889. I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Board of Trade an Account current with £77. 17. 0 Supporting Vouchers for disbursements on account of Cape in the Board of Trade in Pembroke Lighthouse for the Quarter ended the 30th September 1889.

2. I have drawn the Bill of Exchange noted in the margin in repayment of the amount advanced.

The Right Honourable
Lord Knutsford G.C.B.G.

Shan se se
Sir E. Pakenham Branks
Administrator

2047.

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G. H. S. I. I.
5th October 1889.

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Board of Trade the accounts showing the expenditure of Oil and Stores at Cape Pembroke Light house during the quarter ended at the 30th of September 1889.

The Right Honourable.

Lord Knutsford G.C.B.-G.

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Have &c &c

Jdg. Lakenham Brkts
Administrator

2048.

G. H. S. I. I.
5th October 1889.

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Board of Trade a Casualty Report relating to the British Barque "Ballumbie," which arrived at this Port on the 18th ultimo with a portion of her cargo of coal on fire.

The Right Honourable.

Lord Knutsford G.C.B.-G.

Have &c &c
Jdg. Lakenham Brkts.
Administrator

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G. H. S. I. I.
12th October 1889.

My Lord,

*Amended
Dated 10th October
1889*
I have the honour to forward to you herewith for transmission to the Audit Department, the Receipt Schedule with Voucher attached as noted in the margin, in substitution for the one that accompanied the Accounts for the month of August last, sent under cover of my despatch No 135 of the 6th ultimo.

2. In the original Voucher, through a clerical error, the sum of £ 4. 12. 0^d, was entered on the 5th of August as "a deposit on account of Savings Bank" instead of "balance of wages of deceased seaman". The present amended Schedule and Voucher contains the necessary Corrections.

The Right Honourable

Lord Knutsford G.C.B.-G.

Have &c &c
Jdg. Lakenham Brkts
Administrator

G. H. S. J. I.
12th October 1889.

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Board of Trade
London.20.6. 15th Oct 1889.

£1.3. 6.

Accountant General
of the Navy London.20.11. 15th Oct 1889.

£9.15. 0.

Paymaster General
London.

My Lord,

I have the honour to report that I have transmitted by this Mail to the Crown Agents for the Colonies the Bills of Exchange noted in the margin, amounting to the sum of eighty eight pounds fifteen shillings and six pence (£ 88. 15. 6.), to be credited to Her Government.

The Right Honourable

Lord Knutsford G.C.B.Q.

I have the
H. E. Lieutenant-Governor
Administrator

G. H. S. J. I.

14th October 1889.

20.151.

My Lord,

I have the honour to forward to you herewith for transmission to the Board of Trade the accompanying Casualty Report relating to the British Barque "Arthusa" Official Number 63196 of the Port of Liverpool.

2. This vessel was abandoned on the 3rd instant (according to the Second Mate's report) about ~~one~~ one hundred miles East of Beaufort Island to the Southward of this Colony, in consequence of the ignition of her cargo of coal whilst on a voyage from South Shields to Valparaiso.

3. On the vessel's abandonment the crew took to the boats and the master (since deceased) and nine men were picked up on the 7th instant in an open boat in a most exhausted condition off Cape Pembroke Lighthouse and landed at the Port of the Schooner "Hornet" belonging to the Falkland Islands Company which had proceeded to their rescue as the boat being sighted off the lighthouse.

4. Another boat containing twelve of the crew was reported by these men to have left the abandoned ship at the same time as they did and not to have been seen since: I therefore engaged the "Hornet" on behalf of the Board of Trade to proceed in search of the missing boat, but I regret to say that she has not succeeded in coming across her although it is possible that she may have been picked up by some passing vessel.

The Right Honourable
Lord Knutsford
G.C.B. G.

Shaw & C.
J. S. Pakenham Bratt,
Administrator

No. 152.

G. H. S. J. J.

My Lord,

17th October 1889.

^{£15,407.17.2}
I have the honour to report for your information
that the deposits in the Government Savings^{Banks} this day
amount to the sum of fifteen thousand four hundred and
seven pounds seventeen shillings and two pence

The Right Honourable.

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

& R.

Shaw & C.
J. S. Pakenham Bratt,
Administrator

No. 153.

G. H. S. J. J.

17th October 1889

My Lord,

I have the honour most respectfully to request
that during my administration of the Government of
this Colony your Lordship may be pleased to sanction
my drawing the full salary of my appointment as
Colonial Secretary and Police Magistrate together with the
Government's available half salary, in consideration of the
performance of the duties of my titular office in addition
to those of administrator.

2. Section 108 of the Colonial Regulations would seem to
govern the ordinary cases of an Officer called on to
perform the duties of two distinct offices, and its
provisions allow of the full salary of the titular appoint-
ment being drawn in addition to the half salary of the
temporary office, but in the present instance it is one of an
Officer being called on to administer the Government
in addition to his other duties which this clause does
not appear to provide for, nor does Section 113 have any
reference to a similar case.

3. The different offices I am now filling are, Administrator,
Acting Chief Justice, Colonial Secretary and Police magistrate,
Treasurer, Collector of Customs, Harbour Master, Postmaster,
Registrar General, Receiver of Wrecks and Coroner, and the

increased work thus devolving on me in the combined appointments has necessitated my working out of office hours in order to prevent arrears of work from accumulating.

4. The salary I am at present drawing under Rule 2 of Section 113 is half that of Colonial Secretary and Police magistrate (£ 265) together with half the Governor's available salary (£ 600) - in all at the rate of £ 865 per annum.

5. As the other half of the salary of Colonial Secretary and Police magistrate is undrawn, and in view of the very unsatisfactory state of the Colonial finances, I trust that your Lordship may be pleased to accede to my request, taking into consideration that when H. Barkly was Lieutenant Governor he was allowed to draw a personal allowance at the rate of £ 100 a year during the last few months of his administration in addition to the Governor's half salary, whereas what I am asking Your Lordship's sanction for is available and will not necessitate any extra vote being taken.

The Right Honourable,

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

H.C. H.R.

I have the pleasure to inform

Id S. Lakenham Brooks.

Administrator

G. A. S. J. J.

17th October 1889

No. 154.

Number. Dates.

40	26 th July 1889.	Accounts 29 th August 1889	My Lord,	I have the honour to
-	19 th August "	Library Dr.	"	acknowledge the receipt of
41	6 th September "	- 31 st "	"	the Despatches noted in the
42	7 th "	Regulations Examination		margin on the 16 th instant
43	14 th "	Civil Service India		
Acknowledgment of Despatches 14 th Sept 1889.				
Circular	5 th July	"	Lord Knutsford	I have the pleasure to
-	12 th "	"	G.C.M.G.	inform Your Lordship
-	24 th "	"		that the Despatch
-	13 th August	"		noted in the margin
-	20 th "	"		on the 16 th instant
-	2 nd Sept	"		is now acknowledged
-	3 rd "	"		
-	5 th "	"		

Schedule of despatches transmitted by the Administrator of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 14th October 1889 by G. C. Bentaur
via Punta Arenas.

No.	Date	Subject of Despatch	Enclosure
143	5 th October 1889.	Cash Account of Colony for September last transmitting	1. (separate)
144	.	Colonial Chest Quarterly Survey transmitting	2.
145	.	Distressed British Seamen's Account to 30 th September 1889, transmitting.	1
146	.	Cape Point Lighthouse Quarterly Account transmitting.	1
147	.	Lighthouse Oil and Stores Account to 30 th September 1889, transmitting.	1
148	.	Casually transmitting a report to Board of Trade.	1
149	12 th	Amended Receipt Schedule and Voucher for Audit transmitting.	1
150	.	Bills of Exchange reporting remittance of.	bill.
151	14	Casually transmitting a report to Board of Trade	1
152	17 th	Savings Bank deposits reporting on	bill.
153	.	Applying Wheelhouse withdraw full salary of titular Officer in addition half salary of Nurse	bill.
154	.	Acknowledgment Receipt of Despatches	bill

No 155.

G. H. S. F. I.

4th November 1889.

My Lord,
I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No 42 of the 4th of September last, and to inform Your Lordships that Miss Sarah Preston arrived here by the German Steamer "Bentaur" on the 16th ultimo, and that she has assumed her duties of Nurse and Midwife.

The Right Honourable,
Lord Knutsford

John & Co &
J. E. Pakenham Bally
Administrator

G. C. M. G.

20.156.

G. H. S. F. I.
75 November 1889.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's despatch No 40 of the 26th of July last, and to inform you that I have duly furnished the Justices of the Peace, and other persons whose memorials were transmitted under cover of General Kerr's despatches No 92 and No 96 of the 10th and 14th of June last, with a copy of Your Lordship's despatch No 38 of the 18th of July, directing that the Ordinance for the abolition of the Office of Coroner should not be assented to.

The Right Honourable
Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

Shan - re - al
I d S. Bakenham Brkly.

Administrator

20. 157.

G. H. S. F. I.

75 November 1889.

My Lord,

— 2 — I have the honour to forward herewith for transmission to the Board of Trade copies of the proceedings at two Courts of Inquiry held to investigate the circumstances attending the loss of the British Vessels "William Davis" and "Amy", which I instituted at the request of the Masters of those vessels.

The Right Honourable,
Lord Knutsford
G.C.M.G.

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I d S. Bakenham Brkly.
Administrator

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G. H. S. F. I.

75 November 1889.

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My Lord

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The Directors
of the
Zalpland & Co.
London.

I have the honour to inform you that I have remitted by this mail to the Crown Agents for the Colonies the Bill of Exchange noted in the margin for the sum of one hundred and eighteen pounds five shillings and three pence, to be placed to the credit of this Government.

The Right Honourable.

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Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I d S. Bakenham Brkly.
Administrator

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G. H. S. J. I.

75 November 1889.

My Lord,

I have the honour to forward herewith for transmission to the Board of Trade, Casualty Reports, relating to the following British Vessels, viz:

- 1. William Dane
- 2. Amanda
- 3. Amy
- 4. Embleton

I have the honour to forward herewith
for transmission to the Board of Trade,
Administrators

The Right Honourable.

Lord Knutsford

G.C.H.G.

20/60.

G. H. S. J. I.

75 November 1889.

My Lord,

I have the honour to repeat for your information
that the deposits in the Government Savings Bank
this day amount to the sum of fifteen thousand three
hundred and sixty eight pounds eleven shillings and
three pence.

The Right Honourable.

Lord Knutsford

G.C.H.G.

I have the honour to forward herewith
for transmission to the Board of Trade,
Administrators

75 November 1889.

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G. H. S. J. I.

75 November 1889.

My Lord,

I have the honour to forward herewith for
transmission to the Audit Department, the Cash Account
of this Colony for the month of October last with
Supporting Vouchers together with a copy of the Cash
Book.

The Right Honourable.

Lord Knutsford

G.C.H.G.

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I have the honour to forward herewith
for transmission to the Board of Trade,
Administrators

G. H. S. J. J.
11th November 1889.

No. 162.

My Lord,

I have the honour to report for Your Lordship's information that the Kormos Mail Steamer "Karnak" with the English Mails of the 1st, 2nd and 5th ultimo, arrived here on the 7th instant, eight days in advance of the time when she was due as shown by the Company's time table.

2. In order that the Public should suffer no inconvenience by the early departure of the steamer, I arranged with the Agent of the Company here, that the "Karnak" should not sail until the arrival in Stanley of all the Mails for England from the outgoing stations.

3. These Mails have now been received, and the steamer will therefore continue her voyage this day with the homeward Mail for England via Montevideo.

The Right Honourable, Sir, &c. &c.
Lord Privy Seal G.C.M.G. Sir S. Rakenham Branks.
Administrator

Schedule of despatches transmitted by the Administrator of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 11th November 1889 by the Kormos Steamer "Karnak" via Montevideo.

No	Date	Subject of despatch	Enclosure
155	7 th Nov ^{er} 1889	Reporting arrival of Miss Sarah Preston Nurse & Indenture	1st.
156	.	Reporting having furnished Justices of the Peace and others with a copy of Secretary of State's despatch No 30 of the 10 th July last.	1st
157	.	Promising proceedings at two Courts of Inquiry for Board of Trade	2
158	.	Bill of Exchange reporting remittance of	1st.
159	.	Casualties transmitting reports of Inland Board of Trade	4.
160	.	Savings Bank deposits, reporting no	1st
161	.	Cash Account of Colony for October last transmitting	(separate) 1st
162	.	Early arrival of the Mail Steamer reporting Sir S. Rakenham Branks Administrator	1st

20/63.

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G. H. S. I. I.

9th December 1889.

My Lord,

Have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Audit Department the Cash Account of this Colony for the month ended on the 30th November last, with supporting Vouchers together with a copy of the Cash Book.

The Right Honourable,

Lord Knutsford
G.C.M.G.

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Have the honour

St. S. Lakenham Brkts.
Administrator

20/64.

G. H. S. I. I.

9th December 1889.

My Lord,

Have the honour to transmit herewith the forwarded to the Audit Department the enclosed series numbered 14 to 22, with the answers thereto.

The Right Honourable

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.
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Have the honour

St. S. Lakenham Brkts.

Administrator

20/65.

G. H. S. I. I.

9th December 1889.

My Lord,

Have the honour to forward herewith for transmission to the Board of Trade, Casualty Reports, relating to the following vessels, viz:

1. The late German barque "Vesta"
2. The British ship "King Robert"

The Right Honourable
Lord Knutsford
G.C.M.G.

Have the honour to be

St. S. Lakenham Brkts.
Administrator

G. H. S. J. J.

11th December 1889.

20/66.

My Lord,

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I have the honour to report for your information
that the deposits in the Government Savings Bank this
day amount to the sum of Sixteen Thousand four
hundred and seventy two pounds, five shillings and
four pence.

£1472.5.4.

2. As this amount exceeds the investments in
England by one thousand four hundred and
seventy two pounds five shillings and four pence,
I would suggest the desirability of the Crown Agents
being instructed to place a further sum of one
thousand four hundred pounds in British Colonial
Government Securities on account of the Bank, as I am
informed that an additional sum of one hundred
pounds will shortly be deposited, which will more
than suffice to meet any possible small withdrawals
without having recourse to the sale of any stock.

£1,500.£500.

The Right Honorable,

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G. Shaw & C.
Supt. Lakenham Brkts.
Administrator

20/167.

G. H. S. J. J.

13th December 1889.

20/1 Dates My Lord.

44. 25 th Sept 1889	Circular 4 th Sep 1889.	I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Despatches noted in the margin on the 12 th instant.
45. 7 th Oct	13 th "	Shaw & C.
46. " "	17 th "	Supt. Lakenham Brkts.
47. 16 th "	18 th "	Administrator
48. 19 th "	23 rd "	Shaw & C.
49. " "	26 th "	The Right Honorable 1 st S. Lakenham Brkts.
50. 24 th "	3rd Oct	Lord Knutsford
51. " "	15 th "	G.C.M.G.
52. 25 th "	23 rd "	to . & C.
53. 29 th "	24 th "	
54. 30 th "	25 th "	
55. 5 th Nov. "	26 th "	
56. 6 th "	Library 19 th "	
57. 7 th "		

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Administrator of the Government of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 13th of December 1889 by S.S. "Therion" via Punta Arenas.

No	Date	Subject of Despatch	Enclosure -
163	9 th Dec 1889.	Cash Account of Colony for December last, transmitting.	1 (separate)
164	" " "	Inquiries from Audit Department answered, transmitting	6.
165	.	Casualties transmitting Reports of for Board of Trade	2.
166	11 th .	Savings Bank deposits, reporting on	61.
167	13 th .	Acknowledgment of Despatches	61.
<i>S. Lakenham Grinths Administrator.</i>			

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G. H. S. I. I.

2nd January 1890.

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a
duplicate of the Annual Return of Arms and Stores
in the possession of the Police Force of the Colony
on the 31st of December 1889.

The Right Honourable,

Lord Knutsford G.C.B.G.

Have re. re.

Sd: S. Pakenham Brwks.
Administrator

202.

G. H. S. I. I.

2nd January 1890.

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit herewith
to be forwarded to the Audit Department the Report
of the Survey of the Colonial Chest for the Quarter
ended on the 31st of December 1889, and a Certificate
of Quarterly Survey containing a Statement of the
Receipts and Disbursements of the Colony during
the same period.

The Right Honourable,

Lord Knutsford G.C.B.G.

Have re. re.

Sd: S. Pakenham Brwks.
Administrator

203.

G. H. S. I. I.

2nd January 1890.

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be
forwarded to the Board of Trade an Account
Current with supporting Vouchers for Disbursements
on account of Cape Penrhoske Lighthouse for the
Quarter ended 31st December 1889.

20/182.
31st December
1889.
£103-15
to
the Board of Trade
in favour
of the Government
of the Colonies

The Right Honourable,
Lord Knutsford
G.C.B.G.

Have re. re. & s.

(Signed) S. Pakenham Brwks.

Administrator

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20.4.

G. H. S. J. I.
2nd January 1890

Separate

20/183.

31st Decr 1889

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The Board of Trade

in favor
of the Crown Agents
for the Colonies

My Lord,

I have the honour 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 quarter ended 31st December 1889.

2. I have drawn the Bill of Exchange noted in the margin in repayment of the amount advanced
The Right Honourable,
—Lord Knutsford Have sc sc
G.C.M.G. Jd S. Pakenham Brooks.
Administrator

20.5.

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit herewith in accordance with the instructions in the Circular Despatch of the 7th of April 1880, a Return of Officers making Family Remittances.

The Right Honourable,

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

Have sc sc

Jd S. Pakenham Brooks.
Administrator

20.6.

G. H. S. J. I.

2nd January 1890.

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit herewith in accordance with Rule 102 of the Colonial Regulations, six printed copies of the Ordinances enacted in this Colony during the year 1889.

The Right Honourable

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

Have sc sc

Jd S. Pakenham Brooks.
Administrator

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Annual Report Colony
In charge & suspended 2082 the 2nd January 1890.

Legislative Council.

Name	Date of Appointment	Holding what Office.	Spoken from the Colony.
Thomas Ken C. M. G. ^{#t.}	Ex Officio	Governor.	From the 31st July 1889.
P. Fletcher Bowles	: Do.	Colonial Secretary and Police Magistrate.	
S. Hamilton	: Do.	Colonial Surgeon	
J. E. Cott.	10 October 1884		
J. J. Bellum	16 July 1888		

#t. In administering the Government during the absence or illness of the Governor

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this Colony

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Executive Council.

Name	Date of Appointment	Holding what Office.	Letter from the Colony.
Thomas Ken C. M. G. ^{#†}	See Office.	Governor.	From the 31st July 1889.
S. Takemoto Br. M. G.	18 th February 1884	Colonial Secretary and Police Magistrate	
S. Hamilton	20 th April 1889	Colonial Surgeon.	
Revd. S. Brandon	24 th October 1883	Colonial Chaplain.	
^{#†} Is administering the Government during the absence or leave of the Governor.			

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G. H. S. J. I.
2nd January 1890.

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a duplicate, in accordance with the instructions contained in Circular Secret of the 1st of November 1886 the Annual Return of the Naval and Military Resources of this Colony for the year 1889.

The Right Honourable

Lord Knutsford

G.C.M.G.

I have &c. &c.

J. S. Pakenham Braxby.

Administrator

208.

G. H. S. J. I.

2nd January 1890.

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit herewith in accordance with Rule 259 of the Colonial Regulations Lists of the Members of the Executive and Legislative Councils of this Colony.

The Right Honourable

Lord Knutsford

G.C.M.G.

I have &c. &c.

J. S. Pakenham Braxby.

Administrator

209.

G. H. S. J. I.

2nd January 1890.

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit herewith Copies of the Minutes of the proceedings of the Executive and Legislative Councils for the half year ended on the 31st of December 1889.

The Right Honourable

Lord Knutsford

G.C.M.G.

I have &c. &c.

J. S. Pakenham Braxby.

Administrator

2^o 10.G. A. S. A. I.
2nd January 1890

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's despatch No 58 of the 6th of November last, in which Your Lordship directs that the question of the payment to Dr. Going of £50 a year additional salary for performing the duties of Assistant Collector of Customs in the West Falklands, should be reconsidered when the report of live sheep to Chili and Patagonia comes to an end as I humbly anticipate it will.

2. Under these circumstances, I beg most respectfully to solicit Your Lordship's instructions as to whether Dr. Going is to be paid the addition to his salary of £50 a year for his past services as Assistant Collector of Customs from May 1888 to the end of 1889, and for which provision was made in Ordinance No 11 of 1889 transmitted by Governor Kerr under cover of his despatch No 112 of the 13th July ultimus, and was confirmed by Your Lordship's Despatch No 55 of the 5th of November last.

3. I may also mention that a similar provision for this payment is contained in the Appropriation Ordinance for 1890, under the head of Salaries Provisional and Temporary which was transmitted with the Estimates for this year by Governor Kerr's despatch No 113 of the 13th July last, and confirmed by Your Lordship's despatch No 45 of the 19th October ultimus.

No 12 of 1881

The Right Honorable
Lord Lichfield
G.C.M.G.

I am &c. &c.
J. S. Lakenham Banks
Administrator

20/11.

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G. H. S. J. J.
2nd January 1890.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt
of Your Lordship's despatch No 48 of the 1st October
last, transmitting copy of a letter to Your Lordship
from Mr Thomas Murray relative to the estate of his
late brother Joseph Murray.

2. The late Joseph Murray died at ~~his~~ ^{private} home,
East Larkland, on the 18th February last, leaving
no heirs in the Colony, and his estate consisting
of personal property was wound up by myself
as Registrar of the Supreme Court acting as
Official Administrator, and realized the sum
of five hundred and twenty pounds, twelve
shillings and three pence, which amount
stands invested to the credit of the Estate in the
Government Savings Bank at 2½% interest
per annum from the 13th May 1889.

3. From inquiries I have caused to be instituted,
it would appear that the deceased was a
native of Clares, County Longford, and came to this
Colony about twenty four years ago. He had a
brother Thomas Murray residing at Clares and
another brother James Murray who went to
America about sixteen years ago, also a sister
Mary Murray married to John Hopkins, and
residing at Laugharn, Newtown, Cashel,
Ireland.

4. The Crown Agents might be instructed to divide
the Estate amongst the representatives of the
deceased, according to the Rules by which the
personal estates of persons dying intestate are
distributed, and then satisfying themselves
that the present applicant is the person whom
he represents himself to be.

The Right Honourable, There is to
Lord Knutsford, J. S. Lakenham Broth.
G. C. M. G. Administration

No. 12.

G. H. S. I. I.
2nd January 1890.

My Lord,

With reference to Your Lordship's despatch
No 41 of the 15th September last, I have the honour
to transmit herewith six printed copies of
Ordinance No 14 of 1889, entitled "An Ordinance
to consolidate and further amend the law
relating to fraudulent trade marks or
counterfeiting".

2. This ordinance was passed unanimously
in the Legislative Council, and I trust that it
will meet with Your Lordship's approval, and
receive Her Majesty's gracious confirmation
and allowance.

The Right Honourable
Lord Knutsford
G.C.B., M.P.

Ide. Pakenham Banks,
Administrator

No. 13.

G. H. S. I. I.

2nd January 1890.

My Lord,

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I have the honour to forward herewith
six printed copies of Ordinance No 15 of 1889
entitled "An Ordinance to amend the
Licensing Ordinance 1882", which was passed
at a meeting of the Legislative Council
held on the 27th ultimo, in accordance
with the instructions contained in Your
Lordship's despatch No 53 of the 29th of October
last.

2. I also transmit a statement of the remarks
made by Mr J. E. Cobb, Manager of the Falkland
Islands Company and an unofficial member
of the Council at the introduction of the Bill
from which it will be seen that this gentleman
did not vote against the passing of the Ordinance,
which was carried without opposition. The
other two members of the Council, the Colonial
Surgeon and Mr Dutton being in favor of

its enactment.

3. I therefore trust that after taking into consideration the circumstances that necessitated the introduction of this ordinance as set forth in my despatch No 137 of the 6th September last, that it will meet with Your Lordship's approval and receive Her Majesty's gracious confirmation and allowance.

The Right Honourable,
Lord Knutsford

G.C.M.G.

I have the honour to

1^d G. B. Lakenham Brunt,

Administrator

No 14.

G. H. S. J. I.
6th January 1890.

My Lad,

^{Estimate} I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Audit Department, the Cash Account of this Colony for the month of December 1889 with Supporting Vouchers together with a copy of the Cash Book.

The Right Honourable,

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have the honour to

1^d G. B. Lakenham Brunt
Administrator

No 15.

G. H. S. J. I.
6th January 1890.

My Lad,

^{Separate} I have the honour to forward herewith for transmission to the Board of Trade the account showing the Oil and Stores expended at Cape Pembroke Lighthouse during the quarter ended the 31st of December 1889, together with the Meteorological Register for the half year.

The Right Honourable,
Lord Knutsford

G.C.M.G.

I have the honour to
1^d G. B. Lakenham Brunt
Administrator

20.16.

209, 1st Jan 7/1890

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Accrued Genl of the
Army.

202, 1st Jan 7/1890

£ 9.15.0

Paym'ts in General.

20/182, 31st Dec 1889

£ 103.15.0

Board of Trade.

20/183, 31st Dec 1889

£ 280.11.10

Board of Trade.

20/185, 3rd Jan 7/1890.

£ 1750. 9. 3.

The Secretary of State
of the
Admiralty & C.R.C.
London

My Lord,

I have the honour to inform you that I have transmitted to the Crown Agents for the Colonies & the present mail the Bills of Exchange noted in the margin amounting in the aggregate to Two thousand one hundred and forty five pounds fourteen shillings and seven pence, to be placed to the credit of the Government.

I have the honour to be

The Right Honourable. 1st S. Pakenham Branks.
Lord Comptnd G.C.M.G. Administrator

20.17.

G. H. S. J. I.

13th January 1890.

My Lord,

I have the honour to report for your information the arrival at this Port since the departure of the last mail of the following ships of war.

2. On the 28th of December H.M.S Swallow arrived from Rio de Janeiro via Montevideo, and as there had been a case of Yellow fever on board during her passage to the latter Port, the vessel on reaching here was put in quarantine for five days, and pratique accorded to her on the 2nd instant as no fresh cases had occurred.

3. On the 11th instant H.M.S Flamingo arrived to relief H.M.S Swallow, which vessel proceeds to the Cape of Good Hope to be put out of Commission.

The Right Honourable.

Lord Comptnd

G.C.M.G.

I have the honour to be

1st S. Pakenham Branks.
Administrator

20.18.

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G. H. S. J. J.
14th January 1890

My Lord,

Information that the deposits in the Government Savings Bank this day amount to the sum of Seventeen thousand, three hundred and forty seven pounds thirteen shillings and three pence.

The Right Honourable,

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

Here se. &c.
1st S. Takenham Books.

20.19.

G. H. S. J. J.

15th January 1890.

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit herewith an application from Mr H. S. Cobb, Manager of the Falkland Islands Company in this Colony, acting on behalf of Mrs Langdon the widow of the ~~late~~ Langdon who during his life time was Clerk to that Company, praying for the refund of a portion of the Probate fee paid by her in this Colony, on the granting either of Letters of Administration to the estate of her late husband.

2. The personal estate of the deceased was sworn before the Supreme Court of these Islands amounting to the sum of £1191. 17. 10. which comprised amongst other property, New Specie £462, and Inded Stock £200, and a Probate fee of £23. 16. 9, being at the rate of 2%, was charged on all the personal property returned.

3. As this is the first application of a similar nature that has ever been made, as far as I am aware, I have to solicit Your Lordship's instructions as to whether the refund should be made. The amount to be returned would be £13. 4. 9, and the probate was granted on the 13th September 1889.

The Right Honourable

Lord Knutsford

G.C.M.G.

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Here se. &c.
1st S. Takenham Books.
Administrator

A.D. 20.

G. H. S. J. I.

15th January 1890

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit herewith copy of a letter which I have received from the Rev^d W. H. Philip, Presbyterian Minister at Darwin, in the East Falkland, resigning his appointment from the 30th April next.

2. The appointment is of the value of £100 a year without any right to pension, and the present Minister is allowed by the Falkland Islands Company house rent free, horses to ride and butcher's meat gratis, but it seems doubtful from what the Manager of the Company in Stanley informs me, whether these privileges would be granted to Mr Philip's successor.

3. The present holder of the Office was selected by the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland

The Right Honourable, I have the pleasure to
Lord Knutsford & C.M.G. Jth S. Lakenham Bury,
Administrator

A.D. 21.

G. H. S. J. I.

17th January 1890.

My Lord,

With reference to the 2nd paragraph of Governor Kerr's despatch No 119 of the 29th July last, I have the honour to report for Your Lordship's information that during this year Bills on the Colonial Government may be with safety sold by the Crown Agents to the Falkland Islands Company for the sum of £400. Four hundred pounds monthly, but that it would not be prudent to dispose of drafts for a larger amount, as the sums likely to be deposited in the Savings Bank during the present year will in all probability not reach the amount so deposited in 1889.

The Right Honourable,

Lord Knutsford

G.C.M.G.

I have the pleasure to

J. S. Lakenham Bury,
Administrator

G. H. S. D. I.

17th January 1890

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Circular 7/13^t.
(Confidential)

My Lord,

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

The Right Honourable G. H. S. D. I.
Lord Brunsford G.C.M.G. 1st S. Pakenham Branks.
Administrator

Schedule of despatches transmitted by the Administrator of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 18th January 1890 by the S.S. Memphis via Montevideo.

no.	Date	Subject of despatch.	Indorsement
1	1 st Jan ^y 1890	Annual Return of Arms, transmitting.	2.
2	.	Quarterly Survey of Colonial Chest transmitting.	2
3	.	Cape Pembroke Light house Quarterly Account, transmitting.	1
4	.	Distracted British Seamen's Quarterly Account transmitting.	(Reported)
5	.	Family Remittances Return of Officers making, transmitting.	1.
6	.	Ordinances of 1889 Six printed copies of transmitting.	(Reported)
7	.	Rural and Military Resources of the Colony, Returns for 1889, transmitting.	2
8	.	Executive and Legislative Councils, Lists of Members transmitting.	2
9	.	Minutes of Executive and Legislative Councils, copies of, transmitting.	2.
10	.	Assistant Collector of Customs, West Falklands, salary of respecting.	Recd.
11	.	The late Joseph Murray reporting respecting the Estate of.	Recd.
12	.	Ordinance 20/14 of 1889 transmitting Six printed copies of	6.
13	.	Ordinance 20/15 of 1889 transmitting Six printed copies of together with remarks of Mr. Cobb on the passing of the same.	7.
14	6	Cash Account of Colony for December last transmitting.	(Reported)
15	.	Cape Pembroke L ^t House Oil and Store Account & Meteorological Register, transmitting.	(Reported)
16	.	Bills of Exchange remitted to from Agents reporting.	Recd.
17	13	Ships of War reporting annual.	Recd.
18	14	Savings Bank deposits, reporting on.	1.
19	15 th	P. & State duty application from Mr. T. C. Cobb for a refund of reporting on.	1.
20	.	Resignation of the Rev'd W. H. Phillips, Presbyterian Minister reporting.	1.
21	17 th	Bills on the Colonial Government drawn by our Agent, as to amount the same reporting on.	Recd.
22	.	Acknowledgment of despatches.	Recd.

G. Pakenham Branks.
Administrator

No. 23.

G. H. S. J. J.

1st February 1890.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge
the receipt of your despatch No 58 of the 14th of
December last, and to convey to Your Lordship's
most grateful thanks for having sanctioned
my drawing the full salary of my titular
appointment of Colonial Secretary and Police
Magistrate in addition to the Governor's available
half salary during my administration of the
Government of this Colony.

2. I trust that when my administration terminates,
that Your Lordship may be pleased to transfer
me on promotion to some other Colony, and in
support of my application I would refer Your
Lordship to Lieutenant Governor Barkly's despatch
No 108 of the 26th of November 1886, and to Governor
Ken's subsequent despatch No 110 of the 17th of October
1888.

3. I may add that I am able to speak French fluently,
which I have no doubt would prove a useful qualification
should I be transferred to any Colony where French is
spoken.

The Right Honourable
Lord Knutsford G.C.B.G. I.A.S. Pakenham Branks.
Administrator

No 24.

G. H. S. J. J.

1st February 1890

My Lord,

I have the honour to report for Your Lordship's
information the safe arrival at this Port on the 16th ultimo,
of the Government Pilot boat "Hadassah," in charge
of Mr J. Campbell, Government Pilot, after a very good
passage from England of fifty four days.

The Right Honourable.

Lord Knutsford
G.C.B.G.I.A.S. Pakenham Branks.
Administrator

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G. H. S. J. J.

15th February 1890

My Lord,

Colonial Chaplain
to
Administrator
14th January 1890

Colonial Chaplain
Colonial Secretary
10th August 1886

Colonial Secretary
Colonial Chaplain
2nd October 1886

I have the honour to transmit herewith for Your Lordship's consideration and instructions, an application made to me by the Colonial Chaplain of this Colony acting on behalf of the new Church Building Committee, asking that permission may be granted to take sand, shingle, stone etc from the waste Crown lands in Stanley for the construction of the Protestant Church without payment of the usual royalty of 1/- per ton.

2. I also transmit copies of the correspondence that took place on the subject during Lieutenant Governor Barkly's administration, from which it will be seen that Mr Barkly stated that he had no objection to stone being quarried from a suitable place, and that he would reply further on the subject when the exact spot was decided on by the Church Committee. Nothing further than took place, and the matter remained in abeyance until the present application was sent in.

3. Since Mr Brandon's letter of the 10th of August 1886, an Amended Port Regulation was passed on the 8th December 1888, which enacted that no shingle, sand or stone should be taken from the beach without pre-payment of the sum of 1/- per ton, a copy of which Regulation I have the honour to transmit.

4. Under these circumstances I did not consider myself justified in exempting the Church Committee from this payment without Your Lordship's sanction. More especially, as a Baptist Chapel is shortly about to be constructed and a similar privilege will in all probability be asked for by their Minister.

5. Should Your Lordship grant the concession prayed for, I would suggest that the sum already received from the source be refunded, which by the time Your Lordship's decision is known, will amount as far as I can judge, to about £40.

The Right Honourable
Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

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J. G. Lakenbank Hall
Administrator

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2026.

G. H. S. J. I.
5th February 1890.

My Lord,

I have the honour to forward herewith for transmission to the Board of Trade a Casualty Report relating to the British barque "Maravilla", which vessel put into this Port short of water.

The Right Honourable,

Lord Rennell of Kinkindale, I have the pleasure to inform you

G.C.H.G.

Administrator

20.27

G. H. S. J. I.

5th February 1890.

My Lord,

I have the honour to report from Lordship's information that the present mail for England is being conveyed by an extra steamer of the Remor Line ("Iberia"), which has called in at this port on her homeward voyage to take in wool on account of the Falkland Islands Company, and that the regular mail from this Colony will be forwarded in addition, by the steamer due here on the 21st instant, according to the Company's time table.

The Right Honourable,

Lord Rennell of Kinkindale, I have the pleasure to inform you

Administrator

20.28.

G. H. S. J. I.

5th February 1890.

My Lord,

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I have the honour to inform you that I have transmitted to the Crown Agents for the Colonies by the present mail the Bills of Exchange noted in the margin amounting in the aggregate to one thousand and eighty one pounds, three shillings and three pence, to be placed to the credit of this Government.

The Right Honourable,

Lord Rennell of Kinkindale, I have the pleasure to inform you

Administrator

Schedule of despatches transmitted by the Administrator of the
Government of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies &
on the 6th February 1890 by the S.S. "Ibex" to Montevideo.

No.	Date.	Subject of Despatch	Enclosure.
23	15 th Feb ^r 1890.	Acknowledging receipt of despatch No 50 of the 14 th Dec ^r 1889.	1
24	- - -	Arrival of the Government Pilot boat "Hadassah" reporting	nil
25	- - -	Colonial Chaplain application to take Sand and Stone for construction of New Church free of charge transmitting	nil
26	5 th	Casualty transmitting a report of for Board of Trade.	2.
27	- - -	Additional Mail for England reporting transmission of	1
28	- - -	Bills of Exchange reporting remittance of.	nil

T. Lakenham Brewster,
Administrator

2029.

G. H. S. J. J.
10th February 1890.

My Lord

M^r Goff to the
Administrator
5 Feb 1890

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith
a copy of a letter which I have received from M^r A. E. Goff,
Manager of the Falkland Islands Company in this
Colony, pointing out the delay which is caused to
Sailing Vessels arriving in these Islands from Ports in
South America by their having to be visited by the Colonial
Surgeon before being admitted to pratique, and asking of
in the event of your Lordship's considering it expedient
to exempt these vessels from this obligation, that permission
may be granted to persons to board them for the
transaction of business as soon as they have been
given pratique by the Pilot and before coming to an
anchorage.

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Colonial Surgeon
to
Administrator
6 February 1880

2. Also transmit a copy of a report from the Colonial Surgeon on the subject, to whom referred in Mr Cobb's communication.
3. In the last paragraph of the Memorial of Messrs Cobb and Deltor relative to the visiting of vessels by the Colonial Surgeon, which was transmitted under cover of Guernsey Ken's despatch No 75 of the 10th of May last, these gentlemen asked that all steamers arriving at this Port from places in South America should be boarded by the Colonial Surgeon, and Your Lordship in reply was pleased to direct by despatches Nos 27 and 35 of the 4th of June and 14th July last, that the Interim Ordinance, No 3 of 1885, should be amended, and an Order issued under the Amending Ordinance that all vessels arriving from ports in South America should not be admitted to pratique until they had been visited by the Colonial Surgeon, and I accordingly issued an order to that effect under the provisions of Ordinance 13 of 1889, on the 11th of September 1889.
4. As Dr Hamilton in his report on Mr Cobb's letter is of opinion that his visiting vessels over twenty days out is unnecessary, I would propose with Your Lordship's approval, that I be permitted to cancel my Order of the 11th September 1889, and substitute an order embracing the decision of the Board of Health of the 13th of April 1889 as set forth in the 3rd paragraph of the Colonial Surgeon's letter relating on Mr Cobb's present application.
5. With reference to the request contained in the letter paragraph of Mr Cobb's letter that in the event of Your Lordship exempting sailing vessels arriving from ports in South America from the necessity of being visited by the Colonial Surgeon, permission may be granted to board these vessels for business purposes as soon as pratique has been given by the Pilot and before the vessel comes to an anchorage. I have the honor to transmit a copy of the Port Regulations of the 12th November 1885 from which it will be seen under Section 4 that this obligation is

imposed.

From 1875 to 1884 the latter part of section 4 was omitted L.S. " Provided always that the Regulation shall not extend to prevent persons going on board of vessels in distress for the purpose of rendering assistance.

But in consequence of representations made to Governor Kerr the latter saving provision was added.

On the 16th of August 1886 Mr Cobb again brought the matter forward before Lieutenant Governor Barkly who submitted on his application as follows:

"Inform Mr Cobb that I see no objection to the alteration he suggests provided to avoid mistakes a blue flag be hoisted by the vessel when pratique has been given as a signal that persons may board, and I will amend the Port Regulations accordingly. It must however of course be understood that any person boarding in this way will do it at his own risk, as regards, I understand, in case it should be discovered on the vessel anchoring that she has concealed any disease on board."

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(Signed) A. Barkly.

7. The substance of this minute was communicated to Mr Cobb, but the Port Regulations were not amended as Mr Barkly shortly afterwards left the Colony, and no further action appears to have been taken to the matter.

8. As the desired amendment was promised by Mr Barkly and duly communicated to Mr Cobb, consider that it would only be right and proper that an amended Port Regulation should be passed in the sense of Mr Barkly's minute, although personally, I am of opinion, that the latter part of section 4 of the Port Regulations of the 12th November 1885 is sufficient to meet the ordinary requirements of vessels arriving in distress.

The Right Honourable,
Lord Knutsford,
G.C.M.G.

There to be
Jdg. Lakenham Banks
Administrator

2030.

G. H. S. J. I.
15 February 1890.

My Lord,

separate.

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Audit Department the Cash Account of this Colony for the month of January 1890 together with supporting Vouchers and a copy of the Cash Book.

The Right Honourable
Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G

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H.E. Parkerham Brooks.

Administrator.

2031.

G. H. S. J. I.

15 February 1890.

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a Memorial from Charles Bender a partner in the firm of Coulson and Bender, praying that he may be granted a long lease of Moody Valley Farm, and that his neighbour Captain Packe may be compelled to meet him in regard to the expense of a boundary fence.

2. The conditions as to the lettings of the Suburban farms were fully laid down by Lord Carnarvon in his despatch 2032 of the 25th November 1875 to Governor D'Arcy, which directed, that the leases for their occupation were to be put up for auction for periods not exceeding three years. This course has hitherto been adopted, except in the year 1886, when probably through an oversight Moody Valley Farm was not put up for Auction.

3. The question of fencing and a mutual boundary line between Bender and Captain Packe was agreed to by the latter gentleman in his letter to the Colonial Office in London dated the 25th September 1883, a copy of which was forwarded to Governor Kerr under cover of Lord Derby's despatch 2046 of the 7th October 1883. Captain Packe however does not appear to have surrendered his lease for the land to be deducted, neither has any steps been taken with regard to fencing. In fact there is no law in the Colony rendering fencing obligatory.

2nd Decr 1879
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30th July 1889
20th Decr 1889

C. Bender to
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C. Bender to
Administrator 6^o
6th Decr 1889.
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of the 9th Decr 1889.
C. Bender to
Administrator 11th Decr
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4. Enclose extracts from the Minutes of the Executive Council bearing on the subject, and in the last of which (20th Decr 1889) it will be seen that I deferred putting up the license of occupation for Moody Valley Farm at auction & Bender's request was until he had communicated with Your Lordship. Also forward copies of the correspondence that has passed between Bender and myself in reference to the postponement of the sale.

5. Bender and Coulson for some time past have had differences in connection with the adjustment of the monetary affairs of the farm, with regard to which, Coulson appears to have served on Bender the notice complained of, a copy of which, accompanies Bender's Memorial to Your Lordship.

6. The whole question of the differences between Captain Packe and Messrs' Bender and Coulson were fully reported on by Guernsey in his despatches to Lord Derby 20th 12 and 6th of the 30th of January and 1st of July 1883, and any further information that Your Lordship may require will be readily afforded from Genl. G. H. Kew who is at present in England.

Share &c. &c.
J. S. Lakenham Bury.
Administrator

G. H. S. & T. J.
15th February 1890.

2032.

My Lord,

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London.

I have the honour to inform you that I have remitted to the Crown Agents for the Colonies by the present mail the Bill of Exchange noted in the margin amounting to the sum of one hundred and seventeen pounds, fourteen shillings and eight pence to be placed to the credit of His Government.

The Right Honorable,
Lord Amherst and G.C.B.G. Share &c. &c.
Administrator

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J. S. Lakenham Bury.
Administrator

No. 33.

G. H. S. & I.
15th Feb^y 1890

My Lord,

I have the honour to forward herewith
for transmission to the Board of Trade a
Casualty Report relating to the British barque
"Antares", which vessel put into this port
for repairs.

The Right Honourable,
Lord Knutsford
G. C. M. G.

I have to inform
Id. S. Pakenham Brooks
Administrator

No. 34

G. H. S. & I.
20th February 1890

My Lord

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

The Honble. Lord Knutsford
G. C. M. G.

I have to
sign Kerr
Governor

No. 35

Numbers Dates

G. H. S. & I.
20th February 1890

59	21 st December 1889
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Circular	18 th December 1889
"	27 th " "
"	31 st " "
"	4 th January 1890
"	6 th " "
Library Accounts	17 th December 1889
	24 th " "

My Lord

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

I have to
sign Kerr
Governor

The Right Honourable
Lord Knutsford G. C. M. G.
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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

By S.S. *Cairn* via Punta Arenas.

Schedule of despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 1st February 1890

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
29	10 th Feb 1890	Visiting sailing Vessels from Ports in South America by Colonial Surgeon.	2.
30	.	Cash Account for January 1890, transmitting	(separate)
31	.	Memorial from C. Hunter relative to Moody Valley Farm, transmitting	at Savings, 14
32	15 th	Bill of Exchange reporting remittance of	nil
33	.	Casualty Report forwarded for transmission to Board of Trade.	<u>ss "Potow"</u>

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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 21st of February 1890

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
34	20 th February 1890	Return from leave of absence - reporting	nil
35	-	Acknowledgment of Despatches	
36	-	Drafts on Colonial Government - Sale of by Crown Agents	14

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G.H. S. F.J.

20th February 1890

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch N° 2 of the 18th of January last having reference to my despatch N° 119 of the 24th July last respecting the purchase by the Falkland Islands Company of drafts on this Government from the Crown Agents for the Colonies, and transmitting for my consideration and report copies of two letters on the subject from the Crown Agents.

2. I find that Mr Brooks has already reported to your Lordship in his despatch N° 21 of the 17th of January last that it would be prudent during the present year to limit the sale of drafts on this Government to the Falkland Islands Company by the Crown Agents for the Colonies to four hundred pounds monthly, and in this opinion I agree

3. The Balance now in hand in the Government Savings Bank is Seventeen thousand and twenty seven pounds fourteen shillings and five pence

I have the

Signed Wm

Governor

The Right Honourable
Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

No. 29 to 36 - transmitted by ss "Ossini" via Punta Arenas. (transferred at sea to ss "Potosi")

G.H. S. F.J.

7th March 1890

No 37

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith for your consideration a copy of a letter addressed to me by Mr S. Pakenham Brooks the Colonial Secretary, in which he applies for six months leave of absence on half pay on the ground of urgent private affairs, as well as three months vacation leave

2. It is impossible for me to grant the leave of absence for which Mr Brooks applies, unless your Lordship may find it possible to send out a competent person to perform his duties during his on the terms proposed in his letter

3. The computation form which I transmit with the application, appears to entitle Mr Brooks to ask for the leave which

which he requires, and the state of his wife's health is such as to render her departure from the Colony imperative.

On a former occasion when leave of absence was granted to Mr Brooks I assumed, - with the assistance of my son, who was then my private secretary - the responsibility of his duties being performed by the Government Clerk, but any such arrangement would not now be practicable, or expedient.

I have the
Signed Kerr.

Copy of enclosure

G. O. G. Falkland Islands
4th March 1890

Your Excellency,

I have the honor most respectfully to request that you may be pleased to grant me six months leave of absence on half salary (to be preceded by three months vacation leave,) on the grounds of urgent private affairs, the nature of which are as follows:

1st. It being absolutely necessary for me to accompany my wife on a voyage to England for the restoration of her health, she being in a very delicate condition and requiring constant care and attention on the journey which, if she went alone, it would be impossible for her to obtain, seeing that the Kosmos steamers do not carry a stewardess, and very few of them a surgeon, and it being out of the question to procure in the Colony a maid servant for the homeward passage.

2^d. The adjustment of certain private family matters which require my presence in England.

2. As no arrangements satisfactory to Your Excellency can be made for the performance of my duties during my absence, as there is no one in the Colony suitable to replace the Government Clerk who acted for me on a former occasion, I would ask that a gentleman be selected by the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies to replace me whilst absent for whom there would be my available half salary, viz £265 per annum, together with £25 a year allowance for Clerk hire at the Police Court and fees averaging £40. or £50 a year,

in all about £330 or £340 per annum, at which rate I would be prepared to remunerate any successor during the term of my vacation leave.

3. I am desirous of leaving the Colony by the Mail of the 15th of July next (or as soon after as possible), and it is very desirable that the gentleman selected to replace me should come out by the Kosmos steamer leaving Dartmouth on the 12th of May, in order that I may be enabled to acquaint him with the duties of his office prior to my departure.

4. Should the Secretary of State consider I should defray the cost of the passage to the Colony of the officer selected to replace me I would be prepared to do so, but I trust that as there is a sum of £75 (seventy five pounds) borne on the Estimates under the head of "Transport" for the passage of Government Employees which there is no reason to anticipate will in any way be spent - that it will not be necessary to have recourse to this expedient.

5. To any officer on leave from a tropical Colony for the benefit of his health, such an acting appointment would prove a great boon, as the bracing climate of these islands could not fail to restore him to complete health and I therefore venture to hope that the Secretary of State will experience no difficulty in securing the services of a competent person

I have &

Signed E Patenham Brock

Computation to July 1890

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Total service from arrival in the Colony to date of certificate	6. 5.
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Period of Resident Service	5. 6. 12
Maximum amt. of leave authorized &c. plus six months	1. 5. 2
Leave on half salary already taken since first arrival in colony	10. 19
Leave now applied for	6.

No 38

G.H.S. F.I.
12th March 1890

My Lord

separate

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Audit Department, the cash account of this Colony for the month of February last with supporting vouchers and a copy of the Treasurer's Cash Book.

The Right Honourable Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G. I have &c.

No 39.

G.H.S. F.I.

12th March 1890

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Audit Department

- (1) The annual account of this Colony for 1889 in duplicate.
 - (2) A Statement of Assets and Liabilities on the 31st of December 1889 in Duplicate.
 - (3) A Statement showing the Increase and Decrease of Revenue under various heads during 1889 in Duplicate.
 - (4) A Statement showing the excess of Expenditure under various heads during 1889 in Duplicate.
 - (5) A Return showing the Revenue and Expenditure and Debt of this Colony for the year ended 31st of Decr 1889 in Duplicate.
 - (6) A list of Deposits on the 31st of December 1889 in Duplicate.
 - (7) A copy of a surprise Survey of the Colonial Chest on the 10th of April 1889 in Duplicate.
 - (8) A copy of the Rent Roll for 1889.
 - (9) A copy of the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for 1889.
 - (10) The account of the Crown Agents for the Colonies for 1889.
- I have &c

The Right Honourable
Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

Signed Wm

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No 40

G.H. S. F.J.

13th ~~21~~st March 1890

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Audit Department four Queries numbered 1. to 4. with the answers thereto.

The R' Hon'ble

Lord Kimberford G.C.M.G.

I have to
sign'd I Kerr

No 41

G.H. S. F.J.

13th March 1890

My Lord

I have the honour to report for your information that the Deposits now in the Government Savings Bank amount to the sum of seventeen thousand six hundred and one pounds fourteen shillings and six pence

The R' Hon'ble

Lord Kimberford G.C.M.G.

I have to

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

By Kosmas Steamer "Letas" via Montevideo

Schedule of despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the fifteenth of March 1890

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
37	7 th March 1890	Leave of absence, application for by Colonial Secretary transmitting copy of, for consideration.	2
38	12 th "	Cash Account of Colony for February, transmitting.	Separate
39	" "	Annual Account of Colony for 1889. Transmitting.	10 Separate
40	13 th "	Queries from Audit Office answered, transmitting	4
41	" "	Savings Bank Deposits reporting on	nil

243

No 42

G.H.S. F.I.
24 March 1890

My Lord.

I have the honour to transmit herewith a certificate of an examination of the funds in the Colonial Chest, which I caused to be made this day without previous notice.

The Right Honourable

I have to

Lord Kynsford G.C.M.G.

No 43

G.H.S. F.I.
2d April 1890

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Audit Department the Report of the Survey of the Colonial Chest for the Quarter ended on the 31st of March 1890 and a certificate of the Quarterly Survey containing a statement of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Colony during the same period.

I have to

The Right Honourable

Lord Kynsford G.C.M.G.

No 44

G.H.S. F.I.
9th April 1890

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Audit Department the Cash account of this Colony for the month of March last, with supporting Vouchers and a copy of the Treasurer's Cash Book - also the account of the Crown Agents for the Colonies with this Government for the month of January last.

The Right Honourable

Lord Kynsford G.C.M.G.

I have to

No 45

G.H.S. F.I.
10th April 1890

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Board of Trade an account current with supporting vouchers, of Disbursements on account of Cape Pembroke Lighthouse, for the Quarter ended on the

31st

Separate

31st of March 1890

244

£17. 17. 0

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

The Right Honourable

I have to
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Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

No 46

G.H. S. F.I.

11th April 1890

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded
to the Board of Trade the accounts showing the expenditure
of Oil and Stores, at Cape Pembroke Lighthouse during the
Quarter ended on the 31st of March 1890

The Right Honourable

I have to
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Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

No 47.

G.H. S. F.I.

12th April 1890

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded
to the Board of Trade an Account Current with Supporting Vouchers
for Disbursements on account of Distressed British Seamen for the
Quarter ended on the 31st of March 1890

£76. 9. 5

I have drawn the Bill of Exchange noted in the Margin in
repayment of the amounts advanced

The Right Honourable

I have to
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Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

No 48

G.H. S. F.I.

12th April 1890

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your
despatch No 1 of the 3d of January last transmitting for my
observations thereon a copy of a letter from Lloyds with enclosed
extract from a report of their agent here on the subject of the
Pilot service at this port, and containing a suggestion for the
establishment of a telephone line from Stanley to Cape Pembroke
Lighthouse.

2. Nothing

2. Nothing can be more efficient than the present arrangement for proceeding to place the Pilot on board of any vessel seen or reported making for the port. The Pilot Schooner is the fastest vessel in the place, she lies at a mooring from which she can slip and proceed to sea immediately, when required for service, and can safely go to the assistance of vessels at a considerable distance from the harbour even in bad weather.

3. The suggestion of reverting to the former practice of granting licenses to pilots to go out in such boats as could be procured here, is open to many objections. They would in most cases risk their lives if they ventured outside the entrance of Port William in a heavy sea and in no case could they render assistance as speedily and effectively as the Government Pilot is now able to do.

4. The establishment of a telephone between Cape Pembroke Lighthouse and Stanley would very much increase the efficiency of the Pilot service, as vessels can be seen from the Lighthouse at a considerable distance but the Lighthouse cannot be seen from Stanley except from the hill at the back of the town, and from thence only when the weather is clear and the neighbourhood of Cape Pembroke free from the clouds of sand which are blown up by the wind.

5. The distance by telephone from the Lighthouse to the Police Guard room or the Pilots house, is about six and a quarter miles, and the cost of a telephone, including packing and freight, would, according to the estimate which I transmit herewith, amount to one hundred and sixty pounds, to which must be added the cost of erection, which would not exceed one hundred pounds being a total cost of two hundred and sixty pounds when completed.

6. The local shipping trade is very small, but to disabled ships trying to make the port it is of the greatest importance that the Pilot should be warned of their approach as soon as possible, and in the interests of the underwriters and for the safety of ships unconnected with the Colony, it may be expected that either Lloyds or the Board

£160

£100

£260

Board of Trade, or both should contribute to the expenditure
and I would suggest for your Lordship's consideration that
they might be requested to send out the telephone complete
and that it should be erected at the expense of this Government.

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know its weight per mile.

Very truly yours,

Stanley.

The Excellency
Government Comt.

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amount to Seventeen thousand five hundred and fifty five
pounds, ten shillings and eleven pence.

The Right Honourable
Lord Knutsford G.C. M.P.

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cylinder 6½ estate motor.
Price gives 18 knot park
both wind according to
circumstances, therefore etc
should be sufficient. It
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weighs 31 lbs. costing 17 $\frac{3}{4}$
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owner of people who have

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£260

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on these point however a
professional opinion would in
doubt be taken.

Of course the copper
wire is a great expense

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The Right Honourable
Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have to
R. M.

Estimate for materials for 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ miles telephone
line to lighthouse. —

Consolidated Tel. C. & M. C. P.	2 Gramulated Carbon Combustion W. 15 with 2 Bell Receivers each @ £4	8. . . .	exempted for the rest with termination
W. Dennis	140 Iron posts	10 8/-	56. . . .
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pounds, ten shillings and eleven pence.

The Right Honourable
Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

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and I would suggest for your Lordship's consideration that
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and that it should be erected at the expense of this Government.

The Right Honourable
Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have to

Rew.

No 49

G.H. S. F.I.

14th April 1890

My Lord

6
I have the honour to transmit herewith six printed
copies of Ordinance No 1 of 1890, entitled "An Ordinance for the
summary punishment of perjury" which I trust will meet with
your approval and receive Her Majesty's gracious confirmation
and allowance.

The Right Honourable
Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have to

No 50

G.H. S. F.I.

15th April 1890

My Lord

6
I have the honour to transmit herewith six printed copies
of Ordinance No 2 of 1890 entitled "An Ordinance to amend the
Ordinance No 6. of 1889 to amend the laws to Juries and Jurors"
which I trust will receive Her Majesty's gracious confirmation and
allowance.

The Right Honourable
Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have to

No 51

G.H. S. F.I.

18th April 1890

My Lord

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I have the honour to report for your information
that the deposits now in the Government Savings Bank
amount to Seventeen thousand five hundred and fifty five
pounds, ten shillings and eleven pence.

The Right Honourable
Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have to

No 52

No 184	31 st March 1890	
<u>On the Board of Trade</u>	£ 77. 17. 0	
No 185.	31 st March 1890	
<u>On the Board of Trade</u>	76. 9. 5	
No 8.	1 st April 1890	
<u>On the Accountant General of the Navy</u>	1. 3. 6	
No 13.	1 st April 1890	
<u>On the Paymaster General</u>	9. 15. 0	
No 1088	5 th April 1890	
<u>On the Directors of the Falkland Island Company</u>	418. 15. 8	
	£ 584. 0. 7	

H. S. F. J.

18th April 1890

My Lord

I have the honour to inform you that I have transmitted to the Crown Agents for the Colonies by this mail the Bills of Exchange noted in the margin, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of Five hundred and eighty four pounds. and seven pence

I have to

The Right Honourable

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

No 53

Number of Desp. Date of despatch

2	18 th January	1890
3	1 st March	.
4	4 th	.
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6	7 th	.
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9	"	"
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	9 th January 1890	
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	28 th	"
	29 th	"
	4 th February	"
Library	8 th March	"

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the despatches noted in the margin this day

I have to

The Right Honourable

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

No 54

My Lord

H. S. F. J. 18th April 1890

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Audit Department the Return required by Rule 247 of the Colonial Regulations for the Quarter ended on the 31st of March 1890

The Right Honourable

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have to

L.H. S. 79

18th April
March 1890

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Board of Trade a Casualty Report relating to the British Barque Astoria which has arrived at this port in a disabled condition.

The Right Honourable I have the
Lord Kinnaird G.C.M.G.

Schedule of despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 19th of April 1890

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
42	24 March 1890	Surprise Survey transmitting Certificate	1
43	2 ^d April	Quarterly Survey of Colonial Chest transmitting	1
44	9 "	Cash Account of Colony for March transmitting	separate.
45	10 th "	Cape Pembroke Lighthouse Accounts for March Quarter 1890 transmitting	1
46	11 th "	Cape Pembroke Lighthouse Oil and Stores Accounts for March Quarter 1890. transmitting	1
47	12 th "	Distressed British Seamen's account for March Quarter 1890 transmitting	1
48	" "	Pilot service observations concerning	1
49	14 th "	Ordinance No 1 of 1890 transmitting copy	6
50	15 th "	Ordinance No 2 of 1890 transmitting copies	6
51	18 th "	Government Savings Bank report on	all
52	" "	Bills of Exchange reporting transmitting	nil
53	" "	Acknowledgement of despatches	nil
54	" "	Quarterly Return of apprentices transmitting	1
55	" "	Casualty Report transmitting	1

L.H. S. F.I.
28th April 1890

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Board of Trade copies of the proceedings at two Courts of Enquiry held to investigate the circumstances attending the loss of the British vessels "Janet Cowan" and "Cambrian Duchess," which I caused to be held at the request of the Masters of these vessels.

The Right Honourable

Lord Knutsford Q.C.M.Q.

I have the

signed Kerr

No 57.

L.H. S. F.I.

28th April 1890

My Lord

Janet Cowan
Seatoller
Cambrian Duchess

I have the honour to forward herewith to be forwarded to the Board of Trade Casualty Reports relating to the three British vessels named on the margin.

I have the

The Right Honourable

Lord Knutsford Q.C.M.Q.

signed Kerr

Copy

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 29th April 1890

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
56	28 th April 1890	Forwarding proceedings of two Courts of Enquiry for the Board of Trade	2
57	" " "	Casualty Reports for Board of Trade transmitting	3

signed Kerr
Governor

H. S. F. I. 8th May 1890

My Lord

With reference to your Circular despatch of the 30th of April 1889, requesting me to inform you whether my legal advisers see any objection to an Act of Parliament being passed enabling the Government of a British possession on receipt of a request from the Government of another British possession and on production of a warrant issued by a competent court of the revenue laws thereof, to order the arrest of such vessel if found in the waters of the first British possession, and its delivery to an officer of the second British possession to be taken to the second British possession to abide the trial of the charge of breach of revenue law, and authorize the removal of the vessel accordingly. I have the honour to inform your Lordship that - on the absence of legal advisers - I do not see any objection to such an Act of Parliament being passed.

2 I very much regret the delay which has occurred in replying to the above mentioned despatch, which was chiefly occasioned by my absence from the Colony and a misapprehension on the part of the Administrator of the Government, who was under the impression that a local ordinance would be required in the first instance.

The R^t Hon

Lord Kintford G.C.M.G.

I have to
Signed KerrH. S. F. I. 9th May 1890

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No 9 of the 15th of March last, transmitting to me a copy of a letter from the Comptroller and Auditor General relating to the Accounts of the Government of this Colony for the year 1888 - also requesting that I will in future send home quarterly the returns required by Rule 247 of the Colonial Regulations, and calling my attention to the irregularities in the Audit-Office Inquiry No 11, and to the insufficiency of the explanation given by the accounting officer of the differences between the estimated and actual receipts and payments.

2. The Quarterly

2. The quarterly return required by Rule 247, has already been transmitted for the first quarter of this year, and will be sent regularly in future.

3. The irregularity referred to in the Audit Office Query No 11, was rectified as soon as it was discovered that Mr Bertrand had occupied the Bense Islets under the erroneous impression that they were included in his lease, although - probably owing to an oversight - they had not been so included.

4. It is very difficult to find a more appropriate explanation of the differences between the estimated and actual receipts and payments in most of the cases referred to by the Comptroller and Auditor General. The estimates of Revenue, in the absence of more certain data, are based upon the average of the sums received under each head during the preceding three years. The most considerable important and considerable of these is the revenue from Customs, and as the importation of durable goods varies in a most uncertain degree from year to year, although the actual consumption remains nearly the same, it is found impossible to assign any particular cause for the fluctuations in customs receipts. The same applies to most of the other heads under which differences appear, "Fees Fines and Forfeitures" is sometimes casually increased by probate of a Will, to a much larger amount than could have been anticipated. The Sale of Crown Lands the Rent of Government Cottages and some other heads of the Estimates, but I will, in every case where it is practicable, cause a detailed explanation to be given.

5. I observe that the amounts of Revenue and Expenditure as stated in the Auditor General's report, differ from the account sent to be audited, but as the amended accounts are not transmitted to me I have no direct means of noting the changes which have been made during the audit. The last Annual Account amended in the Audit Office which has been returned to me is that for the year 1884.

The R. H.
Lord Thurlford of Golds.

I have to
signed Kerr

My Lord

G.H.S. F.S. 10th May 1890

I have the honour to transmit herewith six printed copies of Ordinance No. 3 of 1890 entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the payment of expenses arising out of the trial under the Foreign Jurisdiction Acts of British subjects who are natives of or resident in the Colony of the Falkland Islands".

2. This Ordinance has been passed in accordance with the information contained conveyed in your circular despatches of the 16th of April and 3^d of September 1889 and I trust it will meet with your Lordships approval.

The Right Honble

Lord Kemsford G.C.M.G.

I have to
sign. Kerr

G.H.S. F.S. 12th May 1890

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith six printed copies of Ordinance No. 4 of 1890 entitled "An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 2 of 1889 entitled An Ordinance to amend the Customs Ordinance 1882".

2. The chief object of this Ordinance is to remove the restrictions complained of in the case of large vessels arriving at harbours and places at a distance from Port Stanley (and more particularly in view of a proposed exportation of frozen meat from the West Falkland Islands by means of steam vessels homeward bound from New Zealand) by limiting the tonnage dues within a moderate amount, and also allowing vessels making more than two voyages in the year to be free from further payments.

3. The Ordinance provides also for a difficulty which has sometimes arisen from the absence of the Medical officer (who is also the Customs officer) when engaged in professional duties in distant parts of his extensive district, by sanctioning the appointment by him of a deputy in special cases.

4. The Ordinance also provides for the admission free of duty, of perfumed spirits, lemonade, and ginger-beer and ginger ale, as well as methylic alcohol for use in lamps. The importation of all of which articles had almost ceased, in consequence of the duties to which they were liable.

The Right Honble

Lord Kemsford G.C.M.G.

I have to
sign. Kerr

No 62

G.H.S.F.J. 13th May 1890

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Audit Department, the Cash account of this Colony for the month of April 1890, with supporting vouchers and a copy of the Treasurer's Cash Book, also the account of the Crown Agents for the Colonies with this Government for the month of February last and a copy of Ordinance No 4 of 1890, amending the provisions respecting tonnage dues, and the Customs Tariff.

The Rt Hon

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.Q.

I have to

signed Kerr

No 63

G.H.S.F.J. 14th May 1890

My Lord

I have the honour to inform you that I have this day drawn a Bill of Exchange at thirty days sight on the Crown Agents for the Colonies for the sum of one hundred and eighty two pounds seven shillings and four pence in favour of Alexander Fraser, withdrawn from his deposit account in the Government Savings Bank.

The Rt Hon

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.Q.

I have to

signed Kerr

No 64

My Lord

G.H.S.F.J. 14th May 1890

I have the honour to report that I have just heard of the arrival at Park Howard in the West Falkland of the Hengist, a vessel fitted up with freezing machinery for the purpose of recommencing the exportation of frozen mutton from this Colony.

2. The above named vessel as well as a vessel called the Isca, which has also arrived at the West Falkland Island with cargo, and to load with wool, will come within the operation of Ordinance No 4 of 1890, transmitted in my despatch No 61, of the 12th instant - so far as relates to the limitation of the amount of tonnage dues to sums not exceeding ten pounds on each entry.

The Rt Hon

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.Q.

I have to

signed Kerr

No 65

254

My Lord

G.H.S.F.I. 15th May 1890

£700

I have the honour to request that you will authorize
the Crown Agents for the Colonies to sell to the Falkland Islands
Company a Bill at sight on the Treasurer of this Colony
for a sum not exceeding seven hundred pounds, the
proceeds of which is to be deposited in the Government Savings
Bank on behalf of Mr J.B. Frazer, one of the employees of
the Company.

£400

The R. Hon

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have to
sign'd Kerr

No 66

G.H.S.F.I. 16th May 1890

My Lord

£347.16.5

I have the honour to inform you that I have this day
drawn a Bill of Exchange at thirty days after sight on the
Crown Agents for the Colonies for the sum of three hundred
and forty seven pounds sixteen shillings and five pence in
favour of T. E. Cobb manager of the Falkland Islands Company
withdrawn by James Nicol from his deposit account in the
Government Savings Bank and made payable to the manager
of the Falkland Islands Company.

The R. Hon

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have
signed Kerr

No 67

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326

G.H.S.F.I. 21st May 1890

My Lord

With reference to your despatch No 7. of the 7th of
March last transmitting to me a copy of a letter from the
Colonial Office to the Free Church of Scotland's Colonial Committee
stating that the allowance of £100 from Colonial funds will
be continued to Mr Philip's successor. if the Committee think fit
to appoint one. I have the honour to inform you that Mr Philip
will leave the Colony in the Rottnest steamer Pentaur
which arrived today from Pinta Arenas with the April
mails from England.

2. M. Cobb

2. Mr Cobb the manager of the Falkland Islands Company, informs me that the directors have decided not to continue the allowances to a Presbyterian Minister at Darwin, and they require the house for the use of a Camp manager. They have however instructed him to spend the money hitherto allowed, in subsidizing Ministers of Religion for periodical visits from Stanley and they hope the outlying stations will receive as much or even more attention than they have lately had. He further states that the establishment of a Minister in the camp has not been a success, and that the Church has frequently been closed for want of a congregation. That no movement on the subject has been made by the men themselves and the Directors see no reason for forcing an unwelcome person upon them. That when Mr Yeoman was appointed it was in response to a petition signed unanimously by the Scotch servants who guaranteed a payment of more than £100 a year towards his support, but that for some years past the subscriptions have been nil. Mr Cobb adds that until some movement is made he feels sure the Directors will do nothing more, though they are always willing to assist their people when a necessity arises.

The Rt Hon

Lord Kneafsey G.C.M.Q.

I have to
Signed Hess

No 68

My Lord

G.H.S. F.I. 22^d May 1890

£17,156.5.8

I have the honour to report for your information that the deposits now in the Government Savings Bank amount to seventeen thousand, one hundred and fifty six pounds five shillings and eight pence

The Right Honourable

Lord Kneafsey G.C.M.Q.

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Signed Hess

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

By Kosmas Thomas Pentaur via Montevideo

Schedule of despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 23rd of May 1890

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures
58	8 th May 1890	Reply to circular despatch of 30 th April 1889 relating to a proposed Act of Parliament	in the Colony 25
59	9 th "	Annual account of the Colony for 1888, having reference to the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.	one 1 per annum -
60	10 th "	Ordinance No 3 of 1890 transmitting six copies of.	nil
61	12 "	Ordinance No 4 of 1890 transmitting six copies of.	6
62	13 "	Bank account of Colony for April 1890 transmitting	6 less than the
63	14 "	Bill of Exchange on Brown Agents for the Colonies for Savings Bank withdrawal reporting.	nil 10
64	" "	Tonnage dues on Vessels arrived at West Falkland Island. report concerning	nil 8
65	15 "	Requesting that draft may be sold by Brown Agents. to Falkland Islands Co for deposit in S Bank	nil 0
66	16 "	Bill of Exchange on Brown Agents for the Colonies for Savings Bank withdrawal, reporting.	nil 7
67	21 st "	Presbyterian Minister at Darwin, withdrawal of allowances by Falkland Islands Co reporting	nil 2
68	22 "	Government Savings Bank amount of deposits in, reporting	nil 7.3
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less than the
= of £982 -

~ for Salaries provisional and temporary (£107) Revenue serviced (£800) and conveyance

My Lord

H. S. F. I. 26th May 1890

I have the honour to transmit herewith two copies of the Blue Book of this Colony for the year 1889, with the following Report thereon.

Taxes, Duties and other Sources of Revenue

By Ordinance No 2 of 1889, vessels arriving at any places in the Colony other than Port Stanley are liable to tonnage dues at the rate of one shilling per ton on the registered tonnage.

By Ordinance No 10 of 1889 Licences are required to be taken for the sale of tobacco in the district of Stanley on payment of two pounds per annum and in other ports of the Colony, one pound per annum.

There are no other changes in the sources of Revenue.

Revenue and Expenditure

The Revenue of 1889 was £8628.0.2. being £376.19.0 less than the estimated amount, which was £9005.

Under several heads there was an excess, as follows:-

Licences	£28
Land Revenue	97. 0. 10
Sale of Government property	14. 7. 8
Interest on Investments	302. 13. 0
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	£ 442. 1. 6

The deficiencies were as follows

Customs	£ 398. 4. 7
Rents exclusive of land	48. 9. 1
Fines, Forfeitures and Fees.	18. 0. 1
Postage	51. 13. 2
Miscellaneous Receipts	38. 15. 3
Anchore Duty	23. 19. 2
Sale of Crown Lands	240. 0. 0
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	£ 819. 1. 4

No aid was received from Imperial Funds

The expenditure of 1889 was £9720.12.8. or £305.7.4. less than the estimated amount, which - including a supplemental vote of £982 - for Salaries provisional and temporary (£107) Revenue serviced (£800) and conveyance

conveyance of Mails (£75) - was £10,026. 0. 0.

The excess of assets over liabilities on the 31st December 1889 inclusive of cash in the Colonial Chest £3496. 18. 5. and in the hands of the Crown Agents for the Colonies £1069. 14. 11. was £5392. 4. 2

This balance includes £2000 which has been invested in Colonial securities on account of Land Sales and £1000 on account of Gasfins Funds. The interest on these investments amounted in 1889 to £105. 5. 4

There is no Public Debt.

Public Works

During the year 1889 the roads and drains in Stanley were still further extended and renewed.

James Street was formed, drained and macadamized, new drains were made in parts of the Fitzroy and Ross roads, and other streets and roads were partially renewed and repaired, at a cost of £431. The Dockyard tramway was completed and the and the jetty and sea wall repaired, at a cost of £81. The Look out mast was repaired and a new Time bell mast and bell erected at a cost of £70. The repairs of the Gaol were finished, and the Schools, Barracks, Government House, and Powder Magazine were repaired, and the Court House, Police and Pilot quarters were roofed with corrugated iron at a total cost of £857. 10. 8. The repairs of the Paddock fence cost £10. and the cost of peat cutting which is a sub-head of the Vote for Works and Buildings' cost £50 making the total expenditure on Public Works £1499. 10. 8.

In addition to the above, but under the Head of Revenue Services is the cost of a Pilot Schooner, purchased and fitted out in England and sailed out to the Colony. The actual cost of this vessel charged to the expenditure of 1889 was £688. 10. 6. which does not include the expense of sailing her to the colony (£57. 15. 5) where she did not arrive until early in 1890.

Legislation

No 1 An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the law relating to fraudulent marks on merchandise

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This Ordinance was passed on the 18th of February and came into operation on the same day.

No 2. An Ordinance to amend the Customs Duties Consolidation Ordinance 1882.

This Ordinance was passed on the 18th of February and came into operation on the same day.

No 3. An Ordinance to make further provision for the protection of Women and Girls, the prevention of outrages on decency and other purposes.

This Ordinance was passed on the 9th of March and came into operation on the same day.

No 4. An Ordinance relating to the property of Married Women.

This Ordinance was passed on the 9th of March and came into operation on the same day.

No 5. An Ordinance to regulate the attendance of children at school.

This Ordinance was passed on the 9th of March and came into operation on the same day.

No 6. An Ordinance to amend the Laws relating to Juries and Jurors.

This Ordinance was passed on the 18th day of May and came into operation on the same day.

No 7. An Ordinance to abolish the Office of Coroner in the Falkland Islands.

This Ordinance was passed on the 18th of May but was not assented to by the Governor and was afterwards disallowed by Her Majesty as required in a despatch from the Secretary of State No 38 of the 18th of July 1889.

No 8. An Ordinance to authorize the prohibition of the export of certain articles.

This Ordinance was passed on the 18th of May and came into operation on the same day.

No 9. An Ordinance to provide for the payment of compensation on the respect of the loss or damage of parcels in the post.

This Ordinance was passed on the 18th of May and came into operation on the same day.

No 10. An Ordinance to amend the Law relating to the sale of Tobacco in the Colony of the Falkland Islands.

This Ordinance was passed on the 18th of May and came into operation on the same day.

No 11. An Ordinance to make further provision for the service of the Colony of the Falkland Islands for the year 1889.

This Ordinance was passed on the 13th of July and came into operation on the same day.

* No 12. An Ordinance to provide for the service of the Colony of the

the Falkland Islands for the year 1890

This Ordinance was passed on the 13th of July and came into operation on the same day.

No 13. An Ordinance to amend the Quarantine Ordinance 1875

This Ordinance was passed on the 11th of September and came into operation on the same day

No 14. An Ordinance to consolidate and further amend the law relating to fraudulent marks on merchandise

This Ordinance was passed on the 27th of December and came into operation on the same day

No 15. An Ordinance to amend the Licensing Ordinance 1882

This Ordinance was passed on the 27th of December and came into operation on the same day.

Legislative Council

Mr John James Felton, who was appointed on the 16th of July 1888 while absent from the Colony - to be a member of the Legislative Council arrived in the Colony and took his seat on the 18th February 1889

Mr F. G. Cobb who was absent on leave from the 19th of March 1888 returned to the Colony and resumed his seat on the 18th February 1889

Governor Kerr Coll. left the Colony on leave of absence on the 31st of July when Mr B. Pakenham Brooks Colonial Secretary and Administrator of the Government became President of the Council to the end of the year.

Civil Establishment

On the 31st of July Governor Kerr Coll. proceeded to England on leave of absence, and the administration of the Government for the rest of the year devolved upon Mr B. Pakenham Brooks the Colonial Secretary, who continued to perform the duties of his other offices

Mr John Campbell the Government Pilot left the Colony on special service relating to the purchase of a pilot schooner - on the 31st of July and did not return during the year. The duties of Pilot were performed during his absence by Police Constable B. Wilmer

Mrs Sarah Preston was appointed Nurse and Midwife and arrived in the Colony on the 16th of October

"Pensions"

There was no change under this head. The annual charge continued to be £235. 16. 8.

Population

There were 60 births during 1889, of which number 29 were males and 31 were females.

~~24~~ deaths were registered. There were 16 Marriages, 24 deaths registered of which number 17 were males and 7 were females.

The causes of death were as follows

Syncope

Rupture of the apex of the heart 1

Affection of the lungs and heart 1

Phthisis 3

Laryngitis 1

Affection of the throat 1

Cirrhosis of the liver 1

Cerebral Apoplexy 1

Cerebral disease 1

Paralysis 1

Spinal Paralysis 1

Convulsions 1

Intemperate Fever 4

Gastric disease 1

Bright's Disease 1

Drowning 2

Shot by accident 1

Exhaustion from exposure 1

24

The number of deaths in Stanley was 14, - in the Darwin district 3, - in other parts of the East Falkland Island 1, and in the West Falkland District 6.

One of the deaths registered in Stanley was that of the Master of a vessel which was lost at sea, who died of exhaustion soon after being landed and one of those enumerated in the return from

from the West Falkland district was the supercargo of a merchant vessel from London who died of apoplexy.

The total number of deaths among the inhabitants was therefore 22, or about 11 per thousand.

The following are the reports on the sanitary condition of the Colony during 1889 by the Government Medical Officers.

The Colonial Surgeon to the Colonial Secretary

Sir

I have the honour to furnish a report on the sanitary condition of Stanley for the year 1889.

In the first part of the year there were many cases of Enteric fever of a severe type, and several deaths occurred, but since then we have had immunity from that scourge, and we have had no disease of an infectious or contagious nature.

The climate is healthy and the people as a rule are in comfortable circumstances, animal food is abundant and cheap and the other necessities of life easily obtained. Beef and Mutton being the staple food with the majority, and as they are both important factors being highly nitrogenized and easily assimilated to the human economy, which taken in connection with the other albuminoids obtained in quantities, and the large amount of ozone gas supplying the respiratory system it is not surprising that the people as a rule are strong and healthy also the amount of Iodine set free from the Kelp acting as a prophylactic in many scrofulous diseases and the rarity of Phthisis and of many pulmonary complaints remarkable. It would surprise many of our Physicians in England how that dread malady Phthisis is warded off and I believe in many instances completely buffeted by the health giving qualities peculiar to these Islands. If many of those who suffer from the enervating influence of the climate at Monte Video and Buenos Ayres could be induced to seek the health giving resort of the Falklands their feeble frames would soon be braced and they would return with a stock of health.

I have &c

Dated - S Hamerton
Colonial Surgeon

" West Falkland District

REPORT of the ASSISTANT COLONIAL SURGEON for 1889.

For Boys,

West Falklands,

January 31st, 1890.

The Assistant Colonial Surgeon to the Colonial Secretary,
Sir, (West Falkland district)

I have the honour of presenting my second annual report
for the year 1889.

2. There has been a total absence of zymotic disease; this I attribute, not to the increased healthiness of the place by improved sanitation, as it would be almost impossible to get a healthier place than the West Falklands, but to the fact that none has been imported from Stanley or elsewhere.

3. I have calculated the death rate for 1889 to be 15 per 1000, and the birth rate 57.5 per 1000. The death rate is higher than it ought to be, and this year at least is no true guide to the healthiness of the place as two deaths were from violence—one from drowning—and the other from shooting—another one was that of a Master Mariner belonging to the "Grandholm," from England, who died suddenly at Spring Point, from apoplexy. The fourth was that of a man from Stanley, who died shortly after landing in "Beaver Island," and the cause of death being unknown. Two other deaths occurred in the West Falklands—one a baby from convulsions and the other an adult from meningitis, which was most certainly not tubercular.

4. The rate of infant mortality for 1889 will be represented by the numbers of 43 per. 1000; this is very low as the annual rate of infant mortality for England and Wales for the ten years 1871-1880 was 149 per. 1000.

5. Since I have been in the Falklands—about two years now; I have not seen a case of pneumonia or rheumatic fever, and no cases of broncho-pneumonia in children. Considering the small number of children here, there is a great deal of rickets among them, and one or two severe cases, as bad as any I have seen in London, and yet none of these children have broncho-pneumonia so common and fatal at home.

6. The absence of pneumonia and rheumatic fever are striking considering the amount of exposure the inhabitants of these islands are subject to. They are always getting wet through, and hardly ever change their clothes, and yet they never get either pneumonia or rheumatic fever. The men suffer a good deal from that or chronic intractable rheumatism in the muscles of the back, and other forms of muscular rheumatism, but never from rheumatic fever with all its disastrous consequences.

7. Chronic indigestion among the adults is the bane of these islands, it principally occurs in the form of "heartburn" and "water-brash," and is due to the enormous quantities of coffee and tea consumed in the very strongest forms, to the indigestible character of the bread they eat, and to the ignorance of most of the women of the most rudimentary laws of cooking.

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8. With regard to the rising generation the remarks I made last year are again applicable this year, and even still more so.

9. No deaths among the Fuegians in Keppel Island have been reported to me this year, they certainly seem in fairly good condition. The improvements I suggested as to the ventilation of the Fuegians' sleeping room have been carried out, and a portion of the house has been set apart as a hospital, and for the purpose of isolating the cases of phthisis which may occur. Much praise is due to Mr. Whaits, the resident Superintendent, for the careful way he teaches them the very first steps towards civilization—cleanliness.

10. With regard to the statistics placed at the end of this report, they are not only useful for the showing the manner in which the population is distributed over the West Falklands, but in other ways as well. Their usefulness will increase with time when different years can be compared with each other.

11. The healthy condition of the West Falklands is no doubt due to the splendid air and the abundance of water.

I have the honor to be ✓ s

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~~Four most obedient servant~~

J. A. GOING

Assistant Colonial Surgeon

SUMMARY for the West Falkland District

No. of Stations—17
 No. of Shepherds' houses—32.
 Total number of houses—95.
 No of inhabitants ^{adult} 212 males. 80 female
 of Children 71 " 48 "

Total number of inhabitants 411

Number of Visits paid to the various Stations by Government.
 the Medical Officer during 1889, with distances from Fox Bay.

	Number of Visits
Spring Point, 4 hours ride	5
Port Edgar, 6 hours ride	2
Port Howard, 7 hours ride	7
Port Stephens, 9½ hours ride	5
Hill Cove, 7 hours ride	11
Shallow Bay, 10 hours ride	8
Chartres ^{River} , 3½ hours ride	17
Roy Cove, 8 hours ride	7
Weddell Island, 12 hours journey	4
Pebble Island, 1 days journey	1
Frans Frans Island. No visit in 1888.	67
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The total population of the Colony can only be approximately stated. On the 31st of December 1888 it was assumed to be 1890 and on the 31st of December 1889 it may be stated as 1930.

Education

The Colonial Chaplain who is the Inspector of the Government Schools, has furnished the following Education Report for 1889.

The Colonial Chaplain to the Colonial Secretary

Sir

The Routine laid down by in the Regulations for the Government Schools in Stanley has been carried out during the year.

The School attendance Ordinance has worked fairly well, but a private school, having been opened in Stanley it is impossible for the Schoolmaster or School Inspector to know whether all the children of school age are attending or not. A return of the children attending school and the number of their attendances should be furnished by both Government.

Government and private schools in Stanley to the Colonial Secretary once every fortnight, as is done I believe in England. The total number of names on the Roll of the Senior School during the year was Boys 70, Girls 48. ~~of the Infant School Boys 61, Girls 80.~~

The number of children on the Rolls at the end of the year, and the average attendance on both school was as follows for 1888 and 1889

In the Senior School		In the Infant School	
1888	Number on the Roll. Average Attendance	Number on the Roll.	Average attendance
Boys.	47.	36	26.1
Girls	48	28	29.1
 1889.			
Boys	51	35.5	26.4
Girls	26	20	30.

The increased grant of £14 per annum made by the Secretary of State has been expended on the appointment of an additional teacher to teach the girls sewing in the Senior School, which circumstance will much increase of the girls education. But ought to be only a provisional arrangement until there can be separate schools for Boys and Girls. The one as now taught by the Schoolmaster, the other by a trained Schoolmistress. Many girls would continue at school much longer than they now do as the parents have a most decided objection to sending their girls to a mixed school.

There are only two other schools in the islands viz: a school opened in Stanley by the Roman Catholic Priest during the past year, and one supported by the Falkland Islands Company in Darwin.

Nothing further is being done for the education of the children scattered throughout the islands although they comprise nearly one half of the children in the Falkland Islands.

In November 1889 I visited the West Falkland Island and nine adjacent islands and examined 62 children, all with the exception of four had made some progress during the year under their parents' tuition.

During the summer months a junior assistant teacher in the Infant school is very necessary, and this year we are again supplying the need by private subscription.

I most respectfully recommend

1. That £6 a year per annum should be granted towards a junior assistant

- in the Infant school during the 6 summer months when the attendance of young children is large
2. That a return of the attendances at all schools in Stanley should be made once a fortnight to the Colonial Secretary.
 3. That the advisability of having separate schools for the senior boys and girls be taken into consideration.
 4. That inquiries be made as regards the education of children in other colonies with a view to meeting the educational difficulties of these islands.

Lowther & Brandon M.A.

Colonial Chaplain

The Reverend P J Diamond Roman Catholic Priest opened a school in Stanley during the year. The average number on the roll was 41, of which 22 were boys and 19 were girls. The average attendance was 30, or 16 boys and 14 girls - and the numbers were rapidly increasing. Mr Diamond states that his chief object in opening the school was to prevent the children of his congregation from becoming irreligious, complaints having been made that Mr Durose the Government Schoolmaster - who is said to have become an agnostic - had been indiscreet in his allusions to religious subjects while teaching. No religious doctrines are taught or observed in the Government Schools - the course of instruction being entirely secular in its character. Several children of protestant parents attend Mr Diamond's school, in which he states that no religious subjects are taught.

Imports and Exports

The value of the Imports in 1889 was £ 55,716. in 1888 it was £ 54,008. and in 1887 it was £ 66,785.

The value of the Exports in 1889 was £ 116,102. in 1888 it was £ 88,743. and in 1887 it was £ 107,995.

The following table represents the relative value of the several articles of export during the six years ending with 1889.

	1884	1885	1886	1887.	1888.	1889
Wool	74,625	82,113	72,998	80,065	76,573	100,540
Tallow	13,313	3,360	3,640	4,475	2,799	3,993
Sheepskins	5,686	5,125	3,813	5,039	5,932	5,264
Hides	4,242	4,727	1,850	515	906	1,001
Old Metal	196	350	-	70	-	80
Seal skins	191	-	-	12	338	254
Seal oil	125	-	-	-	-	-
Hair Horns & Bone ash	62	93	8	-	29	9
Live sheep	2,720	2,078	10,949	3,314	1,118	4,467
Live horses	150	-	-	-	-	-
Frozen mutton	-	-	15,070	13,882	-	-
Live geese	-	-	18	-	-	4,93
Specie	-	-	-	623	675	2,98
Sheep dip	-	-	-	-	205	-
Groceries & Oilmans stores	-	-	-	-	16	48
Clothing	-	-	-	-	-	15
Spirits	-	-	-	-	-	31
Malt Liquor	-	-	-	-	5	-
Building Materials	-	-	-	-	25	102
Empty Bags	-	-	-	-	72	-
	101,338	97,846	108,946	107,995	88,743	116,102

Shipping

Thirty one sailing vessels arrived in the Colony in 1889. The tonnage of the whole was 12,241. and the crews numbered 365

Of these twenty three were engaged in the trade of the Colony and they arrived at the following places

East Falkland	Port Stanley	9
	San Carlos	1
	Fox Bay	4
	White Rock Bay	1
	Shallow Bay	3
	Hill Cove	1
	West Point	1
	Roy Cove	2
	Weddell Island	1
		23

West Falkland

of

Of the remaining eight, one arrived with her cargo of coal on fire, one to land a shipwrecked crew, and six to repair damages occasioned by storms at sea.

Fourteen steamships of the Kosmos line arrived at Stanley during the year, twelve of these in pursuance of the monthly mail contract and one extra vessel for cargo.

The steamer Grandholm from London arrived at Fox Bay in the West Falkland with a general cargo for several sheep stations on various places on the West Falkland and adjacent islands, and took away a cargo of wool without clearing at the customs.

The steamship Schleswig arrived at Port Stanley from London with a general cargo and loaded at San Salvador in the East Falkland 2278 live sheep for London.

Her Majesty's ships Ruby, Riplenam, Flamingo and Swallow of the South East coast of America Squadron visited the Islands during the year, as did also the United States ship of War Swatara bearing the flag of Rear Admiral Gillies and the Russian ship of war Naryadnik which called at Stanley for provisions on her homeward voyage from the China Station.

Criminal Statistics

There was no case for hearing in the Supreme Court either on the Civil or the Criminal side during 1889. The court has been practically closed since 1887.

31 persons were summarily convicted by the Police Magistrate during the year.

Of these, 8 were refractory seamen for offences under the ~~Shipping~~ Merchant Shipping acts. 1. for assault. 1 smuggling cigars 2 breaches of licensing law 2 creating disturbance 2 abusive language and 15. drunkenness.

These were all punished by fines, except the refractory seamen who were imprisoned for a short period.

The gaol was only occupied for 1 week during the year.

Savings Banks and Friendly Societies

The Government Savings Bank established under the provisions of

of Ordinance No 1 of 1888 was opened for business on the 2^d of April in that year, and on the 31st of December following the number of depositors was 52 and the amount remaining deposited after the withdrawal of £ 149. 5. 7. was £ 8,258. 1. 3

On the 31st of December 1889, the number of depositors was 101, and the amount remaining deposited after the withdrawal of £ 17 during the year of £ 3,267. 14. 4. was £ 17. 218. 9. 2

The amount invested in Imperial and Colonial Government securities was £ 15,000 - the revenue from which on the 31st of December amounted £ 302. 7. 8. but the amount of Revenue actually received from investments does not represent the total amount accruing from that source, as part of the dividends payable during the first six months of 1890 should properly be treated as an asset of 1889.

The expense of management for the year was £ 80. and the amount of interest paid to depositors during the year was £ 256. 18. 1

The rate of interest is fixed at 2²/₁₀₀ per cent

The rapid progress and success of this useful and beneficent institution is very gratifying

There is a Friendly Society called the Stanley Benefit Club, which was established in 1859, as a Burial Club and for the relief of its members during sickness.

The receipts of the Club in 1889 amounted to £ 113. 7. 0 and its payments to 11 recipients for sick and burial fees £ 99. 9. 6. The number of members was 116, and the capital was £ 851. 6. 6.

General Remarks

The condition of the Colony was in every respect prosperous during the year 1889. The value of the exports exceeded that of any previous record by upwards of £ 7000 - being £ 116,102. The highest previous record was that of the year 1886, which was £ 108,946 - an exceptional year, in which the exports were increased to the amount of £ 15,070 by the exportation of frozen mutton, (an enterprise which also added £ 13,882 to the exports of 1887, and then collapsed from injudicious management.)

The value of the wool exported in 1889 was £ 100,040. or £ 23,266 more than the average of the five years immediately preceding

An agreement was entered into during the year between a number of

the sheep farmers and a mercantile house in London, for the revival of the export of frozen mutton; which will come into operation in 1890, with every prospect of a successful issue.

An experiment was tried in 1889, in carrying live sheep from the Colony to the London market. The steamer Schleswig took on board from Mr. Felton's sheep station at San Salvador in the East Falkland Island 2278 live sheep, and sailed on the 26th of March and after stopping at St. Vincent to coal - arrived at Deptford on the 27th of April, but, as the necessary sanitary certificate had not been procured at the Falkland Islands, the vessel was not allowed to take the sheep to London but they were killed at Deptford. It was found that 236 had died during the voyage, and that the survivors had lost weight on an average of fourteen pounds each. They were purchased in the Falklands for nine shillings each, and the carcasses sold for thirty shillings each, which was considerably less than they would have been worth had they been taken alive to the London market. It is not known whether or not there is any probability of the experiment being repeated.

On the whole, the prosperity of the Colony, if tested by the value of its exports in comparison with the number of its inhabitants, is, I believe, unequalled in any of Her Majesty's possessions - as it represent a sum of £60 per caputum in produce unaided by manufactures.

The well-being of the inhabitants is evidenced by the fact that the sums deposited in the Savings Bank average £9 per caputum.

The winter of 1889 was protracted and the spring was late and wet, but the sheep were healthier and there was less loss from disease especially among the lambs than for several previous years. The clip of wool was heavy, and there was every prospect of continued and increasing prosperity.

The revenue of the Government was less than was expected particularly in the Customs receipts - which has been accounted for by a temporary check to the importation of dutiable goods, as a result of the stocks of two separate mercantile establishments having been thrown into one by the absorption of the old firm of Messrs. Dean and Sons into that of the Falkland Islands Company.

The expenditure was abnormally increased by the necessity for purchasing a new Pilot Schooner but the public finances of the Colony continue to be in a very satisfactory condition.

The Right Honourable
Lord Kinnerton Q.C.M.Q. Esq.

I have the
Signed Warr

No 70

Gt S. F. I. 7th June 1890

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith, to be forwarded to the Audit Department, the Cash account of this Colony for the month of May 1890, with supporting vouchers and a copy of the Treasurers Cash Book. Also the account of the Crown Agents for the Colonies with this Government for the month of March 1890.

The Right Honourable

Lord Knutsford & C.M.G.

I have the

Signed Kerr

No 71

Gt. S. F. I. 9th June 1890

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No 13 of the 3rd of May last, informing me that I am at liberty to grant Mr Brooks nine months leave of absence on half salary (the first three months counting as vacation leave,) from the 15th of July, and that you had obtained the services of Mr F. G. Sanginetti to act for Mr Brooks.

2. Mr Sanginetti arrived here today by the Kosmos steamer which left Dartmouth on the 12th of May, and will be prepared to enter on his duties on the terms stated in your Lordships despatch, after the departure of Mr Brooks by the Mail steamer next month when his name will be placed first on the Commission of the Peace in pursuance of your instructions.

3. I find that Mr Sanginetti had not been called upon to furnish collateral security in respect of the pecuniary responsibility attaching to his temporary appointment, before leaving England, and as it is impossible for him to procure such security in the Colony, I propose to limit the floating balance in his charge to the very smallest amount necessary to meet the current expenditure, as provided by Rule 311 of the Colonial Regulations, and to require him to give security in his personal bond to the amount of one thousand pounds.

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4. Mr Sanginetti states that when he acted as Commissioner of Lurks Islands, he gave security in the London Guarantee and Accident Society, which Office holds all particulars respecting him.

The Right Honourable

Lord Knutsford & C.M.G.

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I have the

Signed Kerr

No 72

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Nos	Dates
10	24 th March 1890
11	9 th April "
12	12 th " "
13	3 ^d May "
14	6 th " "
Circular	19 th March .
"	20 th " "
"	25 th " "
"	2 ^d April .
"	15 th " "
"	22 ^d " "
"	29 th " "
Accounts	16 th " "
Library	28 th March .
"	23 ^d April .

H.M.S.F.I. 9th June 1890

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the despatch noted on the margin this day.

I have the
Signed Therr.

No 73

H.M.S.F.I. 10th June 1890

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your circular despatch of the 2^d of April last on the subject of the enquiries which are being made by the Medical Officer of the Local Government Board on the subject of epidemic influenza.

2. As the epidemic of influenza has not appeared in this Colony I am unable to supply any information respecting it.

The Right Honble

Lord Kintford G.C.M.G.

I have the

Signed Therr

No 74

H.M.S.F.I. 11th June 1890

My Lord

I have the honour to inform you that I have dismissed William McDaid from the Office of Gaoler for drunkenness when on duty, after a previous offence, and warning.

2. I have appointed to the vacancy, from the 1st of June instant Henry Edward Adams provisionally and temporarily. He is I believe a strictly sober and trustworthy person.

3. His removal and appointment is made on insurance of the provisions.

provisions of the 55th section of Administration of Justice Ordinance
No 10 of 1853.

£60
£12

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have to c

signed Kerr

No 75

g H. S. F. I. 12th June 1890

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your circular despatch of the 15th of April last transmitting to me a copy of a letter from the Board of Trade, with an accompanying abstract to be filled up and returned direct to the Board.

2. The Statistical Abstract has been filled up, and - as well as a copy of the Tariff of Customs Duties now in force here - is being sent direct to the Board of Trade by this mail.

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have to c

signed Kerr

No 76

g H. S. F. I. 12th June 1890

My Lord

I have the honour to inform you that the amount of the deposits now in the Government Savings Bank is seventeen thousand three hundred and fifty eight pounds sixteen shillings and eleven pence

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have to c

signed Kerr

No 77

My Lord

g H. S. F. I. 12th June 1890

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your No 11. of the 9th of April last, on the subject of the appointment of Mr Thomas Rawell to be Vice Consul for the United States at Port Stanley.

2. I am not aware that there is any objection to this appointment and will issue a notice that I have recognized him in that capacity.

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have to c

signed Kerr

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Schedule of despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 12th of June 1890

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
69	26 th May, 1890	Report on Annual Blue Book 1889 and transmission of two copies	separate 2
70	7 th June "	Cash account of Colony for May 1890 transmitting	separate 1
71	9 th "	Mr Brooks' leave of absence reporting arrival of M.F.S. Sanguineti to act for him in his absence	nil
72	9 th "	Acknowledgement of Despatches	" 890
73	10 th "	Epidemic influenza, reply to Circular Despatch relating to	duplicate
74	11 th "	Gazetted dismissal of and appointment of successor reporting	Brooks, request l from the ayment of been appointed
75	12 th "	Statistical Abstract for Board of Trade reporting transmission of to the Board	"
76	12 th "	Government Savings Bank reporting amount of deposits in	favourable
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Yours Excellency,

In my despatch as Administrator⁸⁹⁰
No 11 of the 2nd of January last to
the Right Honourable the Secretary
of State for the Colonies, I reported
through an oversight, that the
estate of the late Joseph Murray
only realized the sum of £520.12.3^d
- thereby omitting a previous sum^o

of £240.12.5, that I had received
from the Falkland Islands Company
on the 1st of April 1889, a certificate of
debt and credit

To Your Excellency

The Governor

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be
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on account of this Estate and which I deposited at the time of its receipt (12th April 1889) to the credit of the Estate in the Government Savings Bank -

No 75

The amount therefore that I ought to have reported as due to Murray's heirs should have been £ 769. 4. 8 instead of £ 520. 12. 3, and the interest which has accrued on the former sum to this date amounts to £ 21. 6. 8, making in all a total of £ 790. 11. 4.

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No 77

Shew to know where,
Your Excellency's,
most Obedient Servant,

S. Lakenham Morley
Registrar of the Supreme Court
and
Special Administrator

The

No 78

My Lord

G.H.S.F.I. 27th June 1890

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I have the honour to transmit herewith, to be forwarded
to the Audit Department, a Query numbered 5 of 1889, with the
answer thereto

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford Q.C.M.Q.

I have the

No 79

My Lord

G.H.S.F.I. 28th June 1890

I have the honour to transmit herewith, to be forwarded
to the Board of Trade, a Casualty Report relating to the loss of the British
Schooner Fawn, which was stranded on Carcass Island on the 4th May last

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford Q.C.M.Q.

I have the

No 80

My Lord

G.H.S.F.I. 30th June 1890

I have the honour to transmit herewith on duplicate
an application to your Lordship from Mr S. Pakenham Brooks, requesting
for the reasons which he submits, that he may be relieved from the
obligation of repaying the amount advanced for the payment of
the passage to this Colony of Mr Langinette, who has been appointed
to perform his duties during his leave of absence.

2 I commend this application to your Lordship's favourable
consideration

The Right Honble Lord Knutsford Q.C.M.Q.

I have the

No 81

My Lord

G.H.S.F.I. 1st July 1890

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to
the Audit Department, the Report of the Survey of the Colonial Chest for
the Quarter ended on the 30th June 1890, and a certificate of
Quarterly Survey containing a Statement of the Receipts and
Disbursements of the Colony during the same period

The Right Honble Lord Knutsford Q.C.M.Q.

I have the

No 82

My Lord

G.H.S.F.I. 2^d July 1890

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be
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forwarded to the Audit Department. The Return of appointments to Public Offices, &c required by Rule 247 of the Colonial Regulations, - for the Quarter ended 30th of June 1890
The Right Hon'ble Lord Kentsford, G.C.M.G. I have &c

No 83

G.H. S. F.I. 3^d July 1890

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Board of Trade, an account current with supporting vouchers of Disbursements on account of Cape Pembroke Lighthouse, for the Quarter ended on the 30th of June 1890

Acc 186
30th June 1890
£77. 17. 0
on the 13th Grade
in favour of the
Crown Agents for the
Colonies

2. I have drawn the Bill of Exchange noted on the margin, in repayment of the amount advanced.

The Right Hon'ble Lord Kentsford G.C.M.G. I have &c

No 84

G.H. S. F.I. 3^d July 1890

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Board of Trade the account of the Oil and Stores expended at Cape Pembroke Lighthouse during the Quarter ended on the 30th June 1890. with Meteorological Register for the half year

The Right Hon'ble Lord Kentsford G.C.M.G. I have &c

No 85

G.H. S. F.I. 3^d July 1890

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Board of Trade an account current with supporting Vouchers for Disbursements on account of Disbursed British Seamen for the Quarter ended on the 30th of June 1890

Acc 187
30th June 1890
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on the 13th Grade
in favour of the
Crown Agents for the Colonies

2. I have drawn the Bill of Exchange noted on the margin in repayment of the amounts advanced,

The Right Hon'ble Lord Kentsford G.C.M.G. I have &c.

No 86

My Lord

G.H. S. F.I. 4th July 1890

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No 10 of the 24th of March last, transmitting for my information and guidance a copy of a letter addressed by

by your department to Mr Thomas Murray together with a copy of one from his solicitor enclosing affidavits and exhibits in support of the claims of Thomas Murray to one third and of Mary Hopkins another one third of the estate. James Murray, who was in October ^{last}, living at Elmo Kendall County Illinois State America, but whose present address is unknown to Thomas Murray being stated to be entitled to the remaining one third.

2 I transmit herewith a statement by the Official Administrator showing the present position of the estate of the late Joseph Murray, as well as a copy of a letter addressed to me by that officer explaining that he had, through an oversight reported the estate in question to have realized £520.12.3 the estate in question to have realized £520.12.3 Five hundred and twenty pounds twelve shillings and three pence, whereas the actual amount inclusive of some interest accruing in the Savings Bank, is Seven hundred and ninety pounds eleven shillings and four pence.

3 The amount to which Thomas Murray and Mary Hopkins are therefore respectively entitled is two hundred and sixty three pounds ten shillings and five pence, and, as the Rules of the Government Savings Bank provide that withdrawals may be made paid either by Bills of Exchange at par drawn on the Crown Agents for the Colonies at thirty days sight, or in cash from the Treasury, I have drawn two such Bills for the sum one respectively to Thomas Murray and Mary Hopkins, which will be sent by this mail in a registered letter to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, who are instructed to hold them until they receive directions from your Lordship to forward them to the parties entitled to them receive them, and to pay the amounts when the Bills are matured.

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

I have the

G.H.S.F.J. 5th July 1890

No 87
My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith in duplicate a letter addressed to your Lordship by the Reverend Mr Brandon the Colonial Chaplain calling your attention to a serious charge brought against him by Mr Hamilton the Colonial Surgeon and asking that a strict inquiry may be instituted in order that his character may be cleared from the aspersion of which he

he complains

2. On the 24th and 25th of last month I received letters signed jointly by Mr Diamond the Roman Catholic Priest, and Mr Harris, a Baptist Minister informing me that books of the most filthy and obscene nature had for some time past been circulated in the Colony. I sent the chief constable to these gentlemen for such information as they could give him of the persons who had been concerned in the matter and he was referred to Dr Hamilton, who wrote to me to say that Mr Brandon had admitted to him that he had received a consignment of these books. and added that Mr Brandon had been guilty of a base, wicked, and deliberate falsehood and that he had sought refuge in subterfuge. I sent for Mr Brandon placed the letters in his hands and asked for an explanation - when he most indignantly denied having been concerned in any way in the importation of such filthy books - of the circulation of which he been made aware, and he said that he had asked the Baptist minister to co-operate with him in endeavouring to suppress the evil.

3. Dr Hamilton and Mr Brandon, with the Colonial Secretary constitute the Executive Council, and there would therefore be some difficulty in dealing with Mr Brandon's complaint against Dr Hamilton even if he had applied to me in the case - but I am convinced that the charge made against Mr Brandon is altogether unfounded, and I have ~~referred~~ caused Dr Hamilton to be informed of my regret at finding that he had used such offensive language in speaking of the Colonial Chaplain
The Right Honorable Lord Kynsford G.C.M.G.

I have the

No 88

My Lord

G.H.S. F.I., 7th July 1890

Private

I have the honor to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Audit Department the Cash Account of this Colony for the month of June 1890, with supporting Vouchers and a copy of the Treasurer's Cash Book. Also the account of the Crown Agents for the Colonies with this Government for the month of April 1890.

The Right Honorable Lord Kynsford G.C.M.G.

I have the

No 89

276

My Lord

G.H.S. F.I. 8th July 1890

I have the honor to transmit herewith copies of the Minutes
of the Executive and Legislative Councils for the half year ended on
the 30th of June 1890.

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

I have &c.

No 90

No 186. 30th June 1890.
on the Board of TradeG.H.S. F.I. 9th July 1890
£77. 17. 0 My LordNo 187. 30th June 1890
on the Board of TradeNo 9. 1st July 1890
on the Act Govt of the NavyNo 14. 1st July 1890
on the Paymaster GeneralNo 1117. 2^d July 1890.
on the Falkland Islands Co

Total £ 566. 7. 9 Government

I have the honour to inform you that I have remitted to the Crown Agents for the Colonies the Bills of Exchange noted in the Margin amounting ~~to~~ in the aggregate to 9. 15. 0 Five hundred and sixty six pounds seven shillings and nine pence, to be placed to the credit of this

I have &c

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

No 91

G.H.S. F.I. 10th July 1890

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No 12 of the 14th of April last, and to inform you that the instructions conveyed therein with reference to the Quarantine Regulations have been carried out, and that an amended Port Regulation in the sense of Mr Barkly's minute of the 18th of August has been passed

2 I transmit herewith two copies of the Port Regulation as amended on the 19th of June 1890

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

I have &c

No 92

My Lord

G.H.S. F.I. 14th July 1890

I have the honour to inform you that I have this day drawn a Bill of Exchange at thirty days after sight on the Crown Agents for the Colonies for the sum of eight hundred and fifteen pounds and sixpence in favour of John Garey withdrawn from his deposit account in

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in the Government Savings Bank
The Right Honorable Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have the

G.H.S.F.I. 15th July 1890

No 93

My Lord

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I have the honour to transmit herewith six printed copies of Ordinance No 5 of 1890 entitled An Ordinance to make further provision for the service of the Colony of the Falkland Islands for the year 1890

2 The object of this Ordinance is to provide (1) for an excess of expenditure amounting to £208 under the head of Establishments the details of which are as follow. The half salary of the Governor for December 1889 paid by the Crown Agents in January 1890, the available half salary of the Colonial Secretary from the 1st August to 31st December 1889 when Administrator, paid him in 1890, and the salary of the Assistant Collector of Customs in the West Falkland not drawn in 1889, although provided for in the estimates. (2)

£721 under the Head of Revenue Services, expenses incurred for the Pilot Schooner provided for in 1889, but paid in 1890, and (3) £100 under the head of Drawbacks and Refunds being a refund of Customs Duties paid by mistake on goods which were not landed

3 I trust that this Ordinance will be approved by your Lordship and that Her Majesty will not be advised to disallow it.
The Right Honorable Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G. I have the

No 94

My Lord

G.H.-S. F.I. 15th July 1890

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I have the honour to transmit herewith six printed copies of Ordinance No 6 of 1890 - entitled An Ordinance to provide for the service of the Colony of the Falkland Islands for the year 1891, together with two copies of the Estimates of the Revenue and Expenditure for 1891 - which were agreed to at the same time in the Legislative Council - and a copy of the Rent Roll for 1891

2 These Estimates have been prepared in accordance with the instructions conveyed in your Circular despatch of the 16th of February last as exactly as local circumstances would admit of.

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3. The Revenue will be abnormally increased in 1891 by the renewal of fourteen leases of the Crown Lands. The increase in the amount of rent - after deducting the amount of the Land Tax, to which these lessees will be no longer liable - is three hundred and twenty seven pounds, a sum nearly sufficient to replace the deficiency of revenue in 1889 - which was three hundred and seventy six pounds less than the estimated amount. The above increase of revenue from Crown Lands will not however be permanent, as, when the Land and Tenement Tax ceases after 1892 there will be a deficiency of more than five hundred pounds, at present received from the Falkland Islands Company on their freehold land and from the tenement tax in Stanley.

4. The average annual revenue since the Land & Tenement Tax came into operation in 1883, has been eight thousand three hundred and seven pounds exclusive of the amount received from the sale of Crown Lands, which, during that period has been four thousand six hundred and fifty pounds and forms the chief part of the present surplus funds of the Government.

5. I have thought it my duty in forwarding these estimates to lay before your Lordship some account of that important part of the revenue which is derived from the Crown Lands - which I hope to make more clear in a future report on the subject, and I trust that the Ordinance now transmitted may receive your sanction and approval.

The Right Honble Lord Kynsford, G.C.M.G. Have to

G.H.S.F.J. 16th July 1890

No 95

My Lord

With reference to my despatch to you of the 9th of June last on the subject of the leave of absence which you have approved of being granted to Mr Brooks I have the honour to transmit herewith the certificate of leave so granted which commenced on the 15th of July instant. I have to

The Right Honble Lord Kynsford, G.C.M.G.

G.H.S.F.J. 17th July 1890

No 96.

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your

Your Circular Despatch of the 29th April last transmitting a copy of an address presented by the House of Commons to the Queen praying for a Return to be laid before Parliament giving certain information as to the Taxation on Land and Taxation of Buildings, and in obedience to your request I transmit herewith two copies of a Return containing the information required relating to this Colony.

The Right Honble. Lord Knutsford, Colly, I have to
Copy of enclosure

Falkland Islands
Taxation on Land and on Buildings

1. The Tax on Land is one sixth of a penny per acre
 - (a) The percentage on the present annual value which the rate levied amounts to is 52 per cent.
 - (b) The total amount raised is £1476. and is for local purposes only,
 - (c) The percentage which the amount raised by the temporary taxation of land bears to the total taxation is 30 per cent.
2. Taxation of Buildings
 - (a) The percentage on the annual value which the rate levied amounts to is 1.66 per cent
 - (b) The total amount raised is £60, and is for local purposes only
 - (c) The percentage which the amount raised by taxation of buildings bears to the total taxation is 1.39 per cent.

Note. The Taxation on land and buildings in the Falkland Islands is of a temporary nature and was imposed for the purpose of meeting a temporary deficiency in the revenue, by an Ordinance passed in 1882, the operation of which will cease in 1892, when the leases of the Crown Lands will be renewed and the rents increased in proportion to the proper value of the pasture.

Nº 97

~~Circular~~ 30th April 1890

My Lord Gt. S. F. I. 19th July 1890

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The Right Honourable Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G., I have the

No 98

My Lord

G. H. S. F. J. 19th July 1890

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amount of deposits now in the Government Savings Bank
is fifteen thousand seven hundred and ninety four
pounds, fourteen shillings and sixpence.

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

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on the 20th of July 1890 Subect

G.H.S.F.J. 7th August 1890

No 99.

My Lord

With reference to the 3^d paragraph of my despatch No 94. of the 15th of July last transmitting the appropriation Ordnance Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure and Rent Roll for 1891. I find that by an oversight on the part of the accountant which I did not discover until after the departure of the mail the amount of revenue derivable from the Land Tax was stated as one thousand one hundred and seventy nine pounds instead of one thousand four hundred and twenty seven pounds, which will be the actual amount

£1179.

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£9,693.

2. This error arose in consequence of the amount of Land Tax on the fourteen renewable leases having been deducted for the whole year, instead of for the periods after which the leases would be respectively renewed.

3. The actual amount of Estimated Revenue for 1891 will therefore be nine thousand nine hundred and forty one pounds instead of nine thousand six hundred and ninety three pounds.

4. I transmit herewith two amended copies of the statement of Land Tax which will be due in 1891.

5. The appropriation Ordnance (which deals with expenditure only) is not affected by this mistake.

The Right Hon. Lord Kentsford G.C.M.G.

I have the

No 100

My Lord

G.H.S.F.J. 11th August 1890.

With reference to the 5th paragraph of my despatch No 94 of the 15th of July last, I transmit herewith ~~a statement~~ two copies of a statement which I have prepared showing the amount of revenue which will accrue annually from the rent of the Crown Lands from 1891 to 1898, which is the year on which the revenue derivable from that source will reach its maximum amount.

2. This statement includes also the sums derivable from the Land and Tenement Taxes in 1891 and 1892, after which the Ordnance No 14. of 1882 - under which they are levied - which came into operation on the 1st of January 1883, to continue in force for ten years, will have had its effect.

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3. The revenue accruing from land during the operation of the Ordinance No 14 of 1882 will reach its maximum amount (Five thousand two hundred and seventy four pounds) in 1892, and in 1893, it will fall to Four thousand four hundred and twelve pounds, which was the average land revenue in 1888 and 1889 but in 1897 it will have risen to the amount reached in 1892, at which it will remain after a trifling increase in 1898.

4. The revenue derivable from the Crown lands will be sufficient for all the requirements of the Government, except the cost of the Mail service and of recurrent public works, which will be provided for by the receipts from Customs Duties, Licenses and some minor sources of revenue.

5. The ultimate revenue will not, I think, admit of any important increase in the charge for Establishments or of providing for any new or expensive public works or buildings, but it should be sufficient for the maintenance of thoroughly efficient establishments and keeping in good condition all the present public buildings and repairing and extending the roads drains sea-walls and jetties in Stanley.

6. I transmit also herewith in duplicate a concise statement of the actual annual revenue of this Government for each of the last ten years, in a form which may be conveniently used for reference in Your Lordship's Department or for comparison with future financial Returns.

The Rt Honble Lord Knutsford Q.C.M.Q.

I have the

No 101

separate

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Audit Department the Cash account of this Colony for the month of July 1890 with supporting vouchers and a copy of the Treasurer's Cash Book - Also the account of the Crown Agents for the Colonies with this Government for the month of May 1890

I have the

The Rt Honble Lord Knutsford Q.C.M.Q.

G.M.S. F.J. 13th August - 1890

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith in duplicate a petition to your Lordship "on the educational appliances &c in the Government Schools in Stanley Falkland Islands" from the Reverend Mr Brandon the Colonial Chaplain, who acts as Inspector of the Government Schools - and to make the following report thereon.

2. I find little in this memorial relating to school appliances, with reference to which it is sufficient to say that requisitions are annually made by the Schoolmaster approved by the school inspector, for school materials which are regularly sent out through the Crown Agents for the Colonies and that there is now in the Government Office more than one hundred pounds worth of school requisites accumulated during the past few years, in excess of the applications for them by the Schoolmaster and Schoolmistress.

3. The first subject alluded to by Mr Brandon is the appointment and emoluments of the Schoolmaster and Schoolmistress and to the fact that the Schoolmistress has been receiving thirty six pounds per annum from the School fees. Which payment he urges should be continued. This circumstance forms the subject of a petition to your Lordship from the Schoolmistress which has been sent to me by Mr Brandon for transmission, and as I will report on it in another despatch I need not further allude to it here.

4. As the main part of this memorial has reference to the public buildings used as schools and as a residence for the Schoolmaster and his family I thought it best before reporting on it, to appoint a Committee (consisting of the unofficial members of the Legislative Council and the acting Colonial Secretary, assisted by the two experienced Carpenters who have been employed on the public works) to inspect and report to me on the condition of the several buildings in question and I herewith transmit a copy of the Committee's report - concerning which I may at once say that the several suggestions

suggestions of the Committee for the improvement of the School buildings are now being carried out with the exception of a new floor for the Senior School, which will be laid down during the Christmas holidays in accordance with previous arrangements.

5. The size of the Infant School has been increased by removing the partition which separated it from the adjoining room, and a set of Gibbs ventilators which were already in store for the purpose are being fitted. The cubic content of the room is now increased from 5120. to 7598 cubic feet.

6. Mr Brandon's description of the Senior School as "an old Government coal shed" is misleading. All the Government buildings are constructed of wood, with the exception of a part of the Government House, and a row of stone cottages chiefly occupied by the Police officers; - they were erected at the time of the settlement chiefly under the direction of Governor Moody, who was an officer of the Royal Engineers. - Three of these buildings, of a very substantial nature, with massive hardwood beams, were erected in the Dockyard, one of them - that now used as a schoolroom - was, about twenty years ago, by permission of Governor Robinson, turned into a Theatre by an amateur dramatic association who floored and fitted up the building for that purpose, at considerable expense.

7. When I arrived here the Theatre was seldom used, as most of the gentlemen connected with it had left the Colony and, after the former schoolroom was destroyed by the heat-slip of 1886, I converted the Theatre into the present schoolroom, as I reported in my despatch No 41 of the 4th of April 1887. I found the flooring of the Theatre quite sound, and had it carefully relaid, but as the boards were rather thin I intended to place a stronger floor over it when necessary. The massive hardwood beams were removed, and iron tie-rods substituted. The whole building was lined and cieled with new matched boarding. five additional windows were put in, and the ventilators from the former school were fitted. The cubic space - 10,657 feet - was greater than that of the old schoolroom - which only contained 8,016 cubic feet - the acoustic properties of the new room were better, and everyone - including Mr Brandon spoke in the highest terms as to its fitness for a Schoolroom.

8. The Infant school, which was formerly held in the old mortuary

mortuary chapel, was removed by me in 1882 to the west wing of the large building known as the Barracks, which was built for the accommodation of the officers and men of the military establishment which was formerly maintained here. The centre of the building is now occupied by the Colonial Surgeon and the east wing by the Schoolmaster. I have already in paragraph 5. referred to the Infant School, and with respect to the schoolmaster I can only say that I have had no complaint from him about his residence and that every request which he has made in the way of repairs alterations and improvements has been complied with..

9. As I had never heard that either the schools or the schoolmasters residence had been considered insanitary or unwholesome I applied to Mr Brandon for his authority in stating (paragraph 3.(c)) that children had been withdrawn "through the insanitary and unwholesome state of the schools", to which he curtly replied that the information would be supplied to the Secretary of State if he required it, and that the insanitary state of the Schoolmaster's residence was evidenced by the sickly and delicate condition of his children. The schoolmaster and Schoolmistress have since signed statements in writing that no complaints have been made to them of the schools having been considered insanitary or unwholesome and that no children have, to their knowledge been removed for such a cause. The letter of the Colonial Surgeon with reference to the health of Mr Durose's children, a copy of which is transmitted herewith. - is I submit a sufficient answer to the above statement respecting them.

10. The condition of all the public buildings has been much improved during the last ten years, and with ordinary attention to repairs - the renewal of decayed portions, and regular painting there is no reason why they should not be as good at the end of the next twenty years, or even for a much longer period.

11. The number of children attending the Government Schools has lately decreased from various causes. - a large and well conducted School has been established by Mr Diamond the Roman Catholic Priest, which numbers as many pupils as either of the Government Schools, and I have been informed that part of a Baptist Chapel now in course of construction is to be used

Colonial Surgeon
to the Governor
July 14, 1890

used for a schoolhouse of which a Baptist minister is to be the master; there is therefore no probability that the ample space now provided by the Government will be fully utilized.

12. I fear that the hostile attitude which Mr Brandon has assumed towards Mr Diamond the Roman Catholic Priest, has influenced to some extent the action which he has recently taken respecting the government schools. His first letter to your Lordship (June 29th 1889) transmitted in my despatch No 109 of the 9th of July 1889, was written soon after the opening of Mr Diamond's school, which drew away a number of children both Roman Catholic and Protestant from the government schools. and the present memorial, with its strongly worded and exaggerated statements confirms me in this opinion.

13. Mr Brandon's assertion that men with families are being "driven out of the camp" - that is - "dismissed from the sheep farms", is not as far as I can ascertain, warranted by facts, as most of the men with families who have removed to Stanley have thrown up their situations in the hope of obtaining higher wages, or for private reasons, - and, although there are many places in pastoral stations where single men have always been employed as shepherds, it has been in consequence of the localities being such as only to admit of very small huts being erected for the shepherds, who have to move from place to place as required. Men with large families are employed on the large stations all over the Colony and I have reason to believe that their employers take very great interest in their welfare.

14. The remark with which Mr Brandon concludes his memorial that "the sheep farmers at a low rental are making fortunes out of the monopoly of the land" is also unwarranted. There is no monopoly of land and the rents, as finally adjusted are as high as could reasonably be expected from such exceptionally poor pasture. The Lessees have all endured great privations and incurred heavy expense in settling and stocking their sheep runs in such a wilderness and in such a climate, few of them are even now free from embarrassment, and should it be necessary at any time to increase the revenue by taxation (for which there is no probable necessity) I see no reason why

why they should be called upon to bear greater burdens than the other ~~colonists~~ inhabitants all of whom are as well able to contribute to the revenue as themselves

15. The working classes in Stanley are well able to pay for the education of their children, they earn high wages, and pay no taxes such as are borne by the inhabitants of every other colony, and the provision already made by the Government is in my opinion ample for the simple education which is necessary.

16. I fear that the continued efforts of the Schoolmaster to neglect purely elementary education whilst aiming at an imperfect higher grade system has had unfortunate results as may be seen from the report of a visit lately paid to the senior school by Mr Sanguineti at my request, a copy of which I transmit herewith.

The Right Honble Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G. I have the

No 103

ly H.S.F.S. 14th August 1890

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith in duplicate a petition from Mrs Durase the mistress of the Infant School which Mr Brandon has sent to me with a request that I will forward it to your Lordship.

2. This memorial sets forth correctly that her salary on appointment in 1882 was thirty pounds and school fees averaging twenty pounds per annum.

3. The whole of the third paragraph is a mis-statement. At first the fees were paid directly to the Schoolmaster and Schoolmistress and retained by them, as had previously been the custom, and this I reported to Lord Kimberley in my despatch No 115 of the 18th of August 1882 - with reference to which I was reminded in his Lordship's despatch No 67. of the 27th of October 1882, that the total emoluments of the Schoolmaster were limited to £200 a year and that "if the fees exceeded or fell short of that amount his salary must be adjusted accordingly." This applied of course to the Schoolmistress also, and they were informed of his Lordship's instructions and directed to pay the fees ~~at~~ monthly to the Treasurer receiving the portions to which they were entitled in the terms of their appointment.

4. On

*Mr. J. Sanguineti
to Governor K. R.*

4. On the 1st of June 1883, Mr Durose applied to me for an increase in the allowance to his wife from the school fees, in view of her more arduous duties consequent on increased attendance at the school. As it was necessary to employ an assistant teacher to be paid from surplus fees, I requested him to inform me as to the number of children Mrs Durose was capable of teaching without assistance. I transmit herewith a copy of his reply, in which he stated that Mrs Durose could teach 55 children, whose fees would average about £3 a month and asked that fees to that amount might be retained by her. I acceded to this request, in consideration that the surplus fees would be sufficient to pay an assistant teacher and a school cleaner, and this arrangement has been continued to the present time.

5. The average attendance at the Infant School in 1883 was 70 and this continued for the four following years but in 1888 it fell to 55 and in the present year it has fallen to 49. The fees have decreased with the diminished attendance - the amount in 1884, was at the rate of £4 a month from the Infant school and £9. 10/- a month from both schools. In 1888 it was £2. 16/- a month from the Infant school and £8. 12 from both schools but in the present year it has fallen to £2. 13/- a month from the Infant school and £5. 18/- from both schools.

6. Two assistant teachers are paid £4 a month from the fees so that only £1. 18/- remains to pay the Schoolmaster and Schoolmistress the sums of £2. 10/- and £3. a month which they now respectively receive - and as there is no prospect of the fees increasing - the difference is being paid from the funds of the Government and for this I have no authority.

7. When the estimates for 1891 were being prepared I explained the circumstances to the Legislative Council and placed the original sum of £20 a year as the allowance to the Schoolmistress from school fees instead of £36 as hitherto.

8. Mrs Durose states that the school fees have been reduced to the extent of £14 from remissions under the Compulsory Education Ordinance. There are 11 children in the Infant school whose fees, have been remitted at the instance of the School Inspector the amount of whose fees if they attended regularly throughout the year would be £6. 9. 3

9. The

Act Schoolmaster
Colonial Secretary
2d June 1883

9. The reference to the removal of children of Roman Catholic parents to the school which has been opened by the Roman Catholic Priest, as a cause for the falling off in attendance is true to a certain extent, but the falling off in the attendance of the schools, as I have explained in paragraph 5, commenced in 1888, the year previous to the opening of the Roman Catholic School.

H. left the colony hurriedly in 1899 on account of a very grave scandal!

b. g. w.

10. Mr Diamond informed me a few months ago, that he commenced his school in consequence of complaints - which he believed to be well founded - that the children of his congregation who attended the Government School were exposed to the pernicious influence of Mrs Durose, who was said to be an atheist or agnostic, and did not conceal his opinions from the school children. This statement is supported by a complaint which was made to me in March last by Mr James Smith, who had withdrawn his children from the school for similar reasons. I transmit herewith copies of Mr Smith's complaint and of the correspondence which followed, from which it will be seen that Mr Durose had given cause for these complaints and that the rapid increase in the number of children attending Mr Diamond's school, is easily accounted for.

11. Mr Diamond states that no religious doctrines are taught in his school, which is attended by a considerable number of Protestant children of Protestant parentage.

12. With reference to the concluding paragraph of this memorial, in which Mrs Durose speaks of the "commercial value" of her work. I can only say - that the joint pay and emoluments of her husband and herself, amounting as it does (without the extra payments which she has been permitted to receive) to £250 a year, with a house and garden, is a very good income for persons in their station, - being very nearly as much as the income of the Colonial Chaplain, besides which Mr Durose has been able to supplement it by private teaching. The school hours are very short, being only four and a half hours a day for five days in each week, and there are five weeks of vacation during the year.

13. Mrs Durose has been often absent from her duties on account of illness, and the sickly state of one of her children, when the work

work of the School has been left entirely to the young and untrained girls, who from time to time have been the assistant teachers, and no deduction has ever been made from her pay or emoluments.

14. I can scarcely believe that this complaint is spontaneous as on April last she came to me in great distress about the complaints which were being made about her husband's atheistical teaching, and deplored the possibility of their having to leave a place where they were so happy, and a home where they were so comfortable.

The Right Honble

Lord Kynsford G.C.M.G.

I have &c
signed Kerr

No 104.

My Lord

by H. S. F. J. 15th August 1890

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Andal Department the enclosed Letters numbered 6 to 8 of 1889, with the answers thereto.

The Right Honble

Lord Kynsford G.C.M.G.

I have &c
signed Kerr

No 105

*British Barge
Buckley Castle
Anchored Barque
"Glenglassa"
American Ship
St. Moritz*

The Right Honourable

Lord Kynsford G.C.M.G.

by H. S. F. J. 18th August 1890

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith, to be forwarded to the Board of Trade the three casualty reports noted on the margin.

I have &c
signed Kerr

No 106

No.	Dates	Circulars	Library
15	31 st May 1890	27 th May 1890	30 th May 1890
16	" "	28 th " "	7 th June "
17	13 th June "	24 th June "	20 th " "
18	25 th "	3 ^d July "	2 ^d July "
19	5 th July "	4 th " "	18 th " "
20	18 th "	8 th " "	

by H. S. F. J. 21st August 1890

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Despatches noted on the margin, this day,

I have &c
signed Kerr

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

No 107

H. S. F. I., 21st August 1890

My Lord

I have the honour to inform you that the amount of
the deposits now in the Government Savings Bank is sixteen
£16,200.1.5 thousand two hundred pounds one shilling and five pence

The Right Honourable

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have the

Signed T. Kerr

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the
Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on
the 22^d of August 1890, by the S.S. Neto, via Punta Arenas.

No. of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	Enclosures
99.	7 th August 1890	Land Tax, transmitting amended statement for 1891	1
100.	11 th "	Revenue from Brown Lands and other sources transmitting statements concerning	2
101.	12 th "	Cash account of Colony for July 1890, transmitting	separate
102.	13 th "	Petition from Colonial Chaplain transmitting with regard thereto	3
103.	14 th "	Petition from Government Schoolmaster	3
104.	15 th "	Audit Department Queries transmitting	3
105.	18 th "	Casualty reports to Board of Trade, transmitting	3
106.	21 st "	Acknowledgement of Despatches	nil
107.	" "	Government Savings Bank reporting amount of deposits therein	"

No 108

H. S. F. I., 1st September 1890

My Lord

In accordance with instructions contained in Colonial Regulation No 387 I have the honour to forward a memorandum addressed to the Board of Trade respecting a reef said to have been discovered recently by Captain Hansen late Master of the Schooner "Joam" in the vicinity of the Jasons West Falkland Islands

The Right Honourable

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have the

Signed T. Kerr

My Lord

G.H.S.F.I. 2^d September 1890

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No 19. of the 5th of July last in which I am asked to furnish materials for a pamphlet to be drawn up for the information of intending emigrants to the Falkland Islands.

2. In reply I beg leave to submit that there is no field for emigration in these Islands. The country is entirely pastoral and all available grazing land is already taken up. The employment of Shepherds is almost the sole one open, and the supply is quite equal to the demand.

3. Stanley, the only town in the Colony, furnishes remunerative labour to its inhabitants, but there is no room for others in it, and there appears no probability of any change in this respect.

The Right Honourable

Lord Kentsford G.C.M.G.

I have to
sign'd KerrG.H.S.F.I. 5th September 1890

My Lord

Lord Kentsford G.C.M.G.
to Governor Kerr
No 10. of 24th March 1890
Governor Kerr
to Lord Kentsford G.C.M.G.
No 86 of 4th July 1890

2

With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin respecting the distribution of the estate of the late Joseph Murray who died in this Colony. I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a letter from James Murray of ~~Pano~~ Kendall County Illinois State, America and of affidavets in support of his claim to the remaining one third of the estate of the late Joseph Murray, now in the custody of the Administrator of intestate estates in this Colony.

2. As in the case of Thomas Murray and Mary Hopkins I am forwarding by this mail to the Crown Agents for the Colonies a Bill of Exchange at thirty days sight in favour of James Murray for the sum of two hundred and sixty three pounds ten shillings and six pence on a registered letter, with instructions for remitting it to James Murray (with your Lordships sanction) on being satisfied that his claim is sufficiently authenticated.

I have to
sign'd Kerr

The Right Honourable

Lord Kentsford G.C.M.G.

No 111

My Lord

Gt H S F 9 6th September 1890Separate

The Right Honourable

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have the

Signed Kerr

No 112

2

My Lord

Gt H S. F 9. 11th September 1890

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Circular despatch of the 28th of May last, transmitting to me an extract of a letter from the General Post Office requesting attention to the Budget Speech of the 17th of April last which expressed the desire of Her Majesty's Government to reduce the postage on Letters to the Colonies and India to a universal rate of 2½ d. and requesting me to inform you whether, as Her Majesty's Government is prepared for the somewhat considerable sacrifice of Revenue which this reduction of postage will involve, this Colony is also disposed to make a similar sacrifice should the State of the finances permit.

2. The Postmaster calculates that the loss of revenue by a reduction of postage from 4^d to 2½^d. will not exceed eighty three pounds per annum. - part of which may be recouped by increased correspondence, so that the sacrifice of revenue in this Colony will be very small, and the Executive Council agree with me that the proposed reduction of postage will be of much advantage to these Islands.

The Right Honourable

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have the

Signed Kerr

No 113

My Lord

Gt H S F 9. 12th September 1890

I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a letter from Mr F. E. Cobb, on behalf of the Falkland Islands Company, dated on the 9th instant, containing an application for the purchase of the Crown land now held on lease by the company.

Company, extending from their freehold near Darwin Harbour along the north shore of Choncul Sound as far as Swan Inlet and more as the Wickham Heights. This area includes the whole of the Crown land leased by the Company, with the exception of the small Government Reserves at Darwin Harbour and Port Finsay and the two stations numbered 35 and 38, which are situated to the east of the district proposed to be purchased and lie between the stations leased by Captain R C Packe which enclose them on every side except on the west.

2 I transmit also a copy of a correspondence between Mr Cobb and this Government on the subject of the present application, and a rough tracing from the map, which shows the localities and boundaries of the sections and their respective numbers on the leases and Rent Roll.

3 In submitting this application for your Lordship's consideration I must refer to a proposal which was made by Mr Cobb in a letter dated on the 9th of September 1881, a copy of which was transmitted to Lord Kimberley in my despatch No 77. of the 14th of September 1881. - for the purchase by the Falkland Islands Company of lands selected from their leasehold sections on Choncul Sound, but Lord Kimberley in the his despatch No 29. of the 21st of April 1882 informed me that he did not think it desirable to accept Mr Cobbs proposal.

4. Within the last two years I have been asked by two of the lessees of the Crown lands (Mr Blake and Mr J. Waldron) to support their applications for the purchase of their stations on reasonable terms, - the upset price of 4/- per acre fixed by the Land Ordinance being regarded as prohibitory except in the case of selected lands - and from a calculation of the revenue which might be obtained from the investment of the purchase money at 2½ per cent. I found that if sold at 3/- per acre the revenue from the investment would slightly exceed that obtained from the rental at £20 per section.

5 The application which I now transmit is the first definite proposal which has been made, and looking at the large area of utterly valueless land and of mountain ranges which the district contains. I think 3/- an acre a fair value for the whole area.

Note
I omitted to mention in my application to Lord Derby's despatch No 54 of 15th Nov 1883 respecting Mr Cobb's further
refer to Lord Derby's despatch No 54 of 15th Nov 1883 respecting Mr Cobb's further
application to purchase part of the land held on lease by the F.I.C. Company, it has an important bearing on this case the

6. I would

6. I would not however recommend the terms of purchase proposed by Mr Cobb. It would be inconvenient to sell the sections in separate lots as the leases fall in, or to extend the term of payment over so long a period, and should your Lordship approve of the sale of the land, I think that the purchase of the whole should be completed in a single grant, that not less than £4569. 4/- should be paid at once and should be followed by annual payments of £1000, so as to complete the payment of the whole amount in ten years.

7. I do not presume to advise your Lordship as to the expediency of disposing of the Crown Lands by sale instead of continuing to lease them as hitherto, but merely to express my opinion as to the actual value of the land should you think it advisable to accede to this application.

8. With regard to the sections Nos 35 and 38 which are not included in this application, I am informed that it is the intention of the Falkland Islands Company to transfer their leases to other persons, and confine their operations to their proposed freehold. These leases do not fall in till the years 1896 and 1898 respectively and there is a right of renewal for 21 years in each case, but, it having been rumoured that the Company were about to surrender their leases I have had applications received several applications from working men, who propose to give - in two cases £40 and in one case £50 rent per annum instead of £20 which is the present maximum ~~rent~~

9. I am informed that it would be impossible that any profit could be obtained from land of that description at so high a rent, but it is a proof of the desire of the working people to obtain the possession of land at almost any cost.

The Right Honourable
Lord Knutsford Q.C.M.G.

I have &c
signed Kerr

No 114

My Lord

G.H.S. F.I. 13th September 1890

—4—
I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Audit Department, four Queries numbered 1 to 4 of 1890 with the answers thereto
The Right Honourable
Lord Knutsford Q.C.M.G.

I have &c
signed Kerr

My Lord

G.M. S. F.I. 15th September 1890

I have the honour to report for your information
 that the amount of the deposits now in the Government
 Savings Bank is sixteen thousand one hundred and thirty
 four pounds ten shillings and eleven pence

^{£16.13*4*. 10*11*.}
 The Right Honourable
 Lord Kintford G.C.M.G.

I have the
 signed Kerr

Schedule of despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland
 Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 15th September
 1890.

No of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	No of Enclosures.
108	1 st September 1890	Memorandum for the Board of Trade on the discovery of a new reef, transmitting	2
109	2 ^d	Emigration to the Falkland Islands reply to enquiries respecting	nil
110	5 th	Estate of Joseph Murray deceased, with reference to distribution of	2
111	6 th	Cash Account of the Colony for the month of August 1890 transmitting	1
112	11 th	Reduction of postage on letters reply to Circular despatch of 28 th May 1890 respecting	nil
113	12 th	Brown Lands, Application for purchase of certain by Falkland Islands Company transmitting	3
114	13 th	Inquiries from Audit Office with answers transmitting	4
115	" "	Government Savings Bank reporting the amount of deposits therein	nil

No 116

G.H.S.F.G. 1st October 1890

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Audit Department the Report of the Survey of the Colonial Chest for the Quarter ending 30th September 1890 and a certificate of Quarterly Survey containing a statement of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Colony during the same period

The Right Honourable

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have the

signed Kerr

No 117

G.H.S.F.G. 2^d October 1890

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Audit Department the Return of Appointments to Public Offices - required by Rule 247 of the Colonial Regulations - for the Quarter ended on the 30th September 1890.

The Right Honourable

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have the

signed Kerr

No 118

G.H.S.F.G. 3^d October 1890

My Lord

No 189
£23. 16. 0
30th Sept 1890
on account of
Finance Dept
B & T Lend.
in favour of the
Colonial Agents
for the colonies

I have the honour 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 Quarter ended 30th September 1890

I have drawn the Bill of Exchange quoted on the Margin for repayment of the amounts advanced

The Right Honourable

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have the

signed Kerr

No 119

My Lord

G.H.S.F.G. 4th October 1890

I have the honour to forward herewith for transmission to the Board of Trade an Account Current with supporting Vouchers for Disbursements on account of Cape Pembroke Light House for the Quarter

No 185.
£77. 17. 0
30th Sept 1890
on account of
Treasury Department
Board of Trade London
representative of the Crown
agents for the Colonies

Quarter ended 30th September 1890

298

I have drawn the Bill of Exchange quoted in the margin in repayment of the amounts advanced
The Right Honourable
Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G. I have &c
signed Kerr

No 120

My Lord

Gth. S. F. J. 4th October 1890

I have the honour to forward herewith for transmission to the Board of Trade the accounts showing the Oil and Stores expended at Cape Pembroke Lighthouse during the Quarter ended on the 30th September 1890

The Right Honourable I have &c
Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G. signed Kerr

No 121

My Lord

Gth. S. F. J. 10th October 1890

I have the honour to transmit herewith, to be forwarded to the Audit Department the Cash Account of this Colony for the month of September 1890 with supporting Vouchers and a copy of the Treasurer's Cash Book. Also the accounts of the Crown Agents for the months of June and July 1890

The Right Honourable I have &c
Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G. signed Kerr

No 122

My Lord.

Gth. S. F. J. 17th October 1890

I have the honour to inform you that the amount of the deposits now in the Government Savings Bank is seventeen thousand one hundred and twenty two pounds, one shilling

The Right Honourable I have &c
Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G. signed Kerr.

£17,922, 1.0

299

No 123

No. Dates.

21 22^d July 1890

22 24^d " "

23 31st " "

24 9th September "

25 10th " "

26 " " "

27 " " "

28 11th " "

29 " " "

Circular 24^d July "

" 31st " "

" 4th August "

" 25 " "

" 26 " "

" 2^d September "

" 4 " "

Library 24^d July "

Accounts 8th August "

" 13 September "

G.H.S.F.G. 18th October 1890

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the despatches noted in the margin

I have the honour to be

My Lord

Your most obedient
humble servant

signed Kerr

The Right Honourable
Lord Lansdowne G.C.M.G.

No 124

G.H.S.F.G. 18th October 1890

No 188. 30th September 1890 £77. 17. 0 My Lord.

On the Board of Trade

I have the honour to report

No 189. 30th September 1890 £ 23. 19. 0 that I have remitted to the Crown Agents for the Colonies the Bills of

On the Board of Trade

Exchange noted in the margin amounting on the aggregate to one

No 15 1st October 1890 £ 9. 15. 0

hundred and twelve pounds

On the Paymaster General

fourteen shillings and six pence

No 10 1st October 1890 £ 1. 3. 6

to be placed to the credit of

On the Account of the Navy

this Government

The Right Honourable

I have the

Lord Lansdowne G.C.M.G.

signed Kerr

300

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 20th of October 1890
 By Kosmos SS Seraphis via Punta Arenas.

No.	Dates.	Subject of Dispatch	Enclosure, etc.
116	1st October 1890	Quarterly Survey of Colonial Chest enclosed	
117	2 ^d	Appointments to Public Offices, Return for Quarter ended 30th September 1890, enclosed	2
118	3 ^d	Distressed British Seamen's Account for September Quarter 1890 for Board of Trade, enclosed	1
119	4 th	Cape Pembroke Lighthouse Account for September Quarter 1890 for Board of Trade, enclosed	1
120	" "	Cape Pembroke Lighthouse Oil and Stores account for September Quarter 1890 for Board of Trade, enclosed	1
121	10 th	Cash Account of the Colony for September 1890, transmitting	1
122	17 th	Government Savings Bank, reporting amount of deposits in	1 (separate)
123	18 th	Acknowledgement of Despatches from the Secretary of State for the Colonies	nil
124	" "	Bills of Exchange reporting the remittance of	nil
125			

G.H. S. F.I. 5th November 1890

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No 24 of the 9th of September last and in reply to inform you that your instructions will be followed in future as to the transmission of the accounts of this Government direct to the Comptroller and Auditor General; but as regards the Treasurers Quarterly Accounts which it is directed shall be sent direct to the Colonial Office I would point out that no such accounts are made up

2. The usual Quarterly Survey Report is the only document of a somewhat similar character which is prepared here, and that is transmitted according to the Regulation with due regularity

The Right Honourable
 Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have to
 sign
 W.H.

G.M. G. F.J. 5th November 1890

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No 22 of the 24th of July last transmitting to me for my report thereon a copy of a memorandum by the Crown Agents for the Colonies on the subject of the Investments made by them on account of the Savings Bank in this Colony.

2 In reply I beg leave to transmit a copy of a Report which has been furnished to me by the Colonial Treasurer and Manager of the Savings Bank on the matter in question in the purport of which I agree.

3 I shall cause the Crown Agents to be informed by each mail as to the exact amount of deposits in the Savings Bank

The Right Honourable

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have the

signed Mess

Report of the Colonial Treasurer and Manager of Savings Bank transmitted with the above despatch.

"I find that the deposits in the Savings Bank during the last year (1st October 1889 to 30th September 1890) averaged £718. 5. 8. per month against £525. 1. 7. Withdrawals. This left us a margin of nearly £200 per month and from circumstances which do not seem likely to recur this year we may hope I think for a larger margin. The advantage of investing every available penny of Savings Bank money is obvious. If there should be a run at any time it can be met temporarily from General Revenue."

"As regards the Crown Agents question it might be answered that on the 30th of September last the amount at credit of the Bank in our Books was £17. 810. 12. 5. and that they were to receive from the Falkland Islands Company on the 27th of September £683. 9. 2. making a total of £18, 494. 1. 7. and that therefore there was no necessity to disturb the investment of £18,000 which they have already made on Savings Bank Account. In future they will be informed at the end of each quarter of the amount of the deposits and requested to regulate investments accordingly as near as possible."

"The Income Tax need not be claimed on more than was actually at credit, but that is a matter of detail which we leave to the Crown Agents, supplying them with the figures month by month since June 12th

" 12th until the £18000 limit was reached in September provided that
 " it is found that Income Tax is payable on any colonial investments
 " on which point the Crown Agents have been communicated with.
 " At the present date the deposits amount to £18885.8.6 in the
 " Colony. Of course the £683.9.2 referred to above is not included." es.

F.S.P.

5th November 1890

No 127

My Lord

H.H. S. T. 8th November 1890

With reference to your Circular Despatch of the 2^d of April last on the subject of the enquiries which were being made by the Medical Officer of the Local Government Board on the subject of epidemic influenza - to which I replied in my despatch No 73 of the 10th of June following that the epidemic of influenza had not appeared ~~to~~ in this Colony - I have now the honour to inform your Lordship that an epidemic of a very serious nature - which is said to be a form of influenza complicated with bronchitis and pneumonia - has during the last two months prevailed to an alarming extent.

2. The fatal cases have been chiefly amongst infants and very young children, sixteen deaths of young children having occurred between the 21st of September and the present date.

3. There has been much illness among the adult population but no fatal case has been reported.

4. I have requested the Colonial Surgeon to furnish me with a full report respecting the epidemic but he states that he is unable to do so in time for this mail in consequence of the extra pressure of work, but which - when I receive it - I will transmit to your Lordship by the earliest opportunity.

5. I may add that both my wife and myself have suffered from this malady and are still confined to the house, and that my two grandchildren who were on a visit to us at the Government House, died within four days of each other.

I have the
signed Wm

The Right Honourable
Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

No 128

G. H. S. F. I. 8 November 1890

My Lord

With reference to your despatch No 28 of the 11th of September last I have the honour as requested to furnish you with an amended certificate of the leave of absence granted to Mr G. Parkenham Brooks Colonial Secretary and Police Magistrate of the Falkland Islands which was deficient in the particulars pointed out by your Lordship

The Right Honourable

I have the

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

signed Kerr

No 129

G. H. S. F. I. 10th November 1890

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No 29. of the 11th of September last informing me of your intention to relieve me of my office as Governor of this Colony at the end of the present year or soon after and that I will then have been in the receipt of a salary of £1200 a year for a sufficient period to entitle me to an aggregate pension of £500 a year £275 of which will be drawn from the Government of Barbados, and the balance of £225 will be paid from the Imperial Treasury.

2. I respectfully request your Lordship to reconsider your decision with respect to the amount of the retiring pension to which you consider ^{that} I am entitled, and if you will give your favourable attention to the following reasons I think you will agree with me that the sum of £500. is not a sufficient pension under the circumstances

3. On the 10th of February next I shall have completed 36 years of permanent service, nearly 11 years of which - including my temporary administration of the Government of Grenada in 1878-9 - have been administrative
 (1) The Pensions (Colonial Service) Act 1887 places persons employed in any office in the permanent civil service of a Colony (for the purpose of computing pensions under the Governor's Pension Acts) on the same footing as persons employed in the permanent Civil Service of the State, as defined by the Superannuation Act 1859
 (2) A person employed in the permanent Civil Service of the State

the State, on retirement after 36 years service and after having received a salary at the rate of £1200 a year would be entitled to a pension at the rate of £620 a year without any deduction from Salary.

(3) The small pension which I shall become entitled for my services in Barbados is rather in the nature of a Life Annuity purchased by contributions or deductions from my salary to the amount of £22 a year from the time of the Superannuation Act coming into operation, besides the sum of £81. 0. 7 for retrospective service before the operation of the Act which becomes payable on my final retirement from the public service.

(4) Should your Lordship decide as I had expected - to grant me the reduced rate of a Governor's pension (£333.6.8) from Imperial Funds - that sum added to my Barbados Pension would make an aggregate of £608.6.8. and would still be less than an ordinary Civil Service pension; but if there is any objection to this arrangement I trust that you will be able to award me the fraction of the full rate of pension provided for in Section 3 (subsection (2)) of the Colonial Governors (Pensions) Act 1872., of 8. 40th as set forth in the Thirteenth line of the Second Schedule to the Act - which would add £100 to the pension which you have proposed to allow me, and raise the aggregate amount to £600.

4. I have no private income except a trifle derived from a small sum invested in Jamaica; my official income in Barbados was always a small one, and the necessity of spending nearly the whole of my salary as Governor on the social exigencies of the position, leaves me without any other provision for my retirement than the pension to which I may be entitled, and I trust you will pardon me if I press upon your Lordship's consideration the position in which I will be placed on retiring from the honourable station which I occupy without the means of maintaining modestly my social status during the short remainder of my life.

5. Your Lordship is good enough to assure me that you have taken this step simply in the interest of the public service and not from any feeling of dissatisfaction with the way in which I have administered the Government of the Falkland Islands

Islands, and in your despatch No 22. of the 12th of May 1887. you said. "The very satisfactory condition of the Colonial finances is in my opinion due to your careful administration". Lord Derby in his despatch No 26 of the 6th of June 1885 in alluding to the Blue Book for 1884 said "This report shows that the Colony is in every way in a satisfactory condition, to which in my opinion your services have materially contributed". I am confident that I have no respect forfeited the favourable opinions which I have quoted, and I feel assured that the financial position of the Colony is now securely established, and that the prosperity of the inhabitants of all classes is undoubted.

6. To myself personally my ten years residence in this rough, cold, and stormy region after a life long residence in the delightful climate of the West Indies where my health was perfect and my life enjoyable has been a term of physical suffering and discomfort a Liberia in which my health has been impaired by repeated attacks of bronchitis brought on by the inevitable exposure without which I could not have conscientiously performed the many duties which devolved on me.

The Right Honourable

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have &c

Signed Wess

No 130

My Lord

G.H. S. F.I. 14 November 1890

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The Right Honourable

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have &c

Signed Wess

I have the honour to inform you that the amount of the deposits now in the Government Savings Bank is ~~One~~ Nineteen thousand and two pounds, six shillings and ten pence.

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 14th of November 1890 by *Hermes S.S. Pentaur* via Montevideo.

No.	Dates	Subject of Despatch	Enclosures
125	5 th November 1890	Transmission of the accounts of the colony direct to the Comptroller and Auditor General, acknowledging instructions respecting.	
126	" " "	Government Savings Bank Report on letter of the Crown Agents respecting	
127	8 th " "	Epidemic of influenza, with reference to Circular Despatch of 2 ^d August 1890 reports the recent outbreak of in the Colony.	
128	" " "	Amended leave of Absence Certificate of Mr E Pakenham Brook Colonial Secretary &c forwarded	
129	10 th " "	Amount of pension to be awarded to him on his retirement from the public service with reference to the	
130	14 th " "	Deposits in the Government Savings Bank at date reports amount of.	

No 131

g H S. S. 20th November 1890

My Lord.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your circular despatch of the 31st of July last requesting information on certain points in connection with the question of Sunday labour in this colony.

2. I beg leave to reply as follows to the interrogations put, viz:

(1) The Imperial Act 29 Charles II. chapter V. extended to this Colony with all other laws and Statutes in force in England by section 47 of Ordinance No 10 of 1853, prohibits the exercise by any tradesman, artificer, workman, labourer or other person, of any worldly "labour business or work" of their ordinary calling upon the Lord's day.

(2) There is in fact no labour on Sundays on the wharves of the port of Stanley, the seat of Government, and I have never heard that such work has been carried on at any of the outlying bays or creeks, and

(3) There are no rules or regulations of public bodies existing

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on the subject, nor is there any combination of workmen against it, but public feeling is decidedly against Sunday labour.

The Right Honourable
Lord Lansdowne Q.C. M.P.

I have &c.
Signed Kerr

No 132

B.M. S. F.I. 21st November 1890

My Lord.

With reference to your despatch No 14 of the 6th of May last respecting the memorial of Charles Bender, which was transmitted in Mr Brooks' despatch No 31 of the 15th February last I have the honour to submit the following remarks

2. Mr Bender's memorial is for the most part incorrect and misleading, as a short statement of the facts and circumstances relating to his occupancy of the suburban land known as Moody Valley Farm, will show.

3. On the 25th of June 1875 Governor D'Arey granted to William Coulson, the Government messenger a lease for 21 years of the suburban land in question containing about 1000 acres at a yearly rent of twenty pounds; as however the lease contained a provision for its determination on six or twelve months notice from either party it was virtually a tenancy from year to year.

4. Coulson afterwards took Bender into partnership: a deed of partnership was executed, which was recorded in the office of the Registrar, and with their joint capital, and with some advances from local merchants they stocked the farm with sheep and erected the necessary buildings at a cost of between £700, and £800. The management being entirely in the hands of Bender, who resided on the farm.

5. Lord Carnarvon in his despatch No 32 of the 25th November 1875 disapproved of the lease, which he directed should be terminated by notice on the 31st of December 1877 and laid down rules by which the occupation of suburban lands should be by leases not exceeding three years in duration. Eventually however Coulson's lease of June 1875 did not terminate until the 23rd of December 1880, when Bender continued the occupation under an agreement for a three years license at an annual rent of twenty five pounds, and he has continued the occupation to the present time at the same annual rental.

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6. By the negligence of Mr. Coulson who was in 1880 Acting Colonial Secretary, no license was actually filled up, and the one given was never brought to my notice till December 1883 when the term expired, and at that time an arrangement was being made concluded between Captain Packe, the lessee of the adjoining lands and Bender, for the extension of the area of the farm to nearly double its original size by the surrender of the land which Captain Packe occupied within the suburban belt, and the erection of a fence, at the mutual cost of the parties.

7. The arrangement proposed by Captain Packe with respect to the boundaries and agreed to by Bender is contained in a letter addressed by Captain Packe to the Colonial Office, a copy of which was transmitted to me in Lord Derby's despatch No 46 of the 7th of October 1883.

8. At a meeting of Executive Council on the 26th of December 1883, when the question of the renewal of Bender's license was considered, Mr. Mansel (in behalf of Captain Packe) and Mr. Bender appeared and agreed to the erection of a mutual fence on the lines proposed in Captain Packe's letter, and Mr. Bender was then informed that as soon as the quantity of additional land could be ascertained he would be required to pay a proportionately greater annual rent, and that a license setting forth the particulars would be granted to him.

9. A dispute subsequently arose between Mr. Mansel and Mr. Bender respecting the cost and manner of erection of the mutual fence, which has never been finally settled. The additional land has never been transferred to Mr. Bender who continues to pay the rent of £25 a year and to occupy the original holding until he can come to terms with Captain Packe or his agents.

10. Meanwhile the partnership existing between Coulson and Bender continued, as there was a difficulty in making a satisfactory settlement of their respective interests, and early in 1889 Bender refused to render Coulson any account of his transactions, and claimed a right to the whole of the assets, on the ground that the farm was rented to him in his own name and was entirely under his control, but the dispute between them has now been settled by arbitration. An award of £365 was made to Coulson and the partnership was

was dissolved

11. I have since issued a license to Bentler on the original terms for three years, to commence from the 23^d of December 1889, but I have reason to believe that his complaint of having suffered loss through the failure to erect a fence is unfounded. The number of sheep which can be kept on a farm of 4000 acres of such pasture should not exceed 1000, or at the most 1100, whereas Bentler shipped last year 16 bales of wool and on the previous year 17 bales, to produce which he must have shorn not less than 1200 sheep besides which he carries on business as a butcher and kills upwards of 200 sheep every year for mutton which he sells in Stanley, so it is evident that his flock must feed over a much larger area than he pays rent for, and that in fact he has already been encroaching on the neighbouring land which Captain Packe proposes to surrender and which when it is finally incorporated with the Moody Valley Farm should increase the annual rent to forty five pounds a year instead of twenty five pounds as hitherto.

The Rt Honble

Lord Knutsford Q.C.M.Q.

I have to
sign'd Kerr

No 133

My Lord

g H. S. F. J. 24th November 1890

No 1. 7 1869

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your circular despatch of the 26th of August last asking to be supplied with information as to the law and practice of Escheat and the disposal of casual revenues of the Crown in this Colony

No 2. 4 1871

2. In reply I beg leave to forward copies of the two local Ordinances regulating the matter

The Rt Honble

Lord Knutsford. Q.C.M.Q.

I have to
sign'd Kerr

No 134

My Lord

g H. S. F. J. 25th November 1890

I have the honour to transmit herewith a certificate of the examination of the funds in the Colonial Chest which I have caused to be made this day without previous notice

The Rt Honble

Lord Knutsford. Q.C.M.Q.

I have to
sign'd Kerr

My Lord

G.H. S. F.I. 26 Novr 1890

I have the honour to transmit herewith for your Lordship's consideration a memorandum which has been prepared by Mr Langmette the acting Colonial Secretary, having reference to the difficulty of remitting money from this Colony to the neighbouring South American Republics, to the serious disadvantage of the small traders who procure supplies of various kinds by the steamer.

2. In the absence of a banking establishment the difficulty of making remittances of any kind is very great, and the risk and expense of sending specie by the steamers even when gold can be obtained, is considerable, so that the system of a mutual exchange of money orders with the Republics of Chile Uruguay and Argentina, suggested in Mr Langmette's memorandum would be of great advantage to the inhabitants of this Colony.

The Rt Honble.

I have the

Lord Knutsford. G.C.M.G.

Signed West

Enclosure

His Excellency the Governor

It has been brought to my notice that the small storekeepers here are very much hampered in their operations by the want of a safe medium of remitting money to certain places on the East and West Coast of South America from which they at present obtain their supplies of such things as Flour, Fruits, Onions, Potatoes, Wine &c. At present the trade is limited and does not reach more I understand than £600 a year with Valparaiso and Lota, and £1000 with Montevideo. With these places there is regular Steam Communication.

Gold is very scarce here, - the chief - perhaps the only - holders to any extent being the Government and the Falkland Islands Company, and the latter take good care not to let out of their hands more than they can possibly help; it is said (perhaps uncharitably) with the object of retaining a monopoly of the trade.

In these circumstances I venture to ask your Excellency to propose to the Secretary of State for the Colonies for his Lordship's consideration the desirability of conventions being entered into in behalf of this Colony with the Republics of Chile and Uruguay for a direct mutual exchange of Money Orders. The details of such Conventions could be best arranged by the General Post Office in London. I feel convinced that if such arrangements could be made it would give great satisfaction.

satisfaction here. From personal knowledge I can say the Money Order Conventions have been entered into between Jamaica and the United States of America, Canada, United States of Colombia and other places with the sanction of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and they work satisfactorily.

Signed Fred Sheldon Langumette
Acting Colonial Secretary

26th Nov 1890

No 136

G.H.S.F.J. 1st December 1890

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of an application from Mr H B L Jameson the Government Clerk for twelve months leave of absence, three months of which would be vacation leave, but on half salary.

2. The exigencies of the public service will not admit of my granting the leave of absence which Mr Jameson is entitled to apply for, as it is impossible to procure in the Colony a suitable person to perform the duties of his office, but if the arrangement which he suggests can be effected, which is of a similar nature to that which was made on the case of Mr Brooks the Colonial Secretary - I will be glad if your Lordship will give it your favourable consideration I think that under the circumstances the passage of a substitute both ways - should be paid by this Government

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have to
signed Werr

No 137

My Lord

G.H.S.F.J. 2d Decr 1890

In continuation of my despatch No 127 of the 8th of November last I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a Report which I have just received from the Colonial Surgeon on the subject of the epidemic which prevailed at that time to an alarming extent but which has now almost entirely ceased

The Rt Honble

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have to
signed Werr

No 138

My Lord

ly H. S. F. J. 12th December 1890

In continuation of my despatch No 102 of the 13th of August last in which I forwarded a Report by a Committee which I had appointed to inspect the School buildings I have now the honour to enclose for your further information a copy of a memorandum which I have received from the gentlemen who composed that Committee testifying as to the completeness of the improvements made in the buildings. A memorandum by the Colonial Surgeon is also attached as to the hygienic condition of the Infant School room.

The R^t Hon

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have to
sign Kerr

No 139

Nos

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My Lord

ly H. S. F. J. 15th December 1890

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the despatches noted in the margin

I have to
sign Kerr

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The Right Honourable
Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

No 140

My Lord

ly H. S. F. J. 15th December 1890

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a copy of a letter which I received yesterday from the British Minister at Montevideo forwarding a copy of an unsigned

un-signed telegram having reference to the new postal arrangements, and to inform you that I have sent the following telegraphic reply, to be transmitted from Montevideo as soon as it arrives there from Punta Arenas (Code Words). "Chapelnes London Emission Muscord" "Mustrat" Mustang Chevill Buckeye Highly. Festulides" (Text) "Secretary of State for the Colonies for the information of Postmaster General Postal arrangements with two pence halfpenny postage stamps, will commence by mail of January 15. Governor Falkland Islands"

2. As some time must elapse before two pence halfpenny postage stamps can be procured, it will be necessary to use penny stamps for the two pence and the half of a penny stamp cut diagonally for the half penny stamp and of this arrangement due notice has been given to the Postmaster General

The Rt Hon

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have &c

Signed Kerr.

No 141

G.H. S. F.I. 16th December 1890

My Lord

I have the honour to report for your information that the amount of the deposits now in the Government Savings Bank is Twenty thousand and eight pounds one shilling and three pence

The Rt Hon

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have &c

Signed Kerr

No 142

G.H. S. F.I. 16th December 1890

My Lord

I have the honour to report that I have remitted to the Crown Agents for the Colonies the Bill of Exchange quoted in the margin amounting to the sum of Three hundred pounds, to be placed to the credit of this Government

The Rt Hon

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have &c

Signed Kerr

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 16th of December 1890. (via Punta Arenas)

No of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	Enclosure
131	20 th November 1890	Furnishes information on the subject of Sunday Labour in the Colony.	nil
132	21 st	Submits remarks respecting Mr Charles Bender's memorial in the matter of the lease of Moody Valley Farm	nil
133	24 th	Furnishes information respecting the law and practice of Escheat in the Colony.	2
134	25 th	Forwards certificate of Surprise Survey of the Colonial Chest	1
135	26 th	Suggests that Money Order Conventions be entered into with the neighbouring Republics	1
136	1 st December	Forwards application from Mr Jamison, Government Clerk for 12 months leave of absence	1
137	2 ^d	Forwards report from Colonial Surgeon on recent epidemic of Influenza	1
138	12 th	Forwards Memorandum on present state of School buildings	1
139	15	Acknowledging receipt of Despatches	nil
140	"	Confirming Telegram in answer to message relative to two pence halfpenny postal arrangement	nil
141	16 th	Reporting amount of Deposits in Government Savings Bank	nil
142	"	Reporting remittance to Crown Agents of a Bill of Exchange for £300.	nil

G.H. S. F.I. 24th December 1890

My Lord.

(43)

I have the honour to transmit herewith an application addressed to your Lordship by Mr William Wickham Bertrand, lessee of the Crown lands contained in the Roy Cove Station on the West Falkland Island, to purchase the whole of his leasehold land consisting of 61. 400. acs. sixty one thousand four hundred acres, on the same terms as your Lordship has sanctioned in the case of the Falkland Islands Company.

£9,210.

2. The purchase would amount to nine thousand two hundred and ten pounds, of which I think it would be expedient that two thousand and ten pounds should be paid at once and eight hundred pounds every succeeding year until the payment should be completed - with interest at the rate of 2½ per cent on the unpaid balance.

The Right Honourable

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have the
honour to
signify

No 144

G.H. S. F.I. 30th December 1890

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith, a petition addressed to your Lordship by the Colonial Surgeon and the Colonial Chaplain, both members of the Executive Council, having reference to the sale of the Country Lands of the Crown held in lease by the Falkland Islands Company, the sale of which to the Company has been sanctioned by your Lordship in our despatch No 34 of the 4th Nov last.

2. These gentlemen complain that the proposed sale was kept a secret - that they were not permitted in Council to record the reasons for their opinions - that the proposed Ordinance was not laid before them - that if the land was worth £4 an acre twenty years ago, it was worth more now - that practical shepherds had offered 200 to 500 per cent more than was being paid by the Falkland Islands Company - that the Falkland Islands Company were establishing a monopoly which is an imperium in imperio, and that they should not in any way be assisted by the local Government.

3. I am surprised at the assertion that the proposed sale was of the Crown lands at a fair value to the lessees has been kept a secret, as it has been generally spoken of for several years past. The contention of the lessees that they had a pre-emptive right

right of purchase at 3/- an acre having been constantly argued during nearly the whole term of my administration, and the settlement of its value as leasehold at £20 a section was agreed to after much discussion in Executive Council on the 18th of October 1881 and the 16th of June 1882 when Mr Barley the former Surveyor General (whose knowledge and experience made his advice particularly valuable) was a member of the Board, and it was then decided that as the land was of no value but for pastoral purposes, and the fullest possible information had been obtained as to the number of sheep which could be pastured on a section of 6000 acres, and the average value of ^{the} wool which could be obtained from them - £20 a section was the highest rent which the land would bear, and this being equivalent to the interest of £900 at 2½ per cent - after deduction of income tax and other charges) I have always assumed that the price at 3/- per acre was a settled question and did not need to be again referred to the consideration of the Governor in Council, and the fact that no applications have ever been made for the purchase of country Crown lands at 4/- an acre is a proof that it was considered to be too high a price.

4 The Colonial Chaplain was not a member of Council until the 2nd of 1883 and he may have been ignorant of what had been settled as to the value of ^{the} land, but the Colonial Surgeon ought to have been quite clear on the subject, and they both seem to have ignored the provision of the Land Ordinance of 1872 which gives the lessees the pre-emptive right of purchase at the usual price.

5 The assertion that the petitioners were not allowed to see the proposed Ordinance is not correct - it was in the hands of the printer in an adjoining room - they were informed of the purport of it, and that it could be brought in if they wished, but they did not ask to see it.

6 The reasons which they gave for their opinions were taken down shortly by the Clerk, as appears by an extract from the minutes of the Council which I enclose - but it was impossible for him to take down the rambling speech of the Colonial Surgeon, who spoke at great length in an excited manner stating that he knew that Colossal ~~fortunes~~ fortunes were being made by the sheep farmers and instance^d the case of Pebble Island, which he said had been purchased from the Government by Mr Deom for a few hundred pounds, and had cleared last year upward of £6000 as he had seen from the books. I find from Mr Deom's written statement that

that the value of the wool produced on Pebble Island last year was £2138.2.4 and of Sheepskins £181.13.1. in all £2319. 15.5. from which after deducting the cost of wages, stores and other recurrent expenses, the clearance or profit must have been very moderate. This is corroborated by the Falkland Islands Company who keep the accounts of Pebble Island and who inform me that Dr Hamilton has had no access to them and is grossly in error.

7. It is not true that any practical shepherds or other persons have offered to give 200 to 500 per cent more than the present lessees of the Crown lands for the rent of a section. Six persons have applied to me requesting to know if any pastoral land can be rented from the Government. Two of them offered to give £50 a year, two others £45 and the remaining two £40 a year for a section of 6000 acres. Of these one was a Labourer in Stanley, who had once been a shepherd, one was a Tavern Keeper who had once been a carpenter, one was a bar-man in a tavern, one a Shopkeeper, one a stone mason and the last was the person who occupies the suburban farm ~~known~~^{called} as Mullet Creek. The highest rent offered would be 150 per cent more than is now paid, and I doubt if any of the applicants were in a position to pay an outgoing tenant for houses and fencing to say nothing of the outlay for stock.

8. It is impossible for the Government to interfere with the affairs of the Falkland Islands Company, or to make any difference in its attitude to them in favour of any of the other inhabitants, of whatever class they may be, or in whatever business they engage simply on the ground of the Company having got into their hands the greater part of the trade of the Colony. The field is still open to competition and there are already signs of possible rivalry in the shipping trade. Their operations as sheep farmers are better organized, more successfully conducted, and on a larger scale than any of the other sheep farmers, and they export about 30 per cent of the whole of the wool produced in the Colony.

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have the
Signed Kerr

1891.

No 1

My Lord

G.H.S. F.I. 1st January 1891

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Audit Department, the Report of the Survey of the Colonial Chest for the Quarter ending the 31st of December 1890 and a Certificate of Quarterly Survey containing a Statement of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Colony during the same period.

The Rt Honble

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have to
signed West

No 2

G.H.S. F.I. 1st January 1891

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith in duplicate the Annual Return of Arms and Stores in the possession of the Police Force in this colony on the 31st of December 1890

The Rt Hon

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have to
signed West

No 3

G.H.S. F.I. 1st January 1891

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith in duplicate in accordance with the instructions contained in Circular "Secret" of the 1st of November 1886, the annual Return of the Naval and Military resources of this Colony for the year 1890

The Rt Hon

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have to
signed West

No 4

G.H.S. F.I. 2^d January 1891

My Lord

I have the honour 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 ended on the 31st of December 1890

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

The Rt Hon

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have to
signed West

No 190
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and Secretary
Financial Dept.
Board of Trade
Interest of
the Crown Agents
to the Colonies.

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No. 5.

My Lord

I have the honour to forward herewith for transmission to the Board of Trade, the accounts showing the oil and stores expended at Cape Pembroke Lighthouse during the quarter ending the 31st of December 1890, together with the meteorological Register for the half year ended on that date

I have to

The Rt Hon

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

signed Kerr

No. 6.

G.H.S.F.I. 2^d January 1891

My Lord

No 191

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31st December 1890

on account of the

Finance Deptt of the
Board of Trade
in favour of the
agents for the Colonial

I have the honour 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 quarter ended 31st December 1890

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

The Rt Hon

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have to

signed Kerr

No 7

G.H.S.F.I. 3^d January 1891

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith in accordance with the instructions in the Circular Despatch of the 7th April 1880, a return of Officers making family remittances

The Rt Hon

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have to

signed Kerr

No 8

My Lord

G.H.S.F.I. 3^d January 1891

I have the honour to transmit herewith in accordance with Rule 182 of the Colonial Regulations six printed copies of the Ordinances enacted in this Colony during the year 1890

The Rt Hon

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have to

signed Kerr

No 9

My Lord

G.H.S.F.I. 3^d January 1891

I have the honour to transmit herewith in accordance with Rule

Rule 259 of the Colonial Regulations, Lists of the members of the Executive and Legislative Councils of this Colony.

The R. Hon.

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have &c

signed Kerr

No 10

My Lord

G.H.S.F.I. 3rd January 1891

I have the honour to transmit herewith copies of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Executive and Legislative Councils for the half year ended on the 31st December 1890

The R. Hon.

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have &c

signed Kerr

No 11

My Lord

G.H.S.F.I. 5th January 1891

I have the honour to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the Audit Department the Returns of Appointments to Public Offices required by Rule 247 of the Colonial Regulations - for the quarter ended on the 31st of December 1890

The R. Hon.

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have &c

signed Kerr

No 12

G.H.S.F.I. 5th January 1891

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith a statement of the accounts of the Government Savings Bank to the 30th September 1890 which has been prepared by the Treasurer and audited by Commissioners appointed by me in accordance with the provisions of the Savings Bank Ordinance 1888.

The R. Hon.

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have &c

signed Kerr

No 13

G.H.S.F.I. 5th January 1891

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith six printed copies of Ordinance No 7 of 1890 entitled "An Ordinance for taking the Census of the Falkland Islands"

2 The provisions of this Ordinance are in agreement with those of the Census (England and Wales) Act 1890, and do not differ from those.

those of the Ordinance for taking the Census of this Colony in 1881,
I have &c
The Rt Hon
Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

signed Warr

No 14

G.H.S. F.I. 5th January 1891

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith six printed copies of Ordinance No 8 of 1890 entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the insurance of parcels in the post"

2 This Ordinance has been passed in consequence of a circular letter from the General Post Office London, addressed to the Post master of this Colony - a copy of which I transmit herewith - suggesting that a system of Insurance for parcels, which has worked well in the case of parcels exchanged between the United Kingdom and India should be extended to the British Colonies and Possessions generally.

3. As the discretionary power to grant, under certain circumstances, compensation to a limited amount in the case of uninsured parcels has been embodied in this Ordinance - the Postal Parcels Ordinance 1889" has been repealed

The Rt Hon

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have &c

signed Warr.

No 15.

G.H.S. F.I. 5th January 1891

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith six printed copies of Ordinance No 9 of 1890 entitled "An Ordinance for authorizing the sale and conveyance of certain lands of the Crown to the Falkland Islands Company and other Lessees of Crown Lands"

2 This Ordinance has been passed in order to give effect to the arrangements sanctioned by your Lordship on your despatch No 34 of the 4th of November last. It was opposed by the Colonial Surgeon, who voted against it, and who has endeavoured to explain his reasons for the course he adopted, in a statement addressed to your Lordship, which I am transmitting in another despatch

3 I enclose a printed copy of so much of the minutes of the proceedings of the Legislative Council as refers to the introduction and passing of the Ordinance

The Rt Hon

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have &c

signed Warr

My Lord

Gt. S. I. 12th January 1891

I have the honour to transmit herewith - in duplicate - a statement addressed to you by Dr Hamilton the Colonial Surgeon bringing under your notice his reasons for voting against the government in the Legislative Council on the 29th of December last.

2. As I have already in my despatch No 144 of the 30th December last (transmitting a joint petition from the Colonial Surgeon and the Colonial Chaplain) reported fully on the subjects to which the present communication refers, it is unnecessary to occupy your Lordship's attention with a further reference to them and I shall only notice the inaccuracy of Dr Hamilton's "instance of the value of land." as an example of the reckless statements which he habitually makes, and of his ignorance of the subject.

3. Dr Hamilton states "that four years ago a Mr McGlynn told the lease of his property amounting to nearly one hundred thousand acres "for the sum of £15,000." The facts are very different. Mr McGlynn, who came here from Australia with a considerable amount of capital - was one of the first settlers on the West Falkland Island, where he obtained a lease of the Chartres River Station, containing 100,000 acres. He ~~chartered~~ chartered a vessel to bring sheep from the River Plate and stocked the station at great expense, sheep at that time costing from 25/- to 28/- each, but to enable him to complete the necessary buildings, fences and corrals he had to borrow largely from the local merchants (Dean and Sons). After fourteen years residence on the station, he found it necessary to remove with his family to England, and appointed a manager and afterwards he offered the transfer of his lease, with all his stock, and all his buildings and other property for sale for £14,000. - No offer was made for several years, but in 1885, he took Mr Anson into partnership with him on payment of £6,750. and on the following year he sold his remaining interest to Mr Dean for £6,000, making the total amount which he received for 13,000 sheep 100 horses, a large herd of cattle, all his buildings, boats, fences and his house and furniture £12,750, out of which he paid Mr Dean £3,000, which he had borrowed when establishing the station.

4. The Ordinances provide that the stations are to be defined with reference to the nautical chart of the Colony without further survey and I informed the Executive Council of my intention to request the Secretary of State to cause enquiries to be made respecting the preparation

preparation of a map of the Colony on the scale of the Ordnance maps, in order that the boundaries of the stations, which could with difficulty be laid down on the small charts, might be more accurately defined - and I made this request in my despatch No 121. of the 25th of August 1882, but Lord Kimberley replied in his despatch No 76 of the 11th of December 1882, that he could not recommend that the expenditure should be incurred.

5. The Governmental Reserves at Port Darwin and Port Sussex are still held by the Government and are not included in the recent sale of land to the Falkland Islands Company.

6. As Mr Hamilton's experience is confined to the town of Stanley, which he has never left during his 11 or 12 years residence, his knowledge of the country lands rests entirely on hearsay.

The Rt Honble

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have to
signed Kerr

No 17

My Lord

G.H.S.F.I. 13th January 1891

I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a letter which I have received from Mr Robert Blake, one of the lessees of Adelaide Station in the West Falkland Island, requesting me to submit to your Lordship an application from his partner (Mr E Holmsted) and himself for the purchase of the Brown land contained in their station, which consists of 109.720 acres, at the price of three shillings an acre, and that payment may be made by instalments extending over a term of twelve or fourteen years.

£16.458

2. The purchase money would amount to sixteen thousand four hundred and fifty eight pounds - of which I think it might be expedient to require that £2.458. should be paid at once, £2000 on the year next following, and £1200 on each of the ten succeeding years with interest at 2½ per cent on all unpaid balances which would complete the payment of the whole in twelve years.

The Rt Honble

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have to
signed Kerr

My Lord.

Gt H.S.F.I. 20th January 1891

I have the honour to transmit herewith for your Lordship's consideration a copy of a letter addressed to me by the Bishop, in which he indicates the want of an assistant minister of religion for the large and increasing population of the Colony beyond the limits of Stanley, and requests me to recommend the application of the allowance of £100 a year which has for some time past been paid to a Presbyterian minister, to be granted in aid of the stipend of an additional clergyman of the Church of England.

2. The Colonial Chaplain has hitherto endeavoured very zealously to visit remote districts and to solemnize marriages and baptisms but his duties in Stanley are onerous, and are necessarily much neglected during the prolonged periods of absence which travelling about among these islands makes necessary, and since the withdrawal of the Presbyterian minister from Darwen, the area to be visited is considerably increased.

3. In my despatch No 67 of the 21st of May last reporting the departure of the Presbyterian minister I informed your Lordship that the Falkland Islands Company had stated their willingness to expend the money which they had hitherto given towards his support in subsidizing a minister of religion for making periodical visits to the districts occupied by them, and I feel sure that no better arrangement could be made either in that respect or in the periodical visitation of the whole of the rural districts, than the proposition contained in the present application

The Rt Honble

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have to
signified
W.H.W.

My Lord

Gt H.S.F.I. 21st January 1891

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter addressed to your Lordship by Mr F. Sheden Sanginetti, the gentleman who is at present acting as Colonial Secretary, Treasurer, Police Magistrate and in the other offices held by Mr E. Parkenham Brooks, now absent on leave.

2. Mr Sanginetti has performed the duties of the various offices which he fills, in a very efficient manner and to my entire

entire satisfaction in every respect, and I have much pleasure
in forwarding his application for promotion
The Rt Honble I have &c
Lord Kynsford G.C.M.G. signed Kerr

X

No 21

Gt. S. F. J. 22^d January 1891

My Lord

£20,155. 8. 8

I have the honour to inform you that the deposits
now in the Government Savings Bank amount to twenty
thousand one hundred and fifty five pounds eight shillings
and eight pence

The Rt Honble

I have &c

Lord Kynsford G.C.M.G.

signed Kerr

No 22

Gt. S. F. J. 22^d January 1891

My Lord

£300. 0. 0 27th Decr 1890 on the Falkland
Islands Company

103. 7. 6 31st Decr 1890 on the Board
of Trade

37. 8. 0 31st Decr 1890 on the Board
of Trade

1. 3. 6 1st January 1891 on the
Accountant General of the Navy

9. 15. 0 1st January 1891 on the
Paymaster General

2000. 0. 0 16th January 1891 on the
Accountant General of the Navy

Total £2451. 14. 0

I have the honour to inform you
that I have remitted to the Crown Agents
for the Colonies the Bills of Exchange
noted in the margin, amounting in
the whole to the sum of two thousand
four hundred and fifty one pounds
fourteen shillings to be placed to the
credit of this Government

I have &c

signed Kerr

The Rt Honble

Lord Kynsford G.C.M.G.

X No 20
omitted in its
proper place above

My Lord

Gt. S. F. J. 22^d January 1891

I have the honour to inform you that Her
Majesty's Ships Cleopatra and Basilisk, under the command of
Captain Archer J. W. Musgrave R.N. senior officer of the SE coast of
America Squadron arrived at Port Stanley on the 13th of January instant

The Rt Honble

I have &c

Lord Kynsford G.C.M.G.

signed Kerr

No 23

328 0

No	Dates
30	13 th September 1890 (Duplicate)
38	11 th November "
39	9 th December "
40	13 th "
not numbered	15 th November "
Circular	13 th "
"	15 th "
"	21 st "
"	27 th "
"	4 th December "
"	5 th "
Library	17 th November "

G.H. S. F.I. 22^d January 1891

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the despatches noted in the margin

I have &c.

Signed Kerr

The Rt Honble

Lord Kemsford G.C.M.G.

No 24

G.H. S. F.I. 22^d January 1891

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No 38 of the 11th of November last enclosing for my information and guidance a copy of correspondence with the Falkland Islands Company having reference to the arrangement sanctioned by your lordship in your despatch No 34 of the 4th of November last for the purchase by the Company of lands held by them on lease from the Crown

2 As soon as I am informed by the Crown Agents for the Colonies that the first instalment of the purchase money viz £2284. 12. 0 has been paid to them I will execute the necessary Grant for conveying the land to the Company, and in the meantime the rents of the stations will cease from the 1st of January 1891 and such sums as have been prepaid for rents subsequent to that period will be ultimately refunded.

The Rt Honble

Lord Kemsford G.C.M.G.

I have &c

Signed Kerr

No 25

G.H. S. F.I. 22^d January 1891

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No 39. of the 9th of December last, informing me that you had authorized the Crown Agents for the Colonies to comply with an application from the Falkland Islands Company for permission to buy

to buy for a further period of six months from the 31st of December last drafts at sight on the Colonial Treasures of this Government for £400 a month

2. The manager of the Falkland Islands Company informs me that the Company would be glad to have these monthly drafts increased from £400 to £600 as in 1889, and looking to the accumulation of specie in the Colonial Government chest during 1890 and the difficulty of making remittances, it would be expedient to increase the amount of the drafts accordingly.

The Rt Honble.

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have the

signed Kerr

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on 23d of January 1891 (per S.S. Tambyss)

No.	Date	Subject of Despatch	Endorsements
143	24 Dec 1890	Forwards application from Mr W. Bertrand to allowed to purchase the Roy Cove Station	1
144	30 th ..	Forwards petition from the Colonial Surgeon and the Colonial Chaplain as members of the Executive Council, having reference to the sale of the Crown lands	3
No 1	1 st January 1891	Forwards report of Survey of the Colonial Chest for the December Quarter 1890	2
2	" "	Forwards return of Arms and Stores in possession of the Police Force on 31 st December 1890	2
3	" "	Forwards Returns of Military and Naval resources of the Colony for 1890	2
4	2 ^d "	Forwards Accounts of Disbursements on account of Cape Pembroke Lighthouse for December Quarter 1890	1
5	" "	Forwards accounts of Oil and Stores expended at Cape Pembroke Lighthouse for December Quarter 1890 and Meteorological Register for half year to 31 st December 1890	2
6	" "	Forwards account of Disbursements on account of Distressed British Seamen for December Quarter 1890	1
7	3 ^d "	Transmits return of Officers making family remittances	1
8	" "	Forwards printed copies of the Ordinances enacted in 1890	6
9	" "	Transmits lists of the members of the Executive and Legislative Councils	2

No.	Dates	Subject of Despatch	Enclosures
10	3 ^d January 1891	Forwards Copies of Minutes of the Executive and Legislative Councils for the half year ended 31 st December 1890	2
11	" "	Forwards Returns of appointments to public offices	1
12	5 th "	Forwards Audited Statement of the transactions of the Government Savings Bank to the 30 th September 1890	1
13	" "	Forwards an "Ordinance for taking the Census of the Falkland Islands" passed by the Legislative Council	6
14	" "	Forwards an "Ordinance to provide for the insurance of parcels in the Post" passed by the Legislative Council	6
15	" "	Forwards an Ordinance for authorizing the Sale and Conveyance of certain lands of the Crown to the Falkland Islands Company and other Lessees of Crown Lands"	7
16	12 th "	Forwards Statement from the Colonial Surgeon as to his reasons for voting against government in the Legislative Council respecting the sale of Crown lands	2
17	13 th "	Forwards application from Mr Robert Blake to purchase the station leased by himself, and Mr Blomested	1
18	20 th "	Forwards copy of a letter from the Bishop of the Falkland Islands pointing out the want of an assistant Clergyman and the means of providing one	1
19	21 st "	Forwards application from Mr F. Sheddell Langmuir acting Colonial Secretary for promotion	1
20	22 ^d ..	Reports arrival at Port Stanley of H.M.S.s Cleopatra and Basilisk	nil
21	" "	Reports amount of investments on the Government Savings Bank.	nil
22	" "	Reports the number of Bills of Exchange remitted to the Crown agents for the Colonies	nil
23	" "	Acknowledgement of Despatches	nil
24	" "	Acknowledging receipt of despatch relative to arrangement sanctioned for the sale of certain Crown lands to the Falkland Islands Company.	nil
25	" "	Acknowledging receipt of despatch relative to permission given to the T.I.C. to draw Bills on the Colonial Treasury suggests increase of amount of drafts	nil

G.H.S.F.G. 11th February 1891

My Lord

I have the honour to inform you that the Kosmos Steamer Denderah has arrived here as an extra vessel for cargo and as she will proceed direct from this port to Montevideo I am sending a mail by her which will probably reach London a fortnight sooner than the regular mail which will be sent a week hence by way of Punta Arenas

The Rt Hon

Lord Kentsford G.C.M.G.

I have the

signed Kerr

N° 27

G.H.S.F.G. 11th February 1891

My Lord

4 th Feb 1891	£932. 5. 10
Falkland Islands Comp.	
5 th Feb 1891	£335. 4. 6
Falkland Islands Comp.	
5 th Feb. 1891	£300. 0. 0
Accord. Govt. of Navy	
9 th Feb 1891	£1000. 0. 0
Falkland Islands Comp.	
	£2567. 10. 4

The Rt Hon Lord Kentsford G.C.M.G.

I have the honour to inform you that I have remitted to the Crown Agents for the Colonies the Bills of Exchange noted in the margin amounting in the whole to two thousand five hundred and sixty seven pounds ten shillings and four pence to be placed to the credit of this — Government

I have the
signed Kerr

N° 28

G.H.S.F.G. 12th February 1891

My Lord

£20,602. 16. 3.

I have the honour to report for your information that the deposits now in the Government Savings Bank amount to the sum of twenty thousand six hundred and two pounds sixteen shillings and three pence

The Rt Hon

Lord Kentsford G.C.M.G.

I have the

signed Kerr

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 12th of February 1891.

No. of despatch	Date of despatch	Subject of despatch	Enclosures
26.	11 th Feb 1891.	Mail by Extra Steamer, reporting despatch of	"
27	" "	Bills of Exchange, reporting remittance of	nil
28	12 th "	Government Savings Bank, reporting amount of deposits in	nil

No 29

g H. S. F. I. 25th February 1891

Nos	Dates
40	13 th December 1890
41	16 th " "
42	31 st " "
1	3 rd January 1891
2	" " "
3	9 th " "
4	14 th " "
5	18 th " "
6	" " "
7	24 th " "
not numbered	8 th " "
Circular	10 th December 1890
"	26 th " "
"	30 th " "
"	31 st " "
"	2 ^d January 1891
"	9 th " "

My Lord

I have the honour to
acknowledge the receipt of the
Despatches noted on the margin
I have the

signed Kerr.

enclosure to Circular of 4th Decr 1890Library 19th December "Accounts 21st January 1891

The Right Honourable
Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

G.H.S.-F.I. 25th February 1891

My Lord

£20,216.8.2.

I have the honour to report for your information
that the deposits now in the Government Savings Bank amount
to the sum of twenty thousand two hundred and sixteen pounds,
eight shillings and two pence

The Right Honourable

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have to

sign'd Kerr

No 31

17th February 1891
£247.19.0
On the Falkland
Islands Company

My Lord

I have the honour to inform you that I have
remitted by this mail the Bill of Exchange noted in
the margin for ~~the sum of~~ two hundred and forty seven
pounds nineteen shillings, to the Crown Agents for the
Colonies to be placed to the credit of this Government

I have to

sign'd Kerr

G.H.S.-F.I. 25th February 1891

Schedule of despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands
to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 26th day of February 1891

Number of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	Enclosure
29	25 th February 1891.	Acknowledgment of despatches	nil
30	" "	Government Savings Bank, reporting Amount of deposits in.	"
31	" "	Bill of Exchange reporting Remittance of	"
32.	" "	Telegraphic Despatch. Reporting receipt of via Montevideo	"

No 32

My Lord

G.H.S.-F.I. 25th February 1891

I have the honour to inform you that the British Consul
at Montevideo has forwarded to me in a letter dated 11th February
instant the following telegraphic despatch

"Tell Governor of Falkland Islands come home on March
15th. Brooks leave extended till 23^d June. Sanguinetto to
remain temporarily"

The Right Honourable

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

I have to

sign'd Kerr

No 33.

My Lord

Gt S. F. I. 13th March 1891

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No 5 of the 18th of January last transmitting to me an application from Mr James L Waldron to be informed of the conditions for payment of the purchase money on the expiration of his Lease of Crown Land in the Falkland Islands.

2. Mr Waldron proposes to purchase the land which he holds on lease at Port Howard in the West Falkland Island at the price of three shillings per acre, payment being instalments of £1000 a year and 2½ per cent interest on all unpaid purchase money.

3. Mr Waldron has written to me informing me of his application to your Lordship and explaining that his proposal is to purchase the Station commonly known as Port Howard, (but called in the Lease Port Purvis) containing 84,000 acres, on the terms of his application

4. Mr Waldron leases three contiguous Stations of Crown Land Port Purvis 87,000 acres. White Rock 26,000 acres and Mount Moody 28,920 acres. in all 141,920 acres. and he has already purchased 3,760 under the conditions of compulsory purchase required by the Land Ordinances, thus reducing the actual Leasehold Land to 138,160 acres.

5. There is only one plant and buildings for the whole, (with the exception of some shepherds huts) and these are erected at Port Howard, the shipping place, and if that Station were sold separately, the remaining Stations - White Rock and Mount Moody which have no buildings or shipping place would be reduced in value, and on these grounds it would not be expedient to comply with Mr Waldron's application.

6. Should Mr Waldron propose to purchase the whole of his leasehold land - 138,160 acres, at the price of 3/- per acre I think it would be a convenient arrangement and in accordance with the terms of the purchase recently made by the Falkland Islands Company, that the purchase money, which would amount to £20,724 should be paid in the following instalments viz: £2,724 on the purchase being made, and £1500 a year for the twelve years following with interest at 2½ per cent payable half yearly on all unpaid balances.

The Right Honourable
Lord Knutsford Q.C. M.P.

I have the
honour to be
Yours very
obediently
Werr

G.H.S. F.I. 14th March 1891

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No 3. of the 9th of January last — forwarding for my consideration and report a copy of a letter from the General Post Office on the subject of altering the present arrangements by which the Mails from these Islands sent by the Kosmos Steamers are landed at Montevideo for transmission to Europe by fast mail steamers. I am also in receipt of your despatch No 4. of the 14th of January enclosing a copy of a letter from the Kosmos Company on the proposal of the Postmaster General

2. In the suggestion that the Mails be taken on direct to Dartmouth by the Kosmos Steamers I fully agree, not only for the reasons stated by the Postmaster General but also on account of the heavy and unnecessary expense incurred by this Government under the existing arrangement.

3. In the letter from the General Post Office dated 9th May 1885 transmitted to me in Lord Derby's despatch No 23 of 29th of May 1885 it was stated that the cost of sending the mails through the Uruguayan Post Office would not amount to more than £35 a year, whereas the claims of that office have been £75 a year and the Colony is also liable to charges from the Portuguese Spanish and French Post Offices for territorial transit.

The Right Honourable

Lord Lansdowne G.C.M.G.

I have &c
signed West

My Lord

G.H.S. F.I. 16th March 1891

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No 7. of the 24th of January last transmitting to me a copy of a letter from the Board of Trade enclosing a copy of one from Lloyds on the subject of the proposed erection of a Telephone between Port Stanley and Cape Pembroke Lighthouse as suggested on my despatch No 48 of the 12th of April 1890.

2. I do not understand on what grounds the matter has been

been referred by the Committee for managing the affairs of Lloyds to the Corporation of the Falkland Islands Company who have no direct or ~~special~~ interest in it. My proposal was that, in the interests of the underwriters and for the safety of ships unconnected with the Colony, it might be expected that either Lloyds or the Board of Trade, or both, should contribute to the expenditure for erecting a ~~large~~ Telephone to increase the efficiency of the Pilot service and that they might be requested to send out the Telephone complete, at an estimated cost, inclusive of freight, of £160. and that it should be erected by this Government at an estimated cost of £100.

The Right Honourable I have to
Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G. signed Warr

No 36

G.H.S.F.I. 19th March 1891

My Lord

I have the honour to inform you that Mr. Frederick Edward Cobb, being about to leave this Colony and to reside permanently in England, has resigned his seat on the Legislative Council, and that I have accepted his resignation.

The Right Honourable I have to
Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G. signed Warr

No 37

G.H.S.F.I. 23rd March 1891

My Lord

I have the honour to transmit herewith, to be forwarded to the Board of Trade, a Casualty Report relating to the British Barque Edith Waldron.

The Right Honourable I have to
Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G. signed Warr

No 38

G.H.S.F.I. 23rd March 1891

My Lord

In accordance with the instruction contained in paragraph 5 of Sir Michael Hicks Beach's Circular despatch of the 9th of April 1880 I have honour to forward to you a Form containing particulars of an alteration which has been made in the list of Public Officers making family remittances from this Colony through

through the Crown Agents for the Colonies
 The Right Honourable
 Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G. I have to
 signed Kerr

No 39

G.H.S. F.I. 24th March 1891

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt
 of your despatch N^o 42 of the 31st of December last transmitting
 a letter from the Audit Department dated on the 1st of September
 last, for the information and guidance of the Treasurer

2 A quarterly account will be prepared in accordance
 with these instructions and forwarded for your Lordship's
 information, on the expiration of the present quarter

The Right Honourable I have to

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G. signed Kerr

No 40

G.H.S. F.I. 24th March 1891

My Lord

I have the honour to inform you that in accordance
 with the instructions contained in your despatch N^o 24 of the
 9th of September last, the annual Account of the Colony
 for 1890, has been forwarded to the Audit Department aforesaid
 by this Mail

2 I transmit for your Lordship's information a
 duplicate of the account which has been sent to the Audit
 Department, with the Statement of Assets and Liabilities
 and other Financial Returns pertaining to it

3. These Returns show that the excess of assets over
 Liabilities on the 31st of December 1890 was £5697. 18. 11
 being an increase of £577. 17. 9. since the 31st of December
 1889 when the excess of assets was £5120. 1. 2.

The Right Honourable

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G. I have to

signed Kerr

No 41

General Circular Library
31st January 1891
12th
29th

G.H.S. F.I. 28th March 1891
My Lord

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I have the honour to acknowledge
the receipt of the despatches noted in the
margin

The Right Honourable
Lord Knutsford Q.C.M.Q.

I have &
signed Kerr

No 42

My Lord

G.H.S. F.I. 28th March 1891

£19.568.11.4 I have the honour to report for your information, that
the deposits in the Government Savings Bank at date
amount to Nineteen thousand five hundred and sixty eight
pounds eleven shillings and four pence

The Right Honourable
Lord Knutsford Q.C.M.Q.

I have &
signed Kerr

No 43

No 5. 3rd March 1891

£300. on account of the Harry My Lord

in favour of the Crown Agents for
the Colonies by Postmaster M.S. Bayly

11th March 1891 £300. do. do.

by Postmaster M.S. Cleopatra

£600.

G.H.S. F.I. 28th March 1891

~~22~~

I have the honour to inform
you 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
six hundred pounds

I have &
signed Kerr

No 44

My Lord.

see S.O.S to Gov. N^o 29 of 11 Sept 1890

I have the honour to inform you that in accordance with
instructions received in your telegraphic message via Manila I embark
for England this afternoon in the Kosmos Steamer "Eris"

2 The Eris was detained on the West Coast of Chile in consequence of
a Revolution in that Republic and did not arrive in Manley until yesterday

The Right Honourable

Lord Knutsford Q.C.M.Q.

& he -

G.H.S. F.I. 28th March 1891

I have &

signed Kerr

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 28th day of March 1891

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
33	13 th March 1891	Reporting on Mr J L Waldron's application to purchase certain of the Crown Lands leased by him	nil
34	14 th "	Reporting on a proposal of the General Post-Office to alter the arrangement whereby the Mails homeward are landed at Montevideo	nil
35	16 th "	Respecting the application of Lloyds to the Falkland Islands Co. on the matter of a proposed telephone	nil
36	19 th "	Mr F S Cobb's resignation of his seat at the Legislative Council reported	nil
37	23 "	Casualty Report transmitting	1
38	" "	Reporting alteration in list of Family remittances	1
39	24 "	Acknowledging instructions as to the preparation of quarterly accounts	nil
40	" "	Towards copy of ^{Annual} quarterly account for 1890 and Statement of assets and liabilities etc of the Colony	nil
41	28 "	Acknowledgement of despatches	2
42	" "	Reporting amount of Deposits in Government Savings Bank	nil
43	" "	Reporting Bills of Exchange in transit to the Crown Agents	nil
44	" "	Reports his intended departure from the Colony on the 28 th instant	nil