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G. H. S. F. D.

151.

27th October 1891

My Lord.

I have the honor to forward herewith a letter from Mrs D'Arcy widow of the late Governor D'Arcy together with a resolution of the Legislative Council

2. The statements made by Mrs D'Arcy are I believe correct - for it is generally admitted here that Col D'Arcy was compelled from his private funds to pay for various things which were disallowed by the Imperial Government for instance the lamp posts at present in the streets of Stanley were ordered and, being disallowed, were paid for by him -

3 Even supposing that Colonel D'Arcy actions were injudicious - his widows circumstances are such that Your Lordship will I hope see your way to sanction a vote being taken in accordance with the enclosed resolution - brought forward by Mr Felton & seconded by Mr Baillon both of them being unofficial members.

I have the

honor Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy.

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

&c &c &c

G. H. S. F. D.

28: October 1891

152.

Dated
2nd June
12: August
29: "
10: Sept.

My Lord.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the circular despatches noted in the margin

I have &c

&c Roger Tuckf.d Goldsworthy

153.

G. H. S. F. D

28: October 1891

My Lord.

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

Nos 46 to 64.
Dated 14: August
to
26: Sept

I have &c

&c Roger Tuckf.d Goldsworthy.

G. H. S. F. S

154.

29th October 1891.

My Lord,

I have the honor to inform you, that, in accordance with the permission given to me in your despatch No 61 of 24th Sept ~~that~~ I offered His Honor Judge Routledge the permanent appointment of Colonial Secretary. Judge & Magistrate &c on the salary of £600 per annum & that he has expressed his willingness to accept the appointment & begs me to convey to your Lordship his appreciation of your kindness

I have &c

(Sd) Roger Tuckey Goldsworthy

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford. G.C.M.G.

&c &c &c

G. H. S. I. 9.

29 October 1891

155.

My Lord,

I have the honor to transmit herewith the Estimates of the Falkland Islands for the year 1892

2. The provisional revenue is estimated at £11,960 against an expenditure of £9,964-8-0 —

3. On the Revenue side the Estimates show a large increase over those of 1891 under the head of Interest on Investments of over £1200 derived mainly from interest on purchase money for Crown lands sold under Ordinance 9 of 1890. There is also an increase under the head of Post Office due to an estimated receipt of £175 under sea Postal rates & £250 for fares & freight from the Government Mail Schooner

4. The total estimated expenditure shows an increase of £810-14/- over the Estimate for 1891 the principle increase being under the following headings (a) Pensions. an item of £12 has been added in anticipation of a pension being sanctioned to Police Constable M^c Alister as to which I would refer you to my despatch No 142 of 23^rd October — Pending further instructions from your lordship I have not placed any item on the Estimates on account of pension to M^r E.P. Brooks —

(b) Legal. The increase of £486 under this head is consequent on the reconstruction of the Civil Establishment on the lines laid down in my despatch No 82 of 26^th June and sanctioned by your lordship

This reconstruction of the offices will as your Lordship is aware affect the rolls for "Colonial Secretary's Department," "Customs", & "Port & Marine". The first will be drawn by the Registrar General. Shipping Master, & Harbour Master being merged into General Revenue

(C) Police. The increase under Police will be explained in my Despatch No 145 of 24th October -

(D) Prisons. An increased expenditure is necessary to provide proper clothing & utensils of which the Gaol is lamentably deficient. A larger sum has also been estimated for subsistence of prisoners as there are at present in the Gaol 4 men undergoing terms of imprisonment which will not expire until next year. I might also report to your Lordship that the late Gaoler retired on the 30th Sept last and that I have relieved the Government Printer of his duties as Constable and appointed him Gaoler at a salary of £100 per annum; £40 being charged to the Colonial Secretarial, and an allowance to his wife of £15 per annum for cooking for the prisoners. —

(E) Education. The services of an assistant School teacher have been dispensed with and the salary thus saved divided between the two other assistants as the rate of remuneration was considered much too low; I have included an item of £60 in aid of the R.C. School in accordance with a resolution of the Legislative Council forwarded in my despatch No 104 of 29th July

£ 396 Last book
£ 80 W. Gw.

(F) Ecclesiastical. An item of £100 has been inserted under this head for an assistant minister of the Church of England in accordance with the instructions contained

contained in your Lordships Despatch No 11 of 1st March 1891 but in connection with this vote I would invite your attention to the fact that the sole unofficial members strongly opposed the vote - whilst the officials though voting for it in deference to your Lordships approval of it, expressed themselves to the effect that it should have been divided between the other churches.-

(G) Post Office and Government Mail Schooner:-
It will be observed that a decrease of £300 is shewn under the head of Post Office, the allowance for the West Falkland mail Service being no longer required as the service is performed by the Government Mail Schooner. This sum should therefore set against the estimated expenditure £479 for the mail Schooner The increase of the £179 is more than recouped by the estimated receipts (£250) for fares & freight expected to be received (see para 3 of this despatch). The item for insurance has been increased to £90. £60 more than the orginal sum in the scheme for the mail service which I submitted, as the rate charged on Coasting Schooners in these Islands is 15%.-

(H) Public Works.
A decrease of £450 is shewn on this heading as I am of opinion that in consideration of the fact that a special appropriation from surplus funds of £2500, has been made under your Lordships Sanction for repairing Public Buildings a sum of £500 will suffice for Local Works.

Viewing

4. Viewing the estimates as a whole Your Lordship will doubtless agree with me that they have been framed moderately on the Revenue side and with a due regard to economy

I have &c

&c Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy.

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

&c &c &c.

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G. N. S. F. I

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29th October 1891

My Lord,

At the request of Mr Sanguinetti, the acting Colonial Secretary I have the honor to invite your Lordships attention to the following.

2. Under the Jamaica Pension Law Mr Sanguinetti's pensionable service would be liable to deductions of 6 months for every years leave and consequently from having acted as Col: Sec: of this Colony since 15th July 1890 his pensionable service would be lessened by almost 9 months.-

3. In consideration therefore of the fact that his acting service here will at the time of his departure have been protracted from 9 to 17 months not at his own desire but on account of the exigencies of the public service Mr Sanguinetti asks that this service may be regarded as special duty and not leave.-

4. The are I believe precedents for Mr Sanguinetti has fulfilled his duties here to my entire satisfaction and has at all times willingly accorded me his assistance & advice I trust that his application may be favourably considered by your Lordship.-

I have &c

Sd Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy.

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

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

S. S. "Herodot"

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G. H. S. F. D
5th November 1891

157.

My Lord

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of 24th August 1891 marked 'accounts' informing me that the sum of £50 had been paid to my agents Messrs Grindlay & Co as an allowance to me in respect of the cost of my journey from British Honduras

I have &c

Sd Roger Tuckfield Goldsworthy.

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

&c &c &c.

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Q. H.S. I. J

6th November

158.

My Lord

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch No 55 of the 22nd September relative to the Codification of the Laws and I will see that the instructions contained therein are carried out so that the Statute Book may "gradually be simplified" —

I have &c

Jno Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy.

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

&c &c &c

G. H. S. F. I

10th November

159.

My Lord.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch No 50 of the 1st September informing me that the War Office would supply the two gun carriages asked for by me in my Despatch No 66 of the 16th May on payment of the cost of alteration &c and further that your Lordships had authorised the Crown agents to defray the expense—

I beg on behalf of the Colonists to thank the Secretary of State for War for his ready compliance with my request—

I have &c

&c Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy.

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

&c &c &c

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G. N. S. F. I.

160.

11th November 1891

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch no 62 of the 26th September informing me that Her Majestys Government had approved of my action in respect to the Chilian warships Maipo.

2. The order for the "Magpie" gunvessel to visit Stanley has been cancelled in consequence of the Chilian revolution having terminated—

3 I await your Lordships promised despatch on the subject of a supply of guns, rifles and ammunition for the proposed Volunteer force.

4. I regret that I should have omitted to number the Paragraphs (pages) of my despatches & will see that no such omission occurs in future

I have &c

(Sd) Roger Tuckfield Goldsworthy

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

&c &c &c

G. H. P. F. D.

161.

12th November 1891

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch No 46 of 14th August in reply to mine No 78 of 18th June regarding the appointment of Mr. George Turner to act temporarily as Foreman of Works -

2. Mr Turner in addition to supervision gives his services as Carpenter - and I arranged to allow Mr Turner for the first year a salary of £180 reaching by yearly increments of £10 to £200.-

3 The services of a carpenter are not always available - the ordinary wages are 1/- per hour but when a vessel arrives in distress. there are sometimes 2 or 3 in harbour, as much as 16/- to 21/- per diem is asked for and obtained by them:-

4 I think the arrangement therefore both an economical good one -

I have &c

&c Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

&c &c &c

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G. H. S. F. D.

162.

13th November 1891.

My Lord,

I have the honor to inform your Lordship that I have accepted the resignation of Miss Preston nurse & midwife - and that though under her contract she was not entitled to claim her passage home - I franked her on the advice of my Executive Council an amount sufficient to defray the cost of the same as a second class passage -

2. I do not consider it necessary to replace her by a trained nurse from England - pending the question of the establishment of a cottage Hospital and infirmary -

I have &c

Sd Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy.

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

" " "

G. H. S. F. D.

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14th November 1891

My Lord,

Referring to my despatches nos 131 of 1st Oct & 142 of 23rd October respectively I have the honor to inform you that I granted on the recommendation of the Colonial Surgeon 3 months leave on full pay to Chief Constable & Sheriff Hurst to recruit his health -

2 It was intended to get up a private subscription to defray the cost of his own & wife's passage to Buenos Ayres but at the urgent of the unofficial members I sanctioned the introduction in the Legislative Council by Mr Felton, of the accompanying resolution which was passed unanimously - it being considered that as Chief Constable Hurst was wounded in the discharge of his public duties the colony should defray the expense

I have &c

D° Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy.

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

&c &c &c

H. M. S. I. D.

16th November 1841

164.

My Lord,

I have the honor to forward, in accordance with the instructions contained in your Lordships despatch No 64 of 24th September, Mr Brookes pensioner schedule.

2. Some of the questions must necessarily remain unanswered as this officer has never served under me.

I have &c

(Sd) Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy

The Right Honble

Lord Hunts[illegible] &c &c

G. H. S. S. D

165. 27

November 6th 1891.

My Lord.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your dispatch no 64 of 26 September touching on the land question generally and I am gratified to think that your Lordship has been able to approve for the most part of the suggestions made in my Despatch

2 I have now the honor to enclose for your Lordships information a copy of the occupation diceuse referred to in Para 11 of your dispatch

3. A complete printed list of the leases & all information pertaining thereto is being prepared would be forwarded by next mail.

4 I am glad to be able to state that the decision arrived at by your Lordship with reference to the land question has had a very beneficial effect I think that it is generally considered that it has been dealt with in an equitable spirit with the desire to conserve existing rights.

I have &c

sd Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

&c &c &c

G. H. S. F. D.

166. 17th November 1891

My Lord,

I have the honor to acquaint you that I have this day forwarded the following Cablegram to H. M. minister at Monte Video for transmission to your Lordship.

Code Goldsworthy to Chapelries

Surveyors Foothspil Bunker Certifying Translation.

Surveyors should bring camp equipment for cold weather

I have rele

d. Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy.

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

&c &c &c

Per Thebes

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No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch. 17 November 1891	No. of Enclosures.
157	5 Nov	Passage money from Honduras	
158	6 "	Codification of Laws	
159	10 "	Supply of gun carriages	
160	11 "	arms for Volunteers	
161	12 "	app of Mr Turner	
162	13 "	resignation of Mr Pryor	
163	14 "	Leave of absence C.C. Hurst	1.
164	16 "	Mr Brookes pension	1
165	16 "	Land	1
166	17 "	Cable re camp equipment	
167	17 "	H.M.S. "Magpie"	

G. H. S. F. D.

167.

17. November 1891

My Lord.

I have the honor to report the arrival here on the 12th instant of H.M.S. "Magpie"

2. I proceed in her tomorrow to visit Partridge, Fox Bay & Port Howard returning on Saturday the 21st instant.

3. There is at present in harbour an american sealer with 600 skins said to have been procured off Cape Horn. She is desirous of sending them by the mail steamer now in harbour and in view of this being the close season I have instructed the Officer commanding H.M.S. "Magpie" to warn her against fishing within our seas.—

4. It is in my opinion absolutely essential that a man of war should cruise in these waters from the 1st october to 1st april and I should be glad if you would move the Admiralty on this point.

5. If the Chilian and argentine goverments would agree to have a similar close season to ours it would I think make it less difficult to deal with the american sealing question in this part of the world as it could scarcely decline to do that in our waters which we require from not only foreigners but British subjects themselves

I have &c

Sd. Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy.

The Right Hon.ble

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

&c &c &c

G. M. S. F. D.

168

2d November 1891

My Lord.

I have the honor to acquaint your Lordship that the deposits in the Government Savings Bank on this date amount to £21.783-12-9

I have &c

J. Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy.

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford &c &c &c

G. H. S. L. I

21st November 1891

168.

My Lord.

I have the honor to acquaint you that by a mistake in my despatch no 145 of 24th October I stated that peat was allowed to police Constables

2. This I find is not the case but I am not at all decided whether the same or an allowance in lieu thereof should not be granted as the salary of Constables bears to the daily wages received by mechanics & labourers is decidedly small

I have &c

sd Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy.

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

&c &c &c

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G. H. S. F. D

170.

21st November 1891

My Lord.

I have the honor to enclose in my Despatch No 165 of 16th November copy on an occupation license which I have issued in the cases in which leases have expired pending the result of the contemplated survey.-

2 Messrs Packe and others acting for the lessees who are absent in England have preferred to take these licences in preference to fresh leases with conditions attached as instructed in your Despatch No 64 of 26th Sept pending reference to their employers

3. I would suggest for your Lordships consideration the question whether it might not be advisable when the survey is finished to issue leases for 21 years in respect of the land leased to each individual irrespective of the fact that some of the leases will not expire for several years

I have &c

&c Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

&c &c &c

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

H.M.S. "Magpie"

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 21st *day of* November 189 1

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
168	21st Nov	Savings Bank	
169	" "	Seal for Constables	
170	" "	Land	

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G. H. S. F. I.
1st December 1

My Lord,

I have the honor to enclose for your Lordships consideration an account which has been paid by this Government for coal used by H.M.S. Magpie when conveying myself & suite to the West Falkland - in order that it may be decided whether the Governor of a Crown Colony proceeding on duty should have to pay from Colonial funds the cost of fuel of one of Her Majesty's ships —

2 It is the only mode that the Governor has of reaching the outlying islands unless he proceeds in one of the coasting Schooners — when if there baffling winds, his absence from the seat of government might be prolonged indefinitely to the detriment of the public service —

3 I think your Lordship will agree with me that £8 — per diem for coal is rather a heavy sum for a Colony, with so small a revenue, to pay and I should be glad if Your Lordship would move the Lords of the Admiralty to sanction a refund being made -

I have &c

Rogers Tuckfd Goldsworthy.

The Right Hon'ble

Lord Monteagle &c &c

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172.

Cy. H. P. F. I
2nd December 1891

My Lord,

I have the honor, in reply to your Lordships Despatch No 54 of the 21st Sept pointing out that Lord Granvilles Despatch No 2 of the 11th Jan 1886 had been apparently overlooked when ordinance No 3 of 1891 entitled "an ordinance to amend the Public Health Ordinance 1886" was being framed - to state that it is true that Lord Granvilles Despatch was not before Judge Routledge and myself when framing the Ordinance or otherwise I should not in face of it have in any way interfered with the clauses with which the Despatch in question dealt

2. Your Lordship observes "the additional subsection 12 added to Sec 3 of the principal ordinance by Sec 2 of this gives too wide powers to the Board of Health" but I would ask your Lordship to consider whether Sec 4 of the principal ordinance as follows "All bylaws made by the Board of Health shall be approved by the Governor before they shall have force of Law" is not a sufficient safeguard and that the real power finally rests not with the Board but with the Governor -

3. As however your Lordship in the concluding Para of your Despatch No 55 of the 22nd Sept last points out the mode in which future legislation should be conducted with the view to consolidating existing Ordinances

ordinances whilst simplifying the statute Book I purpose whilst amending No 30 of 1891 in the manner instructed to consolidate it with No 1 of 1886 –

I have the

honor to Report Goldsworthy.

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

&c &c &c

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G. H. S. F. 9.

3rd December 1891

My Lord,

Referring to your Lordships Despatch No 64 of 26th Sept I have the honor to forward for your Lordships information a list of the Crown Lands of the Colony exclusive of S Georgia and the Beauchains which have been leased or sold with their boundaries as defined in the respective grants or leases.—

2. There are numerous small islets unleased owing to their rocky & Sterile nature or because they are otherwise unfit for pastoral purposes but the dimensions of these are very insignificant—

I have &c

Sd Roger Tuckey Goldsworthy.

The Right Hon^ble
Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.
&c &c &c

G. H. S. F. I.

174.

4th December 1891

My Lord,

I have the honor to report for your Lordship information that the present Government Office Post Office &c being situate at the extreme western end of the settlement it was found owing to the distance most inconvenient to the inhabitants for the transaction of business - I have therefore utilised the block of buildings formerly used by the Col Sec as Quarters and that portion set apart as the Court House for the new offices - the distance saved being 1/3 of a mile.

2. The temporary removal of the Government offices during repairs would under any circumstances have been necessary but as the old Government offices (formerly Government House) will with some slight reductions make good quarters for the Col Sec and Treasurer whilst the new Government offices are in every way more suitable for the purpose to which they have now been put I do not propose re occupying the old offices except as stated for Quarters -

3. The accompanying plans will I think convince your Lordship that the change is advantageous both to the officials and the public at large and is also in accordance with a suggestion made by the Board of Survey appointed by me on the public buildings for the removal of the public offices to a more central spot - vide enclosure to my despatch

I have &c

Sd Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy

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G. H. S. F. D

5th December 1891.

My Lord.

Referring to your circular despatch of the 27th July I caused a notice to be inserted in the Government Gazette inviting the settlers to exhibit at the forthcoming Chicago Exhibition but have received no response thereto -

I doubtless showed your Lordship refer the matter to the F. D. Co in London they might wish to exhibit specimens of their wool etc.

I have etc

Sd Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G

&c &c &c

G. H. S. J. D.

176. 7th December 1791

My Lord,

I have the honor to enclose for your Lordships information copies of two Orders in Council which I found necessary to make owing to the virulence of the disease called Distemper

I have &c

Rd Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy

The Right Honble

Lord Knuckford G.C.M.G.

&c &c &c

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G. N. S. F. D

19th December 1891.

177.

Library
8th & 29th October
5th November

Circulars
19th & 23rd September
8th October.

My Lord,

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

I have &c

Sd Roger Tuck p.d Goldsworthy

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

&c &c &c

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G. H. S. F. D.

19th December 1891

Nos		Dates
65	of	14 Oct
	to	
69	of	21st Nov.

My Lord,

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

I have &c.

&c. Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

&c &c &c

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179.

G. H. S. F. D.

21st December 1891

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the following cablegram forwarded thro' Her Majesty's Minister at Stockholm

"Tele fistulides detaining me"
"pass hurtfully grant licenses applicable"
"renew fastgate chaperdies."

I have tele

to Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy.

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

&c &c &c

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G. N. S. S.

21st December 1891

My Lord,

I have the honor to enclose certificates of a surprise survey of the Colonial Chest which I ordered to be made this day -

I have &c &c

Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy.

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

&c. &c. &c.

181

G. H. S. T. O.

22nd December 1891.

My Lord,

I have the honor to report for your Lordships information that Mr Sanguinetti left the Colony this day by the mail Steamer "Abydos"—

Mr Routledge will assume, in addition to the offices already held by him, that of Colonial Secretary—

Mr Harding, acting Chief Clerk will act as Treasurer & Mr Wickham Spearman as Chief Clerk.

I have &c

o? Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G

&c &c &c

G. H. S. F. I.

182.

23rd December 1891

My Lord,

I have now the honor to forward 6 copies of Ordinance No 5 of 1891 to replace the two ~~~~ inclosed in my Despatch No 141 of 23rd Oct.

I have &c

Sd Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

&c &c &c

189.

G. H. S. F. I.

23d December 1891

My Lord.

I have the honor to enclose 6 copies of Ordinance of 1891 entitled "an ordinance to provide for the service of the colony of the Falklands for the year 1892" which passed the Leg. Co. Trusting it will obtain Her Majestys gracious confirmation and allowance

I have &c

Sd Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy

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G. N. S. F. D.

183

23rd December 1841

My Lord,

I have the Honor to acquaint your Lordship that the deposits in the Government Savings Bank on this date amount to £ 21917 - 18 - 4.

I have &c&c

Rogers Tuckfd Goldsworthy

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford G. C. M. G.

&c &c &c.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Abydos

Schedule of Despatches transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 23 day of December 1891

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
171.	1st Dec	Coal used by Mail Magpie	1.
172	2nd "	Public Health Ordinance	
173	3rd "	List of Crown Lands	1
174	4th "	Government Offices	1
175	5th "	Chicago Exhibition	
176	7th "	Orders in Council	2.
177	19th "	acr Despatches	
178	" "	" Circulars	
179	21st "	" Telegram	
180	21st "	Imperial Survey	2
181	22nd "	Departure of Lancelles	
182	23rd	Ordinance No 5.	
183	23rd "	for Savings Bank	
47 183		Appropriation Ord.	6.

G. N. S. L.

1.

1st January

My Lord.

I have the honor to forward herewith for transmission to the Board of Trade an account Current with supporting vouchers for advances made by this Government on account of distressed British seamen for the Quarter ended 31st December

I have &c

Roger Tuckfield Tolfworthy.

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

&c &c &c

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2.

G. H. S. F. I.

4th January 1892

My Lord,

I have the honor to forward herewith a return of all appointments to public offices and all alterations made in the salaries of public officers during the quarter ended 31st December 1891 —

I have &c

&c Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy.

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford G. C. M. G.

&c &c &c

3.

G. H. S. F. I.

4th January 1892

My Lord,

I have the honor to forward herewith for transmission to the Board of Trade an account current with supporting vouchers for disbursements on account of Cape Pembroke Lighthouse for the quarter ended 31st December 1891.

I have &c

&c Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy.

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

&c &c &c

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H.

G. H. S. F. I

5th January 1892.

My Lord,

I have the honor to transmit herewith 6 printed copies of the ordinances enacted during the year 1891.

I have &c

(sd) Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

&c &c &c

G. H. S. I. O.

5.

5th January 1892.

My Lord

I have the honor to transmit herewith to be forwarded to the ancil department the report of the Survey of the Colonial chest for the quarter ending the 31st December and a certificate of of quarterly Survey containing a statement of the receipts & disbursements of the Colony during the same period

I have &c

&c Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy.

The Right Honble

Lord Kimberley G.C.M.G.

&c &c &c.

G. N. S. F. I.

6.

5th January 1892.

My Lord

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

I have &c

p.o Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy.

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

&c &c &c

G. H. S. S. S.

7.

6th January 1892.

My Lord,

I have the honor to forward herewith for transmission to the Board of Trade, the account shewing the Oil Stores supplied at Cape Pembroke Lighthouse during the quarter ending the 31st Dec 1891

I have &c

&c Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy.

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

&c &c &c

8.

G. H. S. F. I.

4th January 1892

My Lord,

I have the honor to inform your Lordship that the lease of Mullett Creek Farm, of which Mr William Sutcliff was lessee expired on 15th December 1891 and on being put up to auction the former lessee was the only bidder and then only at the old rental—

2. As the farm is not necessarily leased to the highest bidder I declined to renew the lease except on the understanding that an increased rental of £10 per annum were paid.—

3. I should here state that Mr Sutcliff had not carried out the conditions under which he held his old lease, but at the same time I could not but think that they bore hard upon him he being tenant for 3 years only and being required under his lease to fence in the whole farm which, he tells me, he did not himself understand he was required to do, nor as he stated would it have been worth his while to take the farm, for so short a period on such conditions—

4. I have consented subject to your Lordships approval to allow Mr Sutcliff a renewal of his lease for 7 years instead of 3 years at a rental however of £50 per annum instead of £40 - he undertaking and giving security with which

to 5 Dec 1898 W. Gls

which I am satisfied to fence in the land adjoining the adjacent proprietors of whom the government is one, the former undertaking to bear half the ~~cost~~ expence of fencing the land which it adjoins their own - Here horses, cattle &c are at present depastured and hitherto Mr Stilliffs sheep have had the run of it without any payment to the prejudice of the pasturage -

5. It appears to be the general wish that this pasture land should be fenced in and I have, after consultation with the members of my council, consented to do so, from general revenue, at a cost of about £150 those depasturing thereon having ~~to~~ pay at the rate of 1/- per annum for each horse or head of cattle and so in proportion for sheep &c This will bring in sufficient to repay the principal in the course of a very short time, whilst providing the means for keeping the fence in order - Later on a yearly sum will be contributed to general revenue - though I am of opinion that money so raised should be applied to local improvements only -

6. Mr Felton M.L.C. has kindly consented to undertake the erection of the fence without pecuniary advantage to himself - thus the work will be carried out more economically than it could be by those not accustomed to fencing in land -

7. I have also to recommend that the present lessee of Woody Valley Farm should have his lease, which expires this ~~next~~ year extended to 1896 - and that the present lease be cancelled and a fresh one issued - Mr Bender to agree to

to make further improvements but does not see his way to do so. if he has not the assurance that his have will be excluded as suggested- I have already told him that I am prepared to & would recommend y Lordship to grant such extension

I have &c

&c Roger Tuckfield Oldsworthy.

The Right Hocible

Lord Huntsford &c &c

&c &c &c

9.

G. N. S. P.

7th January 1892.

My Lord,

I have the honor to enclose herewith a list of Members of the Executive & Legislative Council for the year ending 31st December 1891

I have &c

(Sd) Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy.

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

&c &c &c

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G. N. S. F. D.

10.

8th January 1892

My Lord,

In reply to your Lordships Dispatch No 33 of the 13th June 1891 respecting the proposed establishment of a telephone between Stanley and Cape Pembroke Lighthouse and referring to the letters from the Board of Trade & Mays enclosed therein I have now the honor to request that your Lordship will reintroduce the subject to the Committee at Mays in order that the matter may receive their "earnest consideration" as promised in their letter of 23rd May to the Board of Trade

In hazy weather ships have been in distress and anxious for a pilot to ~~bring~~ them in - but owing to the haze the lighthouse signals could not be distinguished from Stanley - a telephone would prevent any recurrence of this -

I have &c

Rogr Tuckfd Goldsworthy.

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

&c &c &c

11.

Y. N. S. I.

8th January 1892

My Lord.

I have the honor to enclose herewith a return of Officers making Family Remittances

I have &c

Rogr Tuckfd Goldsworthy

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

&c &c &c

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12.

G. N. S. F. J

9th January 1892.

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your circular despatch of 11th June last as to the method of accounting for cost of stores & material purchased for Public Works -

2. Hitherto no attempt has been made to appropriate to each department the cost of certain stores consumed such as fuel oil &c, but other stores purchased locally have in most cases been accurately accounted for. -

3. For the current year it is proposed to adopt the suggestions of the Controller & accordingly to a certain extent by recording for payment of all stores under a new head "Public Works materials & Stores" to be introduced below the line on both sides of the account -

4. Stores will be issued by the Storekeeper on receipt of a requisition signed by the Colonial Secretary & the store books kept by the Storekeeper will be forwarded at the end of every month to the Treasurer in order that each department may be debited with the cost of the stores consumed by it during the month -

I am

In a small Colony like this no difficulty is experienced in charging the cost of labour to the proper heading as the only labour required is for local works such as public buildings roads &c the cost of which is properly chargeable to the heading of public works —

I have &c

Sd Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

&c &c &c

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G. N. S. F. 9

13.

11th January 1892.

Ans by No 24 of 1892.

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch No 80 of the 12th December last with enclosures relative to my having resumed possession of Kidney Island.-

2 As in Mr Dean's case I must admit that I was not aware of the instructions contained in Lord Derbys despatch No 52 of the 12th Nov 1883 viz that before deciding the course to be adopted on the expiration of any lease to submit the question to the Secretary of State - but when I inform your Lordship that there have never been indices to the correspondence written to or from the Secretary of State it is not surprising if in going through that of past years I should have overlooked, as I did, the instructions referred to.

3 I cannot think however that Kidney Island comes under the conditions contained in Sec 2 of Ordinance 9 of 1882 but rather under Section 19 of Ord 4 of 1871 in as much as I conceive that the giving to a person in Stanley the privilege of cutting Tussac grass which he sells to the inhabitants at the rate of 6d per bundle (the average quantity cut being some 200 to 300 bundles per trip conditional on the lessee getting 1/10th) can hardly be said to be using the island for pastoral purposes - the island in question is much under 100 acres and government has actually been paying for Tussac. for government horses, cut from the island

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at the rate of £1 - 7 .. 6 per month while the lessee has paid for the past 21 years for 6000 acres (more or less) in which this island was included £6 for the first 10 years and £10 for the remaining 11 with land tax since 1882 of £4. 3. 4 per section or on an average £9. 12. 4 annually whilst the government has paid £13 .. 10. per annum for the privilege of buying Tussac and on this Island of less than 100 acres a leased only for pastoral purposes -

4 That this could have been the intention of the legislative Council when passing the various ordinances affecting land is in my opinion impossible - the object most certainly was to have the land stocked with sheep or cattle not for any lessee to reap a pecuniary benefit by the sale of grass therefrom -

5 That the then Secretary of State intended that the land should be leased solely for pastoral purposes and not for any other is shewn by the elimination of the words "agriculture, building & manufacturing" from the amalgamation ordinance No 6 of 1870 as originally passed -

6 If however it be considered that the sale of Tussac comes within the provisions of the ordinance then it appears to me that the government scarcely considered the interests of the colony in leasing the land at so low a rental -

7 By the terms of Capt Packs lease the same determinable if the conditions are not kept - and I do not see how capt Packs can feel aggrieved that the government have merely resumed possession of a few acres that were not being used in accordance with the conditions when the whole might have been determined -

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as your Lordships Despatch was written under a misapprehension of the real facts of the case I shall defer acting upon the instructions contained therein till I hear further from your Lordship—

With reference to Mr Dean I shall act as directed in your Lordships Despatch No 69 of 21st November 1883 though I would ask your Lordship to consider whether because a reserve is once leased it ceases to be such & whether if leased the provisions in Sec 2 of Ord 9 of 1882 apply to it—

With reference to para 3 of Capt Packe's letter of 9th December last. I have, since the same has come to my knowledge, the assurance in writing of both his copartner Mr Goodhart and his agent Mr Wm Packe that I have never in respect to the land question acted upon them by either threats or promises though as regards the former gentleman I have been compelled in reference to other matters to say that if he acted as suggested by his speeches I should take repressive measures as might not be pleasant to him

I have &c

Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy.

The Right Honble

Lord Kimberley G.C.M.G.

&c &c &c

14

G H S. F. I

11th January 1892

My Lord.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your circular despatch of 14th Feb last and to state that this Government is prepared to guarantee, that, in the event of a telegram being sent from this Falkland Islands to the Metropolitan Police for a provisional arrest, signed by the Governor, such telegram shall imply the payment of any expenses incurred in making such arrest

Sir Gov to S of S.
No 95 of 4th Dec 1897
W.G.W.

I have &c

pp Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy

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

&c &c &c

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15.

G. N. S. F. D.

12th January 1892

My Lord,

With reference to your Lordships Despatch No 56 of the 22nd September last I have the honor to enclose a certificate from the acting Treasurer countersigned by the Colonial Secretary shewing that the sum of £1.1.1 had been refunded by Mr W R Harding on account of overpayment of Imperial Salary

I have &c

&c Rogers Duckfd Goldsworthy.

The Right Hanble

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

&c &c &c

42/86

No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
1	1st Jan	Destitute British Seamen	6
2	4 "	App during Quarter 31st Dec	1
3	" "	Lighthouse accounts	6
4	5 "	Ordinance of 1891	
5	" "	Survey of Chart	2
6	" "	Regulations Pembroke Lighthouse	1
7	6 "	Oil & Stores account	7
8	7 "	Debtors leave	
9	7 "	Members of Council	2
10	8 "	Telephone to Lighthouse	
11	" "	Officers marking Journals, Pembroke	1
12	9 "	Stores for P Works	
13	11th "	Capt Packer's Land	
14	11 "	Fugitive Offenders	
15	12 "	Refunded by Mr Hardy	
16	" "	Miller's pay as Printer	

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G. N. S. F. D.

12th January 1892.

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordships despatch No 83 of the 12th December in reply to my despatches No 134 of the 30th September and No 155 of the 29th October.—

2. Your Lordship is apparently under the impression that the salary now received by Millett viz £60 as Jailer and £40 for printing, is an increase on that drawn by him as constable with the extra pay allowed him for printer work when not on duty.— This is not so as an examination of the accounts for the past year shews that when paid by the day Millett drew on an average each month £6. 10. 8½.— whereas the monthly pay he now receives as printer is only £3. 6. 8.—

3. I therefore trust your Lordship will sanction the amount in the Estimates.

4. The work done in the printing office was much retarded during the past years by an insufficiency of type so that pages which had been set up and under other circumstances would have been kept had to be broken up.— entailing considerable extra labour in setting up again.—

5. Every department has been starved in the past with the view to shewing an available surplus hence the comparatively large expenditure which has now to be incurred

I have &c

Sd Roger Tuckfield Tolcamp

G. H. S. F. I.

17. 27th January 1892

My Lord,

I have the honor to forward herewith the annual return of arms and ammunition in possession of the Police Force of this Colony

I have &c

&c Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy.

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

&c &c &c

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G. H. S. F. D.

28th January 1842

My Lord.

I have the honor to forward herewith Copies of the minutes of the Executive and legislative Councils for the half year ending 31st December

I have &c

&c Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy.

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

&c &c &c

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G. H. S. J.

1st February 1892.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordships Despatch No 76 of 4th December informing me that Her Majesty would not be advised to exercise her power of disallowance of "An ordinance to extend to this Colony a certain act of Parliament called the Bills of Exchange act 1882."

I have &c

&c Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy.

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

&c &c &c

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Govt House Fiji

2nd February 1892

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch No 77 of 7th December informing me that Her Majesty would not be advised to exercise her power of disallowance of an ordinance to declare the validity of all ordinances passed and rules framed by the Leg Co &c &c &c

I have &c

Sir Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy.

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

&c &c &c

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G. H. S. F. 9

3rd February 1892.

My Lord.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordships Despatch No 86 of the 12th December last with enclosures, relative to the land leased to Messrs Holmestead & Blake

2. I observe that Mr Freak Cobb (Cooeby mistake in Copy) has been informed that as regards the renewal of the lease no final answer can be given until a report has been received from me as to the expediency of selling or reserving for public purposes any part of the land comprised in the leases but that pending such report Messrs Holmestead and Blake will be allowed to occupy the land.

3 Having regard to Para 2 of your Lordships Despatch No 81 of the 12th December and to the survey contemplated in that of 30th November (No 72) I think your Lordship will concur with me that I should reserve giving any opinion on the subject at present

4 Whilst entirely concurring in the view taken by your Lordship as expressed in the foresaid Despatch that fresh leases should not be issued till further consideration had been given to the form in which the conditions should be enclosed, still it is my duty to point out that difficulties may be experienced by the sheep farmers in getting monetary advances

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if they have not some security to offer and which they maintain that an occupation license terminable at pleasure does not give - at the same time the interests of the Colony at large must not be sacrificed because individually one or two may suffer - yet on the other hand if your Lordship's advisers can see a way which consistently public interests to help the sheep farmers situated as I have described, I should, in my opinion, be disposed

5. All this difficulty would long ere this have been terminated had a survey taken place as recommended by each successive governor - but much fear that the F. I. Company and the sheep farmers themselves have by their continued opposition done much to prevent its taking place - and they have thereby reaped the advantage which may fairly be set against their misplacements now, of having farmed over far larger areas of land than they were entitled to and for which the Government has never received one farthing of rent

I have &c

(sd) Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy.

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford &c &c.

&c &c &c

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Ans by 4th of 1892
WFW

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G. H. S. F. 9.

4th February 1892

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No 84 of the 12th December in reply to mine No 155 of the 9th October last, in which I transmitted the Estimates for the year 1892 —

2. I regret that through inadvertance the revenue from Land tax was over estimated by £280 — not £303 — it was discovered after the departure of the mail but too late to rectify the error - vide enclosure -

3. I have noted your instructions with reference to W Brooker pension which was purposely omitted as there were no instructions as to the amount of same - The Treasurers salary was necessarily put at the minimum £300 but the Legislative Council will I am sure pass a vote for the extra £50. —

4. Should your Lordship be unable to promote W Jamieson the Council will be asked to vote the sum mentioned in Para 4. —

5. With regard to the fees of Notary Public I attach a minute from Judge Routledge to myself - From the copy of the scheme which I submitted to your Lordship I do not see any mention

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is made of the fees of the Notary public whilst those receivable by the Coroner are not shewn as a saving in the new scheme but are left as before — The work of a notary public is usually performed by a professional man who does not pay the fees received by him as notary public into the Treasury but applies them to his private use and pendency a gentleman with legal qualification arriving in the colony I appeared to me the Judge might be permitted to take notarial which are altogether different from those receivable by the shipping master, Registrar of Deeds, Administrator and Protector General, Receiver of Wrecks &c which fees under the new scheme are paid into the Treasury - I shall await your Lordships consideration of Judge Routledges minute and my remarks before taking steps to amend Ordinance No 2 of 1876 —

6. In connection with Millett's salary as Jailer I have already addressed your Lordship in my Despatch No 16 of 13 Jan and trust that the explanation therein will be satisfactory - I omitted however to mention that until the new arrangement arrived at with Millett he was entitled to claim 6d per head for each prisoner over 3 and would have thus received 1/6 per diem regularly since his appointment Mr Millett if there are any female prisoners will have charge of them and surely, my Lord, for cooking for on an average some 6 prisoners daily as has been the case since Millett took over charge of the Gaol the sum of 26/- per measem cannot be considered excessive when an ordinary charwoman receives 6/

5/- per diem - and a washerwoman 3d for the smallest article she washes - It might be asked why not employ a prisoner? my reply is that a prisoners work out here is worth quite 4/- to 5/- per diem Mrs Millett too cannot claim any increase had she a larger number of prisoners to cook for - though I certainly consider that she would have an equitable claim to do so -

7 The reasons for "doubling" the vote for the inspector of nuisances salary, in other words for giving an additional £26 was done under Sec of Ord 1 of 1886 and in view of the increased responsibility and duties thrown upon the officer The salary of the clerk of the Board of Health has not as a matter of fact been raised but as the officer is paid for his attendance at and keeping the records of each meeting of the Board of Health and as I have directed more frequent meetings of the Board than heretofore obtained the amount placed on the estimates for 1892 will necessarily be larger than in previous years -

8 My despatch No 29 of 16th Feb will give the information sought in your Lordships Despatch No 66 of the 24th October - It will be in your Lordships recollection that the Legislative Council passed a resolution that the sum of £60 per annum should be paid to the Roman Catholics - seeing that this resolution did not receive your Lordships Sanction till 22nd December no sum was paid

in respect of 1891 but £60 was placed on the Estimates for 1892.

9 Your Lordship's statement that "I am "not prepared to approve of the grant of £100 for" "an assistant Clergyman of the Church of England" "being withdrawn" I shall duly convey to the members of the Legislative Council.—

10. With respect to your Lordships inquiry as to the amount it is proposed to spend on Government House furniture - I would draw attention to the wording of the vote in the Estimates "Furniture for Government House, Government Offices and 2 schools £250" — of this amount School furniture to the value of £45 - without freight has been already requisitioned for and will be payable from this years vote - £15 has been spent for some necessary bedroom furniture for Government House and I purpose either when condemned removing or repairing other repairable such articles of furniture as the vote will permit me, allowing a fair margin for acting summarily in respect to the furniture of public offices and Schools - I venture most respectfully to express my surprise that your Lordship should have addressed the query as to "the necessity of any expenditure during next year on this service" — I should, my Lord, scarcely have ventured to ask the Legislative Council for a vote for this expenditure nor would they have sanctioned it, had not both they and myself both believed in the necessity

I scarcely think such a question would have been asked - if your Lordship had realised the disreputable state, the word is not strong enough) in which I found the Government House and all pertaining to it. Whilst much has been done much still requires to be done -

"If any one were justified in complaining - it is I. that my wife and self have had to live in a house whilst undergoing cleaning, repairs, alterations to drainage, painting &c and that even at the present time we are still subjected to similar inconvenience after what the Board of Survey stated I am only astonished at my own moderation - As Governor I am surely entitled to a house fit for a gentleman to live in and until that is attained the writer the right I consider to ask for and to have sanctioned the necessary expenditure to make it so - "

12. The appropriation ordinance for 1892, which usually follows immediately follows the passing of the estimates, was submitted and passed by the Legislative Council and was forwarded in my despatch No. 183 of 23rd December - I am therefore unable to carry out your instructions in respect to it - indeed it would have been difficult under any circumstances to do till the receipt of the Crown agents accounts for

for 1891 have been received I shall be in a position to carry out your Lordships instructions

13 I regret that any inconvenience has been caused by an imperfectly adapted form being used - but in the absence of sufficient type (the first ordered by myself in the "Heko" & consequently considerable delay occured) and with a printer whose services were not always available due allowance must be made - the non obliteration of the foot notes I need scarcely add was accidental -

14 I am well aware, my Lord, that I must consider any despatch to which your Lordships signature is attached as yr own but I am both bound & think that your Lordship permits so little discretion in a Governor Colony as to necessitate queries such as those contained in your Lordships despatch but which I trust however you will find I have satisfactorily answered -

I have &c

&c Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy

G. H. S. F. D

No. 23

5th February 1892

My Lord,

With reference to your Lordships Despatch No. 74 of the 2nd December last, I have the honour to report that I am not aware of any objection to the appointment of Mr Andrew Baillon as Italian Consul at Port Stanley and that I have, in accordance with your Lordships instructions, recognised him as such pending the arrival of Her Majesty's Exequatur.

I have &c

(sd) Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy.

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

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G. H. S. I. I

10th February 1892

No. 214

My Lord.

It was with deepest regret that I received the enclosed letter, from Her Majesty's Minister at Monte Video, by H.M.S. "Cleopatra" this morning announcing the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence.

I immediately caused the flag to be hoisted half mast high and the accompanying notice to be issued.

I have &c.

(Signed) Rogers Buckley Goldsworthy.

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

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To whom does this refer? W. H.

Duke of Clarence

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G. N. S. F. D
12 February

My Lord,

I have the honor to forward herewith 6 copies of an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to amend the Naturalization ordinance of 1891. which passed the Legislative Council and which I trust will receive Her Majesty's gracious Confirmation and allowance

I have &c

&c Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy

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G. H. S. F. 9.

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13th February

My Lord.

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

Nos		date
87	of	16th December
to		
7	of	16 January

I have &c

&c Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy

G 88 S F. 9.

16th February 1892

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My Lord.

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

5th	December	
16th	"	
17	"	
14th	January.	

I have &c

&c Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy

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G. H. S. F. I.

No. 28.

16th February 1892

My Lord.

5th December
16th "
17th "
14th January

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

I have &c

&c Roger Tuck? Goldsworthy

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G. H. S. F. D.

16 February 1892

My Lord.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordships despatch N° 66 of the 24th October last sanctioning a grant of £60 for last year in aid of the Roman Catholic School at Stanley - but requesting before "considering the question of renewing such grant in aid in future years" that I would furnish a report as to the efficiency of the Government Schools to meet the wants of the town & state whether there had been any further complaints of the Schoolmaster Mr Durose -

2. In reply I have to inform your Lordships that Mr Durose performs his duties to my satisfaction - I have not had any complaint in respect to any atheistical or agnostic teachings by him - but I am glad to say if he entertained or encouraged such views his presence at church would appear to point to his abandonment of them - at the same time the feeling produced by Mr DuRose's past action has not altogether been allayed - as evidenced by the falling off in attendance

3 The Government school at present affords education to on an average 74 boys & girls

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but the buildings would not conveniently hold more than 80-

4 Besides the Government School there is that of the Roman Catholics and a small infant school kept by a Mrs Price, which I omitted to mention in my despatch No 104 of the 29th July - the former has on an average an attendance of about 50 the latter about 20.

5 From Para 4 of your despatch your Lordship does not appear to consider any further legislation on the subject of education necessary unless there be reasonable prospects of schools being established in Country Stations - at present I must admit I do not see my way to this - on the other hand even in respect to the Government and other schools in Stanley great improvements might be made -

6 In my despatch before mentioned I suggested that the Western australian Education act might with modifications suit this Colony possibly it is more elaborate than is required here. still a copy of it together with the regulations framed under it would afford useful hints on a matter on which there are no experts here - again I think the plan which was in force in Western australia when I was Colonial Secretary there viz to subsidize other than government schools to the extent

pro rata of one half the grant to Government Schools provided that such schools were open to Government inspection and examination, might with advantage be carried out here —

Further neither in the existing Ordinance (5 of 1889) or in the regulations framed thereunder do I see that the various Standard are specified or on reaching what standard a child may be excused further attendance. The only para dealing with this latter occurs in Sec 1 of the Ordinance - there it is provided that a child may be exempted "from attending school" totally or partially if the School Inspector certifies that such child has reached a sufficient standard of education" I think that the standard should be embodied in the ordinance itself — however in view of your Lordships Despatch I shall let matters remain as they are unless thereon instructed by your Lordship

I have &c —

Sd Roger Tuck Pp Goldsworthy.

The Right Hon'ble

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

&c &c &c

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G. H. S. F. I

16th February 1842

My Lord.

I have the honour to report the arrival of W. Charles Fraser, by the mail steamer Hero which arrived this day. to take up the Offices of Treasurer, Postmaster, Harbour master &c

W Fraser will be sworn in as a member of the Executive Council, at the next meeting thereof, in the place of the Colonial Chaplain

I have &c

Sir Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy

H. M. S. T.

16th February 1892

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My Lord.

I have the honor to report for your Lordships information that Captain Lang Senior naval officer of the S.E. coast of America Squadron arrived in H.M.S. Cleopatra yesterday 15th February

Capt Lang purposes leaving Stanley for Beagle Channel on 24th February

I have &c

Sd Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

&c &c &c

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G. H. S. F. I.

16th February 1892

My Lord.

I have the honor to request your Lordship to lay before Her Majesty and T.R.H. the Prince & Princess of Wales the enclosed letter of Condolence expressive of the deep sympathy the residents of the Colony feel towards the Royal Family in their sad affliction caused by the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence Lavondale K.G. additional signatures from the out islands will be forwarded by next mail

I have &c

pp Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

&c &c &c

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No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch. 16th February.	No. of Enclosures.
17	27 Jan	Arms	
18	28 "	Minutes of Council	
19	1st Feb	Bills of Exchange &c	
20	2nd "	ack Despatches	
21	3rd "	Holmstead & Blake	
22	4th "	Telegrams	
23	5th "	Italian Consul	
24	10th "	Death of Prince Albert Victor	
25	12th "	Naturalization Ord	
26	13th "	ack Despatches	
27	16th "	"	
28	" "	" Circulars	
29	" "	Schools	
30	" "	arrival of Mr. Fraser	
31	" "	" Lieut Cleo	
32	" "	Address to Her the Queen	

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F. I. Co.
1st March 1892

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordships despatch No. 7 of the 16th Jan with enclosures copies of correspondence between the Falkland Island Co - Capt Parke & the Colonial Office on the subject of the leases of Crown Land in the Colony -

2. I will firstly deal with the respective letters of the F. I. Co commencing with that of the 18th December from Mr Cobb the managing director of the Co In this Mr Cobb touches upon Para 5 of your Lordships despatch of the 25 September last to myself - from Mr Cobb's letter it would appear that in some previous correspondence not submitted to me, he has endeavoured to shew that "unless an increase in the area charged for is accompanied by a corresponding diminution in the rent an injustice will be done to the holder" - I would merely ask Mr Cobb this question If the area were less than that named in the lease would he contend that unless a decrease in the area charged for is accompanied by a corresponding increase in the rent an "injustice" will be done - yet it seems to me, one would be as fair as the other - Mr Cobb argues naturally enough in the interests of the F. I. Co. and there similarly situated (the holds in fact a brief for them for Mr Cobb as managing director of the F. I. Co may be said to finance a large body of sheep farmers) He feels that if instead of their leases the F. I. Co hold only the security of the land held under an occupation license the value of the

the security for money advanced is reduced. He will not accept the position as it really is, viz that these occupation licenses are only issued pending a survey when each farmer will receive a lease of the land which, after survey he is legally entitled to.- in other words when the definite acreage is fixed and the words "more or less" become superfluous.

3 Mr Cobb is perfectly aware of the bona fides of your Lordship but he will not allow that he is so- his only desire is to raise objections in the hope that your Lordship will go back from your instructions to myself and sanction fresh leases of areas with maximum acreage- then Mr Cobb will be satisfied that he & those are safe for another 21 years- when, he probably argues, the same tactics which proved successful in 1891 will possibly be equally effective and the survey which would doubtless shew that the majority of us hold more land than we are entitled to will have been staved off.-

4 The first thing a landowner ordinarily does is to have a survey of his land - he is not usually satisfied till he has a complete plan of it - he does not feel that it is his own till this is done — he realizes perfectly well that were he to negotiate a sale of it the first thing he would be asked would be what is the acreage? shew me the plan of the property.- but in the Falklands it should be the other way about in Mr Cobbs opinion.-

5 The government as landowners should not have a survey - Mr. he says lease your land and don't require

require it - it is a hardship upon us to have this survey
Why I would ask - It cant be on the Score of expense
for your Lordship has already said that the farmers
should bear a proportion of the expense but only a
very small one - What is the reason then - it cant
be that the farmers fear that a survey would
disclose that they have less land than stated in the
lease: it would be contrary to common sense
to assume this for it would mean diminution of
rental to them - The only reason then that can be
assumed is that they fear that the result of a survey
will too plainly show an excess of acreage over that
named in their leases and that Mr Cobb knows this
is to my regret for he endeavours to make the best
terms he can when an increase in the area has to
be charged for and suggests a diminution in the
rent on pain of branding us with an act of "injustice"

6 But what more vitally affects the interests
of the landowners is Mr Cobb says contained in Para
6 of your Lordships Dispatch under consideration. how
para 6 says "In any case however, where the boundary line is not disputed"
and Mr Cobb writes "I venture to assert that the persons
"against whom that para is directed have absolutely
no existance - How I would ask can it be directed against
persons who dont exist - Again he says "There is no one"
who has through his own mistake &c"

7 I concluded that the colored maps
given to me before leaving England by the Secretary
of

of the F. I. Co is a reliable one for though the detailed boundaries of the various sections which go to make up the stations are not given yet the whole of the land leased to the individual sheep farmers is shewn in the map properly colored - & the map is incorrect or Mr Bonner has taken a line as his Eastern boundary 2 miles longer than is mentioned in his lease - the most cursory measurement would shew this.-

5 To prove that the F. I. Co have not made any "mistake" is not evidence that others have not done so - and the fact that Mr Cobbs authorised utterances about the proclamation are incorrect justify at least the suspicion that he may also be the same in his other statements.

6 But after all said and done I cannot allow Mr Cobb by any side issue to draw your Lordships attention from the main point namely that whereas the estimated area of the Colony of Colonel Moody R.E. is computed at 4,500,000 acres irrespective of S. Georgia (computed at 1000 sq. miles) the land accounted for under lease or freehold amounts only to 2,367,594 acres.- †.

10 I have had a facsimile of the chart of the colony made for your Lordships information and to give your Lordships some idea as to how things have been done in the past w[illegible] sections vide enclosure, originally paid £10 rental i.e £1 for every 1000 acres up to 1871 but afterwards though the

† 4,500,000 acres
2,367,594 "
} These figures do not agree with those in Foin note book p 150

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though the sections were limited to 6000 acres at £10 per section no higher rental was as far as I can ascertain, demanded or paid – the area if measured will be found to be nearly double.

11. Again I would refer your Lordship to Sections in the West Falklands, there are supposed to be 6000 each – in the aggregate they amount to some 23,000 acres – It is not difficult then to understand how the discrepancy in the total acreage of the Colony has occurred.

12 There are cases too where I fear Government cannot claim against the freeholder, for instance in Lafonia – the acreage is not stated in the grant and this is likewise the case in some of the sections above referred to the acreage not being given and here I would draw your Lordships attention to the construction put on the words "more or less" at the time the grant of Lafonia was made (vide enclosure) clearly evidencing the fact that the words refer to but a very small percentage of the land included in any lease or grant.

13 The Mr Lafone alluded to in Mr Cobb's letter is the living representative of the original purchaser of Lafonia and is now largely interested in the Co. Is it unreasonable to ask that the same construction should be put on the words "more or less" now as then – the more so that

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I believe, if not only to be the correct one but the generally accepted one in Colonies where there are large areas of Crown Lands –

14 Mr Cobb forwarded your Lordship's [illegible]. I forward one or two letters clearly showing that individuals did name the boundaries in some instances although Mr Cobb denies it in his letter of the 1st January where he makes reference to the report in the Blue Book for 1890 wherein at Para 4 it is stated by the acting Colonial Secretary, referring to the Proclamation of 31st July 1849 "Boundaries of Stations marked out by individuals were to be adopted until a Survey could be made"

15 Now what does Mr Cobb do? he cannot lay his hands upon the proclamation and consequently is unable to refer thereto but he unhesitatingly writes "I believe the statements thus probably made in good faith to be absolutely untrue". Surely, my Lord, any reasonable person would assume that an officer holding the responsable post of Colonial Secretary, and writing a report which would necessarily be printed + distributed would not lay himself open to attack by rashly misquoting a proclamation and that he did not do so is evidenced by the Copy of the proclamation enclosed –

16 Mr Coulson, the Treasury Clerk, who is the only official here conversant with the late Surveyor Generals mode of procedure upon

me that the custom was for application to be made for land stating the boundaries of for one or more sections, as the case might be, adjoining some other lot, and then the Surveyor General would define the lot on the chart which eventually became filled in as in plan enclosed

17 Mr. Cobbe other letters merely refer to what I have endeavoured to reply to in this

18 With regard to Capt Packe's statement in his communication of 7th January, they are also answered by Mr Conroy's minute vide enclosure

19 Your Lordship will see this have received a return of all cases which accompanied my despatch N° 173 of the 3rd December and this return will afford you the information sought in respect to the Boundaries

I have &c

(sd) Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy.

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

&c &c

G. H. S. I. D.

34. 2nd March 1892

My Lord,

I have the honor to forward herewith the Savings Bank accounts, together with a report from the acting Treasurer, for the year 1891-2.

I have &c

d° Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy.

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford G.C.M.G.

&c &c &c

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G. H. S. F. D.

35.

3rd March 1892.

My Lord,

I have the honor to acquaint your Lordship that the Colonial Treasurer has, by the mail having this day, remitted to the Crown Agents the sum of £500

Bill on F.D. to £500

I have &c

&c Roger Tuckfd Goldsworthy.

The Right Honble

Lord Knutsford &c &c.

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No. of Despatch.	Date of Despatch.	Subject of Despatch.	No. of Enclosures.
33	1st March	Land	
34	2 "	Savings Bank	
35	3 "	Remittance to C.A.	

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