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Government House,
Stanley, 17th May 1893.

My Lord,

In further acknowledgment of Your Lordship's despatch, No 16 of the 31st January, which I deem it expedient at the present stage of negotiations to make of a confidential nature, I desire to take an early opportunity of reporting progress in carrying out certain of the instructions conveyed therein.

2. At the first meeting of the Executive Council which I held after the departure of Sir Roger Goldensworthy, after reading this despatch, I stated that I considered my first duty was to endeavour to ascertain the probable demand for the purchase of land by the inhabitants of the Colony. In that opinion I was unanimously supported by the members of Council, who individually assured me that I would receive their loyal support and advice in giving effect to Your Lordship's views. I thereupon caused a public notice, of which I attach a copy, to be posted up in the Town and to be as widely circulated as possible throughout the

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the "Camps" in the Islands. This notice was afterwards published in the Official Gazette with the intimation that copies could be obtained on application at the Colonial Secretary's Office.

3. The applications which I have received up to date are furnished in the accompanying Statement.

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4. I also caused a Confidential letter, of which a copy is attached, to be addressed by the Colonial Secretary to the Principal leaseholders requesting to be informed, so as to assure myself as to the probable and real demand for land, what portions of their households they would be ~~prepared~~ willing to concur with the Government should be resumed for the purpose of being offered for sale by public auction. The replies which I have received up to date to this letter are herewith submitted for Your Lordship's information. It will be admitted from these letters, I venture to think, my Lord, that there is an evident desire shown on the part of these gentlemen to enable the Government to deal amicably and fairly with this question of resuming

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reserving for sale such portions of land comprised in their leases as may be found necessary to meet a genuine demand for land.

5. When I had the honour of meeting, for the first time, the Legislative Council on the 27th ultimo, I was glad to find, in replying to an expression of hope on my part that I would receive the loyal support of Members in carrying out Your Lordship's instructions on this important question, that the same loyal and conciliatory spirit was shown by the unofficial members; and on the part of all, Sheep Farmers and others, it has been my invariable and agreeable experience to find that there is an anxious desire that this vexed land question may speedily be brought to an amicable solution, satisfactory at the same time to the present householders, to the probable future purchasers of smaller holdings, and above all in consonance with Your Lordship's views.

6. It will be observed from the accompanying

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accompanying statement of land
voluntarily offered by leaseholders
that the Government will have,
judging from the present
applications sufficient land to
meet all demands.

7. I trust that before the
departure of the next mail I may
be in possession of information
which will enable me to answer
in a definite manner more or
less the several points dealt
with in your lordship's despatch
of 31st January and on which
my careful consideration is
requested.

8. - It is my duty in conclusion,
my lord, to inform you that
your despatch referred to, has
given the utmost satisfaction
throughout the colony, giving
as it does a just and equitable
procedure by which the wishes
of all the inhabitants may be
met.

I have &c,
(Signed) Geo. Trevellick.

The Right Hon^{ble}
The Marquis of Ripon,
K.G. &c

Government House,
Stanley, 18th Jan'y 1893.

My dear Sir,

In reference to your
Lordship's Confidential Despatch
of the 28th February in which you
express your doubt as to the
expediency of altering the
land laws at the present time,
I have the honour to inform
you, that before the receipt of
this Despatch and after having
carefully read through, in
connection with Despatch A. 16
of the 31st January, the voluminous
correspondence which has passed
between your Lordship's predecessors
in Office and the several Governors
of this Colony on the questions
of the sale and leasing of Crown
Lands, I furnished the Legal
Adviser to the Government with
notes or suggestions arising out
of a careful consideration of
this correspondence.

2. After conferring with the
Colonial Secretary and Legal
Adviser on my proposals for
the alteration and consolidation
of the Land laws, in which he
generally concurred with me, we
agreed that it would be more
expedient ^{for you} to present to —
a Bill

ascertain confidentially the views of the principal Sheep Farmers and householders, and he accordingly addressed them in a letter a copy of which is enclosed for your Lordship's information.

3. I am of opinion that if an Ordinance can be drafted much in the same form as that adopted in many Colonies for the Public Health, with separate parts dealing with the provisions for Sale, Leasing, Fencing, Prevention of Scab, Stocking, Erection of Homesteads &c, repealing at the same time all the former and too numerous Land laws, and substituting one Consolidated Ordinance; and that if the various provisions of the proposed Ordinance were fully concurred in by the Sheep Farmers, a satisfactory settlement of the present Land question, once and for all, and on a fixed basis, might not unreasonably be looked for.

4. I have read the last paragraph of Sir R. Goldsworthy's despatch, No 1140 of the 20th December last, and with the general view therein expressed that the existing Land laws should

should be amended and —
consolidated I entirely and fully
agree.

As I have your kindness' permission to submit my views in the form of a Draft Ordinance I hope, as I have every reason to do, that they will be concurred in by the present householders throughout the Colony; and whenever I shall have received their replies, I will not lose any time in preparing a Draft Ordinance and submit it in the manner directed.

I have, &c,

(Signed) G. W. Miles.

The Right Hon^{ble}
The Inauguration of Rifles, K.G.
vz

Government House,
Stanley, 18th May 1893.

My dear Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Confidential despatch of the 14th March on the subject of the resignation by certain householders of their Offices of Justice of the Peace.

2. Immediately on receipt of this despatch, I requested the Colonial Secretary to ascertain confidentially if the Gentlemen who tendered the resignation of their Offices were willing to withdraw them and to give me thereby an assurance that they loyally accepted the policy of Her Majesty's Government and that they would cordially assist me in bringing about an impartial and amicable settlement of the Land question.

3. As your Lordship will observe all these Gentlemen, with the exception of Mr. Buckworth whose name was taken off the Commission of the Peace under circumstances of which I have no knowledge, have assured me of their willingness to withdraw their resignations

and

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and to give me all the assistance
in their power; and in
acknowledging the receipt of their
letters I considered it right to
take that opportunity of —
conveying to them the expression
of your request that they should
have acted in a manner which
might have embarrassed —
seriously the administration of
the Government of the Colony.

4. I understand it would have
afforded satisfaction to most
of these gentlemen if a new
Commission of the Peace could have
been issued on the Queen's Birthday
but under the directions —
contained in the third paragraph
of your Lordship's despatch under
acknowledgment, I consider
it my duty to submit the copy
of this correspondence in the
first instance for your Lordship's
consideration and further —
instructions.

5. Should your Lordship approve
of these gentlemen being reappointed
on the Commission of the Peace,
and I venture to express the
opinion that it would be a
gracious as well as a ~~politic~~
politic act on the part of your
Lordship at the present juncture,

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I would ask that I may be so informed at as early a date as possible.—

I have,
I &c,

The Right Hon^{ble}

The Marquess of Ripon (Signed) Geo. Lubbock.

R.G.

&c

&c

&c.

Government House
Stamley, 24 July 1893.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your lordship's ^{Confidential} Circular Despatch of the 23rd May transmitting a printed copy of Confidential lists of Her Majesty's Ships and of Foreign vessels of War in Commission and Reserve (Parts I and II) and of those building and projected (Part III) collected to the 15th April 1893.

2. In accordance with your lordship's request, the lists previously transmitted have been duly destroyed by me.

I have,

(Signed) Geo. Lubbock

The Right Hon^{ble}

The Marquess of Ripon,

&c

&c

R.G. &c

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Government House,
Stanley, 12th August 1893.

My Lord,
With reference to Your Lordship's
Confidential despatch of the 8th June,
I have the honour to report that
I informed Mr. Routhledge as
directed therein by furnishing
him Confidentially with copies of
the second and third paragraphs of
this despatch; and I now beg to
submit a Minute in Original
which I have received from him,
and in which he concludes by
asking if he is permitted to have
private practice as a Lawyer in
the manner indicated.

1st Aug 1893

The Right Hon^{ble}

The Marquess of Ripon (Signed) G. O. Nesbitt
K. G. &c

Government House,
Stanley, 15th Aug 1893

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge
the receipt to day of Your Lordship's
Confidential despatch of the 11th July
and to acquaint you that I shall
act strictly in accordance with the
instructions contained therein as to
replacing the names of the Gentlemen
on the new Commission of the Peace.

The Right Hon^{ble}

The Marquess of Ripon (Signed) G. O. Nesbitt
K. G. &c

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Government House,
Stanley, 12th Sept. 1893

My friend,

31 Aug^t - 7 Sept.
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I have the honour to forward, for your lordship's information, copy of a correspondence which has passed between the Governor, Dean Brandon and the Colonial Surgeon on the ~~represented~~ desire of the Inhabitants of Stanley and of the North Camps of this Island for another Medical Practitioner to be resident in Stanley, who should at the same time be a good Surgeon-Dentist.

2. I honestly believe that Dean Brandon has acted in this matter solely for the good of the Community. ~~He~~ ^{Thereby} I understand that the Colonial Surgeon considers the Dean's action as personal to himself, which is to be regretted. As I informed Dr. Hamilton he ought to know best if the Dean has, as a Cragman, any just cause for personal dislike to him.

3. If many reports which have come to my ears are correct as to the want of attention on the part of Dr. Hamilton to many of the people in Stanley, then the steps which are proposed

to be taken to secure the services
of another Medical Man naturally
lead to the inference that
such reports are correct.

4. It is said also that Dr.
Hamilton is under the
influence of his housekeeper,
the wife of Constable Wilmer,
presently acting as Pilot; and
she and her husband with their
children live in the Doctor's
house. —

5. I enclose for your Lordship's
further information on this
subject documents which
have been handed to me today
by the Dean which are forwarded
as enclosed. — I have &c

(Signed) W. O. P. M. S. L. L.

proposal for
another Medical
man

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What matters

Recd. 21 Oct. 1893.

Government House,
Stanley, 12th Sept. 1893.

My Lord, With reference to your
Lordship's Confidential Despatch
of the 28th February and to mine
of the 18th May, I have the honour
to enclose copy of a Minute by
the Colonial Secretary and
Legal Adviser, explanatory of the

12 Sept. 1893.

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Enclosure to Confid^l Despatch of this
date.

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12.9.93 MINUTE PAPER.

COLONIAL SECRETARY to His Excellency The Administrator

In reply to your Excellency's Minute
of this date requesting me to inform
you how Mr. Buckworth's name
came to be struck out of the list
prepared in the Colonial Secretary's
office. I have to state that the
list was not prepared in my
office but in that of the Governor
and was brought down by the
Government Clerk (who was then
acting as Private Secretary to the
Governor) to my own office one
afternoon with the intimation
that it was the new Commission
of the Peace which the Governor
desired to have published in the
official Gazette. I attached a copy
of the list as shown me as having
been drawn up at G. H. for publication.

R. R.

CS. 12.9.93

Enclosure to Confid. Despatch of this
date. 12.9.93 MINUTE PAPER.

COLONIAL SECRETARY to

His Excellency The Administrator

The proposed Ordinance regarding
the consolidation of the land laws
& fencing scale I am preparing
a draft of but until advised
in reply to the point which asked
you to obtain the S. of S.'s opinion
as to whether he would approve of
a removal of all leaseholds giving
fixity of tenure reserving out of
such the 'revenues now surrendered'
which, if not purchased shd. be
leased on special lease I am unable
to submit the draft ^{as such an} Ordinance as
I consider ought to be drawn up if
the land laws are to be altered. I
am now in possession of the views
of the principal leaseholders on the
question of fencing &c. with those
before me I trust I may be able to
draft ^{a sound} the Ordinance if the S. of S. sanctions
the proposition as to the special lease

PLMP. C.S. Sept. 1893
12th

Enclosure in Despatch: Capt. 13
of 21-6-94

MINUTE PAPER.

Governor to Acting Colonial Secretary.

Please forward the following from the Chief Constable to the Colonial Surgeon (Chairman of the Board of Health).


"I recollect taking a Minute marked "urgent" from "your Excellency to the Honourable the Colonial Surgeon "early one morning with reference to the Law being put "in motion against the defaulters - I have no recollection of the specific order from His Excellency to "issue at once summonses against the defaulters and "affix my signature thereto".

(Sd.) G. HURST,

Chief Constable 18.6.94.

As the mail leaves or the post closes rather, the day after to-morrow I shall be glad if you will request the Colonial Surgeon to forward a copy of the Minute above referred to, which presumably is in his possession on receipt of this.

I would draw attention to the delay of 10 days which occurred between my Minute of June 8th and the Colonial Surgeon's reply of June 18th thereto - notwithstanding that "an immediate reply" was requested by you. The Colonial Surgeon must be well aware not only of the inconvenience caused to myself but of the extra pressure of work entailed through matters being left



left till towards the date of the mail leaving. And as my medical adviser he cannot be unaware how these delays act prejudicially on my present state of health upon me - hence the delay is the more inexcusable.

R.T.G.

Colonial Surgeon to Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Governor's minute contained these words - for the Colonial Surgeon to issue summons at once against the defaulters and affix his signature thereto.

Should His Excellency require any further information, it will be better to summon a meeting of the Board of Health.

As the Minute was read at the next meeting summoned for that purpose.

(Sd.) S.HAMILTON,

Colonial Surgeon

June 21st 1894.

Acting Colonial Secretary to Colonial Surgeon.

Kindly forward the Minute from which you quote.

(Sd.) C.W.HILL,

Acting Colonial Secretary.

21.6.94.

Colonial Surgeon to Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Minutes with other letters were left in the Book for Mr Coulson to copy, it is not in my possession.

As



As the Minutes of the last meeting of the Board
have not been confirmed until another meeting is held
they cannot be considered as finally correct.

(Sd.) S.HAMILTON,

Colonial Surgeon.

22nd June 1894.



Copy.

MINUTE PAPER

Governor to Chief Constable

Please state below whether the following circumstance in connection with the fencing in of Town lots is within your recollection - if so, whether the details are correct, or, if not, in what particular or particulars they are not so.

"Subsequently the Chief Constable called on me early one morning with a specific order from His Excellency to issue at once summonses against the defaulters and affix my signature thereto."

June 18th 1894

(Signed) Roger Tuckf^d Goldsworthy
Governor.

His Excellency,

The Governor

I recollect taking a minute marked "urgent" from your Excellency to the Hon'ble the Colonial Surgeon early one morning with reference to the law being put in motion against the defaulters.

I have no recollection of the specific Order from His Excellency "to issue at once summonses against the defaulters and affix my signature thereto"

(sgd) G. Hurst

Chief Constable

18.6.94



Copy.

Legal Advisers Office,

7th March, 1893. ?

In re case of Regina v Baillon charged with unlawfully neglecting to comply with order issued by Board of Health under the 9th Bye Law of the Board.


The above case was heard this morning and after the evidence of Dr. Hamilton the President of the Board of Health and of Mr. James Smith was withdrawn by Chief Constable Hurst who prosecuted.

According to the evidence of Dr. Hamilton the Bye Law was passed to compel the general fencing of lots in the District named without reference at all to sanitation or to cleanliness of the lots.

I now think that the Board should have confined itself to the sanitation of the Settlement and to the cleanliness of the lots. I have knowledge of the condition of the lot of Defendant which he is charged with neglecting to fence there is nothing in the situation or condition of this lot either because of a want of cleanliness or any other reason which for sanitary purposes should make it necessary that it should be fenced.

Dr. Hamilton admitted on being questioned by Constable Hurst that "There is a drain near Mr. Baillon's lot - a stray horse might damage it but under an

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Ordinance the owners of the horse would be liable for allowing it to stray on road.

Under such circumstances I think Constable Hurst acted very properly in withdrawing the case.

The Board of Health was created by Ordinance No.1 of 1886 for the special purpose of "making better provision for the preservation of Public Health" and as such empowered by Sub section 11 added by Ordinance No.3 of 1891 to section 3 of the Principal Health Ordinance to make bye-laws" with respect to the proper fencing and cleanliness of lots.

It never could have been intended to vest in such a Board powers with respect to the general fencing of land and the words used "fencing and cleanliness" indicate the intention to confine the Board to its proper duties of securing public health, by restricting its powers to make bye laws with regard to fencing, to cases in which it was necessary in order to secure cleanliness.

The Board has therefore acted ultra vires in making a general Rule compelling the owners of lots to fence, and the Rule is therefore in my opinion bad. The Rule is bad also in that it declares that it shall be lawful in the case of mutual fences for the person who repairs to recover a moiety from the mutual owner. The Ordinance or rather Sub-section 11 is silent on this matter and the Board cannot go beyond it.

As it will be necessary to repeal sub-section 12 added by the Ordinance of 1891 to section 3 of the principal Health Ordinance on the grounds
mentioned



mentioned in the Secretary of State's despatch No.54 of 1891 I propose with His Excellency's approval to prepare an Ordinance consolidating the Health Ordinances and making every provision it is thought proper and necessary to make and secure the health of the Islands.

Should this be approved and the Ordinance become law the Board of Health should consider what changes and additions should be made in and to the Bye Laws.

As according to the evidence of Mr. Smith the drains of the Settlement are injured by horses at large or tethered in unenclosed grounds a section could be introduced prohibiting this and providing punishment therefor.

(Sd.) S.A.THOMPSON
Legal Adviser

The Hon'ble

C.A.FRASER,

Colonial Secretary.



Queen

v

Andrew E. Baillon

Police Magistrates Court

Falkland Islands


Stanley, 7th March 1894

Unlawfully neglecting to comply
with order issued by Board of
Health requiring Defendant to
fence in a lot in Stanley under
9th Bye Law of the Board of Health.

Samuel Hamilton Colonial Surgeon Sworn:-

I am the President of the Board of Health for the Falkland Islands. Under authority of Public Health Ordinance No. 3 of 1891 by which Sub-Section 11 was added to the principal Ordinance Bye Law 9 of which Mr Baillon is charged with the violation was framed. The Chief Constable has taken action against the Defendant without my approval because I am doubtful of the powers of the Board to pass such a Bye Law. The Bye Law was passed to compel the general fencing of lots in the District named without reference at all to sanitation or to cleanliness of the lots. I now think that the Board should have confined itself to the sanitation of the Settlement and to the cleanliness of the lots.

I have knowledge of the condition of the lot of defendant which he is charged with neglecting to fence there is nothing in the situation or condition of



of this lot either because of a want of cleanliness or any other reason which for sanitary purposes should make it necessary that it should be fenced in.

Further questioned by chief Constable.


At a meeting of the Board held on the 9th January it was decided to enforce the provisions of the Bye Law. I consider drains a necessity for the preservation of health and they should be kept in order. I question whether any damage was ever done to drains by stray cattle. Drains run before some of the lots in Stanley but not before all that are required to be fenced. There is a drain running near Mr Baillon's lot. A stray horse might damage it but under recent Ordinance the owner of the horse would be liable for allowing it to stray on Road. By recent Ordinance cattle are required to be kept on the fenced commonage and do not stray.

James Smith Sworn

I have seen a horse or mare tethered on an unenclosed lot in the Settlement feeding around a drain and crossing over a drain. Persons on horse-back also cross over the drains to get into lots. I have seen sheep cross the drains. I saw a flock only recently running across a drain damage to drains is done in this way.

Chief Constable Hurst said he had no other witness to call and would withdraw case if defendant would give promise not to let horses stray on lot.

Defendant



Defendant said that no horses of Company
or his had strayed in the past nor would any be
allowed to stray in the future he would not become
responsible for horses or cattle of other people.

Prosecutor withdrew charge.

A true copy of Minutes of evidence.

(Sd) J.A.Thompson

Police Magistrate

16th March 1894.

Conf^d of 19/12/95
To S. of S. Secy, 19th 1895

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My dear Governor
In reply to your letter, marked 3
confidential, requesting to
know the nature of the complaint
from which Mr. Bonner is suffering
I may mention it was
Chronic Rheumatism & Stiffness
him for in July last, he improved
much in health, and soon
afterwards was able to ride to
his home at Lee Cuck,.
on the 25th September

Rec^d a letter from his nephew
Mr. George Thomas asking me
to send some more of the medicine
from Ich. Russell, as it had done his
uncle much good.

On November 29th Mr. G. Thomas
having arrived in Steady, sent
a message that he wished to
consult me with regard to himself.

I took the opportunity to ask
him about his Uncle's health;
he informed me that he was able
to do light work about the place
and amuse himself shooting geese.

Yours
Sincerely

J. H. Hamilton

Confidential.

Acting Asst. Secretary & Col. Treasurer.

I shall be glad if you will reply on receipt to the following queries:

1. Have you during your residence in the Colony heard of want of attention on Dr. Hamilton's part towards the people of Stanley who have sought his professional advice?
2. Are you aware of Dr. Hamilton being under the influence of his "housekeeper" or have you any reason to think that such influence coupled with the fact that "her husband with their children live in the Doctor's (Hamilton's) house" in any way acts prejudicially?

In view of the attack made upon Dr. Hamilton in Adm^l Melville's Despatch which I thought it advisable to read to you as members of the Executive Council this day, I request that I may be furnished with a reply to the above queries to enable me to forward them by the outgoing mail to the Secretary of State.

Roger Tuckey Goldsmith
Governor

Confidential.

Copy to Joff in Conf^l
desp: Apr 13 '93
Stanley

14 November 1893.

Your Excellency

I have the honour of replying
to your ^{Confidential} enquiries concerning
the Col: Surgeon ~~addressed confidentially~~
~~to me~~

1. I have not heard of any
complaints as to ^{want of attention} ~~inattention~~ on
Dr Hamiltons part and when
ill myself was treated with
great consideration.

2. I am not aware that
Dr Hamilton is under the
influence

~~The Excellency~~

~~The Governor~~

influence of his housekeeper and her
family. I much fear that if
Dr. Hamilton ^{there} ~~was~~ to engage an
unmarried woman as house-
keeper, it would scarcely stir
the tongue of scandal.

I ~~can only express my~~ regret
that ^{such} statements have been made
against Dr. Hamilton which
~~makes it~~ ^{which} ~~that~~ it is necessary
to repel them.

I have the honour to be

Sir

~~Your Excellency's Obedient Servant.~~

Charles. A. Faxon

Actg: Col: Secretary

Conf^d

Copy to S^{of} Sec^y
Conf^d Sec^y of 13th 93
to 11-93.

His Excellency,

In reply to your Excellency's
minute of to-day's date I have the
honour to state that this is the
first instance I have heard that any
complaint had been made of in-
attention on the part of the Colonial
Surgeon. On the contrary, rather,
as Shipping Master, I have always
heard Distressed British Seamen,
whom I should say are hardly the
best of patients, ^{not only} speak well of the
attention received ~~but~~ ^{but} ~~and in fact~~
have heard them express their
gratitude for the treatment they
have obtained and I have no
reason to doubt but that, one and
all, the residents of Stanley and
Seamen belonging to ships in the
Harbour, enjoy equal treatment
and attention.

These facts to my mind allow

me

me to controvert the state-
ment that the doctor is "under
"the influence of his house-
"keeper" except it be in any
but a good sense.

If any other interpretation is
intended by such influence,
and if it is intended to imply
that the fact that "her husband
"with their children live in the
"Doctor's (D. Hamilton's) house" in any ^{the} ~~way~~ ^{informants who come}
way acts prejudicially ^{that the fact that they} ~~in the~~ ^{may}
absence of any official reports of ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{informants}
such, and so far as my knowledge ^{who make such}
goes, I can only apply ~~the~~ ^{inferences} ~~to the~~
Hon. Sec. (in that of sense).

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H. J. C. ~~W. H. L.~~
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reason why, with reference to the fourth paragraph of my Confidential despatch above quoted. Your Lordship has not been furnished with the Draft Ordinance which I have been anxious to submit, drawn up in the form as explained in the third paragraph of the same despatch.

I have, &c,
(Signed) Geo. Lubbock.

Recd 21 Oct 93
in Conf^d Des^p
from Sops
of 11.1.94

Government House,
Stanley, 12th Sept. 1893.

My Lord,

With reference to your Lordship's Confidential Despatch of the 5th August transmitting a copy of a letter from Sir R. Goldsworthy, dated 25th July, explaining that Mr. Buckworth's name was removed from the Commission of the Peace issued on 9th March last by inadvertence, I have the honour to state that I have myself addressed a letter today to Mr. Buckworth offering again to replace his name on the Commission of the Peace and expressing a hope that will now give his services as a Justice of the Peace. — I am the
same

time as directed, conveyed to Mr. Buchworth the purport of Sir R. Goldsworthy's letter above referred to.

2. It is only due, however, to the Colonial Secretary's Office to state that the List was ~~not~~ prepared in the Governor's Office, not in the Colonial Secretary's Office. Mr. Hill, the Government Clerk, then Acting as Private Secretary prepared the List and he has explained that the striking out of Mr. Buchworth's name was done by inadvertence.

12 Sept. 1893

3. I have the honour to enclose a copy of a minute by the Col. Secretary in reply to my request that he would explain how Mr. Buchworth's name came to be omitted, together with a copy of the List as it was prepared by Mr. Hill and sent to the Colonial Secretary's Office for publication in the Official Gazette.

I have, &c,
(Signed, Geo. Mitchell.)

Government House,
Stanley, 11th October 1893.

My lord,

In reference to my
Confidential Despatch of the
12th September, I have the honour
to inform Your Lordship that, after
my explanation to him of the way
in which his name was removed
from the Commission of the Peace,
Mr. Buckworth has expressed
his pleasure in again serving
as a Justice of the Peace. —
2. I have therefore caused his
name to be added to the
Commission of the Peace issued
by me on the 17th August. —

I have, &c
(Signed) Geo. Lambell.

$\frac{12}{20}$ Government House,
Stanley, 11th Oct: 1893.

My lord,

In reference to my
Confidential Despatch of the
12th September, I have the
honour to transmit for Your
Lordship's information a copy
of the Minutes of the Proceedings

see tops
Conf. Desp.
of 11. 194

10th Oct 1897

of a meeting of the Legislative Council held yesterday. These minutes have been circulated among members for revision as to the correctness of their remarks.

2. The Colonial Surgeon is in error in stating that the matter of the need of another medical man in Stanley had not been brought before Executive Council.

I brought the correspondence on the subject ~~for~~ before Executive Council on the 20th September when the Colonial Surgeon was the only member who made any remarks on the subject.

He then stated, as he did yesterday, that he considered Dean Brandon's action in connection with the proposal to secure his services of ~~another~~ a private medical practitioner was directed against himself.

3. I am bound to admit that I agree with the majority of the Legislative Council that there is the need of another medical man in Stanley and especially of one who is qualified as a Dentist.

4. If Your Lordship therefore is

of opinion that the Revenue of the Colony justifies a further charge of say £100 per annum on it, a grant in aid of such a Medical man might be approved; but I must point out that the desire of the Inhabitants of Stanley in particular is that the proposed additional medical practitioners and Surgeon Dentist should not be a Government Medical Officer. —

I am, &c.

(Signed) Geo. McArthur

Government House.

Stanley. 14 October 1893

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's despatch marked "Confidential" of the 30th August in which your Lordship draws attention to the fact that your confidential circular of the 23rd May transmitting lists of ships of war had not been acknowledged in the schedule of the 18th July.

It appears that the acknowledgment of this Circular was not included in Mr. McArthur's schedule but was acknowledged separately in his

despatch

despatch of the 24th July which was transmitted by the mail that left this on the 17th August and must have crossed your lordship's despatch now under acknowledgment.

The Most Honourable
The Marquess of Ripon &c.
Downing Street.

I have, &c.
(Signed) Roger Tuckey Goldsworthy
Governor.

Government House,
Stanley, 17 October, 1893.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your lordship's confidential despatch of the 11th ulto and in reply thereto to transmit herewith a copy of a letter in which Mr. Routledge accepts the appointment of Stipendiary Magistrate of the Port of Spain &c in the Colony of Trinidad.

2. I have granted Mr. Routledge six weeks leave on full salary, the question of any extension I leave entirely in your lordship's hands to decide.

The Most Honourable
The Marquess of Ripon &c.
Downing Street.

I have, &c.
(Signed) Roger Tuckey Goldsworthy
Governor.

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Government House,
Stanley 13 November, 1893.

My Lord,

I regret to find amongst the Confidential despatches one from Administrator Melville reflecting on Dr. Hamilton not only in respect to the non performance of his duties as a medical man but conveying insinuations against him in regard to his private life.

2. It is not difficult for me to understand whence these "many reports" which came to Mr. Melville's ears have sprung from for nothing has been too base to insinuate against him since Dr. Hamilton took up the position he has on the Land question which brought on him the hostility of the Falkland Islands Company and the farmers, but I fear this is not within your Lordship's power to deal with.

3. The active part however taken by Dean Brandon in the matter making a house to house visitation in order to canvas for subscriptions towards obtaining the services of an "Assistant Colonial Surgeon," vide the Falkland Islands Magazine enclosed, and the impropriety even admitted by Mr. Melville (vide extract from the proceedings of the Legislative Council) of his doing so call for, I consider

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consider, an expression of disapproval from your Lordship.

4. I regret to say that though thinking Dean Brandon an earnest man and one who has done much good whilst confining himself to his duties yet it cannot be gainsaid that though equally earnest yet his motives are not equally good when he poses as the champion of an idea worked out by himself to the detriment of a brother Officer, and the delicacy of such action may also well be called in question when I tell your Lordship that long before my departure the Colonial Surgeon and the Dean were not on speaking terms. Past correspondence shows that Dean Brandon on more than one occasion incurred the censure of Governor Kerr and I consider it is high time that he should be warned that if he uses his magazine to interfere in the conduct of another department and for the dissemination of views not shared in even by the Officer administering the Government pro: ten: that section of the Colonial Regulations will be strictly enforced.

5. I append the opinion of the two members of Executive Council in reply to queries addressed to them.

6. As regards the reports
which

which Administrator Melville has heard I cannot say that he has not, but it appears somewhat strange that no similar reports were made to me during the 23 months immediately antecedent nor since my return.

7. I trust that as regards the paragraph concerning Mr Wilmer that Administrator Melville only refers to any good influence that Mr Wilmer may exercise over Dr Hamilton. If the reverse as it appears to me Administrator Melville points, then ere this your Lordship's mind will be disabused as Mr Melville in the presence of Dr Hamilton and myself said he would put matters straight in this respect.

Dr Dr Hamilton is an Irishman, characteristically excitable, not always weighing what he says in the heat of argument, but withal an honest man and as a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland not quite ignorant of his profession and its attendant obligations, and I should be sorry to see this attempt intended solely to injure his private practice receive your Lordship's support.

Any way, if the guarantors so desire they can always obtain the services of a medical man (vide minutes of the
Legislative

Legislative Council and the Government should hold aloof.

The Most Honble.

The Marquess of Ripon
Downing Street.

I have, &c.

(Signed) / Roger Tuckett Goldsworthy.
Governor.

Act^a - 15 Jan: 94.
See Public Actⁿ -

Government House,
Stanley. 13 November. 1893.

My Lord,

I have the honour to inform your Lordship that I this day transmitted to you the following telegram.

Confidential despatch
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12 September
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ADELPHOUS

Despatches follow by mail.
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The Most Honble.

The Marquess of Ripon
Downing Street.

I have, &c.

(Signed) / Roger Tuckett Goldsworthy.
Governor.

Government House,
Stanley. 20 Nov: 1893.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's despatch marked "Confidential" of the 23rd Sept: and to inform your Lordship that I was unable as therein instructed, to inform Mr. Routledge of its contents as that officer had left the colony by the

the previous mail.

The Most Hon^{ble}.
The Marquess of Ripon &c.
Downing Street.

I have, &c.
(Signed) Roger Tuckwell, Esq.
Governor.

Government House.
Stanley, 5 January, 1894.

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit herewith, in duplicate, the Return for 1893 of the Defence Resources of this Colony as desired by your Lordship's Circular Despatch marked "Confidential" of the 13th December, 1892.

The Most Hon^{ble}.
The Marquess of Ripon &c.
Downing Street.

I have, &c.
(Signed) Roger Tuckwell, Esq.
Governor.

Government House.
Stanley, 5th March 1894.

My Lord,

^{ans by Genl of 12th March}
I have the honour to draw your attention to what I consider the necessity of making further provision in the event of the Colonial Secretaryship being filled by an acting officer for the administration of the Government in the case of the death of the Governor or his being incapacitated through illness, &c.

2. My

2. My attention has been drawn to the matter from the fact of Mr. Fraser having expressed a wish to proceed on leave in April his place being filled by Mr. Hill, Government Clerk and Clerk to Councils. Whilst personally I have every confidence in Mr. Hill and in his ability temporarily to administer at the same time he is but a young officer as compared with the Judge and he himself would prefer that some one, other than himself, should, under the circumstances, administer the Government.

I would therefore ask that in the absence of the Colonial Secretary that the Judge should administer this might be effected by granting him a dormant commission in the absence of the officer permanently holding the office of Colonial Secretary to administer. Of course the necessity may not arise but I think it right to make provision against any such eventuality as above described.

The Most Hon:

The Marquess of Ripon &c.
Downing Street

I have &c.

(Signed) Roger Tuckey Goldsmith
Governor.

Confidential

Government House
Stanley 2 May 1894.

My Lord,

In reply to your Confidential despatch of the 12th March, I have the honour to inform your Lordship that Mr. John Kirwan was engaged by the day as Customs officer on board the "Ruth Waldron" on the authorised allowance (vide Section 3 of Ordinance II of 1891 of 10/- per diem and would not have been appointed had the vessel in question brought any goods for him. Care was taken to ascertain this before he was selected.

2. I should state, for your Lordship's information, that great difficulty is experienced in obtaining the services of reliable persons as Customs Officers more especially in the shearing season. The difficulty is enhanced where the vessel is consigned to a large trading firm owing to there being large employers of labour and persons who otherwise would be available being more or less under their influence are ineligible.

The Most Honble
The Marquess of Ripon
Downing Street.

I have &c.
Signed, Roger Tuckey Goldsmith
Governor.

*Confidential*20
30*Government House
Stanley 21 June 1894**My Lord,*

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Confidential Despatch of the 31st March with Enclosure relative to the recent action of the Board of Health in enforcing the Bye-law relating to the fencing of Town-lots.

Vide examⁿ. in
Chief of Dr.
Hamilton and ~~xx~~
examⁿ.

2. I regret to have to take exception not only to the concluding portion of Dr. Hamilton's letter which your Lordship's despatch has made me aware of for the first time, but also to the evidence, herewith enclosed, given by Dr. Hamilton in the case of Queen v. Baillon, which is certainly of a contradictory nature. Much of the opposition to fencing was caused by Dr. Hamilton's known antagonism not only to the fencing in of Town Lots but also to the fencing in of the Commonage and his indiscreet talk in connection therewith and which as a Member of the Executive Council was certainly out of place.

Vide Minutes
of Board of
Health 30th
January 94.
Enclosed in des-
patch No. 61
of 21 June 94.

3. I enclose Mr. Vere Packer's letter to which that of Dr. Hamilton is the reply - I can only conclude that the last paragraph of Dr. Hamilton's letter was written to shift all responsibility from the Board and put it on my shoulders - a chivalrous action to say the least of it - the more so that it was given unsolicited - My action amounted to drawing the attention of the Board to their not carrying out the provisions of the bye-law when I saw that the drains

were

were being damaged by horses tethered on the open spaces (vide Minutes of Board of Health dated 8th January) and on the Board giving six months in which to carry out the fencing in of lots, believing the same to be ultra vires I so informed the Board through its President Dr. Hamilton and I submit, my Lord, that in so acting I in no way exceeded my power.

4. I do not look upon Dr. Hamilton's opinion as one based on a proper appreciation of facts, but as called forth by an ebullition of temper because I had given directions that a horse belonging to him which was destroying a public drain running through Government land should, if not at once removed, be impounded.

5. I attach Dr. Hamilton's explanation of his letter dated 17th January to Mr. Vere Packe also some correspondence which has resulted therefrom.

I have etc.,

(Sd) Roger Tuckfield Goldsworthy.

The Most Honourable

The Marquess of Ripon, K.G.

etc. etc. etc.

Confidential.

Government House,
Stanley. 10 January, 1895.

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit herewith, in duplicate, the annual return of Naval and Military Resources for 1894 as desired by your Lordship's Confidential Despatch of the 14th June last.

The Most Hon.

The Marquess of Ripon
Downing Street

I have, &c.

(Signed) Roger Lubbock Goldworth.
Governor

Confidential.

Government House,
Stanley. 2 April, 1895.

My Lord,

Ans by N^o 47 of 5 June

Referring to my despatch of 22 of 2 April and its enclosure I would ask whether it might not be advisable to act on Captain Ripon's suggestion and utilise the 9 P.R. guns as guns of position.

2. The site which I pointed out to Captain Ripon, R.N., and which he considered a good one, commands the "narrows" to the north and possible landing places on the South and East shores from which latter direction the shipping in Stanley Harbour is visible and whence the shipping could

could be shelled.

3. The question of utilizing one of the splendid harbours with which the East and the West Falklands abounds, has for years, as your Lordship is aware, been under the consideration of the Admiralty and Defence Committee and though Port Stanley might not be the place ultimately selected as a coaling station and naval depot still it would be necessary in the event of hostilities for a man of war to be stationed here and possibly the adoption of other measures for the protection of the inhabitants in which case a battery in the position suggested would prove a valuable auxiliary to the man of war and the guns could readily be worked by volunteers.

I have, &c.

(Signed) Royce Tuckett Goldworthy
Governor.

The Most Hon^{ble}
The Marquess of Ripon
Downing St.

Government House,
Stanley. 19 December 1898.

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Sir,

With reference to my despatch No. 124 of yesterday's date, I have the honour to enclose a letter from Dr. L. Hamilton, Colonial Surgeon, specifying the ailment from which the sick man at

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San Carlos was suffering and which took the Colonial Chaplain away from his duties in Stanley as reported in the above-mentioned despatch.

The R^t/Hon^{ble}
Joseph Chamberlain
M.P.
K. K. K.
Downing Street.

I have, &c.
(Signed.) Roger Tuckey^d Goldsmith
Governor.

Secret.

Government House,
Stanley. 2 January 1896

Sir,
I have the honour to transmit herewith, in duplicate, the Return for 1895 of Naval and Military Resources of the Colony as required by Circular Despatch marked "Confidential" of the 14th June, 1894.

The R^t/Hon^{ble}
Joseph ChamberlainRD
K. K. K.
Downing Street.

I have, &c.
(Signed.) Roger Tuckey^d Goldsmith
Governor.

Confidential.

Government House,
Stanley. 24 February 1906.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose a Confidential communication which I have received from Mr. Mowat, Stock Inspector, with reference to the sheep industry which formed the subject of my despatch N 219 of 19 February and which I received subsequent to its completion.

2. Mr. Mowat is I fancy desirous of bringing the farmers directly in touch with purchasers of frozen meat, thus doing away with the middleman who absorbs a considerable amount of the profits.

3. It is not improbable that the middleman in this case would be the Company which has almost the monopoly of business out here and this would be very inadvisable and strengthen their hands to such an extent as would be prejudicial to the interests of the Colony. The farmers themselves are, I believe, anxious that matters should be so arranged that there should be no question of the middleman.

4. In any case I consider
that

that certain powers should be vested in the Stock Inspector and his Assistant to ensure the exportation of such sheep as shall command a good market in England.

5. The manner in which the carcasses are dressed is also, I understand, a very important matter and Mr. Mowat informs me that owing to proper attention not having been paid to this carcasses have not realised as much as they would otherwise have done. Here, I think, the Government may well come in and if necessary legislation be introduced providing for the inspection and passing of all carcasses by a Stock Inspector before being shipped.

6. I have introduced matter into this which is really not of a confidential nature but it deals with what partly forms the subject of Mr. Mowat's confidential letter.

The Rt. Hon:

Joseph Chamberlain Esq.
Downing Street.

I have &c,
Signed, / Roger Tuckwell Goldsworthy
Governor.

Secret
and
Confidential.

Government House,
Stanley. 13 March, 1896.

Ackd 14 May 96 Sir,

I have the honour in view of recent events again to draw the attention of Her Majesty's Government to a matter which appears to me to be one of vast Imperial moment and which has already received the attention of various Administrations. I refer to the formation of a Naval coaling station and Depot for stores, &c. at the Falkland Islands which has formed the subject of correspondence with your predecessors.

2. As you are doubtless aware there is not on the Pacific side of South America a British coaling station within 7,523 miles of the Falklands whilst for the East Coast of South America "the nearest stations where coal for Her Majesty's Navy is stored on British Territory are St. Helena (3,308 miles) Cape Town (3,474 miles) &c. Vide Confidential report of the Falklands Colonial Defence Committee 15474 enclosure in Lord Knutsford's despatch Confidential of 7 March, 1892.

3. The necessity therefore
of

Governor Goldsmid
19 June, 1891.
16 August, 1892.

of a station at least between St. Helena and Vancouver Island (Esquimalt) on the North Pacific Coast is apparent. and the Falkland Islands alone appear to be suitable for the purpose.

4. I notice in the above alluded to report the following:-
 "In the list prepared by Sir A. Milnes (Appendix I of report) the Falkland Islands are classed as 'stations which would have to be added in case of war'. Surely, Sir, this would be somewhat similar to 'shutting the stable door'. For instance, let it not be forgotten that there is not far distant from the Falklands a Republic that annually protests to the Foreign Office against our retention of the Falklands. I refer to the Argentine Republic. Is it not more than probable that in the event of Great Britain being embroiled with America or any European Power the Argentines might form an alliance with the enemy in the hope of attaining possession of the Falkland Islands or supposing that a secret alliance already exists with some nation that might possibly become our enemy in the future what would be easier than for the Argentine Fleet

Fleet on receiving news by cable assisted by any men of war belonging to such Power in South America waters to make a sudden descent upon the Falklands and occupy them, making some Port or other a base of operations from which to intercept, capture or destroy the numerous merchant vessels which pass homeward bound laden with freight from New Zealand, Australia and the South Pacific Islands via Cape Horn or the Straits of Magellan or which by the same route carry on trade with the countries bordering on the Pacific.

5. In 1890 the annual value of trade passing the Falklands was thirty three millions pounds sterling "including the trade of the islands but excluding £15,000,000 of trade entering and leaving the River Plate" and this must have since increased. With the Falklands in the possession of an enemy, this vast trade for a time at least would be at its mercy.

6. It may be said that our fleet would not be idle, a glance at the confidential list of
Ships

Report of
Colonial Defence
Committee.

Ships will shew that our force on the South East Coast of America would be insufficient to cope with the Argentine Fleet, some of whose ships are superior in speed, tonnage and armament more especially if assisted by those of another power, and as the Argentine Republic is connected by cable with most of the countries of the world united action could be taken on the first declaration of war and long ere our fleet on the station could be increased.

7. With the Falklands as a coaling station, &c. and viewing them as a strategic base and a harbour of refuge from an enemy's cruiser, the necessity of cable communication with England, either via St Helena or Trinidad, should it be intended to lay a cable to the latter will be indisputable. The inconvenience of not having such communication has been apparent from the fact that the men of war which had arranged to visit Stanley for their customary annual small arms and guns practice had not been able to do so, as they would have lost touch by cable with the Admiralty during the recent crisis.

8. If

8. If this want be felt now, what would it be when hostilities actually commenced. As I have said before whoever holds the Falklands will hold a most important position and command the great trade route via the Horn, but to wait till war be declared, before making it a coaling station and depôt and erecting works for their defence is to run a great and criminal risk, for were it once occupied by others there would be entailed a large expenditure both of life and money to retake and re-occupy them and for a time the services of a considerable force would be required which might (had the right course been adopted rather in the day) have been utilised elsewhere.

9. Having touched on various other matters in my despatch of 16 August, 1892, and to which I desire to draw your attention, I shall not occupy your time by dwelling on them here except to repeat that the construction of a slip or dry dock for the repairs of ships should not be lost sight of.

10. Trusting

10. Trusting that what I have suggested may meet with your favourable consideration and that you will use your powerful influence to force this matter into the prominence it deserves.

The Rt Hon:

Joseph Chamberlain M.P.
Downing Street

I have, &c,
Signed, / Roger Tuckwell Goldworthy
Governor.

Confidential
Received

28 July 1896

see next despatch.

Government House,
Stanley, 25 June 1896.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your "Confidential" despatch of the 21st May informing me that the facsimile of your signature is to be regarded as your sign manual.

2. I have, as instructed, caused my numbered despatch referred to therein to be made "Confidential".

The Rt Hon:

Joseph Chamberlain M.P.
Downing Street

I have, &c,
Signed, / Roger Tuckwell Goldworthy
Governor.

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formerly
No 23.

Government House, Stanley.
27 March, 1896.

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Sir,

I have the honour to state that I have received several despatches bearing what purports to be your signature but on inspection I observe that the signature is merely stamped and is not your sign manual.

2. As I have not received any intimation that you proposed to make any change from what previously existed, I shall be glad to learn whether all despatches whether "Confidential" or otherwise will in future be merely stamped. Had I observed the alteration earlier I should have drawn your attention to the matter for at present I have no authority to act upon despatches not bearing your sign manual.

The Rt Honble
Joseph Chamberlain
M.P.
Downing Street.

I have re.
Signed Roger Tuckey Goldsworthy
Governor.

Secret.

Government House
Stanley. 6 August 1896.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch marked Secret of the 12th March last transmitting a copy of Cypher and Decipher K, 20604, and to inform you that I forwarded the following cablegram to you on this day through Her Britannic Majesty's Minister at Monte video

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The Rt Honble.

I have re.

Joseph Chamberlain Esq. (Signed) Roger Packe Goldworthy.
 " " Downing Street. Governor.

Secret and
Confidential.

Ackd 18/10/97

Government House,
Stanley. 15 Oct. 1896.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that I have received through Commander Keane, R.N., Commanding H.M.S. "Barraqueta" from the Senior Naval Officer, South East Coast of America Station, a code of instructions regarding the supply

supply of coal during war to Her Majesty's ships.

2. In Appendix C p. 201 cl. 77. it would appear that the Governor is to act as "Temporary Storekeeper" to take charge of coal and to conform to such instructions as he may receive from the Commander-in-Chief (Naval) on the station.

Whilst, as a matter of course, the Governor of the Falklands would co-operate with the Senior Naval officer to the best of his ability and in Imperial interests yet I cannot think it can be with your sanction as Secretary of State for the Colonies that he should be under the orders of any one within the limits of his Government still less that he should act in the subordinate post of Storekeeper for which I would respectfully suggest the substitution of the "Shipping Master's" name in place of that of "Governor" whose name should then be placed in the next column. Mr. Hill who at present holds the post of Shipping Master is a gentleman who has my complete confidence and who would ably carry out the duties

Duties.

3. In connection with the supply of coal, I have the honour to submit under flying seal a letter which I have addressed to the Secretary of the Admiralty and I herewith beg to enclose for your information copy of a letter addressed by Commander Keane, R.N., to the Senior Naval Officer on the subject of coal supply in consequence of the deficiency of which the contemplated visit of the other ships of the Squadron to these islands to undergo their annual course of rifle practice will possibly be deferred.

4. Trusting that you will communicate with the Admiralty on the subject of "Temporary Storekeepers" to which I have drawn your attention.

The Rth Hon:

J. Chamberlain M.P.

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I have &c.
(Signed) Roger Packe Goldworthy
Governor.

P.S. Since writing the above I have received your despatch marked "Secret" of the 14 September enclosing copy of a letter dated 10 Sept. from the Admiralty to the Col: Office. I do not see any reason to add to the remarks already made above.

Secret and
Confidential.

Government House,

Stanley, 15 October, 1896.

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1897 agrees to
"Shipping Master"
being substituted
for "Governor"

I have the honour to acknow-
ledge the receipt through Com-
mander Keane, R.N., of the "Barraqueta"
from the Senior Naval Officer on
the South East Coast of America
Station of a code of instructions
"regarding the supply of coal
during war" wherein at page
28 para: 77 Appendix C, I find
that the Governor of the Falk-
land Islands is, in the event
of war, to be appointed "Store-
keeping officer for naval coal
during war."

2. As I have not been
consulted on the subject and
as I have not received any
intimation from the Secretary
of State for the Colonies I can
only presume that some mis-
take has been made for it would
be derogating from the position
of Governor to place him within
the limits of his Government
in a subordinate capacity under
the orders of the Commanders-
in-Chief or Senior Naval Officers,
in fact such an appointment
would conflict with the terms
of

of Her Majesty's Letters patent.

3. As the continuance of peace is at all times problematical and as the Falkland Islands are not in cable communication with any part of the world it appears to me advisable that a supply of coal such as might be considered sufficient by the Naval authorities should always be kept on hand for the use of Her Majesty's ships of war visiting the Falklands either for their annual small arm and gun practice or for other purposes.

My attention has been drawn by Commander Keane, now in Stanley, to the fact that there are only some 300 tons of steam coal available and that he has communicated the fact to the senior naval officer whose proposed visit to this Colony will, he fears, consequently be obliged to be deferred - I attach a copy of the letter in question.

4. I should mention that the Secretary of State for the Colonies has sanctioned the construction of an iron jetty with

with a line of rail extending into 22 feet of water, so that if it is not the intention of the Admiralty to have a coal hulk in Stanley Harbour, a suitable site for a coal depôt could be selected by the Colonial Government immediately adjacent to the pier, thus little difficulty would be experienced in landing a shipping coal.

5. In conclusion I beg to draw your attention to the fact that there is not at present any available coaling plant or "outfit" as laid down in the instructions -

The Secretary
to the Admiralty.
Whitehall.

I have &c.
(Signed) R. T. Goldsworthy,
Governor.

P.S. Since writing the above, I have received, through the Secretary of State for the Colonies, a copy of Mr. Awdry's paper, dated 10th September, addressed to the Colonial Office relating to the establishment of a coaling station in this Colony.

(Signed) R.T.G.

Government House,
Stanley, 24 November 1896.

Sir, I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th instant informing me that you had received telegraphic instructions from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty acquainting you that Colonel Lewis, R.E., would leave England for this Colony to report on the best site for a naval depot, &c, in these islands and reporting that it was your intention to arrive here in H.M.S. "Retribution" on or about the 10th proximo and to thank you for the intimation therein contained.

Capt. C. Norcock R.N.

Senior Naval Officer

S.E. Coast of America Station

" " " "

H.M.S. "Retribution"

I have &c.

(Signed) Reginald Tuckey-Goldsworthy

Governor.

Secret

Government House,
Stanley. 10 Decr. 1896.

Recd 18.1.97.

Sir,
I have the honour to
acknowledge the receipt of
your despatches, marked
Secret, of the 2nd and 4th
November and to state that
Lt. Col. Lewis, R.E. accompanied
by Mr Cole, arrived here to-day.

2. I shall do everything
in my power to give these
Gentlemen such assistance
as will further the object
entrusted to them.

The R. Hon. J. Chamberlain
K. Downing Street.
I have re. Signed Roger Wickford Goldworthy
Governor.

Secret & Confidential
Recd 18.1.97

Government House,
Stanley. 11 Decr. 1896.

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Sir,
With reference to the despatch
marked "Secret and Confidential"
which I had the honour to address
to you on the 15th October last, I have
since discovered that a despatch
was sent to my predecessor,
Governor Kerr, on the subject of
his

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* "Secret" 6th June 1887. W. G. W.

his acting in the capacity of "Storekeeper" in respect to coal, in the event of war, for the supply of Her Majesty's ships of war.

2. Whilst I was unaware at the time of writing that the then Secretary of State for the Colonies had sanctioned the arrangement, I am still of the opinion expressed in my previous despatch that the duties required to be performed by the Governor render him responsible to any officer temporarily in command of Her Majesty's ships or ships at the Falkland Islands a position incompatible with his office as Governor and Commander in Chief.

The Rt Hon:

1 Chamberlain K.P.
Downing Street.

I have &c.

Signed Roger Tuckey Goldsworthy,
Governor.

Secret.

Government House,
Stanley. 2 January 1897.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit, in duplicate, the annual return of Naval and Military Resources of this Colony for the year 1896.

2. The establishment of a Naval depot at this Port is, as you are aware, for, the subject of investigation at the present moment, reports on the result of which, I understand from Col. Lewis R.E., will be placed in the hands of the Admiralty in the near future.

The R.E. Hon.

J. Chamberlain
K. H. U. T. P.
Downing StreetI have &c.
(Signed) Roger Tuckey Goldworthy
Governor.

Secret.

Government House,
Stanley. 2 March 1897.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a correspondence which has taken place regarding the reservation of land for Admiralty purposes in the neighbourhood of this town.

2. I trust, Sir, that the terms of my letter of the 20th February

Chamberlain H.S. 20.1.97
H.S. to Chamberlain 20.2.97
(See note file)

February will meet with your approval and enable operations to be undertaken without further information being required from this Colony. U. Col. Lewis R.E. returns to England by this mail having completed the plans & surveys for the establishment of a Naval Depot.

The R. Hon.
1. Charles Cairns
Downing Street

I have
(Signed) Roger Puck of Port Stanley
Governor.

Confidential.

Government House,
Stanley, 16 April, 1897.

Sir,

I took the opportunity of one of my officers being in Punta Arenas. As reported in my despatch 2-30 of this day's date, to instruct him to enquire into certain matters which had come to my knowledge and so related in the annexed copy of a letter addressed to Mr. Clifton who has furnished me with such information as he could obtain on the subject and which is also herewith enclosed for your information.

2 - I was unaware that the Chilean Government was making

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making enquiry into the alleged
maltreatment of Terra de Negro
Indians and that such investigation
was not yet completed.

The Rt Hon:
J. Chamberlain
MP
Downing Street

I have, &c.
Signed, Roger Thelph Goldworthy
Governor

W. Grey Wilson assumed Government 20 Oct:

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1st November 1897

Cyphers

Sir,

The only cypher which I found upon
assuming this Govt: was the one known as
"K" issued last year for communicating
upon naval matters with Her M^y ships

I have occupied some time in
searching the unindexed book of cor disp
received from 1869 in order to trace
whether cypher and decypher A or their
predecessors were ever issued to this
Colony but I cannot find that they
have been received.

Your secret cir disp of the 27 of Mar
last appears to assume that there is
a copy of cypher A in this Colony
and Lord Derby's conf: cir disps of the 6th
of January and 20th of October 1883
indicate that the C. O believed the Govt:
to be in a position to communicate
with