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Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
21st. November 1849.

No. 58

My Lord

I have the honour to inform your Lordship that I have drawn the undermentioned Bills on the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

No. Fifty three, dated 2nd. October 1849. The Sum of Fifty Pounds drawn in favour of J. B. Whitington, in exchange for Cash to be expended in the general service of the Colony.

No. Fifty four, dated 2nd October 1849. The Sum of Forty eight Pounds ten Shillings and ten pence, drawn in favour of J. Stanley, Governor, in part payment of his salary for the month of September 1849, deducting One Pound nine Shillings and two pence Income Tax.

No. Fifty five dated 2nd. October 1849. The Sum of Nineteen Pounds eight Shillings and four pence drawn in favour of J. L. Moody Colonial Chaplain, in part payment of his salary for the month of September 1849, deducting eleven Shillings and eight pence Income Tax.

No.

No Fifty six, dated 2nd October 1849. The Sum of Nineteen Pounds eight shillings and fourpence drawn in favour of H. J. Hamblyn Colonial Surgeon, in part payment of his salary for the month of September 1849, deducting Seven shillings and eightpence Income Tax.

No Fifty seven, dated 2nd October 1849. The Sum of Fifteen Pounds ten shillings and eightpence drawn in favour of A. Bailey Surveyor General, in part payment of his salary for the month of September 1849, deducting nine shillings and fourpence Income Tax.

No Fifty eight, dated 2nd October 1849. The Sum of Eleven Pounds thirteen shillings drawn in favour of J. Longden, Chief Clerk, in part payment of his salary for the Month of September 1849, deducting seven shillings Income Tax.

No Fifty nine, dated 2nd October 1849 1849. The Sum of Five Pounds sixteen shillings and sixpence drawn in favour of J. Edmonds Clerk in part payment of his salary for the month of September 1849, deducting three shillings and sixpence Income Tax.

No Sixty dated 2nd November 1849. The Sum of Forty Three Pounds thirteen shillings and

nine pence

nynepence drawn in favour of G. Penny, Coroner; in part payment of his salary for the Month of October 1849, deducting One Pound six Shillings and three pence Income Tax.

No Sixty one, dated 2nd. November 1849 The Sum of Twenty three Pounds six Shillings drawn in favour of J. S. Moody Colonial Chaplain in part payment of his salary for the Month of October 1849, deducting fourteen Shillings Income Tax.

No Sixty two, dated 2nd. November 1849. The Sum of Twenty four Pounds five Shillings and five pence drawn in favour of H. J. Hamblen, Colonial Surgeon; in payment of his salary for the Month of October 1849, after deducting fourteen Shillings and seven-pence Income Tax.

No Sixty three, dated 2nd November 1849 The Sum of Seventeen Pounds nine Shillings and sixpence drawn in favour of A. Daley, Surveyor General, in part payment of his salary for the Month of October 1849; deducting Ten Shillings and sixpence Income Tax.

No Sixty four, dated 2nd. November 1849. The Sum of Eleven Pounds thirteen Shillings drawn in favour of J. R. Longden, Chief Clerk, in part payment of his salary for the month of October 1849; deducting seven

Shillings

shillings Income Tax.

No. Sixty five dated 2nd November 1849
The Sum of Twelve Pounds two shillings and
eight pence halfpenny drawn in favour of
J. Edmonds Clerk in payment of his salary
for the Month of October 1849, after deduct-
ing seven shillings and three pence halfpenny
Income Tax.

No. Sixty six, dated 10th November 1849.
The sum of Three Hundred Pounds drawn in
favour of P. C. Dean in exchange for Cash to
be expended in the general Service of the
Colony.

I have &c.
Signed
George Pennie
Governor

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
23rd. November 1849.

No. 59

My Lord

Soon after my arrival in this Colony, I had the honour to draw your Lordships attention in despatch No. 10 of the 12th July 1848, to a request made by my Predecessor that a portion of the Parliamentary Grant (namely 3000£) should be forwarded from England in specie for the use of the Colonial Government. Your Lordship by a despatch dated 22nd December 1848 (No. 2) acceded to this request, and a sum of Two Thousand Pounds has been received, namely, 1000£ by the Velocity freight ship, in December 1848, and 1000£ by H.M.S. Daphne in May 1849.

2. In consequence of the very great preponderance of the imports into the Colony over the exports a considerable sum is annually withdrawn from the Islands, and, although this is provided for to a great extent by bills either on Her Majesty's Treasury, or by private bills, it is impossible to prevent specie being occasionally taken away, and from these causes I have reason to believe that the amount of specie at present in the

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Colony

Colony is very considerably under 2000£ of which about one half is in the Colonial Chest.

3. If, therefore, the remaining 1000£ referred to in your Lordship's despatch No. 26 of the 22nd December 1848, has not been already forwarded I would request that it may be sent by the very first opportunity, as considerable inconvenience may in the meantime be felt if a portion of the specie now in the Colony should be taken away by any of the ships masters who frequently call at this Port with Merchandize for sale. I would also suggest that this remittance should consist of the following coins, namely

	£
In Sovereigns	100
In half Sovereigns	100
In Half Crowns	300
and in Shillings	200
	£1000

There being a large amount of smaller coins already in the Colony.

4. From information I have received I apprehend that there remains unexpended of the Parliamentary Grant a sum of £158.12.9 as appears in the enclosed Summary, which is sufficient to meet the expenses of the Government for the rest of the financial year, but if the 1000£ above named has not been already

forwarded

forwarded, it will not probably be received in the Colony, until the month of April, in which case it will be available for the service of the financial year 1850-51, and as in the meanwhile I shall be obliged to meet the expenses of the Colony by Bills on Her Majesty's Treasury, there may be an apprehension of overdraught, which I have the honour to request your Lordship will direct to be paid out of the Parliamentary Grant for 1850/51, for the service of which year a corresponding sum will remain in the Colonial Treasury as above explained.

I have &c.

(Signed) George Fenwick

Governor

Abstract showing the amount of the Parliamentary grant of the Falkland Islands for the year 1849-50, remaining unexpended on the 23rd of November 1849.

	£ s. d		£ s. d
To amount drawn by Agent General in England to pay for Stores sent out by Brig Rapid as per his Account dated 7th Feb 1849.	1400. 0. 0	By amount of Parliamentary Grant for year 1849-50, as stated in Earl Grey's despatch. No 35, 21st March 1849.	5700. 0. 0
To Specie received from England by H.M.S. Daphne 5th May 1849	1000. 0. 0		
To Bill drawn on H.M. Treasury in the Colony from 1st April to 23rd Nov.	1712. 18. 0		
Amount drawn	4112. 18. 0		
By balance left undrawn this 23rd Nov. 1849	1587. 2. 0		
	£5700. 0. 0		£5700. 0. 0

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Government House
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16th December 1849.

No 60.

My Lord

5th Dec. 1849

I have the honour to enclose a copy of a letter I have received from Mr. C. J. Hamblin Colonial Surgeon here, requesting an increase of Salary in consequence of there being considerable addition to his duties which has devolved on him by the extraordinary attendance he is called on to give to the Pensioners, and their families lately arrived, amounting to 132, including the Captain commanding and his family.

2. Mr. Hamblin's duties have been hitherto confined to gratuitous attendance on all the Government Fixed Establishment, as well as the Temporary Establishment, and their families, amounting in all to about 50. The private practice which he could have had must have been from the general poverty of the Settlers very trivial

3. In the general instructions I had the honour to receive from your Lordship regarding the Pensioners the only allusions

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respecting

respecting their medical attendance is contained in a letter from the Hon. Office dated 14th April 1849, in which appear the following words:-

"Medical aid to Lady on the
"Voyage, say - 100£
"& the Island there is understood to be a
"Medical Officer who would be available for
"this purpose after the Convicts are landed
"without any extra charge."

I would therefore request your Lordships favorable consideration of Mr Hamilton's representation, or to grant him (should there be any analogous case) such addition to his present rate of salary as your Lordship may think proper.

I have &c.

(Signed)

George Stevenson

Governor

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
9th December 1849.

No 61

My Lord

It is with very great satisfaction that I have the honour to report to your Lordship that the various changes, which I have felt it my duty to make in the administration of this little Colony, continue to work advantageously.—

2. I have had no occasion on which I could rely as to the legal clauses of the new Courts of Justice Ordinances, but six months experience of their general powers, and the absence of appeal from the decrees of the Magistrates would lead me to believe that the sentences of the Ordinances are suited to the present circumstances of the Colony.

3. The entire abolition of the system of supplying the Colony with provisions from the Government Stores caused me much anxiety, not only on account of the possible deficiency which might have occurred in procuring supplies, but also of the probable embarrassment which the sudden withdrawal

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of

of a considerable amount of specie might cause to the local Government in a Colony when the circulating medium is so small, and the exports quite insufficient to complete the necessary purchases of food. Four months have now elapsed and no difficulty whatever has been experienced and I am also assured that at least two years (on the average) of all articles of general consumption for the population, including the Pensioners lately arrived, may be relied on, besides a considerable quantity of miscellaneous Stores in the Warehouses of the Local Government.

4. I am also enabled to mention that, notwithstanding some emigrants have arrived from England, the Tiger Hulk and elsewhere, every person who will work is fully employed at good wages. Labourers from 2/6 to 3/6, Mechanics from 5/ to 6/ per diem; nor is this employment chiefly on the Government Works, on the contrary I have reduced the establishment very considerably to enable the settlers to procure Workmen.

5. The Licence duties, Dog taxes, &c having commenced the principle of Local Revenue I am indisposed to take any further steps in that direction at pre-

sent

sent, which might have a tendency to check the spread of consumption and healthful inquiry which is decidedly springing up among the settlers.

6. The absence of all malignant or disorder of a serious character I am happy to say still prevails.

I have &c.

(Signed) George Rennie

Governor.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
17th December 1849

No 62.

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge your Lordship's despatch of the 23rd of June last, No 41, informing me that your Lordship had given orders for estimates to be procured at Monte Video as to the probable expense of maintaining a Colonial Schooner for the service of the Falkland Islands.

2. When I had the honour to address your Lordship in my despatch No 33 of the 30th November 1848, I ventured to remark on the very important step of abolishing the pernicious system which has hitherto prevailed of provisioning the Colony from the Government Stores, without providing a substitute for remedying the inconvenience which might result at the outset by any sudden stoppage. Various circumstances however led me to believe that the risk was not so serious as I had at first imagined it to be, and as I had the honour to communicate to your Lordship in my despatch No 37, of the 3rd of August last, I established further ration fund at the expiry of

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that

that month.

3. Having thus explained to your Lordship the circumstances regarding the supplies I calculated on last year by having a Colonial Schooner for the service of this Colony, I trust that, although I had it in my power to anticipate one of the most important services required to be performed by that Vessel, your Lordship will still view favourably the numerous other advantages which the Colony would derive from punctuality in the mails, from the certainty of passengers arriving and going away, as well as the confidence which the means of procuring supplies would give to the Settlers.

4. I beg most gratefully to acknowledge the favourable consideration your Lordship has given to the measures I have deemed necessary for carrying out the capabilities and resources of these Islands, and I seriously believe that a small vessel at the disposal of this Government would be of the greatest importance.

I have &c.

(Signed) George Rennie
Governor

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
17th December 1849.

No 63.

My Lord

I have the honour to inform your Lordship that I have drawn the undermentioned Bills on the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury:

No Sixty seven, dated 27th November 1849 The sum of One hundred and seventy Pounds drawn in favour of W. D. Mullens, in exchange for Cash to be expended on the general service of the Colony.

No Sixty eight dated 3rd December 1849. The sum of Twenty four Pounds five shillings and five pence drawn in favour of G. Rennie Governor, on part payment of his salary for the Month of November 1849, deducting fourteen shillings and sevenpence Income tax.

No Sixty nine, dated 3rd December 1849. The sum of Twenty three Pounds five shillings drawn in favour of J. S. Moody, Colonial Chaplain on part payment of his salary for the Month of November 1849, deducting fourteen shillings Income tax.

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No. Seventy, dated 3rd. December 1849. The Sum of Seventeen Pounds nine Shillings and sixpence drawn in favour of H. J. Lamb Esq. Colonial Surgeon, in part payment of his salary for the month of November 1849, deducting ten shillings and sixpence Income Tax.

No. Seventy one, dated 3rd. December 1849. The Sum of Seventeen Pounds nine shillings and sixpence drawn in favour of J. Bailey, Surveyor General, in part payment of his salary for the month of November 1849, deducting ten shillings and sixpence Income Tax.

No. Seventy two, dated 3rd. December 1849. The Sum of Eleven Pounds thirteen shillings drawn in favour of J. G. Longden, Chief Clerk, in part payment of his salary for the month of November 1849, deducting seven shillings Income Tax.

No. Seventy three, dated 3rd. December 1849. The Sum of Twelve Pounds two shillings and eightpence halfpenny drawn in favour of J. Edmonds, Clerk, in payment of his salary for the month of November 1849, after deducting seven shillings and three pence halfpenny Income Tax.

No. Seventy four dated 12th. December 1849. The Sum of One hundred Pounds

drawn

drawn in favour of J. Phillips: in exchange for Cash to be expended in the general service of the Colony.

No. Seventy five dated 13th December 1849. The Sum of Four Hundred Pounds drawn in favour of D. Williams; in exchange for Cash to be expended in the general service of the Colony.

No. Seventy six, dated 15th December 1849. The Sum of One hundred Pounds drawn in favour of D. Williams in exchange for Cash to be expended in the general service of the Colony.

I have &c

(Signed)

George Ronnie

Governor

Schedule of Despatches

Transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies by the Oriental Steamer "Penguin" Bennett Master, via Monte Video, on the 18th December 1849.

Number of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	Number of Enclosures
	1849		
49	10th Oct.	Forwarding Return of New Appointments, Alterations in Salaries, &c. &c. for the quarter ended 30th September 1849.	One
50	11th "	Enclosing Cash Account with Vouchers and authorities for the quarter ended 30th of September 1849.	Three
51	26th "	Forwarding Store Accounts for the quarter ended 30th of September 1849.	Eight
52	27th "	Reporting the arrival of the Barque "Victory" from London, having on board Captain Reid and 30 Pensioners with their wives and families.	None
53	29th "	Acknowledging the receipt of a despatch conveying Earl Grey's decision on the Lafonia Question with Her Majesty.	

Number of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	Number of Enclosures
54	3rd Nov.	Reporting the death of a man dying intestate and leaving effects, and requesting that the same may be paid over to his next of kin.	
55.	6th "	Acknowledging the receipt of Despatches and Circulars.	None
56	14th "	Enclosing queries of the Commissioners of Audit on the remainder of Captain Moody's Accounts with them answered and authorities attached	Four
57	17th "	Enclosing copies of a correspondence between the Governor and Captain Sullivan, R.N., with a letter from the latter to the Secretary of State, and the Governor's remarks upon the whole.	Nine
58	21st "	Reporting having drawn fourteen sets of Bills on the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury.	None
59	23rd "	Reporting the financial position of the Colony, and requesting that One thousand Pounds in Specie might be sent from England by the first opportunity.	One

Number of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	Number of Enclosures.
	1849		
60	6th Dec.	Enclosing an application from the Colonial Surgeon asking for an increase of Salary in consequence of the additional duty devolved upon him	One
61	9th "	Reporting the general state and condition of the Islands.	None
62	17th "	Replying to Earl Grey's despatch No 44, 23rd June 1849, relative to the maintenance of a Colonial Schooner at Falkland Islands	None
63	17th "	Reporting having drawn ten sets of Bills on the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury.	None

(Signed) George Rennie

Governor.

End of Correspondence for year 1849.

Correspondence for the year 1850.

Government House Stanley
Falkland Islands ——
2nd January 1850.

No. 1.

1st January 1850.

My Lord

I have the honour to enclose herein a letter I have addressed to the Property Tax Commissioners, containing a statement of the amount of Income Tax received from the Government Officers of the Colony up to the 31st ultimo, on that portion of their salaries paid to them in specie, as also a Bill upon Her Majesty's Treasury for the amount, and I beg respectfully to request that the whole may be forwarded to the Commissioners.

I have &c &c
(signed)
George Rennie

For Enclosure see Misc: Let: Book from this Govt Vol I, p. 333.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
5th January 1850.

No 2.

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's despatches and Circulars undermentioned - namely;-

Despatches. No. 13 dated 21st. August 1849,
and No. 14 dated 27th. August 1849

Circular dated 20th. July 1849, with one enclosure

Circular dated 24th. July 1849, with one enclosure and

Circular dated 12th. August 1849 enclosing the Passengers act

I have &c.

The Right Honble (Signed) George Rennie
Earl Grey Govr

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
11th January 1850.

No 3

My Lord

In reply to your Lordship's Circular of the 20th July last relating to Capital Punishments, I have the honour to state that no Crimes for which such punishments have been abolished in England are punishable here; and I am happy to add that no capital punishment has ever been inflicted in these Islands since they became a British Colony.

I have &c.

The Right Honble
Earl Grey

(Signed)
George Rennie
Gov.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
15th January 1850

No 4.

My Lord

I have the honour to enclose herein the Return of New Appointments &c for the quarter ended on the 31st Ultimo

I have &c

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Earl Grey

(Signed) George Rennie
Govr

Return of all New Appointments and of alterations in the Salaries or allowances of all Public Officers at the Falkland Islands made during the quarter ending 31st December 1849, as also of all payments of an unusual or special description made during the same period which are not specifically described in the Estimate for the year 1849.

	Office	Name

New

	Nil.	Nil.

Additions to Pay or

	Nil.	Nil.

Reductions from Pay or

	Nil.	Nil.

Payments above 100 £ not

	Nil	Nil

Total annual amount of Pay or Salary	From what date paid	Date and description of the authority or instructions from Her Majesty's Government in England, in compliance of which the appointment was made	Date of the Governor's despatch to Her Majesty's Secretary of State in England reporting the transaction in cases where no previous authority has been received	Remarks
Appointments				
Nil.	Nil.	Nil	Nil.	Nil.
Allowances				
Nil	Nil	Nil.	Nil	Nil
Allowances				
Nil.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
otherwise sanctioned than by the Governor.				
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

(Signed) George Rennie

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Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
21st January 1850.

No 5.

My Lord

I have the honour to forward herewith the Cash Accounts for the quarter ended 31st December 1849, together with the necessary vouchers and authorities

I have &c
(Signed) George Rennie
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For Endorsement see "Quarterly" Cash Accounts
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Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
23rd January 1850.

No. 6.

My Lord

I have the honour to enclose an account of all the Public Works undertaken and in Progress during the nine months ended 31st December 1849, and respectfully request that it may be forwarded for the information of the Commissioners of Audit.

I have &c.
(Signed)
George Rennie
Govr

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Earl Grey

Return of Works in Progress during the nine months ending 31st December 1849.

Return of Works in Progress at ended 31st December 1849 - Showing the quantity of Labour, and Materials supplied from

Name of Work	Expended in the nine ending 31st December	
	Hired Workmen	Materials
	£. s. d	£. s. d
Government Offices (at present used as the residence of H.E. the Governor) family	82. 6. 0	"
Powder Magazine	73. 3. 6	"
Shed or Warehouse for Timber &c	13. 2. 6	"
Dairy for Farm at Peninsula	69. 1. 1½	"
Smaller Buildings on Peninsula, Corral enclosures &c &c	40. 13. 4½	
Levelling ground about and near Government House and Offices	109. 6. 0	"
Constructing new roads and paths	86. 18. 3	"
Reservoir for use of Ships Watering	114. 9. 6	"
Carry forward	589. 0. 3	"

the Falkland Islands during the nine months
amount previously expended on each Work and distin
Government Departments from Contract Work.

months 1849	Amount expended in the nine months ended on 31st December 1849	From Public Departments	Amount expended previous to 1st April 1849 on Materials on hand from which Work was made	Total amount expended up to 31st December 1849	Remarks
Contract Work		Value of Materials used in making Work			
£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	
"	82. 6. 0	114. 15. 4½	1888. 5. 3½	2115. 6. 7½	The additional expence has been incurred in repairing the Soldiers or Artificers Barrack and in shoring a new Cistern and building a fresh one
"	73. 3. 6	98. 15. 11½	210. 5. 9½	391. 4. 7½	This Powder Magazine is finished. It is also absolutely necessary on account of the large quantity of gunpowder in the Government Store.
"	13. 2. 6	14. 17. 0	181. 9. 7½	209. 9. 1½	
"	69. 1. 1½	86. 13. 3	"	155. 14. 4½	These buildings are let to the tenant of the Government Peninsula Farm at an annual rental of 10 per cent on the cost of construction. The circumstances specified in the assessment of this farm are fully detailed in the Governor's despatch to Lord Grey. It was dated 1st September 1849.
67. 9. 5	108. 2. 9½	36. 12. 6	18. 11. 1½	163. 6. 5	
2. 6. 7	111. 12. 7	5. 14. 9	"	117. 7. 4	
24. 18. 8	111. 16. 11	"	"	111. 16. 11	The main Road in the Settlement, has been completed as far as it is absolutely necessary for the present and the sum to be named has been expended on other paths or roads in the town
53. 16. 3	168. 5. 9	84. 15. 4½	46. 0. 7½	269. 1. 8½	The Reservoir is nearly Completed, and will when finished ensure a supply of fresh water to the Shipping which has hitherto been very inadequate as the well water has been converted into Salt
148. 10. 11	734. 11. 2	472. 4. 1½	2353 11. 10½	3560. 7. 1¾	

Nature of Work	Expended in the year ending 31st December: Hired Workmen	Materials
	£. s. d	£. s. d
Brought forward	589. 0. 3	"
Converting flat bottomed boat or punt into a tank for conveying water to Shipping	53. 11. 7½	"
Repairing Government Boats	28. 16. 3	"
Assisting to construct Barracks for detachment of Pensioners	61. 2. 11¼ B	"
Making and placing large notice boards at the old Settlement of Anson and in Berkeley Sound	41. 0. 6	"
Painting the various Government Buildings previously erected	34. 3. 6	"
Sundry Repairs to different Government buildings, finishing round decks and windows, taking down partition and enlarging the Church, placing door locks &c. &c.	69. 12. 0	"
	810. 7. 0¾	"

B Exclusive of the Original cost of the building in England, of the cost of freight to the Colony, and of the labour bestowed on it by the men composing the detachment for which it was sent.

months ending 1849. Contract Work	Amount &c in the nine months ending 31st December 1849	from Public Departments Value of Materials issued from 1st April to 31st Dec 1849	Amount expended previous to 1st April 1849 including Labour and Materials	Total amount expended to 31st December 1849	Remarks
£ s. d	£ s. d	£ s. d	£ s. d	£ s. d	
148. 10. 11	737. 11. 2	472. 4. 1½	2353 11. 11½	3563. 7. 1¾	
			A		
"	53. 11. 7½	48. 6. 7½	"	101. 18. 3	
"	28. 16. 3	8. 17. 4	"	37. 13. 7	
"	61. 2. 11¼	212. 13. 3	"	273. 16. 2¼	The Barrack Stores sent out from England for the use of the detachment of Pensioners; but on a recent survey it was found that the Materials sent for the roof were quite insufficient and as the building would remain the property of the local Government a large quantity of galvanized iron sheeting for the roof which costs £ 60
3. 13. 9	7. 14. 3	6. 1. 0	"	13. 15. 3	These Stores cannot be necessary in consequence where the Military Government ceased, as the old Establishments of York Lower is completely abandoned.
"	34. 3. 6	34. 1. 6	"	68. 5. 0	Most of the Government Buildings, being constructed of wood, require every second or third year to be painted and the Contractor engaged
"	69. 12. 0	53. 7. 11	"	122. 19. 11	
152. 4. 8	992. 11. 8¾	835. 11. 8¾	2353. 11. 11½	4181. 15. 4	

A. Exclusive of the cost of building Hire as a Hulk or Lighter.

Signed George Rennie

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
25th January 1850

No 7.

My Lord

I have the honour to forward herein the Cash Book and Journal of this Government for the year 1849, in accordance with the 182nd section of the instructions relating to Colonial Accounts. The Vouchers and authorities in support of the enclosed Accounts have been already forwarded with the several quarterly Cash Accounts to which they respectively refer.

I have &c

(Signed) George Rennie
Govr

The Right Honble
Earl Grey

For Enclosure first see "Cash Book" Vol page &
For do second see "Journal" Vol. page &

Government House
Stapley Falkland Islands
26th January 1850

No 8

My Lord

I have the honour to enclose herein the required annual return of Ordnance, &c. in my charge for the year 1849, and I beg to request that the same may be forwarded to the Honorable Board of Ordnance for their information.

I have &c.
(Signed) George Rennie
Govt.

The Right Honble
Earl Grey

For Enclosure see Store Book Vol 4. page 8

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Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
28th January 1850

No 9

My Lord

I have the honour to enclose herewith the Accounts of Stores of all descriptions in charge at the Falkland Islands during the Quarter ended 31st December 1849.

I have &c

signed

Signed / George Rennie
Govr.

The Right Honble
Earl Grey

For Enclosures See Stock Book Vol 4 pages

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
2nd February 1850.-

No. 10.

My Lord

I have the honour to inform your Lordship that having lately had some applications from the settlers to be allowed to purchase small allotments of land in the proximity of Stanley to erect houses on and to cultivate gardens, I selected a portion of Suburban land close to the town, and divided it into twelve lots of one acre each. At least one third of this is bare rock, but the soil otherwise good. It appeared to me however that the situation being favourable altho' entirely destitute of water frontage it would justify the upset price being increased from 2/- to 5/- per acre. The sale took place on the 1st Instant and the whole was bought readily at an average of 6/- per acre: one lot fetched 10/-.-

2. This sale limited as it is as to extent is the more gratifying as about 15 months since, I offered the very same piece of land to any of the settlers free of rent for a term of years, provided they would enclose it or at the Upset price of Suburban land, in order that it might be cultivated. Not one single offer however was made to me on those terms at that time.-

I have &c.
signed
George Rennie
Gov.

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Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
5th February 1850.

No 11.

My Lord

I have the honour to inform your Lordship that I have drawn the undermentioned bills on the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury:

No seventy seven, dated 31st December 1849. The sum of One Hundred and fifty Pounds drawn in favour of the Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners, being the amount of Crown Lands Revenue received in the Colony from 1st April 1848 to 31st Dec 1849.

No seventy eight, dated 31st December 1849. The sum of Nineteen Pounds three shillings and sixpence drawn in favour of the Property Tax Commissioners, being the amount of Income Tax received from the Government officers in Specie from 1st July 1849, to 31st December 1849.

No seventy nine, dated 3rd January 1850. The sum of Thirty eight Pounds twelve shillings and eightpence drawn in favour of

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Earl Grey

J. J. Stanmer Governor in part payment of his Salary for the month of December 1849, deducting One pound three shillings and four pence Income Tax.

No. Eighty, dated 3rd January 1850. The sum of Twenty four Pounds, Five shillings and sixpence, drawn in favour of H. J. Hamblin, Colonial Surgeon, in payment of his Salary for the month of December 1849, after deducting fourteen shillings and seven pence Income Tax.

No. Eighty one, dated 2nd February 1850. The sum of Two hundred Pounds drawn in favour of P. M. Dean, in Exchange for Cash to be expended in the general Service of the Colony.

No. Eighty two dated 2nd February 1850. The Sum of Sixty Pounds three shillings and sixpence drawn in favour of J. Stanmer Governor in part payment of his Salary for the month of January 1850, deducting One pound sixteen shillings and two pence Income Tax.

Shaw Dr.

Signed

George Stanmer
Govr

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
6th February 1850

No 12

My Lord

I have the honour to enclose a copy of a letter which I addressed to Mr Williams (Agent of Mr Lafone) and his answer to me on the subject of assuring to intending settlers a supply of Cattle on their arrival here, and the price at which they can be procured during the seasons of 1850 to 1857.

1st February 1849
5th " "

2. The usual price which undetached Cattle (not herds of animals from 1 year old and upwards) have been sold at has hitherto been 1 £ per head on the average. Mr Williams however, now demands £1.10.0

3. A conference on this subject was held at my Office at which Mr Williams and Mr Longden were present some days previous to my addressing my letter to Mr Williams, wherein I pressed upon him the importance of giving some Guarantee in writing to settlers intending Emigrants, and I proposed that he should undertake to furnish supplies of Cattle for three years.

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&c &c &c

Thos. M. Williams appeared to entertain favourably, but he ultimately sent me the enclosed letter, although at the conference he assured me that he had full powers from Mr. Lafone to act independently.

4. I am not disposed under all the circumstances to view the price of 30/- per head as exceeding considering that on an average the hides are worth about 10/-. The assurance contained in Mr Williams letter being however for one year only and the number of Cattle promised being very limited, I am not without considerable anxiety regarding the future terms which Mr Lafone may demand, and which from the unsettled contract with him conceding the cattle payments entirely (the Cows and Bulls for the 30 pensioners excepted) leaves the local Government without means to modify or control the prices to emigrants, when Mr. Lafone, being the sole possessor of Cattle is guaranteed against all competition I would under these circumstances earnestly recommend that, in the event of any application from Mr. Lafone to your Lordship for his concurrence or assistance a reference to the difficulties which may occur in this respect, I have above described may be borne in mind: more particularly as the usual practice in the Monte Video and Buenos Ayrean territories

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is not to sell Cattle to independent farmers, but to establish a kind of feudal participation in herds superintended by individuals without Capital, but, who may be considered trustworthy: the great sales occasionally made are for the profits on the hides and tallow. Mr Williams has further informed me that he purposes to establish the steaming process, as practised in Australia, for the purpose of steaming the tallow from the Cattle.

5. I concur entirely in the recommendation by Mr Williams that settlers should avoid emigrating to the Falkland Islands, so as to arrive before the 1st of November or later than March. The wet weather and short days adding greatly to expense and discomfort.

I have &c

(signed)

George Rennie

Gov.

Copy

Government House
Falkland Islands
4th February 1850

Sir

It had afforded me much pleasure to learn that the amended terms of contract between Her Majesty and Mr Lafone, so liberally and magnificently granted by Lord Grey on Her Majesty's part, are fully recognized and appreciated by Mr Lafone, and yourself, and I cannot doubt that the hearty co-operation which I now fully rely on from you for promoting the colonization and welfare of these Islands can from the experience I have had during my short residence here prove otherwise than an important means to further the objects of Her Majesty, as well as to advance the accomplishment of the true interests of Mr Lafone.

Being about to address the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies I am desirous of communicating through his Lordship to the Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners the terms upon which you can guarantee to provide, intending settlers of capital, a sufficient number of Cattle with which to commence grazing establishments - and such a guarantee as may be satisfactory for the supplies being provided with-

R. A. Williams Esqre.

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in a limited period after their arrival.
also the number of years from the pre-
sent date that you shall abide by these terms.

Sam D.

Signed George Remus

Governor.

Copy

Stanley Feby 5th 1850

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Excellency's letter, of yesterday's date; in answer to which I beg to reply, that I shall take advantage of the earliest opportunity to lay before Mr Lefroy the contents of your Excellency's communication, and feel confident that Mr Lefroy will give an early reply and such assistance as will fully meet your Excellency's views. —

2 In the meantime I beg to inform your Excellency that I am prepared to provide during the summer months of the ensuing year, a number of Cattle of not less than 150 Animals of a mixed class and age, say, horned Cattle of one year old and upwards at a price not exceeding 30 shillings per head. In all probability I might provide larger supplies than the number above mentioned and during the same period say from January to the end of April — but independent of supplying Cattle for consumption. —

3. Allow me to suggest to your Excellency that Settlers intending to establish Farms

His Excellency
Governor Rennie
Stanley.

farms on the Falklands ought to prepare themselves to establish during the summer months say from November to March as at other seasons they would labour under great disadvantages. At the same time allow me to offer to strangers coming here my advice should such be desired on their first establishing, as well as liberty, to visit our establishments for their better information.

I have &c &c

Signed R. A. Williams

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
8th February 1850.

No 13.

My Lord

I have the honour to enclose herewith the Blue Book of this colony for the year 1849.

2. It is with great satisfaction I have to acquaint your Lordship that in every branch of industry, amount of population, &c. the returns show a considerable increase over those of last year, and that, notwithstanding the Colony is entirely self providing, the price of all the necessaries and even superfluities of existence have fallen from 20 to 25 per Cent, with the exception of beef which remains at the contract price of 2d. per lb.

3. The progress which has hitherto been made in this little community having been effected without the assistance or co-operation of Her Majesty's Government I venture to hope that her contract with Her Majesty being now finally settled, the very liberal means by which she has in her power to promote the interests of this Colony will be productive of a marked advancement in the future returns which I may have the honour to report to your Lordship.

I have &c.

(signed) George Rennie
Govr.

The Right Honble
Earl Grey

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
9th February 1850.

No 14.

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's despatch and circulars undermentioned viz:

Despatch No 45, dated 4th September 1849

No 46, dated 18th September 1849 with three enclosures.

Circular dated 13th August 1849 with one enclosure and

Circular dated 31st August 1849, enclosing blank form of Blue Book.

I have &c

signed

George Rennie

Govr

The Right Honble
Earl Grey

Schedule of Despatches

Transmitted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, by the English Barque Royal Mint, Deuchars, Master, on the 9th day of February 1850

Number of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Subject of Despatch	Number of Enclosures
1	1850 2nd Jany	Enclosing Letter & Property for Commissioners, and requesting it might be forwarded to them	One
2	5th "	Acknowledging the receipt of despatches and Circulars	None
3	11th "	Replying to the Secretary of State's Circulars relative to Capital punishments	None
4	15th "	Enclosing Return of New Appointments &c, for the quarter ended 31st December 1849	One
5	21st "	Enclosing Cash Abstracts with Vouchers &c, for quarter ended 31st December 1849	Two
6	23rd "	Enclosing Return of Public Works for the three months ending 31st December 1849	One
7	25th "	Enclosing Cash book and Journal of the Falkland Islands Government for the year 1849	Two

Number of Despatch	Date of Despatch 1850	Subject of Despatch	Number of Enclosures
8	26th Jany	Enclosing the required annual Return of Ordnance, &c, and requesting that it might be forwarded to the Honorable Board of Ordnance	One
9	28th "	Enclosing Returns of Stores of all descriptions in charge for the quarter ending 31st December 1849.	Seven
10	2nd Feby	Reporting the sale of a section of suburban land containing 12 one acre lots at £5 an Acre	None
11	5th "	Reporting having drawn &c &c bills of Exchange on the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty Treasury.	None
12	6th "	Enclosing Copies of a correspondence between the Governor and Mr Williams, relative to the price at which Mr Simpson will supply horned Cattle to intending Settlers.	Two
13	8th "	Forwarding Blue Book of the Colony for the year 1849	One
14	9th "	Acknowledging the receipt of despatches and Circulars	None

Signed

George Bunnie

Gov

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
27th April 1850

No. 15.

My Lord

I have the honour to enclose the usual quarterly Return of New Appointments &c &c, for the quarter ended on the 31st Ulto.

I have &c

(signed)

George Rennie

Gvr

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Earl Grey

Return of all New Appointments and of all alterations in the Salaries or allowances of all Public Officers at the Falkland Islands made during the quarter ending 31st March 1850, as also of all payments of an unusual or special description made during the same period which are not specifically described in the Estimate for the year 1850.

Office

Office	Name	Total Annual Amount of Pay or Salary	From what date paid	Date and description of the authority or instructions from Her Majesty's Government in England or correspondence in which the appointment is contained	Date of the Governor's Despatch to Her Majesty's Government in England and reporting the transaction in case where no previous authority may have been received	Remarks
New Appointments						
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Additions to Pay or Allowances						
Chief Clerk	James Robert Longden	Former Salary £200 / Addition £100 / Present Salary £300	1st January 1850	Earl Grey's despatch No 39 dated 2nd June 1849	Nil	Nil

Reductions from Pay or Allowances

Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

Payments above 100£ not otherwise sanctioned than by the Governor.

Nil	Nil.	Nil	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

(Signed) George Bennett
Ens.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
30th. April 1850

No 16.

My Lord

I have the honour to enclose herewith an Abstract showing the appropriation of the Parliamentary Grant for this Colony for the year ending 31st. March 1850.

2. By the enclosed account your Lordship will perceive that, after deducting the approved bills drawn on the Treasury in the Colony during the year, the sums received from England, and the sums drawn by the Agent General in England for the use of the Colony - there remains undrawn the sum of £280. 8. 2. In addition to this the balance in the Colonial Chest on the 1st. April last was £853. 6. 11¼ making together £1133. 15. 1¼. This sum is however subject to various deductions, namely, eleven months pay of the Stipendiary Magistrate, deposits in the Colonial Chest, and other liabilities. The actual available balance, therefore carried forward in aid of the Parliamentary grant for the present financial year, will not exceed six hundred Pounds.

I have &c.

(signed)

George Rennie

Gov.

The Right Honble
Earl Grey

Abstract showing the appropriation of the Parliamentary Grant for the Falkland Islands for the year ending on the 31st of March 1850.

Drawn

	£	s	d
Drawn in the Colony by Bills on Her Majesty's Treasury for the general services of the Government	3019	11	10
Received from England in Specie by H. M. S. "Daphne" in May 1849	1000	0	0
Drawn by the Agent General in England for the service of the Colony, on the 13th June 1849	1400	0	0
Total amount drawn	£ 5419	11	10
Amount left undrawn	280	8	2
Total Parliamentary grant	£5700	0	0

	£	s	d
Amount of Parliamentary grant for the service of the Falkland Islands Government, for the year ended 31st March 1850, notified in Col. Secretary's dispatch No. 35 dated 21st March 1849	5700	0	0
Total Parliamentary Grant £	5700	0	0

(signed)

Governor

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
3rd May 1850.

No 17

My Lord

I have the honour to acknowledge the undermentioned despatches and Circulars:-

Despatches:-

No. 47, dated 14th October 1849.
(duplicate)

No. 48, dated 31st October 1849

No. 49, dated 1st November 1849.
with two enclosures.

No 50, dated 16th November 1849
with one enclosure

No. 51, dated 22nd November 1849.
with one enclosure,
and several sub-enclosures.

No. 52, dated 22nd November 1849.
with one enclosure.

No. 53, dated 22nd November 1849

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No. 51, dated 23rd. November, 1819

No. 55, dated 26th. November, 1819, with one enclosure, and two sub: enclosures

Circular dated 22nd. October 1819, enclosing the Act to provide for the prosecution and "trial in His Majesty's Colonies of Persons "committed within the Jurisdiction of the "Admiralty."

I have &c.

(Signed)

Henry Bennet

Jun.r

Government House
Stanley. Falkland Islands
7th. May 1850.

No 18.

My Lord

I have the honour to enclose herewith a Return of Works in progress in this Colony during the three months ended 31st. March 1850. The instructions and forms from the Commissioners of Audit for compiling these Returns in future enclosed in Your Lordship's despatch. No. 16 dated 10th September 1849 did not reach me until February last and could not therefore, come into operation until the first of April.

I have &c.

Signed

George Rennie

Govr.

The Right Honble
Earl Grey

Return of Works in Progress at the Falkland Islands, during the Quarter ending 31st. March, 1850, shewing the amounts previously expended on each work, and distinguishing labour and materials supplied from Government Departments from Contract Work

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Name of Work	Expended in the quarter ending 31st March 1850		
	Hired Workmen	Materials	Contract Work
	£ s. d	£ s. d	£ s. d
1. Barracks for Pensioners	85. 8. 0	"	"
2. Cottages for Pensioners	14. 3. 9	"	"
3. Reservoir for use of Ships watering	31. 0. 0	"	"
4. Beacon on Cape Pembroke	45. 1. 10½	"	"
5. Government House	13. 1. 0	"	"
Carried forward £	188. 14. 7½	"	"

Amount expended in the quarter ending on the 31st of March 1850.	From Public Departments. Estimate of Materials required from those Depts. from 1st January to 31st March 1850.	Amount expended previous to 1st January 1850 including work in progress and labour	Total amount expended on each Work up to 31st of March 1850	Remarks
£ s. d	£ s. d	£ s. d	£ s. d	
85. 8. 0	68. 14. 10¾	273. 16. 2¼	427. 19. 1	See Remark Letter A
14. 3. 9	12. 0. 8	.	26. 4. 5	
31. 0. 0	11. 14. 7¼	299. 18. 3¼	341. 12. 10½	This Reservoir is now completed and several shoes have been already supplied from it
45. 1. 10½	38. 11. 2¾	35. 3. 2	118. 16. 3¼	This work is completed and includes the erection of a wooden bridge surmounted by a flagstaff to serve as a guide to vessels entering Port Williams, the former Beacon having become insufficient for that purpose
13. 1. 0	8. 9. 11	1142. 0. 2½	1163. 11. 1½	The work done during the last quarter consisted of plastering and finishing the Hall which has been previously built, but not completed inside.
188. 14. 7½	130. 11. 3¾	1750. 1. 3½	2078. 7. 2¾	

Name of Work	Expended in the quarter ending 31st of March 1850.		
	Hired Workmen	Materials	Contract Work
	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d
Brought forward	188 . 14 . 11½	"	"
6. Sawing various wooden Government buildings previously constructed	10 . 5 . 0	"	"
7. Repairing Government Boats	9 . 3 . 6	"	"
8. Repairing roads previously made	8 . 1 . 9	"	"
9. Excavating for foundations of New Blacksmiths Shop	11 . 12 . 6	"	"
10. Sundry repairs and fittings to different Government buildings	20 . 14 . 9	"	"
Totals £	248 . 12 . 1½	"	"

Amount expended in the quarter ending on the 31st. March 1850	From Public Departments: Cost of Materials issued from Stock from 1st January to 31st March 1850	Amount expended previous to 1st January 1850 including both materials and labour	Total amount expended on each work up to 31st of March 1850	Remarks
£ s. d	£ s. d	£ s. d	£ s. d	
188. 14. 7½	130. 1. 3¾	1750. 1. 3½	2078. 7. 2¾	
11. 5. 6	14. 19. 6¾	"	25. 4. 6¾	See remark B.
9. 3. 6	"	"	9. 3. 6	The Government boat being continually used requires frequent small repairs.
8. 1. 9	"	"	8. 1. 9	This is a service which will of course be constantly necessary.
11. 12. 6	"	"	11. 12. 6	The old forge has been found too small and this excavation is being made to afford room for a large one to be built
20. 14. 9	12. 3. 0	"	32. 17. 9	See remark B.
248. 12. 1½	166. 13. 10½	1750. 1. 3½	2165. 7. 3½	

A. As noticed in the last Return of Works to 31st December 1849, the Expenses of the Sergeants Barracks and also of the Cottages now constructing for them, which are entered in this Account only include materials and labour which have been found by the Colonial Government, and do not include the original cost of the buildings in England, nor the Establishment of Sergeants themselves.

B. The Government buildings here being mostly constructed of wood, require frequent small repairs, and also to be painted on the outside every second or third year.

(Signed)

George Kennie

Jnr.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
13th. May 1850

No 19.

My Lord

I have the honour to forward herewith the Cash Accounts for the quarter ending 31st. March 1850, with the requisite vouchers and authorities.

I have &c.

(Signed)

George Kennie
Jun.

The Right Honble
Earl Grey

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
16th. May 1850.

No. 20.

My Lord

I have the honour to forward herewith the Accounts of all Government Stores in charge at the Falkland Islands, for the quarter ending 31st. of March 1850.

2. As the instructions contained in your Lordship's despatch No. 40 dated 10th. September 1849, relative to the form in which these accounts are to be made up in future, did not reach me until the 8th. of February last it was impossible to adopt them for the enclosed Accounts; and they have therefore come into operation on the 1st. April.

I have &c.

(signed)

George Rennie
Gov.

The Right Honble
Earl Grey

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
20th. May 1850.

No 21.

My Lord

I had the honour to receive your Lordship's despatch of the 16th January 1849, No 20, enclosing a copy of a letter from Matheson Esqre, M.D., to Mr Hawes Enquiring upon grass seeds. The period of the year when I received your Lordship's despatch was too late for gathering the seeds that season; and I have now the honour to transmit a box containing five kinds of grass, which no one here is competent enough to say are positively the seeds required by Mr. Matheson, but they are by the testimony of our best graziers the finest grasses in the Islands and adapted for pasturage.

I have &c.

(signed) Geo. Moore

The box containing the seeds is sent by the Barque Mercury consigned to J. Matheson Esqre, M.D. 3 Cleveland Row London

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Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
22nd. May 1850.

No. 22.

My Lord

I have had the honour to receive your Lordship's despatch No. 30, dated 16th. November 1849 enclosing a memorial from Mr. James Rolfe, complaining of my conduct towards him being so unjust as to force him to resign his office as Storeman.

2. Mr. Rolfe is right so far in saying that on the passage out with me I may have spoken to him occasionally, but as I had my own servants with me I had no occasion for his services. About a week after I reached this I met Mr. Rolfe on shore (having heard there was a vacancy in the Government Store) offered himself for the situation. I knew the Captain of the Nautilus wished to get quit of him from his bad temper: at the same time he gave him a good character for honesty and correctness. At this time there was not a man in the Colony, who could read and write sufficiently well and had a satisfactory character, to fill the vacancy. I therefore appointed him provisionally to assist in the Store as Storeman, conceiving that I am in reality myself the Storekeeper

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Storekeeper. No kind of arrangement whatsoever was spoken of nor would I have listened to it, that this man should be on any other footing than the other men on the Provisional and Temporary Establishment, who are discharged at the end of every month. The determination which I had formed to abolish the ration system of course affected Rolfe's situation more than any other.

3. During his spare hours Rolfe employed himself as butcher, he then bought a house, followed by a few pigs, which by a Police regulation are not allowed to roam at large in the town under a fine of five shillings. These new occupations of course drew him to a distance from the Store, and that occasion to remind him that his duties at the Store were and must be his first care, and that if the monthly issue of rations and his daily attendance for a few hours were not attended to and he was so often from 5 to 10 miles from his Store, I must look out for a successor. Rolfe promised reformation, but the two occupations were incompatible

4. In the meantime I had publicly announced in October 1848 that I should discontinue the grocery articles of rations with a view to their total abolition. From the time that Rolfe saw that his services would

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no longer be wanted his neglect increased, and subsequently to the pronunciation of the ochre he evidently gave his attention more to his pigs than to the sow, although at the same time I have no reason to question his honesty.

5 In March 1819 Rolfe missed an English pig, the particulars of which are stated (about as near as I can recollect) the evidence to my chief only. A tongue of land distant about 6 miles by water from Langley and 20 by land, was at the time of Rolfe's complaint occupied on sufferance by himself, where at the extreme point there was formerly Surface grass. The middle portion was held as a dairy farm by Mr Scully, and the part next the mainland by two Irishmen named Bushe and Hall. Their house and also Scully's had always been the resort of disorderly characters, many of whom go there with spirits, beer &c. and drink for perhaps a month or more at a time. Bushe had a cask of Rum, and with his neighbours' contributions, all who came were welcome to get intoxicated. When sober they worked occasionally in Bushe's garden and did jobs for him. Sometimes they adjourned to Scully's, about 2 miles distant, and performed similar services there also. Scylley had his garden entirely made by this Idle Military Labour, without any money

whatever

whatever passing between them, although they all kept a kind of account of their debts and credits. At the time of the [illegible] there had been 6 or 7 including Rolfe himself carousing at Doughis, and in a state of questionable sobriety quite unfit to give any evidence which could be relied on. For the trial I can only refer your Lordship to the notes of the trial before the Executive Council, one of the only two cases I have presided at.

6. In conclusion I have only to inform your Lordship that Mr Rolfe's situation is abolished. He resigned immediately after the trial and the place has never since been filled up. What little remained to be done after the seizures were stopped has been done by one of the other temporary establishment James Jarrett who receives 12£ a year for this in addition to his other services. Altogether there has been in consequence of the cessation of salaries, an annual saving of £12 16 0, or thereabout.

7. As to a free passage as an Emigrant, Rolfe can have no difficulty in obtaining it, but I have no vacancy for him as a clerk nor want to the claim Government, nor can I hold out the slightest hope to obtain one for a man of his pretensions.

I have &c

(signed) Lemprière

&c. Minutes of the Executive Council sitting as a Court of Justice enclosed in despatch No 21 dated 2nd May 1850

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
28th. May 1850

No 23.

My Lord

I have had the honour to receive your Lordships despatch of the 22nd. November last, No 51, and I trust that whilst I am fully prepared to answer the charges preferred against me by Messrs. Bateman and Co., as agents for Messrs Lafone of Monte Video, your Lordship will allow me to recapitulate the circumstances which led to them, and without which in my opinion they cannot be properly understood.

2. The isolated cases which I have brought before your Lordship from time to time were but the means of judging of the general necessity of my situation, and for immediate action. I therefore trust that before your Lordship shall form a conclusive opinion you will view favourably the connexion of the various circumstances of the case as I hope to make them appear in this short epitome of my proceedings.

3. Not long after my arrival in June 1848 I became acquainted with the fact that a considerable portion of the Colonists had for some time previous come to the conclusion that these Islands must be abandoned, or at least reduced to the very lowest establishment,

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and

and consequently, that those who had claims on the Government there would be provided for elsewhere more to their satisfaction. This party viewing my arrival with diminished means, concluded that their wishes were about to be realized, and looked on with impatience for a short time, whilst I was planning the works of the most pressing emergency to relieve the Colony from scarcity, filth, want of drainage, fresh Lakes, Roads, &c. &c. &c.

4. Mr Williams' unwarrantable and unjustifiable failure to continue the supplies of the staple article of consumption for the settlers soon reduced us to the state well described by Mr Moore, in his own handwriting and signature begging for the use of a Government boat to search for food "as the weather was so inclement that rabbits and geese were not to be had; Fungi remained up the River from the middle of July until the end of August, when Mr Williams was about to leave the Settlement without cattle, with the exception of a few diseased animals unfit for consumption, and I had neither supplies for shipping or Colonists. I, therefore, took this view of my duty dictated as I was, namely, that the ordinary law (according to Mr Moore) did not suffice to obtain what I had a full right to, and which is the first and most imperative call on the attention of every ruler as laid down by the most celebrated Jurists on international law and that therefore Mr Williams could not be justified in withholding

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doing such Cattle as I might require even under, not under a positive engagement to the Colonial Government to supply them which it became a matter of necessity for me to have That I must therefore act under the plea of necessity – but with promptitude and using as little harshness as possible –

5. As far as I understand the case, the complaint of Mr Williams (or some one or other who would act for him) is that I have been proceeding contrary to Law. Your Lordship is doubtless aware that Mr Williams has the sole and absolute profession of every wild animal in the Colony, with (at that time) scarcely any exception, and that he continued in the most frivolous manner for three months to profit, without showing any real disposition to settle so important a question, one involving the very existence of these Islands as a Colony. At last it became necessary to secure other means of subsistence for the coming winter in order that the Colonists might perform their daily task without fear of famine.

6. In England it may appear strange that beef in large quantities seems to be so essential. The facts, however, if Bread be substituted for beef it would give some idea of the alarm that would be felt in England. I now ask what course should I have taken; was I to allow Mr Williams to leave us in a state of complete destitution

tution of our staple article of food? If I had allowed Mr Williams to leave the Settlement without security of a most unexceptionable nature for future supplies I have little doubt Mr Moore would have found the rabbit and goose hunting rather an unprofitable substitute and would along with other complainants have censured me for not having exercised the powers I possessed to secure Cattle before taking leave of Mr Williams. Several weeks had passed away without my having effected an arrangement with him, when I instructed Mr Moore to inform him that as I knew he had from 500 to 1000 head of Cattle suitable for the consumption of the Colony which he was bound to provide for, unless he could satisfy me that they would be regularly furnished as required I could not consent to his leaving the Settlement. Upon this being communicated to Mr Williams by Mr Moore he consented to the immediate delivery of 40 Cattle, and guarantees for the future. I appended to the extract from a letter of Mr Jagone himself showing an undoubted belief that he had the power, and would exercise it, of stopping the supplies, if I did not act as he wished. It is quite certain from the promptitude with which Mr Williams sent me the 40 Cattle that it was not the difficulty he found, but the indisposition he had to deal.

B. G. Mr. March 1826

4. Messrs Jones, Bateman, Bennett and Field complain of my having threatened to de-

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prive Mr Williams of his seat in the Legislative Council and his Commission as a Justice of the Peace if Mr Williams persisted in refusing to comply with the supply of Cattle required by me for consumption according to contract with Her Majesty. I know nothing and I most positively deny my having authorized Mr Moore to use any threat whatsoever to Mr Williams farther than to communicate in the least offensive manner that I felt it my duty to act as I have said. The conversation took place in my own office and Mr. Burge made an observation to the effect that Mr Williams must be suspended if the arrest took place and immediately went into Mr Longden's Office to speak to Mr Williams. Mr Montagu returned to my room merely to say that he had left Mr with Mr Williams, and it was not to the best of my recollection until the next day that I received by letter from Mr Williams complaining of the fact. The reading of which Mr Moore says he received verbal message containing threats from me seem to show a great avidity for a duty of so unpleasant a nature that lawyers generally leave very liberal business fees in documents, perhaps Mr Moore will explain the case I took to tell him in my letter to beat Mr Williams with the greatest severity but that my desire to threaten him was not considered worth recording. My own letter now produced with my positive denial stands against Mr Moore's assertion with

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out documents or witnesses.

8. The supplies having been now obtained there was no immediate question between Mr Williams and myself, and in three months viz^t. in December 1848, all hostile recollections seemed (as far as I could judge) to have passed away. of a difference which in reality had entirely arisen with himself. Mr Williams & a most Hon^d. Mr Williams visited at Government House, and I was most hospitably entertained at his principal Coral dwelling on my tour of inspection round the Island in December 1848.

9. So far from hearing Mr Williams harshly, when it was made known to me that Mr Williams had not specie sufficient to pay the sum of £60 due to the Colonial Government, I impressed him that if no further lapses took place in his contract with Her Majesty I should not press him, always excepting the forthcoming instalments of Cattle which were now due but which, unless I absolutely required them, I should not press for.

10. In April 1849 Captain Sullivan arrived here under the impression that he would find Cattle sufficient to commence his operations with from the instalments due by Mr Layne to the Government and it being arranged between Captain Sullivan and Mr Williams that 500 Cattle would be sufficient for a

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commencement I was informed by Mr Williams that, if I would allow him to sell the Cattle which I claimed as instalments on the part of the Crown, Captain Sullivan would purchase them and enable Mr Williams to pay the forfeiture of 360 £ due according to Contract on his failure to restore the 20 horses. I said I should enter into no question as to who the money came from, but that it should be received as was most convenient for him. In a few days Mr Williams paid the money under protest. The proceedings I have just narrated bring us to the 16th of April 1849, since which time Mr Williams has been on the best possible terms with me, and at present every thing is going on satisfactorily.

11. Your Lordship will observe that from the very day that Mr Williams promised me Cattle I dropped all further prosecution for the sum of 360 £ until Captain Sullivan's arrival, in order that Mr Williams might raise the money without inconvenience, and by our letters of 14th and 16th April show that his sale of Cattle to Captain Sullivan was quite voluntary and that (Captain Sullivan's) subsequent purchase from government a week or two afterwards at the same price, shows that that (namely 4 dollars) is the selling price in the Colony at that time. How Captain Sullivan and Mr Williams can give your Lordship to understand that 8 dollars should have been the selling price I will not venture to say.

D. 14th April 1849
E. 16th " "
Sir Enclosure J.

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12. It is with no unworthy personal feeling but with a sense of what is due to my profession here that I throw myself on your Lordship's protection to repel the implied accusation contained in the second of the five requests upon which Messrs Jones, Bakman and Co. letter to your Lordship concludes namely, that in addition to the sum of 360£ which I had received from Mr Williams as the price of the horses he had failed to deliver I had also impounded the price paid by Captain Sulyvan to Mr Williams for the Cattle, and had thus received two sums of 360£. This accusation is utterly unfounded. I never received any money from Mr Williams but the one sum of 360£ as the price of the horses above alluded to, and I have no other money in the Colonial Chest as the price of Cattle sold by Mr Williams to Captain Sulivan and never had.

13. I beg most respectfully your Lordship's attention to Mr Williard's letter just received stating "I shall by an early opportunity inform Mr Lafone that only one sum of 360£ has been deposited by me which forms part of the question alluded to and the subject of my Protest of the 26th of August 1848." I now ask my Lord, what evidence can be put in the statement of a man who deliberately charges me with receiving on account of the Colonial Govern-

F. 1st June 1850.
G. 2nd " "

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ment a large sum of money which is unaccounted for in the books of my office, an accusation which if it were true would deservedly ruin my character for ever! The impression attempted to be made on your Lordship's mind that the price of Cattle ought to have been 8 dollars instead of 4, by public auction tested, is of the same baseless heinous character, and I think that it will be shewn to your Lordship that in dealing with the Chiefs upon the strictest adherence to the letters of contracts made with them, becomes necessary. I will not debate further on this appreciently attempted injury, than to say, if it were a mistake Commissioner Inadvertently by Messrs Jones Bateman & Co, it certainly must have occurred to Mr Williams to rectify it before now. I trust therefore, that your Lordship will do me the justice to take such steps as your Lordship may think best calculated to do away with the impressions which a misrepresentation of this nature cannot fail to produce here in the performance of my duties, and in England where a variety of false reports have, I am told, been already circulated by newspapers and other means. In reality there has been no fine at all. Mr Williams having chosen to pay the Colonial Government for the hinges instead of returning them as he was bound to do, as the annexed

11th Aug 1841

Contract

1. 25th. May 1819 contract and receipt will show.

14. As to the third question I aver that I never authorized Mr. Moore to convey any threat from me to Mr. Williams with the exception I have before alluded to; and if I had any intention of doing so I should have done it in writing. Moreover I distinctly say that on the next or day following I told Mr. Williams personally that I wished he would withdraw his resignation, which Mr. Moore had no authority from me to recommend; that he declined at that time to comply with. Thus this charge has no foundation, and, considering the number of persons apparently connected with Mr. Williams, it is to be surprising that their whole statement should be erroneous from the commencement.

15. To the best of my recollection Mr. Williams never complained to me that he had to pay for the horses: on the contrary, I believe that he knows he had never had an unjust demand made upon him by me, but on several occasions he showed great uneasiness lest he might by any act of his compromise Mr. Stevens's interests, and would have hastened me to act hostilely in the first instance. Mr. Williams's own letters of the 14th and 16th of April prove

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J. 23rd. May 1840

not upon agreement of the price of the Cattle with Captain Sullivan, but with which I never interfered. The allusion that my threats induced Mr Williams to sell them at half price is a complete misrepresentation, as in the course of a few weeks 55 animals of the same description belonging to the Colonial Government, and restored by Mr Williams according to a contract with my predecessor were sold to Captain Sullivan at Public Auction at a price averaging 18 shillings & sixpence a shilling & 4 dollars. On this point therefore I am at a loss to know how Mr Williams could possibly Captn Sullivan in giving your Lordship to understand that the price of the Cattle should have been eight dollars instead of four. —

16. It is evident from the extract of your Lordships despatch forwarded to me, that Captain Sullivan has entered into this matter with great promptitude for he only arrived on the 6th of April, obtained his Cattle soon after from Mr Williams at four dollars a head and also purchased a portion of Cattle which Mr Williams had returned to Government, at public auction, at which a shilling of the same price. The Cattle being as nearly as possible of the same description. What Captain Sullivan's cause of dissatisfaction could have been at that period I cannot imagine. Every facility the Government could give him he had, and although

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I earnestly entreated him and all the upper classes of the Colony, who might at any time find themselves aggrieved, (and also publicly made the same declaration to the lower classes, that if they would apply to me I would to the best of my judgment rectify their complaints, I never heard one syllable that so formidable a bill of Indictments was preparing against me much less, as the chief conspirators were at this time frequently at my table secretly concerting how they could best effect my recall or resignation.

If I do not by any means deny that every Colonist has not the full right to dissent from or oppose any measure which may be brought forward, without it being made a cause of complaint by the Governor. What I complain of in this case is this. Three persons chiefly appointed to my regret which was in fact to their advantage for to me it mattered little personally although to the Colony a great deal whether their complaints went home to your Lordship or were settled here, as they might have been, without the unwarrantable waste of your Lordship's time. If I had been fairly dealt with, I should have been informed, as in common courtesy I ought, that they had changed their views and would correspond with your Lordship, without my intervention. As it is, after 12 months delay we are at the outset. If the people were oppressed, was the loss of a

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whole year, not sufficient to bring me to be considered in the matter! At this time I had been about 9 months in the Colony and I have been entirely at a loss until lately to find how I had provoked so virulent a feeling against me for securing to the Colonists an exemption from famine and scarcity. This is partly explained by the Brigade party who, finding indications of an amelioration of the state of the Works I had commenced, were disappointed, and their hopes of a change to some other administration were much lessened. Another grievance was very general I had at the request of Mr Williams taken urgent steps to put a stop to the hunting of wild Cattle which was one of the greatest annoyances of all classes here. This was of course incompatible with Mr Lapsé's interests: at the same time if I did not procure Cattle legally I must wink at the manner in which they may have been procured. In either case a determined view of the matter must be taken, otherwise my positive belief that not a step could have been taken for the advancement of the Colony until a state of plenty had been secured. The common grazing proclamation" absolutely necessary to promote improvement has been unpopular. I had thus at the commencement a host of persons opposing at least a passive opposition to all my measures, which however have been carried on without a single instance of disturbance of the peace, and a herd of near 1000 Cattle in a good state are kept ready at all times within 5 miles.

18. To prevent the necessity of having to resort to any farther legal proceedings with regard to the restoration of the Cattle and horses sent to Mr Williams by my Predecessor or on the occupation of M.r Williams, I have had the whole of them liquidated and there now only remains the original contract of 1846 with Her Majesty, as amended in 1849. I am not aware that any farther explanations regarding the compliant of M.r Williams are required. I have acknowledged the 360 £ as the price agreed on for the 20 horses and the transaction is as far as I understand it at an end.

19. I would respectfully ask where are the documents to prove the threats which Mr. Moore seems anxious to prove he carried from me to M.r Williams? On the other hand there is direct evidence of my desire to act with the greatest lenity. Now my Lord I most solemnly declare that I never to the best of my recollection gave Mr. Moore, authority verbal or written, to say farther on the occasion to Mr Williams than to explain to him that I was convinced that I was justified in obtaining the supplies required, but on no account to treat him harshly.

20. I would here wish to add a few lines on the present state of the Colony. The laws are respected and every branch of Government is and has been working well and there is a good supply of all the necessaries, and a

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considerable increase of emigrants (independent of the Pensioners) who have arrived. Notwithstanding the numerous obstructions they have had to emigrate to California and declare in the Colonies to remain here rather than join the gold diggers so constantly on their way. See no reason to change my opinion of the capabilities of this place but I am not prepared to admit that people generally choose to live under a tyrannical Government and be treated as I am accused of treating them, and submit to every kind of injustice without its being made known in some very significant manner. What is however the case Labour is in great demand wages from 3/ to 5/6 a day, Mechanics from 5/ to 7/. The town Colonists are building houses and other improvements, and in fact, I begin to be a little anxious lest they are not going too fast. The Pensioners I am happy to say are now, as far as I can learn, reconciled to the arrangements made, and I have no reason to think they will be otherwise than a desirable addition to the Colony. The finances of the Colony are flourishing, a clear available surplus of 600£ having been carried forward to the credit of the present year. I have examined the Head Constable who states that he has not heard a murmur of discontent and dissatisfaction with the Government or myself for nearly 12 months. Property and person are as safe as in any village I know of in England, are

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these then my Lord evidences of tyranny, oppression, and injustice!

21. I enclose a report from the Surveyor General, Mr. Bailey, of the arrangements which he and Captain Reid have made, relative to the Sergeants' pay when working for the Colonial Government. I am glad to observe that the men have expressed their perfect satisfaction, and are now quite reconciled to every arrangement that has been made for them.

22. With reference to the eighth paragraph of your Lordship's despatch I would observe that I have never been prosecuted by any Colonist here either in my own name or as administrator of the Government, nor has the Crown ever prosecuted in any civil case since the new Ordinance for the administration of justice came into operation on the 26th of May 1849. Not a single appeal has been made from either Court, and nothing but ordinary Police cases have been brought before them except the following which I may cite as an example of the confidence and good feeling existing between the Colonists and myself. In September last two American Captains not aware, I suppose, of there being any Law in the Falklands came to Government House, one of them whose ship being covered all round with Cattle lately killed seemingly by spontaneous combustion, and with only one constable present I directed

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him to arrest them both with their boats crews close by, this was complied with and I then sent for Captain Sullivan and Mr Bailey, Surveyor General, Magistrates, their ships registers were put in pledge and they were allowed to go on board. That morning a bench of Magistrates decreed by a kind of mutual arrangement that they should pay 40£ for the beef and 5£ fine to Her Majesty. This was settled next day. I have detailed this entirely to show that I must have felt myself well supported in the Colony as to good will, for at that time I was in the profession of two Constables. Mr Williams has been paid the sum of 40£ as the value of the Cattle and I have vindicated the law both on land and at sea.

24th April 1850

23. To sum up on the other hand this unfair and most unjustifiable attack upon me, what is the state of the case? Has any reasonable excuse been offered for Mr Williams refusal to give me the supplies I most urgently required? I negociated from day to day for several weeks receiving daily Animals barely sufficient in number but infamous in quality, quite unfit for human consumption, which I knew that he Mr Williams had at least 1000 or more Cattle within a short distance. In this case I say with the most perfect sincerity I could not move a step beyond the encampment until I had secured this point. My conviction is that the

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State of Mr Lejones relations with Her Majesty's Government at that time were such as to make it desirable to have a grievance. The subsistence of the Colony seemed an insignificant matter to Mr Williams, in comparison with the firmness required to oppose his power to crush Mr Lejones determination to prove the strength of his monopoly. It is the more to be regretted that this disagreeable misunderstanding has been revived whilst every thing is rapidly progressing and hopeful.

Ans. I have always been prepared (when allowed the opportunity) to act conciliatorily and liberally, and notwithstanding the emphatic reprimand I received from Captain Sullivan that he did not believe any one would have land whilst I am the Governor, he, Captain Sullivan, has already bought another station, and is now settling upon it. Captain Hamond (Captain Sullivan's Partner) also bought a few months since a special suburban lot at 150 per Cent premium, and yet, according to the statement of these persons, by my misgovernment the place is going to ruin.

Ans. I beg to assure your Lordship that I have endeavoured and shall endeavour to prevent discord by every means in my power, but I cannot undertake to satisfy persons who act in the manner Mr Williams has acted in this affair. I can say with the most perfect sincerity that I have never for one moment, since I assumed the Government of this Colony acted or thought

thought of acting in any other manner than what, to the best of my judgment, I believed to be for the general advantage.

P.S. It is not to be expected that any grievances, which seem to have been connected with the establishment of the settlement, will be easily passed or forgotten, and my mission has been considered necessary to abolish the semi barbarous customs and to adapt the administration to the capabilities of the climate and inhabitants. All this could scarcely be effected without discontent. At present however I am disposed to hope that a better feeling may be looked for now that all classes are better employed and becoming more industrious.

I have &c.

(signed) George Rennie

Governor

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Stanley
24th July 1848

Sir

In consequence of no Beef being procurable at present in the Colony, owing to Mr Lafone the Contractor having failed in his Contract, and there being none in the Mar- ket... Also from the severe frost and snow we have experienced these few days, Geese and Ducks are not to be had. We therefore beg leave to apply to your Excel- lency to request you would be good enough to per- mit the Schooner "Sophy" to go to Anson Port Louis, to procure a supply of Beef for the Settlement from Mr Whitington.

(signed) Wm Hang. Moore
" J. M. Lean
" C. J. Cuby
" Thos. Gaston
" Richard Hall
" Joseph Robertson
" J. Marlan Healy
" James Rolfe
" David Readdie
" J. C. Helloway
" W. Bigg Chatfield
" Stephen
" Simson
" Joseph. J. Mc Intosh
" John Graham.

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Extract of a letter addressed by S. F. Lafone Esquire of Monte Video to Governor Pinnie dated Monte Video 9th March 1849.

"Having thus placed my rights under the protection of the Laws by which I desire to maintain them, I wish to inform your Excellency in accordance with what I have stated to the Government in my memorial, that it is not my intention to make any alteration in the supply of beef, which I furnish to the Army, unless some act of your Excellency should change the present posture of affairs." &c. &c.

(signed) "Saml. F. Lafone"

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Special Payment.

Stanley Falk.d April 1850.

I hereby acknowledge to have receiv-
ed on behalf of Samuel F. Lyons Esquire of
Monte Video from H. E. Governor Fenwick
the sum of Forty Pounds Sterling being the
amount paid by Hiram Cliff Master of the
H.B.M. Ship Hudson in September 1849 by
order of the Court of Civil and Criminal Jus-
tice* in compensation for the slaughter of 48
wild Cattle on East Falkland which Cattle
are by agreement with Her Majesty's Govern-
ment the property of said S.F. Lyons
Esquire.

Signed R. Williams

£40.0.0

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* See voucher for Receipt No. 71, attached to
the Cash Accounts for the quarter ended 31st
December 1849.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
29th. May 1850.

No. 21

My Lord

In reply to your Lordships dispatch, No. 51 of 22nd. November 1849, I have the honour to enclose herein the minutes of the proceedings of the Executive Council, while sitting as a Court of Justice as required by your Lordship.

2. At the time I suspended the jury Courts hope there was only one case actually in Court, viz. that being then pending in which some of the Jurors actually sitting were accused as actors, it became a serious and urgent matter to decide how the new jurors were to be composed. In this emergency I called together my Executive Council, the unanimous proceedings of which will show the necessity there was of my taking some decided step. I regret that your Lordship should seem impressed with an idea that I acted with unnecessary haste which it was far from my intention to have done, and I beg of your Lordship to look at the position I was in. At that time I had resided here only a few months, with only two Constables to maintain a shadow of power, at a distance

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of 1200 miles from the nearest British force, and without any means whatever to communicate with that force. If had allowed the commencement of disorder (of which there were some indications) or a suspicion of any weakness to show itself at that time, the allegations of Messrs Williams, Julian and others respecting the number and feelings of the Colonists might perhaps have been realized. I therefore believing to the best of my judgment that the Supreme Court's Ordinance could not be practically carried out in our present state, and that it was hazardous as well as a mockery to persist in maintaining an appearance without the reality of Justice, determined to take the responsibilities of what (I am aware) is a great stretch of power, and suspended the existing Law.

3. Feeling however the full force of the responsibility, I immediately endeavoured to form a substitute for it, which has during the twelve months it has been in operation been most successful. I have not had a single appeal from its decisions, and the former Jury duties the Colonists had to perform were generally distasteful to them. I have never in one single instance heard either myself or from others any desire to have it revived. As soon as the increase of population will permit the re-establishment of Juries I will not fail to communicate the fact to your Lordship. Whilst on this subject I beg to be

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informed whether the pensioners are eligible as Jurymen. Also whether any qualification of Colonists whatsoever is to be observed.

4. The Executive Council only decided two cases as a Court of Justice, namely Oliver v. Lewis & Melville and Scully, and that of Rolfe v. Bourke; soon after these cases were concluded the new Ordinance came into operation. The Council having sat only seven days altogether, as a Court of Justice.

I have &c.

Signed George Bonnie

Governor.

Government House
Stanley Falkland Islands
30th May 1850.

No 25.

My Lord

I have had the honour to receive your Lordships despatch of the 26th November 1850 enclosing a copy of a memorial from Mr Thomas Bowden complaining of my obstructing and delaying his agents, Mr Chas Oliver, in recovering various debts alleged to be due to the representatives of the late Messrs Lobo and Co of Rio de Janeiro.

2 I have minutely enquired into the circumstances of this case. Mr Oliver arrived here on the Sloop of War "Champion" on the 18th of July 1848 Sir Thomas Hastings having allowed him a passage with the Boats crew, the officers declining to receive him at their mess. Shortly after he called on me and showed me his power of Attorney. Mr Oliver had previously been in communication with Mr Moore, who told him it was the Governor in consequence of which he would have to wait its termination. This involved a long delay, but he never alluded to the possibility of it being in my power to abridge it, for if he could have procured me any precedent

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24th Nov.r 1848.

or power to do so I would have consented to remove any obstacle to expedite his departure. On the opening of the Supreme Court on the 24th of November 1848, Mr Olivers case came on after great difficulties to procure a Jury and proceeded till the 28th of November when the enclosed verdict was given

3. The charge of releasing Sculley to give him some dinner is perfectly correct and occurred in this way. I was returning from Church and the Constable in passing the Jail door told me, that he had arrested Sculley whom I saw behind the jail door. I called to him, when he stated the cause of his arrest and solemnly assured me that as opportunities of leaving the Colony occurred constantly, if he had had any intention of absconding he would not have waited till now, but that he would remain to the last to clear his character: that although he had been careless he was not dishonest. It was about one o'Clock & no dinner had been provided for him by Mr Oliver his resident Creditor, whose duty it was to have done so. Being close to Government House I ordered him some refreshment, and he returned to prison. I then sent for Captain Broom of the brig Velocity the vessel Sculley was to escape in. Mr Dixon having brought me from the Treasury

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£1000 in specie. I doubted whether a man who would lend himself to such a proceeding, would have been trusted by the Transport Board with money. I also sent for Mr Moore and Mr Oliver. Captain Dixon was much excited, and indignant at being accused of such connivance, and demanded to know who his accuser was. Mr Oliver handed in a letter from Henry Mitchell, one of the most notorious drunkards in the Colony, and since lost (nobody knows how, but supposed to have been drowned in some of the ponds of the waste country every exertion and enquiry being fruitless to elucidate the fact.) Captain Dixon being still much annoyed I left the party, & Mr Moore Mr Oliver, Captain Dixon and Sculley with the Head (constable) to deal with the case and in the course of an hour or two Mr Sculley was released from Jail.

B. 5th Jany 1849

C. 4th Jany 1849

D. 4th Jany 1849

4. The proceedings on the Appeal to the Executive Council in the case of Oliver v. Henry (referred to by Mr Oliver in his letter) were communicated to your Lordship in the Minutes of the Executive Council enclosed in my Despatch No 23, dated 5th May 1849. I will, therefore, only refer to the opinion of Mr Moore on the judgment given in that case - namely - the Honble Mr Moore observed he considered the judgment given by the Governor fully met the justice of the case, inasmuch as it left the question of the validity

validity of the deed open for future proceedings if it can be proved to be invalid". Some other cases of a similar nature, which it had been intended to bring forward, were dropped in consequence of the judgment of the Council on this appeal.

5. After the first action had been brought by Mr Oliver against Messrs. Melville and Dudley, the verdict obtained, and their premises seized and sold, - certain irregularities pointed out, and they were made bankrupt, soon after the Council the Supreme Courts Ordinances were suspended and the case was concluded in the Executive Council, the minutes of which, while sitting as a Court of Justice, are enclosed in my dispatch No 24 of the 20th instant. The case having been concluded Mr Oliver or some other Creditor made an observation in Court that, if time were allowed for searching, more property would be found. I immediately asked Mr Oliver to what time he would wish the case remanded for a final discharge of the Bankrupts; when he after some discussion proposed the first of June, which (all the Creditors agreeing to) was fixed.

6. At that period the case was finally concluded, and although the search had been diligently made nothing had been discovered. Dudley in the meanwhile had been working on the roads as a common Labourer. Mr Oliver remained some months in the Colony, whether

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from want of opportunity to leave it or what other cause I know not. If delay or obstruction occurred in the matter it must be with Mr Moore or Mr Oliver himself.

7. So far from Sculley showing any intention of running away he stayed some months after he received his certificate, and then went to California: the then Paymaster Melville is at present the "man in Charge of Government Boats" and a most trustworthy public servant. I should only occupy your Lordship's time unnecessarily were I to say more.

I have &c.

(signed)

George Lemmon

Governor.

P.S. After I had concluded the above despatch, Mr Dean (who, on the departure of Mr Charles Oliver, was appointed the agent of Mr Thomas Bowden of Rio de Janeiro, above named) called on me to take a lease for 20 years of 6,000 acres of land adjoining a section already possessed by him, Mr Bowden. I request your Lordship's attention to this, merely as a proof that the actions of the persons who have libelled me, are quite at variance with the opinions which they are anxious to impress on your Lordship.

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Copy of Verdict

Supreme Court
Michaelmas Term 24th November 1848.

Charles Oliver
Charles Melville
and John Scully

One paper.

1 William Parry Brown Foreman
2 James Rolfe
3 John Markham Dean
4 Stephen Ratfield
5 Laurence Emms
6 William Shailor
7 William Williams
8 Martin Heley
9 John Judd
10 Charles White
11 Richard Hall
12 George Carrington

First issue. We find that the partnership between Charles Melville and John Scully commenced on the 9th day of March 1843, and has continued up to the present time, no public notice having been given to the contrary.

For self and fellow Jurors
(signed) William Parry Brown
Foreman

Second Issue. We find that document "B" an acknowledgement for 2808 £ is not admissible, not being a genuine document.

(signed) W. D. L.

Third Issue.

We find that Messrs. Melville and Scully are indebted to Messrs. Frost and Coll executors in the sum of £ 1316.18.10 each party paying their own costs.

(signed) W. D. L.

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(Copy)

Stanley Jany 5th 1849

Mr Oliver.

Sir

I have to inform you that John Sculley intends absconding from this Island in the Song Velocity and thereby evade the payment of his debts, I write you this letter to put you on your guard it being to the interest of all parties, that some means should be adopted to stop him.

I am &c.

(signed) Henry Mitchell

To

Mr Charles Oliver
at Mr Biggs'
Roy Town
Stanley.

C.

(Copy)

Personal James Dixon Master of the British Brig Elizabeth of London maketh oath and saith That he has not been applied to directly or indirectly to give a passage from the Falklands to Valparaiso to John Scully of Swan Cove. Deponent further saith that he hath been informed that said John Scully owes money to a large amount on the Island and therefore Deponent positively saith that he would not have consented to give him a passage to enable him to evade his Creditors.

Sworn before me at Malvina Cottage Stanley East Falkland this 7th January 1849.

(signed) Wm Berry Moore J.P.

(signed) P. Dixon

D.

Copy

Charles Oliver

v.

Charles Melville

and

John Scully

Discharge the Defendant John Scully from custody under the Writ of Ne Exeat which issued in the Cause bearing date the 5th day of January 1849

Stanley 7th January 1849

(signed)

Charles Oliver

Attorney in Person

To the High Sheriff

of the County of Ross

Government House
Stanley Falkland Island
31st. May 1850.

No 26

My Lord

I have the honour to inform your Lordship that I have drawn the undermentioned Bills on the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury:

No Eighty three, dated 10th. February 1850. The sum of Two Hundred and Sixteen Pounds drawn in favour of Mr. Williams, in exchange for Cash to be expended in the general service of the Colony.

No Eighty four, dated 2nd. of March 1850. The sum of Twenty four Pounds five Shillings and Sixpence drawn in favour of H. J. Blundell, Colonial Surgeon in payment of his salary for the month of February 1850, after deducting fourteen Shillings and seven pence Income Tax.

No Eighty five dated 28th. of March 1850. The sum of Forty Pounds drawn in favour of J. R. Longden, in exchange for Cash to be expended on the general service of the Colony

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No Eighty six, dated 26th of April 1850.
The Sum of Two Hundred Pounds drawn in favour of R. A Williams, in exchange for Cash to be expended in the general Service of the Colony.

No Eighty seven dated 26th of April 1850.
The sum of Fifty Pounds drawn in favour of J. Reed; in exchange for Cash to be expended in the general service of the Colony.

No Eighty eight, dated 2nd of May 1850.
The Sum of Forty eight Pounds, ten Shillings and tenpence drawn in favour of C.J. Rennie, Governor; in part payment of his Salary for the month of April 1850, deducting One pound nine shillings and twopence Income Tax.

No Eighty nine, dated 2nd of May 1850
The Sum of Twenty four Pounds five Shillings and five pence drawn in favour of H.J. Hamblin, Colonial Surgeon, in payment of his Salary for the month of April 1850, after deducting fourteen shillings and seven pence Income Tax.

No Ninety, dated 2nd of May 1850
The Sum of Twelve Pounds two Shillings and eightpence halfpenny drawn in favour of J. Edmonds, Clerk, in payment of his Salary for the month of April 1850, after deducting seven Shillings and three pence halfpenny Income Tax.

No

No. Ninety one, dated 14th. May 1850. The Sum of Three Hundred Pounds drawn in favour of J. Mc. Dean, in exchange for Cash to be expended in the general Service of the Colony.

No. Ninety two, dated 30th. of May 1850. The Sum of Two Hundred and Sixteen Pounds drawn in favour of W. Mc. Indling in exchange for Cash to be expended in the general Service of the Colony.

I have &c.

(Signed) George Kennie

Governor