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To the Secretary of State

No. 1 of the 2nd  
January to 122 of  
the 31st December

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 1.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY,  
2nd January, 1924.  
Miss Willis can be adequately performed by the  
present staff and that for the time being one  
Government Nurse will be sufficient.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord Duke, My Lord Duke,

With reference to Your Grace's  
despatch No. 132 of the 29th of November, 1922,  
I have the honour to inform Your Grace that  
Miss H. I. Willis has, at her own request,  
resigned her appointment as a Government Nurse  
and that she is returning to the United King-  
dom by the mail steamer which is due to leave  
Stanley on the 2nd of January.

2. It is not at present considered  
necessary that the vacancy occasioned by the  
resignation of Miss Willis should be filled.  
Under the Regulations providing for the admission  
of Nurse Probationers to the King Edward VII  
Memorial Hospital, two candidates were select-  
ed for appointment. The Probationers have  
shewn aptitude for the work and promise to  
render useful service. The Colonial Surgeon is  
of opinion that by a re-arrangement of the nurs-  
ing duties in the Hospital the work allotted to  
Miss/

Governor's Desp.  
No. 27 of the 9th  
of March, 1923.

HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE,

P.C., K.G., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.



Miss Willis can be adequately performed by the present staff and that for the time being one Government Nurse will be sufficient.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord Duke,

Your Grace's most obedient,

humble servant,

H. Hemmiker-Heaton.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

3rd January, 1924.

My Lord Duke,

With reference to my despatch No. 87 of the 5th of July, 1923, on the subject of the provision of a water supply for the town of Stanley, I have the honour to attach a further report from Mr. Neave relative to boring experiments which he has undertaken.

2. I have watched the experiments from their initiation with Mr. Neave. On the 9th of November he recommended as a result of the success of trial borings with primitive hand plant, that further material to the value of £433 should be purchased. Of this amount £107 was required for boring operations, the balance being for a portable oil engine and piping, required in any event for the Stanley improvement scheme. I received Mr. Neave's assurance that the hospital, Government House and the public reservoir could, as far as it was possible to foresee, be kept supplied with good water.

3. Mr. Neave was anxious to proceed with the work without delay as he will be returning to the United Kingdom this year. I therefore authorized, with the full concurrence of the

Executive/

GRACE THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE,

P.C., K.G., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

in duplicate.



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Executive Council, the purchase of the plant required by telegram. I trust that Your Grace will be pleased to sanction the expenditure. I may explain that Mr. Heave considers that if Stanley can be supplied with underground water the cost will be but a fraction of the expenditure that would be incurred under any scheme of surface catchment and storage.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord Duke,

Your Grace's most obedient,

humble servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 3.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

3rd January, 1924.

My Lord Duke,

I have the honour to refer Your Grace to the correspondence transmitted under cover of Mr. Churchill's despatch No. 90 of the 9th of August, 1921, regarding the question of establishing a Wireless Station at South Georgia. As no reply has yet been received to Mr. Middleton's despatch No. 54 of the 19th of April, it is presumed that the Admiralty is taking no further action in the matter.

In duplicate.

2. I beg to enclose a copy of a report made by Mr. A. R. Lash, Engineer-Operator-in-Charge of the Colonial Government Station, on my instructions. Mr. Lash is a practical man, who has shown much ability in the management of the Government Station. His knowledge of local conditions and his experience in handling the whaling wireless traffic entitle weight to be attached to his recommendations.

3. I am informed by the Engineer-Operator that the cost of the station proposed by him should not exceed £6,000. As the whaling companies will doubtless be glad to render

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RACE THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE,

P.C., K.G., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.



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every assistance at a minimum cost for the transport and erection of the station, the total expenditure should not exceed say £10,000. If the material for the station and the necessary buildings are sent to South Georgia, Mr. Lash is prepared to undertake the work of erection and he will also train a local operator from the Stanley station in the valve transmitter system. In order however to avoid the costly experiment of sending a skilled rigger from England it will be necessary to substitute either wooden lattice or trellis work masts for self-supporting lattice steel towers.

4. Beyond adding that I presume that passages for Mr. Lash and an operator could be arranged in the "Discovery" I do not think that I can usefully give further details of the proposal at this juncture.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord Duke,

Your Grace's most obedient,

humble servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton.

(a) The overall efficiency obtainable with Valve transmitters is about 20% higher than that obtainable with Arc transmitters.

(b) The system of keying associated with Arc transmitters

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of January, 1924.

transmitters necessitates the use of two distinct  
 wave lengths. When the Wireless Station,  
 running, whether in operation at Port Stanley,  
 radiating, causing annoyance 14th Decr. 1923.

The Hon. Colonial Postmaster,  
 Port Stanley.

Dear Sir,

I have duly read the correspondence  
 concerning the proposed scheme for the establish-  
 ment of a wireless station at South Georgia and  
 have the honour herewith to offer my suggestions.

Since the writing of the reports by Messrs  
 Preece, Cardew & Rider and Marconi Co in September,  
 1920, considerable developments have taken place in  
 wireless telegraphy.

I notice from the reports that a 25 KW Arc  
 transmitting set was recommended. Three years ago  
 Valve transmitters were still in the experimental  
 stage so Arc transmitters were considered more  
 reliable where Continuous Wave transmission was  
 desired. Valve transmitters have now been per-  
 fected, so much so that Arc sets cease to be a  
 standard product of the Marconi Co. Valve trans-  
 mitters are superseding Arc transmitters for the  
 following reasons:-

(a) The overall efficiency obtainable with  
 Valve transmitters is about 20% higher than that  
 obtainable with Arc transmitters.

(b) The system of keying associated with Arc  
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transmitters necessitates the use of two distinct wave lengths. Whenever an Arc transmitter is running, whether in operation or not, the set is radiating, causing annoyance to other stations and at the same time wasting energy. With valve transmitters standby losses can be kept to a minimum.

(c) Valve transmitters are more stable, more accessible and easier to operate.

The Government Commission recently appointed to advise on Imperial communication recommended Valve transmitters in preference to all other systems.

The objections raised to a Valve transmitter for South Georgia were due to the idea that a constant replenishing of transmitting valves would be needed and difficulty might be experienced in transport. The average life of transmission valves as now manufactured by the Marconi-Osram Co is between 1500 and 2000 hours with intelligent use. Three hours per day would be the maximum needed at South Georgia so the two sets of valves supplied with the installation should last three years. The method of packing the valves for export has now been perfected so, when required, fresh supplies could easily be despatched by one of the whaleboats direct from England.

I strongly recommend a Marconi 6 KW Valve Transmitter as being most suited for general purposes communication between South Georgia and the Falkland Islands also for communicating with ships.

Such/ between 200 and 25,000 metres used in conjunction with a Seven Valve Amplifier. A heterodyne with range of wavelengths between 2,000 and 25,000 metres would also be required. The proposed Double Loop

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Such a set should be specified as being capable of transmission on wavelengths between 2000 and 3000 metres. It should be provided for communication also on ICW. This allows reception by ships fitted with any type of receiving apparatus and not fitted with a heterodyne. Such being the case an auxiliary spark transmitter of 5 KW capacity would be unnecessary. For communicating with vessels within 120 miles by day or 200 miles by night I recommend a  $\frac{1}{2}$  KW Marconi 500 cycle spark cabinet set, wired for 50 volts so as to run from a bank of 25 accumulators. This set would thus be ready for instant service without running the engine. The bank of accumulators could be arranged to be put on charge whenever the engine was running and would also supply the power for lighting the buildings.

The prime mover should be of a multi cylinder type of some reputable make such as Crossleys or Gardeners and be provided with ample spares. The engine should be direct coupled to a Double Current Dynamo. The direct current side being used for battery charging and the alternating current side for power for the valve transmitter. As an alternative method an alternator should be direct coupled to the prime mover and be provided with an exciter capable of supplying an external current of 15 amperes besides that needed for the alternator field.

As regards the receiving apparatus I recommend a Marconi Type 127 which has a range of wavelengths between 300 and 23,000 metres used in conjunction with a Seven Valve Amplifier. A heterodyne with a range of wavelengths between 2,000 and 23,000 metres would also be required. The proposed Double Loop



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directional Aerial appears to me unnecessary considering the small amount of traffic likely to be handled. Live Transmitter as recommended.

Regarding the aerial system, considering the limited staff available at South Georgia the aerial should be as simple as possible. A six wire bird-cage aerial would be most suited for the main transmitter, with a twin wire sloping aerial from one mast to the power station for use with the small set.

An earth screen would be preferable to a ground earth.

An installation according to my proposals should be capable of daylight communication with both Stanley and Cerrito except under very bad conditions providing the site be well chosen. This is a very important matter where there is high land in the vicinity and before any buildings are erected should be checked by a temporary receiving apparatus erected near the proposed site.

One capable man should be able to manage the complete station. Such a man could be supplied from the Stanley W/T Station but owing to the great difference between Spark and CW apparatus he would need three months actual contact with the installation in order to be capable of clearing faults and working the set efficiently.

The modifications embodied above would reduce the first cost of the installation considerably. The running expenses would also be lessened owing to only one fifth the generated power being required.

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I enclose provisional plan of building accommodation required showing arrangement of apparatus presuming a Valve Transmitter as recommended.

I remain, etc.,

(Sgd.) A. R. Lash,  
Eng-Operator-in-Charge.



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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

3rd January, 1924.

My Lord Duke,

I have the honour to transmit  
herewith copies of minutes of the Executive  
Council of this Colony held on the dates noted  
in the margin.

May, 20th  
16th August,  
September,  
October, 12th  
ember, 1923.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord Duke,

Your Grace's most obedient,

humble servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton.

HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE,

P.C., K.G., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

3rd January, 1924.

My Lord Duke,

Returns Nos. 1 &  
2 in duplicate.

In accordance with Colonial Regulation No. 397, I have the honour to transmit herewith returns of appointments to and changes in Public Offices for the quarter ended the 31st of December, 1923.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord Duke,

Your Grace's most obedient,

humble servant,

H. Hemmiker-Heaton.

HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE,

P.C., K.G., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.



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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 6.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY,  
3rd January, 1924.

My Lord Duke,

With reference to Viscount  
Harcourt's Circular despatch of the 15th of  
December, 1913, I have the honour to transmit  
herewith a "MIL" return of barristers and  
solicitors practising in this Colony during  
the year 1923.

In duplicate.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord Duke,

Your Grace's most obedient,

humble servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton.

TO GRACE THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE,

P.C., K.G., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 7.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

3rd January, 1924.

My Lord Duke,

In accordance with Colonial  
Regulation No. 190, I have the honour to  
transmit a "Bill" return of capital sentences  
executed in this Colony during the year 1923.

In duplicate.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord Duke,

Your Grace's most obedient,

humble servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton.

HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE,

P.C., K.G., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

3rd January, 1924.

My Lord Duke,

With reference to Mr.

Chamberlain's Circular despatch of the 25th  
of May, 1897, I have the honour to transmit a  
"Nil" return of floggings in this Colony during  
the year 1923.

In duplicate.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord Duke,

Your Grace's most obedient,

humble servant,

H. Hemmiker-Heaton.

5 GRACE THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE,

P.C., K.G., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.



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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

14th January, 1924.

My Lord Duke,

With reference to Your Grace's despatch No. 86 of the 18th of October, 1923, I have the honour to request that, in accordance with Your Grace's wishes, notice of the adherence of this Government to the International Convention, 1921, respecting the Traffic in Women and Children, may be given.

2. I propose to prepare an Ordinance on the lines of the Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1922, in amendment of Ordinance No. 3 of 1889. I would request that copies of any other legislation which it may be considered desirable to enact in this connection may be forwarded to me.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord Duke,

Your Grace's most obedient,

humble servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton.

GRACE THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE,

P.C., K.G., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 10.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

14th January, 1924.

My Lord Duke,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Grace's Circular despatch of the 11th of October, 1923, relating to the revised edition of the Handbook of Commercial Treaties in force between Great Britain and foreign countries and to inform Your Grace that copies of the Handbook are not required by this Government.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord Duke,

Your Grace's most obedient,

humble servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton.

HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE,

P.C., K.G., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 11.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY,  
14th January, 1924.

My Lord Duke,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Grace's Circular despatch of the 2nd of November, 1923, relating to the participation of British Colonies and Protectorates in the Milan International Sample Fair and to inform Your Grace that it is not proposed to send exhibits from the territory under the administration of this Government.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord Duke,

Your Grace's most obedient,

humble servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton.

HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE,

P.C., K.G., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.



WILKLAND ISLANDS.12.GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY,

15th January, 1924.

My Lord Duke,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Grace's Circular despatch of the 1st of November, 1923, relative to the Crown Agents' proposals to modify the present procedure under which statements of the Cash Balances and Securities held by them on behalf of Colonial Governments are rendered and to inform Your Grace that so far as this Government is concerned no inconvenience would arise by the adoption of the proposals suggested.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord Duke,

Your Grace's most obedient,

humble servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton.

GRACE THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE,

P.C., K.G., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

46/24.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 13.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY,  
19th January, 1924.

My Lord Duke,

With reference to Your Grace's despatch No. 107 of the 21st of November, 1923, I have the honour to inform Your Grace that, in accordance with His Majesty's instructions, I have appointed Mr. G. J. Felton to be a Member of the Legislative Council of the Colony, for a period of five years from the 8th of January, 1924.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord Duke,

Your Grace's most obedient,

humble servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton.

HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE,

P.C., K.G., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

535/23

~~9~~FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 14.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

22nd January, 1924.

My Lord Duke,

In accordance with Colonial Regulation No. 396 (viii), I have the honour to forward herewith a Schedule of all charges of an unusual or special description, or not covered by the Appropriation law for the year, incurred during the quarter ended the 30th of September, 1923.

In duplicate.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord Duke,

Your Grace's most obedient,

humble servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton.

HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE,

P.C., K.G., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.



65/24.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 15.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

25th January, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Duke of Devonshire's Circular despatch of the 13th of October, relating to the revised List of Works in respect of which notice has been given to the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs and Excise under the provisions of Section 14 of the Copyright Act, 1911, and to inform you that a copy of this list has not so far been received by this Government.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

822/23.

LAND ISLANDS.16.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

28th January, 1924.

Sir,

With reference to my telegram of the 15th of November, 1923, I have the honour to report that I have granted to Mr. W. A. Thompson, Treasurer, four and a half months vacation leave to be followed by three months leave of absence on half-pay. Mr. Thompson is travelling by the s.s. "Ballena" due to leave Stanley on the 29th of January. He will probably arrive in England early in March.

2. A certificate of leave in the usual form is enclosed herewith.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton.

RIGHT HONOURABLE

R. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

498/21.

KLAND ISLANDS.

17.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

29th January, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith  
a copy of the minutes of a meeting of the  
Legislative Council of this Colony held on  
the 28th of July, 1923.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton.

RIGHT HONOURABLE

J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.



349/22.

BLAND ISLANDS.13.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY,  
1st February, 1924.

Sir,

With reference to the Duke of Devonshire's despatch No. 59 of the 19th of July, I have the honour to report that the 3-pdr Hotchkiss and sub-calibre gun bodies were dumped in deep water on the 24th of January.

2. As it was not possible to find a market locally for the mounting of the 3-pdr Q.F., it has been dumped with the gun. The breech mechanism has been stored pending further instructions as there are no means of disposing locally of the material as scrap.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton.

RIGHT HONOURABLE

J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 19.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

5th February, 1924.

Sir,

With reference to the Duke of Devonshire's Circular despatch of the 6th of November, 1923, transmitting copies of two draft Conventions adopted by the International Labour Conference, I have the honour to inform you that this Government is willing that notification of its adherence to both Conventions should be given.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

804/23.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 20.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

5th February, 1924.

Sir,

With reference to Mr. Middleton's despatch No. 20 of the 17th of January, 1922, I have the honour to transmit six copies of Regulations under Section 63 of the Customs Ordinance, 1903, repealing and replacing the Regulations of the 10th of March, 1921.

2. With the revival of an export duty on wool it has been found necessary to revise the Export Regulations in order to provide for a certificate of landing for shipments of wool as in the case of shipments of oil. Opportunity has at the same time been taken to amend the form of certificate to be used in the case of oil exported in order to standardize the method to be adopted in converting foreign measures to English gallons.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

RIGHT HONOURABLE

H. Henniker-Heaton.

J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Imports (Export)  
Regulations, 1922.

P. to S. of S.  
No. 147 of 23th  
January, 1923.



WILKINSON ISLANDS.

21.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

5th February, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a letter from Mr. Thompson, Colonial Treasurer, relative to the amount of leave of absence, which I have granted to him.

2. Mr. Thompson has received permission, as shown in his leave certificate, to apply for an extension of leave while in the United Kingdom. There is no objection on the part of this Government to granting Mr. Thompson the full amount of leave for which he may be eligible under the Colonial Regulations. He has completed only three years service after eighteen months leave, but he undoubtedly feels the strain of work in this Colony too heavy for him as indicated in the opening paragraphs of his letter of the 6th of November.

3. I beg to add that the statement of Clerical Work performed in the Treasury and Customs Department was prepared by Mr. Thompson and printed privately at his expense. The establishment and salaries of the Treasury Department as shewn in the Estimates for 1920, were, /

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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were, Treasurer, \$400, First Clerk, \$200,  
Second Clerk, \$150, as against in 1923,  
Treasurer, \$600 plus \$50 personal allowance,  
First Clerk, \$251, Second Clerk, \$200.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton.

512/23.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 22.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

5th February, 1924.

Sir,

With reference to the Duke of Devonshire's Circular despatch of the 21st of April, 1923, I have the honour to transmit 200 copies of the meteorological data which will be inserted in the Annual Blue Book for the Colony for the year 1923, for transmission to the Meteorological Office.

2. A copy of a memorandum giving details as to the station where the observations are taken is also enclosed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.



492/23.

WILKLAND ISLANDS.23.GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY,

7th February, 1924.

Sir,

With reference to the Duke of Devonshire's despatch No. 110 of the 26th of November, I have the honour to inform you that in compliance with the request contained in the enclosure to His Grace's despatch No. 26 of the 21st of April, 1923, the completed form 3001 (Catechism) was forwarded direct to the Meteorological Office, London, and that monthly returns of daily observations taken have since been regularly submitted.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

444/23.

W. AND I. LANDS.24.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

7th February, 1924.

Sir,

In accordance with Colonial Regulation No. 296 (ix), I have the honour to transmit copies of Comparative Statement of Revenue and Expenditure for the quarter ended the 30th of September, 1923.

copies.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton.

RIGHT HONOURABLE

J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

193/24.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 25.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY,

11th February, 1924.

Sir,

in duplicate.

In accordance with Colonial Regulation No. 184, I have the honour to transmit herewith a list of members of the Legislative Council of the Colony for the year ended the 31st of December, 1923.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Yours most obedient,

humble servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton.

George Thomas (Deputy)

Hugh Cullen Harting

Madame Cecil  
Georgie Galkett18th June, 1922  
10th Sept. 1923  
September, 1924.

18th Sept. 1919. Five Years.

18th June, 1923.

During each present period as the Senior ex-officio member is administering the Government.

administering the Government from the 1st of June to the 31st of October during the absence from the Colony of the Governor on leave.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,  
10th of October, 1923. (Secretary of State's Despatch No. 33 of 26th of October, 1923.)

Secretary of State's Despatch No. 33 of the 26th of June, 1923. SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

SURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH NO. 25 of the 11th  
bruary, 1924.

LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
OF THE COLONY OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS FOR  
THE YEAR, 1923.

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onial Secretary.

Herbert Henniker-Heaton ... 1st January to 31st December.

onial Treasurer.

William Austin Thompson ... 1st January to 31st December.

onial Surgeon.

Frederick Gustav Wooding  
Deane, F.R.C.S., (Edin.)  
L.R.C.P., (Edin.) ... 1st January to 31st December.

MEMBERS APPOINTED BY WARRANT.

Appointed.

Period of  
Appointment.

George Isaac Turner	28th June, 1922.	28th June, 1922 to 26th September, 1924.
Hugh Cullen Harding	26th Sept. 1919.	Five Years.
Montague Cecil Craigie-Halkett.	15th June, 1923.	During such present period as the Senior ex-Officio member is administering the Government.

Administering the Government from the 1st of June to the 31st of December during the absence from the Colony of the Governor on leave.

) Resigned 26th October, 1923. (Secretary of State's Despatch No. 93 of the 26th of October, 1923.)

) Secretary of State's despatch No. 53 of the 26th of June, 1923.



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ORDER IN COUNCIL IN RELATION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PALM ISLANDS, 1924.

PALM ISLANDS, 1924.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

11th February, 1924.

LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF  
THE COLONY OF THE PALM ISLANDS FOR THE  
YEAR, 1923.

OFFICIAL SECRETARY Sir,

Colonial Secretary. In accordance with Colonial Regulation

(1) Herbert Henry No. 164, I have the honour to transmit herewith  
in duplicate.

Colonial Treasurer. with a list of members of the Executive Council  
of the Colony for the year ended the 31st of  
December, 1923.

Colonial Surgeon. 2. Mr. W. A. Harding who was appointed  
an unofficial member of the Council for a  
period of three years from the 18th of February,  
1921, resigned his seat, in view of his approach-  
ing departure from the Colony, on the 29th of  
March, 1923. I regret that through an oversight  
Mr. Harding's resignation was not reported at an  
earlier date.

(2) William Alfred Harding ... 18th February, 1921. Three years.  
(3) Montague Cecil Craigie-Makela ... 18th June, 1923.  
I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient,  
humble servant,

(1) Administering the Government from the 1st of June to the  
31st of December during the absence from the Colony of the  
Governor on leave.

H. Henniker-Heaton.

(2) Resigned his seat on the 29th of March.

(3) Secretary of State's despatch No. 53 of the 25th of June,  
1923.

RIGHT HONOURABLE

J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

DESURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH No. 26 of the 11th  
February, 1924.

LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF  
THE COLONY OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS FOR THE  
YEAR, 1923.

OFFICIO MEMBERS.

Chief Secretary.

Herbert Henniker-Heaton ... 1st January to 31st December.

Chief Treasurer.

William Austin Thompson ... 1st January to 31st December.

Chief Surgeon.

Frederick Gustav Wooding  
Deane, F.R.C.S., (Edin)  
L.R.C.P., (Edin) ... 1st January to 31st December.

<u>AS APPOINTED BY WARRANT.</u>	<u>Appointed.</u>	<u>Period of</u> <u>Appointment.</u>
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William Alfred Harding ...	18th February, 1921.	Three Years.
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Montague Cecil Craigie-Halkett ...	15th June, 1923.	During such present period as the Senior ex-officio member is administering the Government.
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Administering the Government from the 1st of June to the  
31st of December during the absence from the Colony of the  
Governor on leave.

Resigned his seat on the 29th of March.

Secretary of State's despatch No. 53 of the 26th of June,  
1923.

ND ISLANDS.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY,  
15th February, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Duke of Devonshire's Circular despatch of the 4th of December, relating to the Treaty of Commerce and Navigation concluded between the United Kingdom and Latvia on the 22nd of June, 1923, and to inform you that it is desired that notice of accession to the Treaty should be given on behalf of this Government.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton.

RIGHT HONOURABLE

J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

188/24.

AND ISLANDS.B.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

15th February, 1924.

Sir,

With reference to paragraph 6 of the Duke of Devonshire's Circular despatch of the 29th of December, relating to the provision of funds for the maintenance of the Imperial Institute, I have the honour to inform you that a sum of £5 by way of contribution will be placed on the Estimates for 1925 and that, in order to preserve continuity of connection with the Institute the sanction of the Legislative Council will be sought for the expenditure of a similar amount this year.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

H. Renniker-Heaton.

RIGHT HONOURABLE

J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.



186/24.

LAND ISLANDS.29.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

17th March, 1924.

Sir,

With reference to the Duke of Devonshire's Circular Despatch of the 19th of December, 1923, relating to the conditions and prospects for new settlers in the Falkland Islands, I have the honour to refer you to Mr. W. F. Martin's despatch No. 109 of the 5th of October, 1920, and to inform you that no change has taken place in the industrial conditions of the Colony since that date.

2. There is no land available for settlement and while two or three artisans coming to the Colony would doubtless be able to earn a livelihood, there are no other openings for employment for persons coming out without agreements for service. It would be unwise to encourage immigration.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton.

RIGHT HONOURABLE

J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

257/23.

IND ISLANDS.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY,  
17th March, 1924.

Sir,

With reference to Mr. Middleton's  
despatch No. 51 of the 18th of April, 1923,  
I have the honour to transmit an additional  
copy of Mr. A. A. P. Neave's preliminary report  
on the schemes for a water supply and drainage  
and other measures for the improvement of Stanley.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton.

RIGHT HONOURABLE

V. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

999/21.KLAND ISLANDS.31.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY,  
17th March, 1924.

Sir,

With reference to the Duke of Devonshire's  
Miscellaneous despatch of the 3rd of January,  
I have the honour to transmit six copies of  
regulations relating to the Colonial Auxiliary  
Forces Long Service Medal issued on the lines  
of the Southern Rhodesia Regulations.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton.

RIGHT HONOURABLE

J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

169/24.

ALKLAND ISLANDS.

Q. 32.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

19th March, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that a Mr. Cyril Henriksen, a local carter, has applied for a piece of land in Stanley suitable for the erection of a stable, and that in anticipation of your approval, I have granted him a lease for three years of a site of one eighth of an acre of waste land at an annual rental of 10s. 0d. The land is on the common but has no pastoral value.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton.

RIGHT HONOURABLE

J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.



950/21.

by the Deputy Magistrate and the Viralsus

KLAND ISLANDS.

33.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY

19th March, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit proposals for the building of additional Government quarters at South Georgia. The sum of £1000 has been voted in the Estimates for the past three years with this object, but no part of the money has yet been spent.

2. The following officials are stationed at South Georgia, namely: a Magistrate, Deputy Magistrate, two Customs Officers, a Police Constable and a Caretaker. The only Government building, apart from the gaol, contains only four bedrooms, a sitting room, Court, dining room and billiard room. There is no private office and all Government business has to be transacted in the Court Room.

3. It was proposed in 1922 that new quarters should be built for the Magistrate and plans were prepared. The position has, however, changed as the Magistrate is now married and a wireless operator will be stationed at headquarters.

4. It is, in my opinion, desirable that the Magistrate should have a separate house and that quarters should be erected for joint occupation

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

by/

J. H. THOMAS, P.O., M.P.,

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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by the Deputy Magistrate and the Wireless Operator.

5. Mr. A. A. P. Neave, who is advising this Government on Stanley improvement works, has been good enough to prepare the plans and specifications which I have the honour to enclose, together with a letter containing an estimate of the cost. Strict economy has been observed in the designs, which are, in the opinion of the Magistrate, very suitable for the climate. It will be observed that the expenditure is estimated at approximately £1,800 for the two buildings erected on the sites proposed; of this amount £800 is for heating fittings and erection and £160 for contingencies. The Magistrate confidently anticipates that any of the whaling companies will be glad to effect the transport of the building and furniture free of freight charges. Their vessels arrive in South Georgia with a considerable amount of free cargo space and have not yet made any charges for the carriage of Government goods to South Georgia. The present Government building was shipped in 1912, freight free, by the Ocean Whaling Company. The cost of erection was high for reasons into which it is not now necessary to enter, but the Magistrate's explanations were given in an enclosure to Falkland Islands despatch No. 58 of 1913. Part of the expenditure was caused by transhipment from New Fortune Bay to Grytviken. If you so approve, arrangements should be made for shipping the new buildings by the s.s. "Thor I," belonging to Messrs. Bryde and Dahl,

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5. The plans of the buildings and all which sails direct to Grytviiken. The houses will be packed in sections and the Magistrate expresses himself as confident that sufficient allowance has been made for the cost of erection.

6. I would ask that the houses be furnished free by the Government. The cost which should include electric light fittings and a three quarter size billiard table for the Magistrate is estimated by me at £500, bringing the total expenditure for which I now seek your sanction to the sum of £2 300.

7. I have further to recommend that the Magistrate's house be erected on a site to the west of Grytviiken. The site of the present Court House appears to have been badly selected. For three and a half months in the year no sun reaches the building owing to a high hill immediately behind it and to the north. I enclose photographs in illustration of this and of the proposed sites. The site to the east of the station is that selected for a wireless station as a consequence of exhaustive trials made by R.M.S. "Dartmouth" in 1920 and the result of recent experiments made by the Colonial Government Wireless Station with a vessel at South Georgia. The Magistrate's house will be some little distance from the Court House, but will be in direct telephonic communication.

8. The contract for the building should, it is proposed, be given to Messrs. Cuypers, who have already provided a building for this Government. They are in a position to manufacture the material in Norway and place the building in sections on board the factory at Sandefjord or Tonsberg.

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9. The plans of the buildings and all relevant matters have been fully discussed with the Magistrate. I trust you will be pleased to sanction the proposals and will instruct the Crown Agents to proceed in the matter without delay in order that the buildings may be shipped in September.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble servant

H. Henniker-Heaton



Port Stanley,

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

10th March, 1924.

Sir,

I beg to forward herewith plans (4 sets) superimposed off each) as follows :-

- (a). Bungalow residence for Magistrate,
- (b). Quarters for Two Officers,

which I have prepared at His Excellency's request.

2. I also attach some "Notes on the Construction", which, whilst not intended to be a complete specification, indicate the salient features of the buildings.

3. As regards estimates whilst I have no personal acquaintance with conditions at South Georgia I understand from the Magistrate that the cost of workmanship is reasonable, and the following figures should serve as an indication of the expenditures involved.

4. The local merchant's Social Club building recently imported to Port Stanley on my specification cost approximately 3s. 6d. per foot cube f.o.b. Liverpool (approximately 18,500 feet cube above sleeper - 1923). This is a sectional timber building about the same size as building (a) above and somewhat similar in type but with fewer internal partitions, etc.:

5. Assuming purchase in Norway and free freight to South Georgia by one of the whaling factories the new buildings may be put at say 6d. per foot cube reckoned above sleeper level plus an allowance for hot water heating system and fittings plus foundations, chimney stacks and erection on site as follows :

(2)

Bungalow Residence for Magistrate

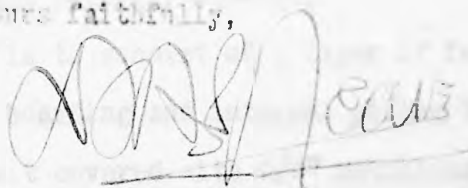
21,000 feet cube (above sleeper level) at 6d. -	525.	\$
Allow for hot water heating and fittings. -	200.	\$
		725.
Allow for foundations, chimney stacks and erection on site. ....	275.	\$
		1,000.

Quarters for Two Officers.

12,000 feet cube (above sleeper level) at 6d. -	300.	
Allow for hot water heating and fittings. -	150.	\$
		450.
Allow for foundations, chimney stacks and erection on site. ....	180.	\$
		630.
		\$1,650.
Add for contingencies 10% .....	165.	
		<u>\$1,795.</u>

TOTAL... (say) \$1,800.

Yours faithfully,



His Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

Port Stanley,

PALAU ISLANDS.

# SOUTH GEORGIA.

## KING HOWARD COVE.

### NOTES ON CONSTRUCTION OF :-

- (a). BUNGALOW RESIDENCE FOR MAGISTRATE,  
and (b). QUARTERS FOR TWO OFFICERS.
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The dimensions figured on the two attached plans are the internal sizes clear between the 4" x 2" main framing of the buildings; the height of the ceilings above floors is to be 9' 0".

ION. The sides of the buildings are to be delivered ready framed in rectangular squares ready for bolting together on site.

The timber framing of walls is to be at least 4" x 2" with corner posts at least 4" x 4" with suitable uprights under principals; the timber framing of partitions is also to be at least 4" x 2" all properly studded.

External covering is to consist of a layer of felt covered with 1" weather boarding and internal lining is to consist of a layer of felt covered with 5/8" matchboarding.

The roof is to be covered with 7/8" boarding and felt and galvanized corrugated iron (20 G) proper pressed steel (or cast iron) gutters and down pipes being provided also 5 lb: lead for chimney flashings and barge boards for gable ends.

The floor is to be of wrot 1" rebated flooring on 4" x 2" joists and sleepers.

(2)

The rise of roof is to be at least one third the span and the feet of all rafters are to be tied by the ceiling joists as indicated with collars halved at ends over points of supports to purlins with an extra collar half way between such supports when the distance between supports exceeds 12'. 0".

All doors are to be at least 1½" in thickness and front doors and doors to principal rooms and kitchens from corridor are to be 3'. 0" clear width and not less than 6'. 6" in height. The doors to bathrooms and W. C.'s, pantrys and beating chambers are to be 2'. 4" clear width, as is also the door to Servant's bedroom on plan "B".

PLAN "A". - The hall door is to have its upper half glazed with glazed fanlight over and there are to be glazed fanlights over doors of the dining room and billiard room to light corridor.

PLAN "B". - The inner and outer hall doors are each to have their upper portions glazed with glazed fanlights over and there is to be a glazed fanlight over kitchen door to light corridor.

The front and back entrance doors of each building are to have 2" thick hardwood sills with rounded bullnose on outside and are to be fixed above floor level so as to allow of door opening over door mat to be placed behind.

Double hung sash windows with at least 1½" thick sashes are to be provided throughout with sash cords and balance weights each fitted with hardwood sill out of 6" x 3½" properly grooved on under side.

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The French windows from living rooms to conservatories are to be hinged each side and to have upper portions glazed and to be fitted with glazed fanlights over. They are to have 2" thick hardwood sills similar to main entrance doors.

Glass, 24 oz., for doors and windows is to be cut to size ready for fixing and carefully packed separately for shipment and the necessary putty is to be supplied.

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All doors and windows are to be neatly finished inside and outside with moulded architraves and splayed cornice rail 2" x 1", and splayed skirting boards 3" x 1" are to be provided throughout with moulded picture rails to halls and principal rooms.

CONIES. The lean to conservatories are to be roofed with 24 oz. glass on strong rafters and to have glazed sides with hardwood sill about 3'. 0" above concrete floor level with timber framed construction under down to wall plate level.

TC. Each building is to be provided with a best quality bath 6'. 0" long white enamelled inside and painted outside, and best quality white glazed inside and out stoneware W. C. pans with hinged hardwood seats and covers and 5 gallon flush cisterns and wastes and 2" down pipes are to be provided.

The kitchen ranges are to be best quality ranges and each fitted with best boiler for hot water supply connected to supply cistern and 40 gallon galvanized iron

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cylinder to be fixed in loft over connected with galvanised iron pipes to take over kitchen sinks and baths. A galvanised internal heating coil connected to the heating boiler is also to be fixed in this cylinder so that hot water can be obtained from the heating boiler fire irrespective of the kitchen fire.

The fireplaces indicated are to be best quality mantle registers with tile surrounds and hearths (rich golden brown tiles) and fitted with mantle shelves and to have 18" fires.

Each building is to be fitted with central heating as indicated, the capacity of the heating boiler and radiators to have a reserve of at least 33% over that required by good practice calculations to maintain an even internal temperature of  $65^{\circ}$  F. when the external temperature is  $15^{\circ}$  F.

Heating pipes are to be provided for conservatories; those in the larger house being kept well above floor to ensure satisfactory return flow to heating boiler.

The system is to be fitted with the usual supply tank, valves, cocks, safety valves and relief pipes, draining cocks and cleaning doors to boiler etc.; and radiators are to have air cocks and controlling valves. The rising main from boiler is to be taken up to apex of roof.

All exposed woodwork is to be primed with red lead before leaving the works and sufficient oil paint is to be supplied for three additional coats (pale buff shade) after erection including internal matchlining, but paint for finishing coats of window sashes and conservatories is to be white in colour.

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All materials and workmanship are to be of best quality, substantial and neatly finished buildings being required.

All exposed woodwork is to be wrot and scantlings to be sufficient for duty required. Joints in timber framing of walls, partitions, roofs etc:, are to be properly made with the necessary tenons, halvings, etc:.

The contractor is to include for the supply of the whole of the materials necessary for the completion of the building (e.g. nails, screws, doorlocks and bolts, etc:, etc:) whether mentioned in this specification or not except where specifically excluded under the next clause, and is to include for 2 dozen brass hat and coat hooks and pin rails for same for each building (i.e. total 4 dozen hat and coat hooks and pin rails), and 4 No: root doors 9" x 6" for kitchen chimney flues.

Concrete or stone or brick foundations and chimneys and hearths and small pillars to each leg of billiard tables will be provided locally.

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12. The contractors quotation is to be inclusive of all charges whatsoever for the complete building ready for erection free on board whaling factory with components properly marked and lettered and bundled and crated for safe transport and is to include for supply of complete erection drawings properly marked and lettered to agree with the marks and letters on the materials.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

20th March, 1924.

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to the Colonial Government for criticism.

Sir,

I have the honour to be,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Duke of Devonshire's despatch No. 104 of the 17th of November, 1923 and 100 copies of Dr. H. A. Baker's report on the Geological Investigations carried out by him in the Falkland Islands.

1. With regard to the introductory remarks published with the report, I transmit copies of letters received from the Manager of the Falkland Islands Company, Limited, relating to the statements made by Dr. Baker regarding the transport service provided by the Company. I concur that the impression conveyed by Dr. Baker is misleading and exaggerated and that, apart from the inconvenience caused by the total absence of roads and the irregular and restricted steamer service, it cannot be said that travelling in the Colony is attended with any actual hardship or an unusual degree of risk.

3. I would suggest, for your consideration, that in order to avoid the inclusion of inaccuracies of this nature in reports, the personal impressions of the writer on matters outside the

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.



scope of the report should in future either be omitted or, before publication, forwarded to the Colonial Government for criticism.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant.

H. Henniker-Heaton.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

20th March, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit a report by Mr. William Darlas, Deputy Magistrate at South Georgia, on the sealing operations in the Dependency during the season 1923. It is considered by the Government Naturalist that satisfactory results have been obtained and that the present system of sealing should continue.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

20th March, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Duke of Devonshire's despatch, No. 102 of the 15th of November, 1923, enclosing a report by Miss M. Dyer on the use of whale flesh as food, and to attach a note by the Government Naturalist commenting on the report.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton.

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 37.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

21st March, 1924.

Sir,

With reference to the Duke of Devonshire's despatch, No. 95 of the 29th of October, 1923, forwarding a report by the Director of the British Museum (Natural History, on Southern Whaling and Sealing, I have the honour to transmit the attached copy of a note by Mr. J. H. Hamilton, Government Naturalist, commenting on the subject matter of the report and of the letter which accompanied it.

2. I enclose also a copy of a report written by Mr. A. G. Bennett, Assistant to the Government Naturalist, on a visit made by him to the Fur Seal Roostery at the Jason Islands recently. There appears to be little doubt, from reports received from this and other sources, that the number of the fur seal is increasing at the protected roostery; Mr. Bennett estimates that there were not less than six thousand seals there in December, as against the 2,237 estimated by Mr. Hamilton in the previous January.

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3. I greatly doubt whether the authorities at the British Museum (Natural History) have any conception of the excessive number of sea lions on the coasts of these islands or of the serious damage done by them to the stocks of fodder for the farms. Farmers go to great expense in planting tussac on their islands and are forbidden by law to kill these animals, which render large areas useless. The Government has been compelled, in some cases, in the interest of stock owners, to issue permits for killing and driving off the sea lion, but the fringe only of the herds is affected.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble servant.

H. Henniker-Heaton.

It is certainly clear that the Colony and Dependencies could support a large fur seal population if it could be established.

The estimate of £3 per skin is based on the average prices which have been obtained for Falkland Islands skins in the past.

Since for many years sealing in the Falklands has been conducted by means of five men and the fove still persists, I would submit

URE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH No. 37 of the  
17th March, 1924.

Note by Mr. J. E. Hamilton, Government  
Naturalist, commenting on the Report  
by the Director of the British Museum  
on Southern Whaling and Sealing, dated  
the 24th of July, 1924.

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It cannot, I would suggest, be doubted that the question of international agreement with reference to the pelagic control of whaling and sealing will eventually be necessary, and that it must play a large part in the final settlement of the problems connected with the subject.

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These are a digest of my reports on the Fur Seal of the Falkland Islands. Among the points dealt with is the interrelation of the Fur Seal and the Sea Lion; and in this connection I would venture the remark that I have never advocated the general extermination of the Sea Lion as might be concluded from the last sentence of paragraph 7. My opinions were expressed only in so far as this species exists on the few places where there are Fur Seal Rookeries.

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that serious apprehension need not be entertained that their farther use in the removal of Sea Lions would be likely to damage the Fur Seal Rookeries.

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It is stated in the Report on the Fur Seal of the Pribilof Islands (1914) that the northern species has exceedingly strong instincts and relatively small intelligence. That this is true also of the local form is borne out by the tenacity with which it adheres to its remaining haunts in spite of almost continuous persecution for many years.

So long as present conditions continue it will not be possible to kill seal in the Colony without the use of fire arms, but if these are of the proper sort and carefully used the disturbance may be minimised.

I would beg to state continued adherence to my opinion that the presence of Sea Lions actually on the same rocks as the Fur Seal and sometimes with harems in the middle of the breeding Fur Seal, cannot but be detrimental to the smaller species on account of the greatly superior size and strength of Otaria

Note on the letter dated the 1st of  
August, 1923.

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In 1920/21 11,700 barrels of elephant seal oil were produced in Kerguelen. On a basis of 2 barrels per seal this represents the killing of 5,850 animals.

In 1921/22 there was no killing but in 1922/23, 14,000 barrels were produced from say

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7,000 seal.

These expeditions are conducted by Messrs. Irvin and Johnson and start from Saldanha Bay, Cape Colony, the season being November to March.

Additional note on the occurrence of  
Fur Seal in the Dependencies (South  
Shetlands.)

I have been informed to-day that in 1905 the schooner "Edith R. Balcom" of Halifax, N.S., Rupe (rt) Balcom, Master, after a five days' run with a fair wind from Punta Arenas, reached South Shetlands. At that place there <sup>were</sup> secured, by clubbing and therefore on the land, 51 Fur Seal: on account of the length and quality of the fur a price of \$11 per skin was secured when ordinary South Atlantic skins were worth 59/- each.

(sgd) J. B. Hamilton,  
Government Naturalist.

13th March, 1924.

A count could not be made under the conditions that from the mass left left the rock, and the seals and bulls that remained on the small part of the rock that I could see. I feel certain that not less than 5,000 seals could be there.



Enclosure No. 2 to Falkland Islands Despatch No. 37  
of the 21st of March, 1924.

Report by Mr. A. G. Bennett, Assistant to the  
Government Naturalist, on his inspection of the  
Jason Fur Seal Rookery.

To the Honourable  
 the Colonial Secretary.

Stanley,

20th December, 1923.

Sir,

Following your instructions I proceeded in  
 "Afterglow" on the 15th to inspect the Jason Fur  
 Seal Rookery.

The Rookery was reached in ideal weather shortly  
 after 9 a.m. on the 17th. On our approach great  
 numbers of seal left the rock for the water. The  
 boat was lowered, a breeze started from the S.E.  
 After pulling round a landing was made on the N.W.  
 side.

At this spot two half bulls were shot to prevent  
 accidents. So also were all sea lions visible from  
 this spot. On mounting the rock pups were thickly  
 strewn protected by bulls. The cows and young males  
 had taken to the water.

The two seals killed were got into the boat  
 and as the weather was just starting to get bad the  
 "Afterglow" whistled for our return. We got on  
 board none too soon for the wind.

A count could not be made under the conditions  
 but from the mass that left the rock, and the pups  
 and bulls that remained on the small part of the rock  
 that I could see, I feel certain that not less than  
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During the trip I saw a large number of sea lions. From Volunteer Rocks to Salvador Waters I saw along the beaches from a distance of 1 to 3 miles, through glasses, not less than 1,500 lions. An inspection from the land would multiply this number several times. At various places along the shores and rocks of the whole run these animals were present. The outer tussac Island in Port William swarmed with them as we passed in on the 19th on our return.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(sgd) A. G. Bennett,  
Asst. Naturalist.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 36.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

27th March, 1924.

Sir,

In duplicate.

I have the honour to transmit a copy of a report by Mr. Hamilton, Whaling Officer and Government Naturalist, on the 1923-24 South Shetlands Whaling season to the end of March.

2. The season has so far proved poor and the report gives further indication of a possible decline in the fishery. The loss of the Master of the whale catcher "Bransfield" and four of her crew is much to be regretted. The floating factory "Ronald", moored and anchored in Deception Harbour, where no seas arise, was driven ashore by the force of the gale, but was fortunately refloated later.

3. Mr. Hamilton has carried out useful scientific investigations during the season. The question of the disposal of the specimens obtained by him will be dealt with at a later date.

4. I reserve further comment on the season pending the receipt of the final report

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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ENCLOSURE TO PALM LAGOON ISLAND RESERVATION No. 38 of  
the 27th of March, 1924.

by the Assistant Whaling Officer on the return of  
the whaling fleet.

I have the honour to be,

This report deals with Sir, the period between the 14th  
November, 1923, Your most obedient, in A.S. "Palm" to  
the 2nd of March, 1924, when humble servant, returned in  
"Northward Breeze" for Stanley.

2. The passage H. Henniker-Heaton. There was a  
certain amount of fog and snow on the 16th and 17th, so  
that the night of the latter was spent outside Deception  
Island which was entered on the morning of the 18th.

3. The first ice was met with on the 18th in  
N. 30° E. 25° 4' W and consisted of stable-topped bergs.  
The first ice was met until we were off Livingston  
Island, and even then it was not heavy.

4. Blue and Fin Whales were seen on the 16th and  
on the 17th one Blue Whale was seen the North end of  
Bransfield Straits.

I observed a number of Adelia Penguins on floating  
ice during the passage down Bransfield Straits but it  
is difficult to draw conclusions from this, although the  
species is a distinctly Southern one.

5. By the 26th of November all factories had  
arrived and Mr. A. R. Riches, Assistant Whaling Officer,  
left Deception for Admiralty Bay. Mr. Riches was after-  
wards in Melchior Islands (Schollert Channel) and  
Port Lockroy. He returned to Deception on the 25th of  
February.

6. By the 18th of December all the factories  
except "Mascot" were in Admiralty Bay where there was  
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ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH No. 38 of  
the 27th of March, 1924.

INTERIM REPORT ON THE WHALING SEASON 1923/24  
IN SOUTH SHETLANDS.

This report deals with the period between the 14th November, 1923, when I left Stanley in s.s. "Falk" to the 2nd of March, 1924, when I left South Shetland in "Southern Breeze" for Stanley.

2. The passage down was fine but there was a certain amount of fog and snow on the 16th and 17th, so that the night of the latter was spent outside Deception Island which was entered on the morning of the 18th.

3. The first ice was met with on the 15th in  $59^{\circ}$  S,  $58^{\circ}$  4' W and consisted of table topped bergs. No floe ice was seen until we were off Livingstone Island, and even then it was not heavy.

4. Blue and Fin Whales were seen on the 16th and on the 17th one Blue Whale near the North end of Bransfield Straits.

I observed a number of Adelie Penguins on floating ice during the passage down Bransfield Straits but it is difficult to draw conclusions from this, although the species is a distinctly Southern one.

5. By the 26th of November all factories had arrived and Mr. S. R. Riches, Assistant Whaling Officer, left Deception for Admiralty Bay. Mr. Riches was afterwards in Melchoir Islands (Schollaert Channel) and Port Lockroy; he returned to Deception on the 25th of February.

6. By the 18th of December all the factories except "Ronald" were in Admiralty Bay where there was

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moderately good Blue Whale catching. The catchers however had to travel far to the north and east, even as much as 120 miles, with the result that the long tow back permitted decomposition to begin in the dead whales, and this of course must have somewhat reduced their oil productivity. Catching was slow in Deception at the time.

7. The first Humpbacks were reported on the 27th November. Two Sperm Whales were brought in to Deception Harbour on the 27th of November and up to the time of my leaving ten of the species had been caught, although a number of others were reported to the North of King George Island and the West of Boyd Strait.

8. With reference to the two principal species, the Blue and Fin, Blue Whales were caught from the beginning of the Season, and the first Fin was brought in on the 29th of November. About the 20th of December I first noticed diatom patches on the Blue Whale.

9. With the exception of two short trips I remained at Deception all the time, and therefore the remarks which follow are based principally on the occurrences in that catching area.

From the beginning there was never any really good fishing there was no rush of fat Blue Whales in the middle of summer, and as might be expected the Fin whales were not of great oil value since as a rule this species does not appear in good condition until February, nor were they abundant at any time. Of the Blue Whales which were taken a large proportion were of the "Myrbjorn" type. As a result of examination of specimens of this form I have completely  
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satisfied myself that it is nothing more than an immature Blue Whale. In every case the genital organs were in an undeveloped state.

10. There were times when the catching prospects brightened up but these were always of short duration. One day at Deception deserves mention when five Blue Whales produced the fine average of 220 barrels. These were all large animals and in first class condition.

11. The catching at other places was at times somewhat better than at Deception, but the results must have been adversely affected by the long distance it was necessary to cover in bringing the whales back. At times the catchers from Port Lokroy and I believe Melchoir Islands were going as far South as  $68^{\circ}$ , where there was a good deal of pack ice. The trip necessitated travelling a distance of say 400 miles which, having regard to the time and coal consumed, hampered operations, and with regard to the whales, reduced their oil value as a result of the inevitable decomposition. Hardly any whales were taken in Bransfield or Belgica Straits most of the hunting being done in open water to the west and south.

12. The ice conditions varied somewhat; there was for a long time pack ice to the eastward of Elephant Island, and near it whales were caught. Bransfield Straits were free of floe or pack from about the time of my arrival until the 8th of February when after a heavy gale at South Orkney a very considerable amount of this sort of ice appeared outside Deception.

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It gradually receded towards the North East but had not disappeared by the time I left. At different times pack ice was reported to the Westward of the Palmer Archipelago.

13. The two trips which I made were to Admiralty Bay and Belgica Straits.

The former occupied the 3rd and 4th of January and in the whole distance of some 170 miles and in fine weather only one whale was seen (off King George Island). Admiralty Bay is land locked and the bottom is I believe mud, but there is a good deal of trouble due to ice. Bergs come in and travel round the anchorage, and so far as I could see there were no less than five separate glaciers entering the sea at this place.

14. The trip to Belgica Straits occupied the time from the night of the 10th January to 4 a.m. on the 13th. A distance of some 250 miles was covered and not one whale was observed. It should be stated that during much of the time conditions were unfavourable to observation on account of fog and snow.

Port Lockroy was visited, then Melchoir Islands and finally Mikklesen Harbour. I had not previously seen the last two.

15. Melchoir Islands form a ring which encloses a large tract of water, which again has an inner harbour entering from it.

The bottom is mud but there is a certain amount of trouble from icebergs being brought in by the currents.

It is stated that the weather in and about Melchoir Islands is usually reasonably calm and fine, as that round Deception is generally the reverse.

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It certainly was the case on the occasion of my visit that it was blowing rather hard in Belgica Straits with the usual accompaniment of fog and snow but when we approached Melchoir Islands there was scarcely a breath of wind and visibility was good.

16. At Mikkelsen Harbour it was not possible to make observations of any extent on account of thick fog and snow. This harbour has the form of a horse-shoe opening towards the South. It appears to be the end of a valley between high hills and the upper end is filled with a glacier which frequently calves. The anchorage is on a bank which <sup>was</sup> doubtless at one time the terminal moraine of the glacier.

17. Of accidents to catchers two deserve mention the first resulted in the disablement of "Commonwealth" (Norge Company) and was the consequence of a dying Blue Whale ramming the vessel in the stern. A very serious leak was produced and the rudder and rudder post smashed into three pieces. But for the arrival of another catcher there can be no doubt that "Commonwealth" must have been abandoned and lost. Arrangements were made and sanctioned that "Almirante Coni" of Hektor Company should replace "Commonwealth". The second accident took place in a gale after I left and resulted in the total loss of the "Bransfield" and five of her complement. This is I believe the first time so serious an occurrence has taken place in the Dependency.

18. Of the new and larger type of whale catcher now being introduced opinions differ considerably. It seems not unlikely that this is the result of difference in design. "Weddell" (Hektor Company) is one of the most satisfactory, she was built at Jarlso near Tonsberg.

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19. It seemed desirable in view of the approaching Expedition in "Discovery" to undertake experimental investigations with a view to collecting data on the age states of whales.

I contemplated an endeavour to collect identical vertebrae from a good series for purposes of comparative osteology, but on account of the size of the specimens and the difficulties of cleaning them I concluded that the work would be beyond the means at my disposal.

20. The remaining work took the form of routine measurements on as many whales as possible and the examination of the genital organs. About 230 whales of five species were measured, and where they seemed to be in a sufficiently fresh state ovaries were preserved in formalin or small pieces of testis for microscopic examination, according to the sex of the animal.

Fragments of large squid from among the stomach contents of the Sperm Whale were also preserved.

In addition 38 birds were prepared, including a group for the British Empire Exhibition; six skeletons of Weddell seals had been secured when I left (these are a continuation of the series which I started for the British Museum, Natural History, in 1921).

For the purposes of facilitating the scientific work Mr. J. G. Turner was employed by the Government as my Assistant and came to South Shetland in "Pythia". I could not have carried out the examination of the series of whales without his assistance, and I am pleased to be able to state that he showed a distinct aptitude for the work.

Contrasting this season's work with that of 1920/21 has made it clear that in order to do effective work on a land station it is necessary that there should be

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two persons working in conjunction.

21. There were also collected by special arrangement two Killer Whales, both males unfortunately, and on Right Whale, the latter for the reason that the National Collection is almost devoid of specimens from the Southern Right Whale.

Of the Killers the complete skeletons were preserved, of the Right Whale the skull with complete whalebone and a flipper and in addition I was presented with the complete skull of a Sperm Whale by Captain Ole Andersen of "Svend Foyn" and the skull of a Bottlenose by Captain Bjønness Hansen of "Solstreif".

22. There is also a certain amount of miscellaneous material collected by dredging etc. I secured a large number of a Nemertine which is I believe *Lineus rugosa* previously described from the Ross Sea. It is abundant on part of the bottom of Deception Island.

23. The Government quarters were opened and found to be in sound condition. Since they were used as a laboratory I left instructions that they were to be scrubbed out at the end of the season in case they should be required by the "Discovery".

24. The following are the figures relating to the number of whales caught and the oil produced up to the beginning of March. It will be observed that with one exception most of the factories were about half loaded.

The marked superiority of "Southern Queen" to all other factories must, I consider, be due in part at least to the hardy and audacious characters of her three gunners who are notable men in this respect.

25. In the cases of "Southern Queen", "Svend Foyn" and "Neko" the figures for the number of whales are based on returns of a somewhat earlier date.

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<u>Factory.</u>	<u>Number of Whales.</u>	<u>Amount of oil in barrels.</u>
Southern Queen	Over 300 about returned	36,000
Ronald ...	338	18,300
Pythia ...	218	14,800
Sevilla ...	135	14,700
Falk ...	231	14,400
Roald Amundsen	251	14,000
Svend Foyn 3	over 200	13,400
Orn II ...	213	12,500
Maudie ...	191	12,500
Solstreif...	162	10,000
Neko ...	probably 150 at least	8,500.
	Oil between 8,000 and 9,000	
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TOTAL ...	2,363.	159,100.
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I would beg to submit that since the data with respect to results of the season are incomplete it is not possible to enter into any general consideration.

In all general humpback permits were issued for four weeks no great number was taken and during one of them none at all.

(Sgd.) J. R. Hamilton,

27th March, 1924. Government Naturalist and  
Magistrate, South Shetlands.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 39.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

31st March, 1924.

Sir,

In accordance with Colonial Regulation No. 397, I have the honour to transmit herewith returns of appointments to and changes in Public Offices for the quarter ended the 31st of March, 1924.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton.

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J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P..

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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RALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 40.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

31st March, 1924.

Sir,

With reference to my telegram of the 8th of March, I have the honour to inform you that I have granted to Mr. J. E. Hamilton six weeks vacation leave prior to the assumption of his duties in connection with the 'Discovery' Expedition. A certificate of leave in the usual form is annexed hereto.

2. Previous to the receipt of your telegram of the 8th of February, Mr. Hamilton had applied for the leave to which he was entitled on the ground of service, and I had granted to him 4½ months Vacation Leave to be followed by 1½ months leave of absence on half-pay. In view, however, of his being seconded for service with the 'Discovery' expedition and the preliminary scientific work which he will be required to undertake, I have curtailed his leave to the period stated in the Certificate, but would suggest that if his services are not immediately required this period should be extended. Mr. Hamilton has had no leave since

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his arrival in the Colony on first appointment over four years ago, and service with the 'Discovery' expedition will presumably be of an arduous nature. It is, in my opinion, desirable that he should if possible be granted a period of six weeks complete rest in the United Kingdom.

3. I have informed the Crown Agents that the salary of Mr. Hamilton should as from the date of his resumption of duty in connection with the "Discovery", be a charge against the Research Fund.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton.



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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 41.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

2nd April, 1924.

Sir,

With reference to Mr. Churchill's Circular despatch of the 7th of May, 1921, I have the honour to enclose herewith, for transmission to the Army Council, a "Nil" return of British non-commissioned officers serving under this Government, during the year ended the 31st of March, 1924.

In duplicate.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

Humble servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

295/24.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 42.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

16th April, 1924.

Tel. to S of S.  
of 31st March.  
Tel. from S of  
S. of 3rd April.  
Tel. to S of S.  
of 7th April,  
1924.

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, I have the honour to inform you that the action of the Shaw Saville and Albion line in sending the s.s. "Kia Ora" into Stanley was of great service to the Colony. Not only has there been a saving of expenditure, but the arrival of the officers from New Zealand on the 5th of April has enabled a tour of the Colony to be undertaken before winter sets in and while farm work is proceeding on the stations.

2. I am, I believe, correct in saying that no direct steamer from New Zealand has at any previous date called at Stanley, although there have been numerous importations of stock from that country with all the attendant disadvantages of transshipment and delay at a South American port. New Zealand could, with advantage, supply the Colony not only with live stock but with a number of articles now imported from South America such as butter, other provisions, fencing material, leatherware, etc. The value of the trade with South America was over

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£22,000 in 1923. The length of the passage to the Colony from New Zealand is eighteen days, the deviation required is negligible, the entrance to Port William is easy and safe under all weather conditions and the harbour accommodates vessels up to, 14,000 tons. The master of the s.s. "Kia Ora" stated on his visit that the total loss of time through entering and landing passengers was under four hours.

3. Some 8,000 to 9,000 bales of wool and sheepskins are now exported annually from this Colony to the United Kingdom by vessels belonging to the Pacific Steam Navigation Company. The high freight of £5 a ton is charged and the New Zealand Companies would doubtless desire to compete for this traffic.

4. I have therefore to enquire whether the New Zealand Shipping Company and Messrs Shaw Saville and Albion, the two firms whose homeward-bound vessels pass the Falklands, may be approached, through the High Commissioner for New Zealand, if thought desirable, with a view to their being induced to advertize calls at Stanley two or three times a year, in order to create a trade. This would necessarily be subject to inducement offering, and it is to be hoped that slight returns would satisfy the firm taking up the project for a commencement.

5. I would add that there is a certain number of would be emigrants to New Zealand in the Colony. There has hitherto been no ready

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outlet for the surplus population except to South America, where there is already in Punta Arenas a comparatively large number of Falkland Islanders, some of whom lead a precarious existence. The majority of the people who wish to emigrate would undoubtedly prefer to remain under the British flag. A party of six Colonists of a good type are leaving at an early date for New Zealand, but the passage difficulty is an obstacle in the way of others. The proposals, which form the subject of this despatch, are only affected by the question of emigration in so far as they emphasize the desirability for strengthening the ties between the Colony and New Zealand by direct communication.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton.

254/34.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.  
No. 43.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY,  
17th April, 1924.

Sir,

In accordance with Colonial Regulation No. 89, I have the honour to report that I have granted to Mr. E. H. Bound, Foreman of Works and Timekeeper in the Public Works Department, four and a half months Vacation Leave to be followed by one and a half months leave of absence on half-pay.

A certificate in the usual form is attached herewith.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

Yours humble servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.



837/23.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.  
No. 44.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY,  
22nd April, 1924.

Sir,

In accordance with Colonial Regulation No. 89, I have the honour to report that I have granted to Mr. A. I. Fleuret, Second Clerk, Colonial Secretary's Office, four and a half months Vacation Leave to be followed by one and a half months leave of absence on half-pay.

2. A certificate in the usual form is attached herewith.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

81/24.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 45.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

26th April, 1924.

Sir,

With reference to Mr. Middleton's despatch, No. 70 of the 9th of May, 1923, on the subject of the vacancy in the office of First Clerk in the Treasury, I have the honour to inform you that Mr. R. V. Hardy resigned his temporary appointment in that office on the 16th of December. The substantive post has now been filled by a clerk who is due to arrive on the 6th of May.

2. The Colonial Treasurer made strong representations to me at the beginning of January on the need for additional assistance, pending the appointment of a new First Clerk. The work in the Treasury was much in arrears at the time, and it was difficult to fill the temporary vacancy, as there were no unemployed clerks in the Colony. Ultimately, I engaged the services of Mr. G. I. Turner, Member of Legislative Council. Mr. Turner had previous experience in the Treasury and had given satisfaction. I sanctioned the payment of salary to him at the rate of £1 per working day, or approximately \$25 a month.

Mr.

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Mr. Turner was specifically told by me that his employment would give him no claim to further engagement in the Government Service after the vacancy of First Clerk had been filled. He resigned his appointment as from the 19th of this month, when it had been ascertained that the new clerk was on his way to the Colony.

3. During the term of Mr. Turner's employment, no meetings of Legislative Council were held; his duties as a Councillor were therefore not affected.

4. I trust that the action taken by me under the circumstances will meet with your approval. I may add that no excess has been caused on the Head "Personal Expenditures" in the Treasury Department by the engagement of Mr. Turner.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,  
humble servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton

314/24.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 46.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

5th May, 1924.

Sir,

In triplicate I have the honour to submit, for your approval, copies of Supplementary Estimate of Expenditure (No. 1 of 1924), voted at a meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 3rd of May, 1924.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

444/23.FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 47.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

5th May, 1924.

Sir,

In accordance with Colonial Regulation No. 396 (ix), I have the honour to transmit  
Six copies. copies of Comparative Statements of Revenue and Expenditure in respect of the Colony and the Dependencies for the quarter ended the 31st of December, 1924.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.



498/21.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 48.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

STANLEY.

5th May, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith  
a copy of the minutes of a meeting of the  
Legislative Council of this Colony held on  
the 20th of November, 1923.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

535/23.PALELAND ISLANDS.No. 49.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

5th May, 1924.

Sir,

In duplicate In accordance with Colonial Regulation No. 398 (viii), I have the honour to forward herewith a Schedule of all charges of an unusual or special description, or not covered by the Appropriation law for the year 1923, incurred during the quarter ended the 31st of December, 1923.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

512/24.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 50.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

6th May, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit, for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure, two authenticated and twelve printed copies of Ordinance No. 1 of 1924, entitled "An Ordinance to legalize certain payments made in the year One thousand Nine hundred and Twenty-three in excess of the expenditure sanctioned by Ordinance No. 6 of 1922."

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

H. Henniker-Heaton.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

758/23FAULKLAND ISLANDS.No. 51.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

17th May, 1924.

Sir,

With reference to Mr. Churchill's Circular despatches of the 17th of June and the 14th of October, 1923, I have the honour to transmit, for communication to the League of Nations, a report on the Traffic in Women and Children for the year 1923.

In duplicate

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,  
humble servant,

J. Middleton.

RIGHT HONOURABLE

J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

TRAFFIC IN WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COLONY OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS  
FOR THE YEAR 1923.

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1. No Central Authority has been appointed as the Colony did not adhere to the International Agreement of 1904.
2. No legislative measures have been taken during the year 1923 to deal with the traffic in women and children which neither exists at present in any form in the Colony nor is in the least degree likely to arise in the future.
- 3.- 8. Please see reply to (2) above.

Children.

No system of adopting, pawning or bartering of children exists in the Falkland Islands.

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507/51.FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 52.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

4th June, 1924.

Sir,

With reference to Mr. Winston Churchill's despatch, No. 22 of the 22nd of February, 1921, I have the honour to inform you that Miss Surman's appointment as Nurse Matron at the King Edward VII Memorial Hospital will terminate on the 8th of July next, and that she is returning to England by the mail steamer of the 2nd of July.

2. In accordance with the scale of leave laid down in Viscount Milner's despatch, No. 151 of the 3rd of December, 1920, I have granted Miss Surman four months leave of absence on full pay, being the leave to which she is entitled in respect of her three years' service.

3. I desire to express my high appreciation of the excellent work which Miss Surman has done in the King Edward Memorial Hospital since her appointment as Nurse Matron.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,  
humble servant,

J. Middleton.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

9821/23.FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 53.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE

STANLEY,

4th June, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Duke of Devonshire's despatch, No. 106 of the 21st of November, on the subject of the limit which should be set to the amount at which the Savings Bank Depreciation Fund should stand. Prior to the receipt of the despatch, the operation of building up the Depreciation Fund by investing therein the unexpended Bank balances, after payment of the interest due to depositors and of the cost of management, had brought the value of the securities held to the credit of the Fund to the sum of £9417 11s 7d. On the 31st of March last the interest on the investments, which had in accordance with the standing instructions to the Crown Agents, been credited to the Fund, had brought the total to £9627.

2. The actual depreciation in the market value of the securities held by the Savings Bank has, between the 30th of September, 1923 and the 31st of March last, increased from £7741 to £10140, the amount at which it now stands.

3. Subject to any directions you may be pleased to give to the contrary, I propose that the Depreciation Fund should now be limited to the sum of

£10,000/

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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£10,000 instead of £7,500, and that any profit on the operations of the Bank, over and above this, should be credited to revenue.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 54.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

5th June, 1934.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith  
the Treasurer's report on the transactions  
of the Government Savings Bank for the year  
ended the 30th of September, 1933.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

6 copies.

145/33.FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 55.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

9th June, 1924.

Sir,

With reference to the Duke of Devonshire's Circular despatch of the 14th of December, 1923, relating to the postponement of the proposed Colonial Exhibition in Paris, I have the honour to inform you that the decision, as regards the participation of this Government in the project, expressed in my despatch, No. 21 of the 20th of February, 1923, will not be in any way affected by the postponement of the Exhibition.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.



345/24.FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 56.GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY,

10th June, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 26 of the 5th of April, on the subject of a requisition from the Medical Department for certain drugs, in respect of which a certificate appears to have been required.

2. I would explain that, as the Statutory Rules and Orders of the 20th of May, 1921, made under Section 7 of the Dangerous Drugs Act, expressly exclude, under Section 17 and Schedule II, the drugs in question from the operation of the Regulations, it was supposed that no special requisition or certificate would be necessary.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

580/24.PALM LAND ISLANDS.No. 57.GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY,

17th June, 1924.

Sir,

With reference to my despatch, No. 52 of the 4th of June, I have the honour to inform you that the Colonial Surgeon has recommended that Miss K. S. Wright, who was appointed to be a Government Nurse in the terms of the Duke of Devonshire's despatch, No. 131 of the 29th of November, 1922, should succeed Miss Surman in the office of Nurse Matron. Miss Wright possesses the qualifications laid down in the paper of particulars accompanying the despatch on Miss Surman's appointment.

3. Miss Wright is capable, is well satisfied with the life in the Colony and is liked by the people. I recommend her appointment for your favourable consideration. If this recommendation is approved, I request that steps may be taken for the appointment of one Government Nurse with the same qualifications as were required for Miss Wright and shown in the paper of particulars enclosed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,  
humble servant,

J. Middleton.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

J. H. THOMAS, F.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE

FOR THE COLONIES.

D/50/24.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 58.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

19th June, 1924.

Sir,

With reference to your despatch, No.

24 of the 5th of April, 1924, I have the

Whaling Regulations (Amendment) 1924 honour to transmit six copies of regulat-

ions, amending the Whaling Regulations,

1921 to provide for the further measures

proposed for the control of the whaling

industry.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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PALM LAND ISLANDS.

No. 59.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

23rd June, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit six  
copies of the Annual Report on the Accounts  
of the Commissioners of Currency for the  
year 1923.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,  
humble servant,

J. Middleton.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 60.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

27th June, 1924.

Sir,

In continuation of Mr. Henniker-Heaton's despatch, No. 38 of the 27th of March, I have the honour to transmit a final report, with completed returns, on the South Shetlands Whaling Season 1923 - 1924, and to request that it may be forwarded to Mr. J. E. Hamilton for examination and further report.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Having this cruise, which is somewhat unusual at the opening of the season, this being regarded as the best period for blue whale.

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.



Stanley, Falkland Islands,  
10th June, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith Whaling Report for the Season 1923-24.

In accordance with instructions, I left Stanley on board the Factory "Ronald" on the 4th November, 1923 for the South Shetlands, to remain at Deception Island pending the arrival there of the Magistrate.

The "Roald Amundsen" had preceded the "Ronald" by five days, she going into Admiralty Bay: upon the latter entering the Bransfield Strait on the morning of the 8th, pack ice was encountered which was found to be difficult to penetrate. This caused a delay of two days in arriving at our objective - which was on the 10th November.

On the voyage south from the Falklands, very few whales were seen, and those appeared to be making no direct course, probably having been scared by the whaleboats, which were some distance off the Factory, ahead on either bow. During the first four days after our arrival at Deception Island, the whaleboats did not go out hunting on account of the bad weather, but on the afternoon of the fifth day, the weather having slightly improved, they left, and two days later - the 17th - one of them returned with one small Finback. This gunner reported the scarcity of whales during this cruise, which is somewhat unusual at the opening of the season, this being regarded as the best period for Blue whale.

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

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With the arrival of the Magistrate at Deception Island in the "Falk" on the morning of the 18th of November, I proceeded in the Catcher "Solva" to Admiralty Bay on the 27th of the same month. On arrival I found seven factories here all icebound, the Bay being densely packed with ice, which also included two large icebergs. These latter were drifting slowly amongst the shipping, compelling them to shift their berths. This had been going on, so I was informed by several of the Managers, during the previous ten days prior to my arrival, during which period these factories had assembled there.

From the 27th November to the 26th December I was stationed at Admiralty Bay, and by the latter date, of the eleven whaling expeditions operating, no less than ten were using this harbour; this has its disadvantages, seeing that there are thirty catchers continually in and out, which has a disturbing effect on the whales, tending to keep them from approaching the land, as for instance, most of the whales brought into this base were taken some fifty miles east of Elephant Island, and entailed a tow of fifty to fifty-four hours back to the factory. Needless to say, these carcasses for the most part were burnt and putrid when they arrived. These long distances back to the base, in a heavy wind and sea, were usually with only one whale, on account of the possibility of losing it, in it having its tail pulled off during the plunging of the boats in a mountainous sea. This occurred on more than one occasion; therefore it was not surprising that coal was causing some anxiety to the Managers by the time the middle of the season had been reached, for as early as January there were murmurings of a coal shortage and steps were taken with a view of obtaining a further supply. The dispersal of the factories/

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factories from Admiralty Bay was complete by the end of December; three went to Deception Island, one to Mikkelsen Harbour (Trinity Island) and six went to Schollaert Channel. I accompanied one to the latter place, leaving Admiralty Bay in the "Sevilla" on the 26th December for Melchion Island in the latter Channel.

With the operations of the six factories from this locality, it was quite clear that there was no improvement either in the weather conditions nor in the numbers of whales obtained, over that prevailing at Admiralty Bay: if anything, conditions were slightly worse. Whaleboats were in and out but usually only for bunkers. During these abnormally slack periods, several of the Managers thought it more economical to lay up their boats for a few days rather than have them running about burning coal without any result; hence it was no unusual thing to see whaleboats moored to their parent ship. With the arrival here of one of the factories that went to Deception Island, and also that from Mikkelsen Harbour, the number operating from here was brought up to eight, a number hitherto unknown for this place, which also applies to Admiralty Bay. This was accounted for by the fact that the idea was to have the factory as near to the open sea as possible, on account of the whales being so seawards; therefore such harbours as "Svend Foyn" and "Gavernoren" were never used during the season, Mikkelsen being used by the one Factory "Orn II" for about a week. This was brought about also owing to the fact that the Bransfield Strait, likewise the Belgica Strait, were clear of either of species of whales, and it was the habit of all whaleboats, when leaving harbour, to make for the open sea.

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During my stay here, several of the Managers arranged for a collier to be despatched from Monte Video with coal. This vessel left and after getting half-way, had to return through stress of weather, and making no further attempt, thus compelling some of the factories to cease operations earlier than usual, with a very poor catch.

Whilst stationed at this base it became very apparent to me the difficulty experienced by any Whaling Officer in the proper discharge of his duties for want of boating facilities. I had first noticed this at Admiralty Bay, where the factories were spread over an area some 1,000 yards by 500 in extent, but here at Melchion Island they are spread at a distance of some  $3\frac{1}{2}$  to 4 miles apart, but in sight of one another. Therefore with the protection of certain species of whales, the officer should be continually on the move from one ship to another to see what is really going on. This at present is impossible.

After a stay of six weeks at Melchion Island and with some of the factories departing for other harbours, I proceeded further south to Port Lockroy (Wiencke Island). Some of the factories from Melchion had reached here. Others had gone north-east to Deception Island and one further still, back to Admiralty Bay, three only remaining. Five factories operated from this base during my stay here of nearly three weeks. Practically the same conditions prevailed, fog being a new factor to deal with which at times was very dense. Whaleboats would be out for a week, very often as not returning without a catch, to shelter during an exceptionally bad spell of weather/

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weather. Here it was noticed that what whales were brought in - mainly of the Finback species - were either small in size or poor in condition. Periodically, permits would be granted to the factories during a very slack time by the Magistrate for them to take Humpbacks, usually covering a week, the total taken throughout the season being ninety-seven.

Towards the latter part of February, the Magistrate instructed me to return to Deception Island, in view of his impending departure for the Falklands, and on the 24th of that month I left Port Lockroy for that place, arriving the next day. The remainder of the season I spent here and, so I have been informed by those best able to judge, the weather during the latter part of the season was the worst experienced in this locality by those employed in the Whaling Industry, many of whom had put in twelve and fourteen seasons.

During this part of the season very few Blue whales were obtained, but of those that were taken about this time, were undoubtedly in a very fine condition. I was informed by the Captain of the "Orn II" that from one very fine specimen of this species taken during March, he got a return of 250 barrels of oil. In regard to this very high result the longer boiling that they can give to the carcasses during such a slack season as this, would play an important part in the output. During the twenty-three days of April in which whaling operations were carried on from Deception Island, the temperature was very trying for the workers, the thermometer readings showing anything below zero and down to  $15^{\circ}$ . Whaleboats would go out and return a few days later, solely because their stability was impaired owing to the salt/



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salt spray washing over them and freezing, thereby leaving a thick coat of ice over their upperworks, causing them to list badly. With such conditions of weather and with the added disadvantage of the absence of all fishing from the Bransfield Strait, the Land Station of the Hektor Company at this Island has been placed in the worst position of all the expeditions operating, seeing that other Companies can move their factories immediately a falling off occurs in that one particular spot, and repair to another, whereas the former must remain and face the depression. This seems unfortunate when viewed from a commercial basis, for in the case of a movable factory certain substances of the carcass (residue after boiling) are dumped overboard into the harbour, and in the case of the Land Station this same residue is collected and converted into a commercial product on which duty is collected when exported as guano. This station employs something like 238 hands, so that when a whale was brought in, it was no sooner up on the flenching platform than it would disappear in a very short space of time into the boilers, and the hands would be left in idleness again for a week or so. This state of affairs continued during my nine weeks stay at this base - and up to the close of the season. In my opinion, in such a season as this, six catchers could not keep this factory going, let alone five as at present.

I herewith attach Whaling Returns for the season, the total catch being much below the average. This in my opinion is not the result of the decline of the number of whales in this locality, but is due to the unusually bad state of the weather throughout the season, which prevented the whales from approaching the land.

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Ample evidence of this is shown in the report of the Master of the steamship "Southern Isles" who reported on his arrival at Deception Island having passed through enormous numbers of whales about two hundred miles north-east of the South Shetlands; between these and the land (Elephant Island) there were none to be seen. This again is supported in my own observations, for at the close of the season, whaleboats were continually in and out without having seen whales, yet on our final departure and when between 150 and 200 miles north of Livingstone Island, we passed through large numbers which appeared to be localized, the weather at the time being bad.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

S. H. Riches,

Whaling Officer.

# RETURN OF WHALES AND OIL PRODUCTION - SEASON 1923/1924.

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Factory.	Species of Whale.						Total Whales.	Blubber Oil. barrels	Press Oil. barrels	Sperm Oil. brls.	Sperm	Total Oil barrels	Oil aver- age per whale.
	Right	Sperm	Blue	Fin	hump.	Other							
Southern Queen	-	6	222	202	23	-	458	16400	12600	261	17	29,278	63.93
Ronald	-	5	132	235	3	3	378	10500	9000	140	60	19,700	52.12
Falk	1	-	123	146	1	-	271	10485	5915	-	-	16,400	60.52
Ørn II	3	-	110	140	7	-	260	8969	5781	-	-	14,750	56.73
Maudie	7	-	103	96	15	1	222	8727	5673	-	-	14,400	64.86
Sevilla	-	-	137	130	6	1	274	9369	7131	-	-	15,500	60.22
Neko	1	2	70	136	5	-	214	5766	4848	67	57	10,738	50.18
Svend Foyn	-	4	120	166	4	-	294	9662	6148	190	-	16,000	54.42
Pythia	-	-	142	84	4	1	251	10034	5266	-	-	15,300	66.23
Røld Amundsen	1	1	128	131	3	-	264	8433	7036	55	-	15,529	58.82
Solstrelf	-	1	82	93	21	1	198	6737	4663	-	-	11,400	57.58
Total	13	19	1369	1559	97	7	3064	105027	74061	713	124	179,995	

Hektor Whaling Co., :- 17,800 bags Guano.

453/23.FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 51.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

30th June, 1924.

Sir,

19th Dec. 1923  
23rd & 28th Jan.  
4th Mar. & 25th  
April. 1924.

I have the honour to transmit herewith  
copies of minutes of the Executive Council  
of this Colony held on the dates noted in  
the margin.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,  
humble servant,

J. Middleton.

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J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 62.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

30th June, 1924.

Sir,

With reference to your telegram of the 3rd of June and to my telegram in reply, dated the 18th of June, I have the honour to transmit, in duplicate, a draft of the agreement with the Tonsberg Whaling Company for the provision of a direct mail service between the Colony and the Dependencies.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

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J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.



FALKLAND ISLANDS.

THIS INDENTURE made this            day of            1924 between the CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES, London, (hereinafter called the Crown Agents), acting on behalf of the Government of the Falkland Islands (hereinafter called the Government) of the one part and the TONSBERGS HVALFANGERI OF TONSBERG, Norway, (hereinafter called the Contractors) of the other part, WHEREAS the Government is desirous of providing for the transmission of mails, passengers and goods between the Colony and its Dependencies, AND WHEREAS the Contractors have offered to enter into a contract for the transmission of the said mails, passengers and goods and such offer has been accepted by the Government upon the terms hereinafter appearing, NOW THESE PRESENTS WITNESS IT IS HEREBY AGREED AND DECLARED by and between the parties hereto, as follows, that is to say:-

1. In this Agreement the following expressions shall have the following meanings:-

"The Colony" means the Colony of the Falkland Islands.

"The Governor" means the Officer administering the Government of the Colony or the Colonial Secretary acting on his behalf.

"The Postmaster" and "The Magistrate" shall be the Officers for the time being exercising the functions of those offices.

"The Whaling Season" or "The Season" shall be the period from the 16th of September in one year to the 31st of May in the following year.

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2. Subject to the provisions of this Contract the Contractors shall during a period of two years to be computed from the 16th day of September, 1924 provide a steam vessel of not less than one hundred tons net register for the carriage of mails passengers and goods between the Colony and its Dependencies.

3. The said steamship shall perform five voyages during each whaling season from the port of Stanley in the Colony to Grytviken in South Georgia and return and one voyage from Stanley to Port Foster, Deception Island, South Shetlands and return.

4. The said steamship shall be a vessel to be approved by the Government properly found in all respects and capable of carrying passengers with comfort and shall at all times be supplied and furnished with whatever may be requisite and necessary for rendering the said vessel having regard to the nature thereof constantly efficient for the service hereby contracted to be performed and shall also be manned with a proper and efficient crew of Officers Engineers and Seamen.

5. On each of the voyages mentioned in Clause 3 hereof the Contractors shall on the payment of fares not exceeding the rates hereinafter more particularly referred to receive on board the steamship employed for such voyage and carry to or from the places mentioned in the said Clause all such saloon and cabin passengers as may desire to be so carried and as such steamer is by the authority of the Governor permitted to carry provided such prospective passengers be not suffering from any infectious disease and also provided that the Commanding Officer or Master of the said steamship shall at his discretion have

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a right to refuse as a passenger any person in a state of intoxication or otherwise unsuitable as a passenger and every passenger shall be allowed to carry upon any of the said voyages all such personal luggage not hereby expressly prohibited as may be duly offered by such passenger for shipment provided always that such luggage shall not exceed in bulk 20 cubic feet for each saloon passenger and 10 cubic feet for each cabin passenger.

6. The Contractors shall as hereinafter mentioned provide at their own cost a convenient secure and proper place or places of deposit on board the vessel to be employed for the time being under this Contract for the safe keeping of the aforesaid mails and in particular the letter mails shall be placed under secure lock and key and shall be cleared by an Officer of the Post Office or other person authorized to that end by the Governor upon the arrival of the said steamship at a port of call and the Contractors shall also provide a suitable boat properly manned and equipped and whatever else may be necessary for the safe embarkation and disembarkation of the said mails and shall defray all charges for the immediate taking on board and landing of the mails.

7. All mails carried under the Contract are to be carried from Post Office to Post Office and the Commanding Officer or Master of the vessel employed for the time being in the performance of this Contract shall without any charge (other than that herein provided to be paid to the Contractors) take due care of and the Contractors shall be responsible for the receipt safe custody and delivery of the mails and such Officer or Master shall make such declarations as shall be required by the Postmaster or his Officers or Agents and furnish such  
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journals returns and information and perform such services as he or any of them may require and such Officer or Master shall on arrival at any of the said places of such steam vessel either himself or by some competent person deliver all mails for such place into the hands of the Postmaster or other person authorized to receive them receiving in like manner all the return or other mails to be forwarded in due course.

8. The Contractors shall be responsible for the loss or damage of any parcel or of any registered postal packet of any kind conveyed or tendered for conveyance under this Contract (unless such loss or damage be caused or occasioned by act of God the King's enemies pirates restraints of Princes rulers or people jettison barratry fire collision or perils or accidents of the seas rivers and steam navigation) and in the event of any such loss or damage (except as aforesaid) the Contractors shall be liable to pay to the Postmaster in respect of each parcel registered postal packet so lost or damaged (subject to the proviso hereinafter contained) such sum of money as shall be equal to the amount which may have been awarded and paid by the Postmaster at his sole option and discretion (and although not under legal obligation) to the sender or addressee of such parcel or registered postal packet as compensation for the loss or damage thereof. Provided that such sum shall not in any case exceed One Pound per parcel or Two Pounds per registered postal packet.

9. The Contractors shall not nor shall the Commanding Officer or Master of the vessel employed under this Contract receive or permit to be received on board such vessel/

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vessel any letters for conveyance other than those contained in His Majesty's mails.

10. The Contractors shall not convey nor permit to be conveyed in any vessel whilst employed for the purposes of this Contract any nitroglycerine or any other articles which in the opinion of the Government shall be dangerous.

11. The Contractors and the Commanding Officer or Master and other Officers of the vessel employed in the performance of this Contract and all agents seamen and servants of the Contractors shall at all times punctually attend to the orders and directions of the Postmaster his Officers or Agents as to the mode time and place of landing, delivering and receiving mails. Provided always that such orders and directions shall be in conformity with the provisions of this Contract.

12. The rates of passage money to be charged by the vessel employed under this Contract shall not exceed the following amounts, to wit: For a

	Saloon	Cabin
Single Voyage to or from Grytviken or Port Foster.....	£6	£3
Return Voyage to or from Grytviken or Port Foster.....	£10	£5

13. The rates of freight to be charged by the vessel employed under this Contract shall be reasonable and shall be determined by the Contractors who will publish such list of rates by notification given to the Government prior to the commencement of the Season and will post a copy of such rates in a conspicuous place on board of the said steamship and it is hereby stipulated and

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agreed that no rebate and no preferential rate shall be granted by the Contractors either directly or indirectly to any person or Company in respect of any goods shipped in the said steamship by any such person or Company.

14. If any exceptional or special case of emergency shall arise the Governor may <sup>by</sup> order in writing to the Commander or Master detain a vessel employed under this Contract for a period not exceeding 24 hours beyond the time appointed for her departure from Stanley, Provided further that upon reasonable and sufficient cause to be approved subsequently by the Governor the Magistrate of South Georgia and the Magistrate of the South Shetlands may similarly order the detention of the vessel for a period not exceeding 12 hours.

15. The Government shall have a prior claim to passenger accommodation or cargo space in the vessel employed under this Contract.

16. The steam vessel employed under this Contract her machinery boats tackle and apparel shall and may from time to time be inspected by any competent person or persons appointed by the Governor and if found deficient or defective the Contractors shall forthwith take such measures as may be deemed necessary to put such vessel into good order and repair at their own expense.

17. In consideration of the due and faithful performance by the Contractors of all the services contracted to be by them performed the Government shall pay the Contractors so long as they perform the said services

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in the manner and with the vessel herein specified the sum of £500 upon the return of the said steamship to Stanley at the conclusion of each voyage as aforesaid. The Government further agrees that no charge shall be made in respect of any port tonnage wharfage or light dues while the vessel is engaged in a voyage under this Contract.

18. In the event of any breach of this Contract by the Contractors or failure on their part fully to carry out the terms stipulations or provisions thereof they shall be liable by way of penalty and not as liquidated damages for every such breach or failure to pay to the Government such a sum not exceeding Five Pounds as the Governor in Council shall determine and if such breach or failure shall continue to a further penalty of Five Pounds for every day during which such breach or failure may continue and should there be a repetition of such breaches or failures or any breach or failure on the part of the Contractors of such a serious nature as in the opinion of the Governor in Council to render such a course desirable the Government may by giving to the Contractors notice in writing forthwith determine this Contract but without prejudice to the rights or remedies of the Government in respect of any antecedent breach of this Contract by the Contractors and nothing herein contained shall prevent the Government in the event of such breach or failure from making such other arrangements as to them shall seem fit for the despatch and carriage of the said mails and passengers by some other vessel or vessels and from bringing an action for damages against the Contractors

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instead of recovering a penalty under this article.

IN WITNESS whereof the Crown Agents and the  
Contractors have hereunto set their hands the day and  
year first above written.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 63.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

1st July, 1924.

Sir,

With reference to my despatch, No. 69 of the 9th of May, 1923 and paragraph 20 of Messrs. Preece, Cardew and Rider's letter of the 14th of January, 1924, to the Crown Agents, on the subject of the improvement of the Colonial Government Wireless Station at Stanley, I have the honour to transmit a report from Mr. Lash, Engineer-Operator.

2. The cost of the re-equipment of the Station on the lines proposed is comparatively heavy, but I am of opinion that the expenditure, assuming that it will not be appreciably higher than Mr. Lash's estimate, may properly be incurred. The returns from increased traffic should, at least, suffice to cover interest on the capital outlay. Mr. Lash has shown clearly in his report that the Colony and the whaling community will manifestly benefit by better facilities for handling messages, and now that a wireless station is to be erected in South Georgia, it is important that the large number of Floating Factories, which operate in South Georgia during the

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season when atmospheric conditions are very bad, should have a more reliable service than at present exists.

3. In the event of your approving of the proposals, I would suggest that one half of the capital expenditure should be met from Dependencies Funds and the other half from the surplus balances of the Colony.

4. In conclusion, I beg to draw your particular attention to the last paragraph of the report, and I request that you will be good enough to telegraph if the proposals are approved in order that the building extensions to the Wireless Station may be proceeded with and completed before the arrival of the new equipment.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

of the above. (a), (b), (c) and (d) have already been carried out.

(e) The earth connections were carefully examined in June, 1923 and various faults were disclosed in the wires and connections beneath the Station building. These faults were immediately remedied.

(f) The Station was revised during the same month and the position of the apparatus changed where necessary.

ENCLOSURE TO FAULKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH No. 63 of the 1st  
JULY. 1924.

# REPORT ON IMPROVEMENT OF THE STANLEY GOVERNMENT WIRELESS STATION.

26th June, 1924.

The improvements mentioned in previous correspondence may be summarised as follows:-

- (a) The improvement of the existing "earth."
- (b) The rewiring of the Station equipment.
- (c) The provision of a "Local Oscillator" for C. W. reception.
- (d) The purchase of a long-wave receiver complete.
- (e) The installing of a directional receiving equipment.
- (f) The provision of an earth screen or "counter-poise."
- (g) The provision of an accumulator battery for transmitting purposes together with the necessary charging plant.
- (h) The installing of a small plant for charging the accumulators for the valve receiver and Station lighting.

Of the above, (a), (b), (c) and (d) have already been carried out.

(a) The earth connections were carefully examined in June, 1923 and serious faults were disclosed in the wires and connections beneath the Station building. These faults were immediately remedied.

(b) The Station was rewired during the same month and the position of the apparatus changed where necessary

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so as to shorten the connections. The main switchboard was removed from the engine room to the storeroom so as to reduce the length of the leads to one third and also be more convenient for handling. Two 7/16 cables were in all casss substituted for the one previously used. The relay was removed from the operating room to the transmitting room so as to shorten further the connections. These requiring improvements resulted in the saving of some 300 watts in the alternating current circuit.

(c) A "heterodyne" was made locally capable of oscillating on all wavelengths up to 14,000 metres.

(d) The long-wave receiver on order should prove a desirable equipment for the reception of press messages.

(e) The directional receiving equipment has been proved unnecessary as difficulty has seldom been experienced in the reception of traffic from Cerrito, South Georgia and South Shetlands at such times as these stations have been able to read Stanley.

(f) My intention of installing an earth screen was abandoned after the careful study of a Paper read before the Institution of Electrical Engineers on the subject which made it apparent that although 50% increase in efficiency might be expected on long waves, this would be at the expense of a very low efficiency on the essential 600 metre wave due to end to end oscillations being set up in the "counter-poise."

Further improvements which have been carried out include:-

The construction and installing of a Short-wave Condenser to tune correctly the aerial for 600 metre transmission.

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The construction of an accumulator charging and control switchboard and alterations to the main switchboard as to allow the charging of any number up to 16 accumulators at a 10 ampere charging rate whenever the engine is running for the purpose of communication. It has been found that the present normal run of the engine for the purpose of clearing traffic is sufficient for all charging purposes.

The complete electric lighting of both the Station building and the living quarters according to the best standard practice. Current is obtained through a step-down transformer from the alternator while the engine is running and from the storage battery when the transmitting set is closed down.

Increasing the aerial capacity by doubling the diameter of the hoops.

Many improvements to the Campbell Oil Engine with the result that starting can now be guaranteed in ten minutes and the fuel consumption on the usual intermittent load is little more than half a gallon per hour.

An aerial current of 23 amperes is obtainable on the 1600 metre wavelength which, I believe, compares very favourably with any installation of this type.

Any further increase in transmitting efficiency cannot be hoped for with the existing apparatus.

While these many improvements have resulted in a far greater efficiency than hitherto, the consequent increase in the number of messages has left the traffic situation equally as acute, so far as the summer season is concerned, as twelve months previous. The increase in traffic during the past whaling season amounted to some 300% as is shown by the following statistics:-

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Month	Traffic in connection with whalers.				Total Stanley traffic excluding local messages.			
	Sent and Received.				Sent.			
	South Georgia excluding Govt. messages with Stanley.		South Shetlands and zones other than So. Georgia.		Messages		Words	
	Messages	Words	Messages	Words	Messages	Words	Messages	Words
July 1923	-	-	-	-	60	830	55	544
August	-	-	-	-	58	740	50	559
September	4	60	5	89	71	1035	52	550
October	48	1110	25	366	111	1288	109	1578
November	56	1098	113	1704	141	2006	150	2118
December	102	1550	122	1359	168	2002	158	1941
January 1924	94	2336	138	2866	195	3656	203	3665
February	46	728	92	1626	118	1674	128	2071
March	70	1870	184	3011	193	3344	198	3358
April	76	1748	155	2961	197	3350	191	3773
May	80	2144	15	402	137	2358	120	2125
June to 26	12	256	-	-	41	489	49	486
	588	12900	849	14384	1490	22772	1463	22768

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Government messages between Stanley and South Georgia are excluded from the South Georgia totals so as to give a clear idea of the amount of traffic which will not pass through Stanley when the new South Georgia Station is opened. This loss of traffic is likely to be compensated to a considerable extent by the increase in official business, especially in connection with the "Discovery" Expedition.

It will be observed from the statistics that during the past twelve months the amount of traffic handled on behalf of the whalers operating in the Dependencies exceeds that of the Stanley traffic and all other ship traffic combined.

During the five months in which the atmospheric conditions are very bad, namely November to March, disregarding the South Georgia traffic which will eventually miss Stanley, the traffic handled on behalf of the whalers operating in South Shetlands and districts away from South Georgia, averaged 58% of the total traffic handled by Stanley. The other months of the year really count for little as the atmospheric conditions are generally good and no difficulty is experienced in the clearing of the traffic.

The increase in traffic has had a very satisfactory result on the Station's net receipts as is shown by the following:-

Statement overleaf.

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Month	So. Georgia. Traffic.			Other Whaling Traffic.			Total Stanley.		
	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d
July, 1923	-			-			49	11	0
August	-			-			49	14	0
September	1	10	0	2	4	6	51	4	6
October	27	15	0	9	1	6	82	11	0
November	27	9	0	42	12	0	117	17	6
December	38	15	0	33	19	6	98	18	6
January, 1924	58	8	0	71	13	0	170	3	6
February	18	4	0	40	13	0	101	10	6
March	46	15	0	75	5	6	158	16	0
April	43	14	0	74	0	0	170	19	0
May	53	12	0	10	0	6	117	3	6
June to 26th	6	4	0	-			32	13	0
Total	£322	6	0	359	9	6	1201	2	0

The Station expenditure including salaries, fuel, oil and maintenance amounts to about \$100 per month, so in a re-equipped state, the station should be nearly self supporting.

The present 5. K.W. spark transmitter, even in its present very efficient condition is quite incapable of satisfactorily dealing with the heavy rush of traffic experienced during the whaling season. The whaling factories are very anxious that their traffic be forwarded quickly as it is apparently mostly of an urgent nature. This is impossible in the height of summer with the present equipment. During the months of December, January and February last it was found necessary to divert over one half of the European traffic via Punta Arenas and All American Cables. This route can by no means compare with that of the "Western" for accuracy and speed. Service messages average about 30% during the summer and instances have occurred/

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occurred when messages from Norway have taken a week to reach Stanley.

I am of opinion that the quantity and urgency of the traffic during the whaling season demand re-equipment of the Stanley Station.

For a reliable traffic service a 10. K. W. valve transmitter complete with its own prime mover and generator is required. This would need to be housed in an extension of the present station building as per sketch plan attached. Such an installation should be capable of daily communication with the C. W. Station at Rio de Janeiro thus giving the Colony and the whaling community the advantage of a reduction in rate of two pence per word to Europe. Rio de Janeiro is not kept so occupied with ship traffic as Cerrito and listens for C. W. signals every hour. Advantage could thus be taken of times when the conditions were the most favourable for clearing traffic.

It would be advisable that the present prime mover, generator and spark transmitter be left intact for communication when required. The need for a complete auxiliary plant was very apparent during the last whaling season when for six consecutive months the Campbell Engine was never still for any period exceeding eight hours. This allowed very little time for overhauls when necessary.

With the re-equipment mentioned above, the number of hours necessary for the engine to be running would be considerably reduced. In order that the main engine be not kept running for battery charging purposes a small charging plant of 1 K.W. output at 60 Volts would be needed.

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An approximate estimate of the cost of the complete apparatus and housing which are needed is as follows:-

(a) 10 K. W. Valve Transmitter capable of adjustment between 1800 and 4000 metre wavelengths, complete with Oscillation Generator, Inductance and H. F. Accessory Unit, Air Condenser, Control Panel, two sets of Valves, Send-Receive Switches together with Direct Coupled multi-cylinder Alternator-Generator Set, Step-up Transformer, Main Switchboard and Wiring. £2,900

(b) 1 K.W. 60 Volt, Petter direct-coupled battery charging plant complete with charging board and ample spares..... 100

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£3,000

(c) Freight and Landing Charges..... 100

(d) Extension to present building..... 500

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£3,600

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This matter is of considerable urgency as the re-equipment needs to be carried out before the end of this year if efficient communication is to be maintained during the next whaling season. Furthermore, if a serious breakdown should occur, this station has no auxiliary to maintain the service.

(sgd) A. R. Lash,  
 Engineer-Operator-in-Charge,  
 Government W/T Station,  
 Stanley, F. Is.  
 26th June, 1924.



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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 64.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

1st July, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that Mr. C. E. Hockly, Harbour Master, has resigned his appointment and leaves the Colony by mail steamer on or about the 2nd of July.

2. Mr. Hockly was appointed in 1920 in accordance with the terms of Lord Milner's despatch, No. 137 of that year. He has served continuously without leave from the 25th of December, 1920, and I have granted to him four and a half months' vacation leave on his retirement.

3. During Mr. Hockly's residence in the Colony, he has accumulated considerable indebtedness which he has no means of defraying. It is very undesirable that a public officer should leave the Colony owing money to the local people, and I have, in the circumstances, authorized the advance to Mr. Hockly of the pay which would accrue to him during his leave, in order to enable him to pay off his debts. I have also granted free second class passages to himself and his wife and daughter. I trust that my action meets with your approval.

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J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE

FOR THE COLONIES.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

204/24.FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 65.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

2nd July, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit two copies  
of the Annual Blue Book of the Colony for  
the year 1923.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Under separate  
cover.

19/24.FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 66.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

2nd July, 1924.

Sir,

In accordance with Colonial Regulation No. 397, I have the honour to transmit herewith returns of appointments to and changes in Public Offices for the quarter ended the 30th of June, 1924.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

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J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 67.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

2nd July, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 33 of the 9th of April, regarding the circumstances of the resignation by Miss H. I. Willis of her post as Nurse-Dispenser.

2. Miss Willis explains that the Nurse-Matron evinced prejudice against her. There have been altogether four Government Nurses engaged through the Overseas Nursing Association and employed at the Hospital under the present Nurse-Matron, namely Miss Cavanagh (Nurse-Dispenser), Miss Layton, Miss Wright and Miss Willis. Only the last named has ever seen cause for complaint, either against the Nurse-Matron or in respect of the provision made for the domestic comfort of the nursing staff. At an early stage in Miss Willis' service, the Colonial Surgeon reported that she had given trouble, that she refused to listen to the Matron and that her manner was derogatory to good order and discipline.

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Miss Willis performed her duties as Nurse-Dispenser satisfactorily, however, and for the last nine months of her employment she was, as far as the Government was aware, contented with the conditions.

3. Paragraphs 1 and 4 of Miss Willis' statement appear to be contradictory. She complains that the work at the Hospital was insufficient, and resents being called upon to train Probationers as interfering with her other occupations.

4. The Annual Medical Report for 1923, copies of which are forwarded under cover of my despatch, No. 63 of the 2nd of July, indicate the amount and nature of the work at the Government Hospital.

5. Miss Willis states that she went to trouble and expense to acquaint herself with the pattern of the X-Ray apparatus supplied by Dunic House to the Colony. The pattern was, as a matter of fact, obsolete, and Miss Willis reported on her arrival that the suppliers had no machines of the type. It took considerable time to replace a broken tube, but this was received during Miss Willis' service, and the apparatus was then put in working order and used as required.

6. I may state, in conclusion, that the Hospital has recently been visited and inspected by two such well known surgeons as Sir Watson Cheyne and Mr. Earl Newton. The Colonial Surgeon reports that they expressed themselves as being very pleased with everything."

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

89/74.FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 68.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

2nd July, 1934.

Sir,

In accordance with Colonial Regulation No. 184, I have the honour to transmit six copies of the Annual Medical Report of the Colony and its Dependencies for the year 1933.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

J. H. THOMAS, F.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.



36/21.FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 69.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

14th July, 1924.

Sir,

With reference to Mr. Churchill's Circular despatch of the 19th of October, 1923, I have the honour to transmit fifteen copies of the Annual Medical Report of the Colony for the year 1923, for submission to the Colonial Advisory Medical and Sanitary Committee.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant.

J. Middleton.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

546/23.FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 70.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

16th July, 1924.

Sir,

With reference to your Circular despatch of the 6th of May, I have the honour to inform you that there is no objection to the Convention between the United Kingdom and Belgium, respecting Legal Proceedings in Civil and Commercial matters, being extended to the territory under this Administration, and that the particulars supplied in the case of the Anglo-French Convention apply equally to this Convention.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

462/24.FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 71.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

30th July, 1924.

Sir,

With reference to your Circular despatch of the 13th of May, relating to the proposed provision for the grant of free passages to all officers on transfer from the service of one Administration to that of another, I have the honour to inform you that this Government is prepared to adopt the recommendation that the salary limit in Colonial Regulation No. 121 should be omitted.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

497/24.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 72.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

31st July, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith  
a copy of the minutes of a meeting of the  
Legislative Council of this Colony held on  
the 3rd of May, 1924.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

D/49/24.PALM ISLANDS.No. 73.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

9th August, 1924.

Sir,

With reference to paragraph 2 of your despatch, No. 14 of the 8th of March, I have the honour to transmit, for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure, two authenticated and twelve printed copies of an Ordinance to provide for the refund of a portion of the duties of customs levied and collected on whale and seal oil between the 1st of October, 1923 and the 30th of September, 1924, on the scale legalized by Ordinance, No. 2 of 1923, in respect of oil exported during the season 1922 - 1923.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 74.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

11th August, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to seek your covering sanction for the expenditure of a sum not exceeding £500 for the erection of a bridge across the Chartres River in the West Falkland.

2. On the occasion of my visit to the West Falklands in 1922, the Manager of Chartres Station drew my attention to the difficulties attendant on the movement of sheep across the Chartres River when the river is flooded. The point at which sheep are taken over is on what may be described as a main stock route. It is utilized from time to time by some four stations carrying over 100,000 sheep. The river bed is 97 feet wide at this place; the passage is difficult during the dry months and is impassable when the river rises, a very long detour being involved. I was able to satisfy myself that it was desirable that a bridge should be put up and that the expenditure might properly be met in part from public funds.

3. In view of the representations made to me by the managers of Chartres and other stations in the West Falklands, I caused estimates to be prepared of the cost of erecting the bridge. These were not received/

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received until April last, and the postponement of the work until the 1925 estimates were prepared would have involved a full year's delay. I therefore, after consulting the unofficial members of the Legislative Council, authorized the purchase of materials for the bridge, in anticipation of your approval. The arrangement which I have made with the farmers concerned is that the Government shall pay for the materials, including carriage to Chartres, and that they shall undertake the work of erection at their own cost. The materials, including freight, will, it is estimated, cost nearly £500, and it is probable that the labour of erection will be in the neighbourhood of £250. I have satisfied myself, from an inspection of other bridges built by the farmers, that they can carry out the work efficiently.

4. I beg to refer to the fact that no portion of the public revenues of the Colony has hitherto been allocated to the improvement of land communication outside the town of Stanley. From time to time proposals for making roads in the East Falklands have been under consideration, but the expenditure involved has been deterrent. All that can at present be done is to subsidize the building and maintenance of bridges on the main routes. I trust that you will concur in this policy.

5. I regret that the expenditure under consideration was incurred prior to the receipt of your despatch, No.40 of the 22nd of April, limiting generally unforeseen expenditure, incurred without your sanction, to the sum of £250.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

257/23.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 75.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE

STANLEY.

14th August, 1924.

Sir,

With reference to my despatch, No. 51 of the 18th of April, 1923, relative to improvement works for the Town of Stanley, I have the honour to transmit to you the following further reports from Mr. A. A. P. Neave, B.Sc., A.M.I.C.E.

- (1) Report, dated 6th July, 1924, on works recommended at a cost not exceeding £30,000, if the Town is to remain dependant on water collected from the roofs of houses.
- (2) Report, dated 21st July, 1924, on his investigations as to the possibility of obtaining water from Artesian Wells.
- (3) Report, dated 24th June, 1924, on a water supply from the Stone Run at Saddle Hill, distant 6 miles from the Town.
- (4) Report, dated 4th August, 1924, on a water supply from the Stone Run at Mount William, distant 3 miles from the Town.
- (5) Report, dated 31st May, 1924, on a drainage scheme for collection and discharge of foul water.

2. In paragraph 99 of his preliminary report Mr. Neave suggested that "in the interests of public health the provision of the water supply connected to a series of public fountains and the provision of the outfalls and main arteries of the drainage system so that foul water can be properly collected and discharged, should take precedence over all other work." After giving most careful consideration to

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Enclosure 1

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Encl 5 of 271/24

Enclosure 4

Encl 12 of 570/24

Enclosure 5

Encl 1 of 412/24

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the difficult problem of a supply of potable water, Mr. Neave has advised me that, although it is necessary that the total expenditure on improvements should not exceed £30,000, - a sum which he regards as hardly adequate for all desirable works, - one half of this amount should be expended on a water supply, and urges very strongly that this work should be carried out without delay.

Enclosure 6

3. Mr. Neave's reports have been considered by the members of the Executive Council, who at a meeting held on the 8th of August, recommended the adoption of the scheme for a supply of water from the Mount William Stone Run.

Enclosure 7

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4. I considered it desirable to obtain an expression of the views of the unofficial residents in Stanley on the works which they regarded as being most urgently required for the improvement of the sanitary condition of the Town, and a note is annexed of the proceedings of a meeting, which was held on the 12th of August, of past and present members of the Board of Health. I endeavoured to put the whole position before the meeting as clearly as possible, and those who were present were strongly in favour of the adoption of the scheme for a supply of water from the Mount William Stone Run. They further concurred in the allocation of the funds, if the expenditure is approved, in the following manner:

(1) Water Supply	£15,000
(2) Plant	2,500
(3) Provision of Incinerator	1,000
(4) Drains and Roads	11,500
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	£30,000
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I took occasion to warn those present at the meeting that, although the residents of Stanley, who would chiefly benefit by the improvements, could not bear directly any very large proportion of the cost, it would be necessary if the proposed works were carried out, to increase the existing rates on house property in the town.

5. I have the honour to recommend that works for the improvement of the town should be proceeded with on the lines proposed, and to seek your approval to the Legislative Council being invited to sanction the expenditure of the sum of £30,000 from the surplus cash balances of the Colony.

6. Owing to the irregularity and infrequency of mails from England at the present time, I shall be grateful if you will be so good as to inform me of your decision by telegram.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary

Stanley.

COPY.

Port Stanley,

Falkland Islands,

24th June, 1924.

STANLEY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.Water Supply.

Sir,

With reference to your minute No. 17/24, dated 23rd June, 1924, I beg to report that I have further considered the question of the Moody Valley as a possible source of water supply on the lines recently suggested to me, and whilst of opinion that this valley undoubtedly offers a very promising source of supply were the requirements of Stanley and available finances greater, yet having regard to all the local circumstances and particularly to that of the expenditure involved, I am unable to recommend the adoption of this valley as a source of supply.

2. I do not consider that a scheme for domestic supply from this valley can be evolved at an appreciably lower figure than the £20,000 estimate mentioned in my report of 15th May, 1924 on the question of a supply from the Saddle Hill Spring based on an allowance of 7 gallons per head of population per diem.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. A. P. NEAVE.

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

PROPOSED WATER SUPPLY EX. SPRING AT  
SADDLE HILL.

BASIS OF ESTIMATE.

Allow for transport plant, etc., and sheds on site of works.	£	500
Collecting works and filters.		100
<u>Storage Reservoir.</u>	£	
2,600 yds: cube Excavation at 3/-	1040	
800 yds: cube Fill at 3/-	120	
700 yds: cube Concrete lining at 70/-	2450	
95 Squares Shuttering at 80/-	380	
	<u>3990</u>	
Inlet & Outlet valves &c.	80	
	<u>4070</u>	say 4000

Pipe Line.

6½ miles 4" C.I. main at £1700 per mile	11050	
½ mile 3" C.I. main extension in town at £1500 per mile	750	
3 No: Public fountains at £25		
10 No: Fire Hydrants at £7. 10. Cd.		
5 No: Stop Valves at £6	say 180	

£ 16,580

Contingencies 10%

1,658  
£ 18,238

Engineering, Administration, &c. 10%

1,824  
£ 20,062.

SAY £20,000.

Extension of mains & fire hydrants &c.

1 mile 3" C.I. main at £1500 mile	1,500	
18 No: Fire hydrants at £7 10/-		
3 No: Public fountains at £25.		
5 No: Valves at £6		
	<u>240</u>	
	£ 1,740	

Contingencies 10%

174  
£ 1,914

Engineering, Administration 10%

191  
£2,105.

SAY £2,000.



COPY.

Stanley.

21st July, 1924.

Stanley Improvement Scheme.

Report on Possibility of Water Supply from  
Artesian Wells.

Sir,

Further to my submission, dated 25th April, 1924, on the above subject, I beg to report that I do not advise proceeding any further with boring investigations in view of the results recorded and data collected during the summer 1923 - 1924, when I devoted a very considerable amount of time to this matter.

The primary object of boring experiments was to ascertain whether considerable beds of porous sandstone or running sands existed in the neighbourhood of Stanley, as from the existence of such strata a good water supply might be expected. My investigations have, however, confirmed my opinion that although porous sandstone (and running sands) undoubtedly exist, yet they are not of sufficient extent to provide anything like sufficient water for the Town. The bulk of the strata in the neighbourhood is a hard metamorphic sandstone which cannot be regarded as a promising source of supply.

The extent of the work was limited to a considerable extent by the fact that the power plant requested in my submission of 19th October, 1923, was not available for working until towards the end of February, 1924, when the Falkland summer was practically over, and was severely handicapped by the lack of men with any experience of boring operations.

As stated at the time of commencing investigations as to the possibility of a supply from subterranean sources,

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary.

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sources, such investigations in this Colony could only be regarded as experimental and no guarantee as to results could be given. The possibility of success, however, justified the undertaking of such work, as the discovery of such subterranean water would have allowed the provision of a cheap water supply, a very important factor having regard to local conditions.

Whilst I am naturally disappointed that sufficient water has not been discovered to be of practical utility, I do not regard the time or provision of boring tools as misspent, as it is often only by undertaking experimental work that progress can be made. I do not consider, however, that a suitable supply can be provided from subterranean sources, and if Stanley is to have a water supply, I recommend the adoption of one of the surface schemes put forward on separate papers.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. A. P. NEAVE.

Extract from the minutes of the meeting of the  
Executive Council held on the 8th of August, 1924.

The Council, in consultation with Mr. A. A. P. Neave, Assoc. M. Inst., C. E., resumed consideration of the schemes proposed for the improvement of Stanley.

The following reports by the Colonial Surgeon, dated the 29th of July, 1924, were read:

- (1) The question of increasing the tank supply of rain water.
- (2) Objections to a surface water supply which required treatment with lime and alumina.
- (3) The suggested water supply from Moody Brook, to be fed from the spring at Saddle Hill and the surface water collected in Moody Valley.

The reports were considered.

A later report by Mr. Neave, dated the 4th August, 1924, on the feasibility of a gravitational water supply from the Mount William Stone Run, at a cost of £15,000, was read.

The Council considered that present requirements in the matters of utility and economy would be best combined in the scheme proposed, and recommended its adoption.

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286/24.FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 76.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

15th August, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the Duke of Devonshire's despatch, No. 3 of the 21st of January, 1924, on the subject of the application of Dr. Deane, Colonial Surgeon, for promotion or alternatively for an increase in his personal emoluments.

2. I have had the case of this Officer under consideration, and I am satisfied that the circumstances warrant some addition being made to his pay. There is no doubt that he was, on engagement, misled into the belief that he would find private practice in the Town of Stanley very remunerative. The value of the practice was through an error on the part of this Government, estimated at £600 a year, and Dr. Deane could reasonably have expected that his salary of £600 would be supplemented by private practice to the value of £300. His total earnings since his arrival have, in fact, averaged £825 a year. As it is in my opinion competent for him to earn

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not less than £850 a year, I have with the assent of the unofficial members of Council, taken a vote for a personal allowance to Dr. Deane of £50 a year, with effect from the 1st of January last. I now seek your approval for this expenditure in the present and future years.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

314/24.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 77.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

16th August, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit, for your approval, copies of Supplementary Estimate of Expenditure, (No. 2 of 1924,) voted at a meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 23rd of July, 1924.

In triplicate

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.



48/24.FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 78.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

18th August, 1924.

Sir,

With reference to Mr. H. Henniker-Heaton's despatch, No. 9 of the 14th of January, 1924, I have the honour to transmit, for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure, two authenticated and twelve printed copies of an Ordinance to amend the Criminal Law Amendment Ordinance, 1889.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

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J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

758/23.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 79.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

19th August, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Duke of Devonshire's Circular despatch of the 24th of July, 1923, requesting twenty copies of any legislation in force in this Colony, relating to matters covered by the International Convention for the suppression of the traffic in women and children, for communication to the League of Nations.

2. I regret that compliance with your request has been somewhat unduly postponed, pending the introduction of the further legislation referred to in paragraph 2 of Mr. Henniker-Heaton's despatch, No. 9 of the 14th of January. The new Ordinance on the subject became law on the 26th of July.

3. I now have the honour to forward twelve copies of Ordinance 3 of 1889 and twenty copies of Ordinance 3 of 1924. There are only twelve copies of the former law in the Colony; I shall be glad if

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the eight further copies required may be printed in the United Kingdom at the expense of this Government, if necessary. There is no other legislation in force on the subject matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

933/21.FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 80.GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY.

19th August, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Miscellaneous despatch of the 23th of February, on the subject of the recommendations contained in the report of the Imperial Customs Conference.

Six Copies.

2. In conformity with your directions, I have caused rules to be made under the provisions of Section 63 of the Customs Ordinance, 1903, laying down the form of invoice and of Certificate of Value which will be required from consignees in future.

3. I beg to point out that your despatch was written on the assumption that a Certificate of Value was required by the law of this Colony in respect of imports. That is not the case as no ad valorem duties are payable in the Colony. I mention this as the proposed abstention of this Government may, from the terms of your despatch, appear to have been factious.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

FOR THE COLONIES.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

409/D/61/24.

PAKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 81.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

20th August, 1924.

Sir,

In accordance with Colonial Regulation No. 396 (ix), I have the honour to transmit copies of Comparative Statements of Revenue and Expenditure in respect of the Colony and the Dependencies for the quarter ended the 31st of March, 1924.

Six copies.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant.

J. Middleton.

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J. H. THOMAS, F.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

487/24.FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 62.GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY,

20th August, 1924.

Sir,

In duplicate. In accordance with Colonial Regulation No. 296 (viii), I have the honour to forward herewith a Schedule of all charges of an unusual or special description, or not covered by the Appropriation law, incurred during the quarter ended the 31st of March, 1924.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.



438/23.FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 85.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

26th August, 1954.

Sir,

The Education Reg-  
ulations (Amendment)  
1954

I have the honour to transmit herewith  
six copies of amending regulations, made  
under Section 4 of the Public Education  
Ordinance, 1909.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

725/21.FALKLAND ISLANDSNo. 84.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

9th September, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Circular despatch of the 3rd of May, on the subject of the use that is made of the service of British Official Wireless news messages from Leaffield.

2. On no occasion has it yet been possible to obtain a complete press message in this Colony from Leaffield. During the past year press news has been received on 132 occasions from San Diego, California, and on 19 occasions from Rio de Janeiro. The Officer-in-Charge of the Government Wireless Station reports that owing to the indifferent atmospheric conditions which so often prevail on long wave lengths in this part of the world reliable reception of British press messages cannot be anticipated until such time as Leaffield uses increased power.

3. It may seem scarcely necessary to state that the boon of British press messages would be greatly appreciated by all in this isolated community.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

FOR THE COLONIES.

553/24.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 85.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

10th September, 1924.

Sir,

With reference to your despatch, No. 55 of the 4th of June, I have the honour to inform you that I have appointed Mr. A. G. Bennett, Assistant to the Government Naturalist, to act as Government Naturalist during the absence of Mr. J. E. Hamilton on service with the "Discovery" Expedition.

2. The appointment of an officer to take over the charge of the Naturalist's Department has been necessary, but in view of the scope of the scientific work to be performed by the "Discovery" Expedition in the Dependencies, Mr. Bennett's duties in his acting appointment will be confined almost solely to work undertaken in the interests of the Colony. Subject to your approval, I have arranged that Mr. Bennett should receive the full lapsing salary of the post, drawn from the Colony's funds, at the rate of £175 a year, and that his established allowances should cease. By this arrangement the recurrent expenditure of the Dependencies will, in the meantime, be relieved of all charges in respect of work of a scientific nature.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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SECRETARY OF STATE

FOR THE COLONIES.

457/24.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 86.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY.

11th September, 1924.

Sir,

With reference to your despatch, No. 50 of the 17th of May, I have the honour to forward a certificate of the destruction of the copy supplied to this Government of S.P. 2079 "Economic Telegraph Code 1919." This copy was numbered 2389 and not 2387 as stated in the copy of the letter from the Admiralty which accompanied your despatch.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,  
humble servant,

J. Middleton.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

488/24.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 87.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY.

22nd September, 1924.

Sir,

6 copies.

I have the honour to transmit herewith the  
Acting Treasurer's report on the finances of  
the Colony and the Dependencies for the year  
1923, together with the usual returns.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

J. H. THOMAS, F.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

542/24.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 88.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

STANLEY,

26th September, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that William Henry Vaudin, Assistant Master in the Government School, was on the 11th of August brought to trial in the Supreme Court at the usual Criminal Sessions on indictment for committing sodomy with boys in the School. A jury duly constituted in accordance with law, found the prisoner guilty on each of the two counts contained in the indictment. He was sentenced by myself, sitting as Chief Justice, to penal servitude for life.

2. The prisoner wishes to appeal against the verdict, and I enclose herewith a copy of a letter from him making application to that end. The application discloses no grounds on which an appeal can lie, and I am of opinion that I have no power under Ordinance, No. 5 of 1909 to grant leave for the appeal.

3. I assume, from a reading of the law as stated in Halsbury's Laws of England and shown in the enclosed extracts, that it is open to the prisoner/

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prisoner to proceed by way of petition, supported by affidavit, praying for leave to appeal to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

4. I am willing and anxious to assist the prisoner to obtain any rights to which he is entitled. As he is unversed in forms and procedure, I am prepared, if necessary, to cause a petition and affidavit to be drawn up for him and on his instructions, if that course is both desirable and feasible. The difficulty as I view it is that it is, in the opinion of the Legal Adviser, impossible to make out a case on the law, and only possible to do so on the merits by aspersing the credibility of witnesses, whose evidence was believed by the jury.

5. The usual forms of procedure were followed in the arrest and trial of the prisoner in the lower court, where the prisoner was not represented and reserved his defence. He applied to the Government for an advocate to assist him at his trial in the Supreme Court. As you are aware, there are no legal practitioners in the Colony, and I appointed Dr. Hallows, Assistant Colonial Surgeon, as prisoner's advocate, some weeks before the hearing in the Supreme Court. Dr. Hallows applied himself energetically to the case, and was given every facility by the prosecution, which was conducted by the Colonial Secretary and Legal Adviser. I was satisfied, in so far as it lies in my power to judge, that Dr. Hallows omitted nothing which might influence the jury on behalf of the prisoner. No

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questions on points of law were raised by him, and no objections were put forward in respect of any part of the proceedings before the Supreme Court.

6. The jury were summoned and balloted for in the manner laid down in Sections 9, 10 and 15 of Ordinance No. 5 of 1901. The prisoner was informed of the names of the jurors who would be summoned, and warned of his right to three peremptory challenges. One right of challenge only was exercised by his advocate on his behalf. I lay stress on this in view of the complaint of the prisoner in his letter of the 12th of August, that the jury were biased. This alleged ground of appeal is further relied upon by the prisoner in a letter, a copy of which I enclose, which was smuggled out of prison to Dr. Hallows for some obscure reason. This letter is not signed by the prisoner, but he admitted to the Visiting Justices that he had written it.

7. The prosecution relied mainly on the evidence of three school boys, who had come to the school from different parts of the country, when the hostelry was opened in March last. Two of them were aged 11 and one 15. They gave sworn evidence, as I was satisfied that they understood the nature of an oath. Corroboration of each charge was given. The defence relied partly on alibi for the prisoner on each of the dates named in the charge and, secondarily, on an alleged grudge by the boys as a motive for the charge. The witnesses for the defence, five in number,

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did not carry conviction, and it is of importance to state that the prisoner decided not to go into the witness-box and deny the offence on oath. He was informed of his right to do so by his advocate.

8. In my charge to the jury I expressed no opinion which might affect their judgment. I laid stress on the principle of law that the more detestable the crime, the more necessary it is that the proof should be clear. I also took occasion to warn them of the reserve with which evidence of young boys should be accepted, and of the desirability in every case of corroboration.

9. The jury of seven persons found the prisoner guilty by a majority of five to two. The relevant part of Section 13 of Ordinance 5 of 1961 reads as follows:

"Juries for the trial of all issues which are not capital shall consist of seven persons; and it shall be competent for any five of such jurors after having been in deliberation for two hours at the least to find a verdict, and such verdict shall have the same force and effect as if the whole jury had concurred therein."

I wish to express the opinion that the jury gave the prisoner an honest and unbiassed hearing. In accordance with the practice, which appears to have always obtained in jury cases in this Colony, every opportunity was given to members of the jury to ask questions of witnesses through the Foreman, and free advantage was taken of the privilege.

10. I may add that I am informed that a number of complaints were made after the prisoner's arrest by school children living in Stanley, of his having used towards them practices similar to those which formed the subject of the charges at the/

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the trial. Although there is unfortunately no reason to suppose that the children were not telling the truth, the corroborative evidence which the prosecution required was lacking, and, in accordance with a rule of law, evidence of other alleged offences could not be given against the prisoner at his trial. It is quite incredible that the children could have conspired to manufacture the charges against the prisoner. The offence, as was shown at the trial, is not known to have been committed previously in the Colony.

11. I deeply deplore the abominable conduct of an official in a position of trust in the service of this Government. If the occurrences be regarded from an administrative standpoint, it can only be said that it is little short of disastrous that the hardly won confidence of parents living in remote districts in the Colony should have been betrayed by the vices of a schoolmaster. They had consented for the first time to allow their children to come to Stanley for education, in reliance on the assurances given that every care would be taken of them in a Government institution.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

Copy of Letter from W.H.Vaudin, dated 12th August, 1924.

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12th August, 1924.

To His Excellency.

Sir,

I beg as an innocent English subject to ask for an appeal against the charges and sentence now against me. I do not consider I have had a just trial, for the men who composed the jury were not able to cope with such a delicate subject. And apart from that where will I find among that class of men any that would give justice? You know yourself, Sir, the many battles and great odds I have had to fight in the School in order that things might be what they ought to be. If I had even spoken in an improper way to any of them, I might have thought that was their motive for such fearful statements. I ask you, Sir, had I been inclined that way, don't you think it would have been with those who I had working all hours and times in the wood work Centre and not with such boys who had come in from the Camp in their wild state who had to be brought to the same way of thinking as the rest of the School? I admit I was very firm, and it was necessary. I was compelled to visit the hostel now and again owing to their behaviour. I called in one evening and Mrs. Wilson complained to me about their fighting, and said she had been compelled to send Peter and Jack Reeves out for the evening. I remained until they returned and gave them all to understand if I heard any more of it

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I would see Mr. Hoare on the matter and have them punished. It was only a matter of a few days before this trouble came about that I found on the ceiling of one of the W. C. smoke and candle grease on the floor. I sent for the hostel boys and after quite a long time they owned up who done it. I naturally spoke very sharp and explained to them, had a spark got in between the lining boards, it might not have been seen until everybody was in bed and asleep, that a fire would have broke out and the whole school might have been burnt down. The next day Jack Reeve reported to me a pointed stick had been put in the centre of a W. C. pan just above the level of the seat, fortunately he noticed it. I know it must have been put there by one of the hostel boys because it was not there when I visited the W.Cs at 4 o'clock, which I always did in order that the walls should not be used in the manner that they had been. I have found minor cases as you would see by the different coloured paint on the walls. I spoke to Mr. Hoare in the presence of the boys about the stick and spoke of the danger. What happened? Mr. Hoare made no remark but walked away with the result the boys rubbed their hands together as much as to say "good." What does all this mean Your Excellency? It meant no support to me, and heaping hatred on my shoulders which evidently took effect. Again, I had allowed the hostel boys to use the wood work Centre when the upper boys remained behind or came along on Saturday mornings. The wood used was as you know packing cases; it had been thrown about in such a way that it was impossible for anyone to find anything they required. I spent a whole morning with the

they would do. If only it was shown to them upper/



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upper boys sorting out the wood. I sent for a 2/6 ball of string and each bundle was tied up and neatly arranged. Doubtless you will remember under the Infants' room we kept our wood. Mr. Hoare made me responsible that it should be kept in that condition for the future. This meant of course no woodwork for that morning. On the following Saturday afternoon Mr. Sturrock called down by arrangements to see some of the boys' work. While I was showing Mr. Sturrock around the school, it appears McRae, Betts, Blythe and a upper school boy, Cheek, cousin to Betts, went up, as far as I could gather from them, to get some wood to make a sleigh. In the first place they had no right there without permission and secondly they should have asked if they could make a sleigh. But that was not the worst part. When I looked in the door it was only to find they had thrown about the wood and left it for somebody else to clear up again. I openly admit I flew into a rage and cleared the whole of the hostel boys out and gave them to understand they would never again be allowed in the wood work Centre, only on the day of their usual school lessons.

Now Sir, Out of the boys who did not take wood work were the boy who brought this charge against me. Do you think Sir, had I committed myself in any way I could have acted as I did? No, I would have been compelled to allow them and what is more I could never have held them as I was doing in order that they would soon become on a level with the other boys. Is it not possible that a promise could be made to those boys that if they opened out and spoke the truth, no punishment would be laid on them. I somehow feel they would do if only it was shown to them what they have and will do against me. Its heartbreaking to be  
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blamed for what one has never done. In fact I feel sometimes I must be in a dream. I beg of you, Sir, to do something that will bring about my innocence. If I was guilty in the smallest way I would have pleaded for your mercy from the beginning. I trusted and yet do trust God will deliver me from this terrible crime of which I know nothing about.

Yours faithfully,

W. H. Vaudin.

Extracts from Halsbury's Laws of England on the law respecting appeals from Criminal Courts in the Colonies.

Vol. 6. p. 426.

Article 687.

In all cases the Crown retains jurisdiction on appeal from the highest civil or Criminal Court in any Colony subject to the restrictions imposed by Statute or Order in Council, or by Rules in force in the Colony, and subject also to the rules of practice observed by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in relation to such appeals.

But even where so restricted, the Crown in all cases enjoys the prerogative right of granting special leave to appeal, unless such right is negatived by express words in an Act of the Imperial Parliament or a Charter of Justice.

Vol. 9. pp. 30-31.

Article 52.

As His Majesty the King is supreme over all persons and courts within his dominions a right of appeal in all cases civil and criminal to the King in Council exists from the highest Civil Court of each separate colony, province, state or possession whether it be a court of error or not except so far as the prerogative in this behalf has been suspended. Criminal proceedings, however, will only be reviewed if it is shown that by a disregard of the forms of legal process, or by some violation of the principles of natural Justice/

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justice or otherwise, substantial or grave injustice has been done.

Article 53

Besides those cases in which appeals lie by right of a grant contained in the instrument constituting the Court, a person aggrieved by a decision of the Court may present a petition, supported by affidavit, praying for leave to appeal to the Judicial Committee on special grounds.....

(a) The petition must disclose all the circumstances under which the leave is sought must indicate the questions to be raised on the hearing, and disclose a case in law and on the merits. The petition must also show special grounds for its being granted.

Vol. 10, p. 579 -  
584.

Article 1004

Criminal Jurisdiction.

Crimes are in their nature local; and the jurisdiction over a crime belongs to the country where the crime is committed.

Article 1008

The Judicial Committee refuse to listen to discussions on questions not raised on the pleadings and evidence and not touched by the court below.....And the conclusion of a jury on matters of fact should be upheld although different from what the judges of the Court of Appeal might have come to.

The Judicial Committee do not as a rule advise His Majesty to grant appeals in criminal cases except where questions of great and general importance, likely to occur often, are raised, and where the due and orderly

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 of 24th September, 1924.

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administration of the law is shown to be interrupted, or diverted into a new course, which might create a precedent for the future and where there are no other means of preventing these circumstances.

All you draw up a letter stating that the fact was conveyed to me that I had trouble with my children and also state the small fact I have had with them and the condition of the school on my arrival. Also the manner in which Mr. Hoare treated me. You can say that for yourself that the children were very much in their minds when they used to appear in the school room. I intend to myself write a letter from you properly and together will help me. I hope you will not mind giving it. I will pack it away in my bag. I hope you will bring it along or even yourself to make a verbal statement. I am under

Yours truly,

Enclosure No. 3 to Falkland Islands Despatch No. 88  
of 26th September. 1924.

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Letter from W. H. Vaudin to Dr. Hallows.

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Dear Dr. Hallows,

Will you draw up a letter stating that the Jury was composed of men who I had trouble with respecting their children and also state the uphill fight I have had with them and the condition of the School on my arrival. Also the manner in which Mr. Hoare treated me. You can find out for yourself that the children were made to wash their shirts when they used them instead of lavatory paper. I intend to appeal when I get home. A letter from you properly put together will help me. I hope you will not mind doing it. I will pack it away in my box. Dr. Deane can bring it along or even yourself can make a medical examination. I am under treatment.

Unsigned.

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555/24.FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 89.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

1st October, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to request your approval of a new lease of East Island situated in Port Fitzroy, East Falkland, being granted to Mr. Henry Dettleff, a resident of Stanley, for grazing and agricultural purposes, for a term of twenty-one years at an annual rental of £1 12s 0d.

2. The lease has already run for two terms of 14 years, it having been granted to a Mr. James Smith in 1896 and transferred to Mr. Dettleff in 1915 with the approval of the Governor in Council. The area of the land is 320 acres and it runs a few cattle only. The rental at the rate of £5 a 1000 acres is £1 12s 0d per annum.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 90.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY,

1st October, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit a schedule of leases of Crown Reserves which, in anticipation of your approval, I have renewed to the present occupants of the land for further periods of three years, and to seek your covering sanction for the renewal of the leases as required under Section 9 of the Land Ordinance, 1903.

2. With regard to the first two leases mentioned in the schedule, the rent has been paid regularly, but through an oversight, application for the renewal of the leases was not made until the 7th of August of this year.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,  
humble servant,

J. Middleton.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

OSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH No. 90 of the  
of October 1924.

SCHEDULE OF LEASES OF CROWN RESERVES GRANTED UNDER SECTION 8  
OF THE LAND ORDINANCE, 1903, WHICH HAVE BEEN RENEWED FOR  
FURTHER PERIODS OF THREE YEARS.

Land leased.	Lessee.	Rental.	Period for which lease has been renewed.
Crown Reserve at Bold Point, Keppel Island. 160 acres.	Executors of the late Mr. J.H. Dean.	£    s    d 13    4    4	For a period of 3 years from 10th April, 1923.
Crown Reserve, Fox Bay. 1000 acres.	Messrs. Procke Bros. & Company.	4    3    4	For a period of 3 years from 24th December, 1923.
Crown Reserve between Port Stead- ens and Port Albe- marle. 21,760 acres	Mr. W. H. Dean and Executors of late Mrs. Orissa Dean.	90   13   4	For a period of 3 years from 27th September, 1924.

257/23FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 91.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

2nd October, 1924.

Sir,

In continuation of my despatch, No. 75 of the 14th of August, I have the honour to inform you that it has been found necessary to recast completely the scheme for the drainage of Stanley.

2. In the second paragraph of his report on drainage, which formed Enclosure No. 5 to my despatch under reference, Mr. A. A. P. Neave stated that the scheme had been designed in such a way that use would be made of "the existing grips, culverts and drains wherever practicable, principally for dealing with storm water; the primary object of the new ser being to take domestic and offensive water underground in accordance with modern practice." With one exception the existing grips and channels were not shown on the drawings which accompanied the report.

3. Mr. G. Roberts, who had been recommended by Mr. Neave to carry out the Improvement Works, after going through the plans and over the whole of the proposed scheme with Mr. Neave, reported that he was not prepared to proceed further, and that/

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that he preferred not to make himself responsible for carrying out a drainage scheme which would not, in his opinion, give satisfaction or materially improve existing insanitary conditions. The main grounds on which Mr. Roberts based his opinion were that

(1) Practically all the open channels and ditches throughout the town were to be retained to carry away surface water, with which the watertight underground drains could not cope: the channels and ditches were in a most unsatisfactory state and no provision whatever had been made for improving them. In this connection it should be observed that when Mr. Roberts drew attention to the most insanitary condition of the channels and ditches, Mr. Heave admitted the necessity for their improvement, but stated that the funds allocated to drainage did not permit of the work being carried out.

(2) The cost of house connections to the sewers in the restricted area of the town in which sewers were to be laid, would be heavy and in many cases beyond the means of the occupants of the houses, involving as they would, in addition to drain pipes, "at least one yard gully with grating and properly trapped and with cleaning eye, with hinged grating and lock and with an inspection chamber and trap." (Paragraph 11 of the report): the people would through ignorance and carelessness cause much trouble and expense by the misuse of these sanitary arrangements until they had been educated into better ways.

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(3) The funds set apart for the roads were not sufficient even for complete re-surfacing and would be wholly inadequate for "making up" and regrading the roads in order to permit of the road gullies, which were provided in the scheme, being brought into effective use up to the limited capacity of the underground drains as designed.

(4) The use of the existing outlets to the sea-wall for carrying off surplus storm water and sewage by flood reliefs, as proposed in paragraph 6 of the report, would be to perpetuate an evil, as sewage would continue to be discharged on the foreshore.

4. After a thorough inspection of the town with Mr. Neave and Mr. Roberts and keeping in view the principle that any work undertaken should be capable of extension to conform ultimately with all modern sanitary requirements, I have come to the conclusion that the following works, which constitute the minimum requirements of the town, should be proceeded with at once :

(a) The three main sewer outfalls of cast iron pipes should be constructed.

(b) Main drains should be laid in Ross Road and John Street, the two roads which are nearest and run parallel to the foreshore.

(c) Main drains should be laid in roads running north to south at selected points to be determined later.

(d) The existing channels and ditches should be regraded and lined to carry slop and surface water to the main drains, the details of this

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work being decided on after further investigation by the Executive Engineer.

5. I am advised by the Colonial Surgeon, who is also Chairman of the Board of Health, that the above works, if arrangements are made for flushing the open channels with water from the fire hydrants, which are included in the scheme for a water supply, provide all that will be required on sanitary grounds for a number of years, and that the works will, in fact, be considerably more satisfactory than a complete underground watertight drainage system placed at the disposal of a population which is profoundly ignorant of the most elementary principles of modern sanitation.

6. I am glad to be in a position to add that, as the result of further discussion with Mr. Roberts, he is prepared to carry out the Improvement Works for the Town of Stanley on the understanding that the drainage scheme is recast on the lines which I have indicated in this despatch.

7. Lest it should be inferred that the considered advice of the Consulting Engineer is being discarded without due justification, it may be observed that the issue does not in reality constitute a difference of opinion on any technical engineering point. Certain channels and gutters have to be graded and lined and certain drains have to be laid. The question to be determined is whether the Colony shall aim at a complete system of underground drainage, which it could not afford, for surface and slop water only, or shall make the best use of the funds at its disposal by expending them on a comprehensive

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but less ambitious scheme. It may be observed that Mr. Neave admitted, on the occasion of my inspection of the town with Mr. Roberts and himself, that the former's objections to the scheme as planned were perfectly sound, but he pleaded insufficient funds for remedying the defects.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

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FAKLAND ISLANDS.No. 92.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

2nd October, 1924.

Sir,

With reference to Mr. Churchill's despatch, No. 112 of the 25th of September, 1922, on the subject of the Government Housebuilding Scheme, I have the honour to inform you that all the houses supplied in the United Kingdom have now been erected and are occupied.

2. The cost of the five houses has been £5,620 or an average of £1,124 each. The total is £1,120 in excess of the original estimate contained in my telegram of the 31st of August, 1922. The excess is mainly attributable to the following causes:-

- (1) To the heavy freight charges by Pacific mail steamer amounting to £553. The original proposal was that the houses should be shipped by whaling factory at small cost.
- (2) To severe climatic conditions in 1923, which had the effect of prolonging the work and adding to the expense.
- (3) To the cost of certain extras, such as porches, found to be necessary during the course of building.

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(4) To the absence of any guide on the cost of erecting complete houses shipped to the Colony, and a consequent under-estimate.

3. Two of the houses have been sold for £950 and £1,100 respectively, two leased at £48 a year each, and one has been taken over as Government quarters. In the building vacated by the officer to whom the quarters were assigned, room has been found for two families.

4. In addition to the charges in respect of these houses, I have also caused the following expenditure for housing accommodation to be charged against the scheme:

(1) The purchase of a stone cottage for £600, reported in my despatch, No. 134 of the 8th of November, 1922.

(2) Part cost of the conversion into a dwelling house at a cost of £20 of a building on the Sullivan property bought from the Falkland Islands Company.

(3) The purchase, transport and erection of a dwelling formerly at Navy Point at a cost of £150.

5. The total expenditure, for which I have been able to provide accommodation for nine families, has been £6,440. To this should be added the value of the land on which the new houses have been built, the total area being less than one acre, valued at £99. If the cost of the house and land taken over as Official quarters, namely £1,034 be deducted and also the £2,050 received or to be received for the sales, there remains a balance of £3,183. Rental to the total amount of £161 per annum is being

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received for the houses leased. This represents fair interest on the capital invested, and I submit that the venture has been well justified.

6. Much still requires to be done to improve housing conditions in Stanley, as a number of buildings are in a deplorable condition and overcrowding still exists, but it will, I hope, be possible to leave the remedy to private enterprise, urged forward by action on the part of the Board of Health. While houses were so scarce that the Magistrate found himself unable to grant eviction orders, no remedy was possible. The example of the Government has now been followed, and a number of new houses are being built by private individuals.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

619/24.FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 93.GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY,

3rd October, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that, under Clause V of the Royal Instructions, dated the 28th of February, 1920, I have appointed Mr. George Bonner to be provisionally a Member of the Executive Council, with effect from the 29th of September, and to submit the provisional appointment for His Majesty's approval.

2. Mr. Bonner, who was born in the Colony and is the owner of a large sheep farm, has shewn commendable public spirit in presenting the site, on which the King Edward VII Memorial Hospital is built and in other ways, and his long experience of the Colony will be of especial assistance to me in considering matters affecting the sheep farming industry, which, as you are aware, is at present under investigation.

3. I recommend that if the appointment of Mr. Bonner is confirmed, it should be for a period of three years to be reckoned from the date of his provisional appointment.

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4. I should add that there has been no unofficial member of the Executive Council since Mr. W. A. Harding left the Colony in the early part of last year.

Secretary of State,  
26 of 11th Feb. 1924.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

620/24.FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 94.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

3rd October, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that, under Clause XVI of the Royal Instructions, dated the 28th of February, 1920, I have appointed Mr. Henry Herbert Russell Gresham to be provisionally a Member of the Legislative Council, with effect from the 29th of September, in place of Mr. George Turner, the period of whose appointment has expired, and to submit the provisional appointment for His Majesty's approval.

2. Mr. Gresham has been resident in the Colony for 10 years, and in 1923 succeeded Mr. W. A. Harding as Manager of the Falkland Islands Company. He has served as a Member of the Board of Health on several occasions and also as a Commissioner of Currency.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

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J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

from Secretary of State,  
114 of 2nd Oct., 1922.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 95.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

20th October, 1924.

Sir,

3. On the same date the vessel was at Stanley, Government House, Stanley, 20th October, 1924.

4. I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 61 of the 21st of June, 1924, relating to an application by Captain Jan Van Schoor for the refund of the sum of £101 which it is alleged was deposited with this Government, in respect of undeclared brandy found on board s.s. "Gural" in July, 1923.

2. On the 23rd of June, 1923, Captain Van Schoor was charged before the Magistrate of South Georgia (a) with having sold intoxicating liquor without a licence, contrary to Section 1 of The Licensing Ordinance (South Georgia), 1911, and (b) with having made a false report of the dutiable stores on board his ship in contravention of Section 2 of the Customs Ordinance, 1903. Captain Van Schoor pleaded guilty to both charges, and admitted that he had knowingly broken the law. He was fined £30 for the first offence and ordered to pay the duty, amounting to £15 on the spirits sold. He was also fined £20 for the second offence.

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3. On the same date the Second Engineer of s.s. "Cural" (E. Noilsen) was charged with selling intoxicating liquors without a licence. He pleaded guilty and was fined £30, and was ordered to pay the duty, amounting to £6, on the spirits sold.

4. Captain Van Schoor paid, by a draft, the fines imposed on himself and Engineer Neilsen and the customs duties amounting together to a total of £101. He also paid the usual remittance charges of 1% on the draft for £101, and receipt No. 1288 of the 30th of June, 1923, for £1. 0. 2, which is herewith returned, was issued to him in respect of the payment made in respect of the remittance charges.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

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KILAND ISLANDS.

No. 96.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

23rd October, 1924.

measure which had been voted by the Legislative Council was approved by the Governor's despatch No. 2 of the 5th of January, 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 69 of the 19th of August, transmitting a copy of the report of the Director of Colonial Audit on the accounts of the Colony for the year 1922 and to refer to my despatch No. 11 of the 11th of January, 1922, in which it was reported that it had been found necessary to increase the provision under Head VII. Patrol Boat, 'Personal Emoluments,' from £1,968 to £2,046. This increase was included in the total of £5,954 which appears under Head VI. Port and Marine, in the schedule to the Appropriation Ordinance, 1922 (No. 5 of 1921).

2. With regard to the expenditure incurred during the year 1922, amounting to a total of £280. 4. 4, on completing the erection of William Point Light, £150 was provided in the estimates for that year under Head XIX. Public Works Extraordinary, Item 16. A supplementary estimate of expenditure was submitted to the Legislative Council at a meeting held on the 11th of August, 1922, and a vote obtained for an additional sum of £215. 14. 6. The supplementary estimate of expenditure/

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iture which had been voted by the Legislative Council was approved by the Duke of Devonshire's despatch No. 2 of the 5th of January, 1923.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.



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FALKLAND ISLANDS.  
No. 97.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY,  
29th October, 1924.

Sir,

With reference to your Circular despatch of the 31st of May, on the subject of the Traffic in Women and Children, I have the honour to inform you that the Traffic in Women and Children does not exist at present in any form in this Colony.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 98.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

29th October, 1934.

Sir,

With reference to your Miscellaneous despatch of the 25th of May, relating to the settlement of the claim of Carlos Neckelmann, Hamburg, against the estate of the late Louis Williams, Port Stanley, I have the honour to forward herewith the required returns regarding the transaction, for transmission to the Controller of the Clearing Office, London.

2. The Crown Agents for the Colonies are being requested to pay to the Controller of the Clearing Office the sum of £118. 16. 1 in settlement of this claim.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.  
No. 99.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY,  
29th October, 1924.

Sir,

With reference to your Circular despatch of the 31st of July, relating to the New Zealand and South Seas International Exhibition, I have the honour to inform you that this Government is unable to take part in the Exhibition.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

Humble servant,

J. Middleton.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

528/24.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 100.GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY,

3rd November, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith six copies of Draft Estimates of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Colony and its Dependencies for the year 1925. These Estimates have not yet been laid before the Legislative Council; as the mail following the present opportunity will not arrive in the United Kingdom until the end of January, I propose to telegraph to you any changes in the Estimates that may be made in the Council, in order that your decision may be conveyed to me at an early date.

The Colony.

2. It is anticipated that the financial position of the Colony on the 1st of January, 1925, will be as shown on page 6 of the draft Estimates. The surplus balances, standing to the credit of the general account of the Colony, will on that date amount approximately to £44,156. The estimated excess of Assets over Liabilities is set down at £233,160 as against £220,434. 17. 10 on the 1st of January in the present year.

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3. The improved financial condition of the Colony can mainly, if not wholly, be ascribed to the temporary increase in the contribution by the Dependencies towards the cost of the Central Administration and to the financial arrangements whereby Dependencies' funds have been made chargeable with a half cost in the liquidation of the war contribution and with the expenses of banking facilities in the matter of the commission on remittances.

4. It is estimated that the expenditure, exclusive of certain works, the cost of which will, with your approval, be debited against the surplus balances, will amount to £38,434, as against a revenue, exclusive of the proceeds of Land Sales, of £41,308. The surplus of ordinary revenue of some £3,000 will be applied towards the cost of the development and special works, so reducing the actual depletion of surplus balances in respect of these works to £17,392.

5. The estimates of ordinary revenue and expenditure have followed closely those of the present year, and appear to call for little explanation beyond that which is given in the notes. A saving of nearly £500 is effected under Head, Port and Marine, by the withdrawal of the Jason Guard. An additional amount of £100 is provided under Head XIIB, subhead 3, for labour in the Forestry Department. It is proposed to transplant 45,000 trees, grown in the Government House garden from seed, to Hill Cove in the West Falklands, where a sheltered paddock has been drained and/  
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and prepared for the experiment. Additional provision is made under Head XIV, subhead 5, for the diminution of birds of prey, which are dangerous to live stock. The system of paying for goose beaks will, on the advice of the Stock Commissioner, be discontinued, but higher rewards will be offered for killing carranchos, etc.

6. The Head, Public Works Extraordinary, includes provision for the following new works:- a tidal landing and a lamp for the Public Jetty, the re-erection of the Public Works stable, and alterations to the Government School. Access to the Public Jetty at night and particularly in bad weather is at present dangerous. At low tide the only landing is by a perpendicular iron ladder on the north face of the jetty, and the lamp provided is extinguished by the high winds.

7. Of the new works shewn in Appendix I which are to be paid for from the surplus balances of the Colony, the provision for a Drill Hall at the cost of £1,000 is the only one for which your specific approval has not been sought or obtained. As you are aware, the Town Hall was originally designed to be placed at the disposal of the Volunteers. It was necessary to put the building to other uses and the fact that the undertaking to provide a suitable drill hall for the Defence Force has not yet been carried out, has been detrimental. While in England I discussed the form the building should take with the Crown Agents. It is very desirable that a miniature rifle range should be embodied in the building, and/



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and it is now proposed to build the hall and range to the designs supplied by the Crown Agents. Provision is also made under this head for the expenditure of £15,500 on Stanley Improvement Works. It is estimated that these will take three years to carry out. More than one half of the total of the proposed appropriation of £50,000 will be required in the first year as the great bulk of the material will be purchased, when your approval is received.

#### The Dependencies.

8. In the absence of accounts shewing the Expenditure from the Research Fund during 1924, the Interest on Deposits and the amount now standing to the credit of the Fund, it is not possible to form a reliable estimate of the financial position of the Dependencies on the 1st of January, 1925. A revised estimate of the Revenue for 1924 gives a total of £145,122, if £6,000 is allowed for interest on investments. The expenditure including £39,000 for refunds of the export duty on whale oil may be estimated at £69,630. The net balance to the credit of Dependencies' accounts on the operations for 1924 should therefore be approximately £75,492. As the amount standing to the credit of the General Account of the Dependencies on the 1st of January, 1924, was £15,493 the Research Fund should benefit in the sum of £90,985. On the 27th of August last the Crown Agents were requested by telegram to transfer £86,000 to the Fund. The balance standing over will serve to meet any unforeseen contingencies.

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9. The total expenditure for 1925 is estimated at £58,774. As it is anticipated that the Revenue will be £143,915 a net surplus of £85,141 should accrue during the year for Research Fund purposes.

10. As proposed in paragraph 5 of your despatch No. 28 of the 7th of April provision has now been made for a refund of the Customs Duties on oil. The estimated amount is £40,500. Provision for the salaries of the staff of the Wireless Station at South Georgia, for the increase of the Dependencies Contribution to the cost of the Central Administration and for a mail subsidy combine to form an addition of £11,250 to the ordinary expenditure of the Dependencies. Under Public Works Extraordinary, provision has been made for the expenditure which will, it is anticipated be incurred next year on the magistrate's quarters at South Georgia and the wireless station buildings but no definite information has been received upon which a reliable estimate can be prepared.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 101.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

4th November, 1924.

To Secretary of  
State No. 42 of  
26th March, 1923.  
From Secretary of  
State No. 15 of  
14th March, 1924.

In duplicate.

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, I have the honour to transmit to you a report by Mr. Hugh Munro, Principal District Inspector of the Department of Agriculture of New Zealand, on his investigations in connection with the sheep-farming industry in the Falkland Islands.

2. I desire to record my deep appreciation of the very important service which Mr. Munro has rendered to this Colony in carrying out the investigations in so thorough a manner and of the care and thought which he has bestowed upon the problems with which the industry is faced. The report contains practical suggestions based on his wide experience and profound knowledge of modern methods of farming which cannot fail to be of the utmost value in such efforts as may be made to establish the industry on sound and successful lines.

3. The conclusions which are contained in the report regarding the condition of the pastures and stock may be briefly summarized as follows :

(a) Most serious damage has been done to the pastures by injudicious burning and overstocking.

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On large areas the finer indigenous grasses have been replaced by nature with inferior vegetation and the Colony's only asset has been reduced in value to the extent of one fifth in the last 25 years.

(b) The gradual exhaustion of the pastures has had the effect of reducing the carrying capacity of the land, the lambing percentage and the weight and quality of the wool, while it is directly responsible for the heavy mortality among and the slow maturing of young sheep.

(c) There is strong evidence in the length of time which young stock have always taken to mature, the steady decrease in the size of mature animals from one generation to another and their development of depraved appetites, that the soil was originally deficient in one or more of the essential ingredients which are necessary for rendering plant life capable of either developing the young animal body in a normal manner or of maintaining the mature animal in perfect health.

(d) A very serious position has arisen in consequence of the heavy mortality among young sheep.

(e) The standard of quality of the flocks on the majority of farms has been steadily on the decline for several years and has now reached a stage from which the decline will be more rapid in the future unless prompt and effective action is taken to alter existing conditions.

(f) The unsatisfactory condition of the flocks is due in no small degree to the fact that

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in-and-in-breeding has been practised on them for many years in the most intense form and without discrimination and the Farmers are seriously handicapped by not having at their disposal facilities which will enable them to apply better methods.

4. It is stated in the report that "The principal remedy for the ills that are besetting the sheep-farming industry must be sought through the improvement of the pastures." In order to stay the decay of the indigenous pasture and allow it to recover recommendations have been made with regard to limiting the number of stock and sub-dividing the land more extensively so as to permit of the resting and seeding of all pastures at regular intervals. These measures must be left to the individual Farmers to carry out with the assistance and advice of the Chief Inspector of Stock. The re-grassing of the large areas of what is described as first class country but on which the indigenous grasses have been replaced with inferior vegetation presents a somewhat complex problem and in Mr. Munro's opinion will eventually more than justify any expenditure which may be wisely incurred in carrying it out. The difficulties are not insurmountable and similar work has been successfully accomplished in other countries where pastures have become exhausted. It is considered that in the first instance "experimental work on a small scale is necessary in order to determine the lines which major operations should follow as well as the cheapest and best/

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best methods to adopt in following them" and moreover "in order to obtain conclusive results the experiments must be carried out by or under the control of a practical agriculturist who is capable of both directing the work and arriving at reliable conclusions regarding the results obtained."

5. Mr. Munro has given it as his considered opinion that the experimental work, which is necessary, can only be carried out to advantage by the Government. He strongly recommends that an experimental farm should be established with the least possible delay and in order that it may be self supporting he suggests that a small flock of stud sheep and a herd of stud cattle should be carried. The surplus sheep and cattle would find a ready market and would certainly help to raise the standard of quality of the stock in the Colony.

6. The experiments which should receive first attention are

- (1) Re-grassing hard camp by surface sowing.
- (2) Growing roots and other forage crops on an extensive scale especially turnips, swedes, cabbages, rape and oats.
- (3) Making use of stock licks if they are advised by the Director of the Rowett Research Institution as the result of the investigations which he is carrying out.
- (4) Draining a limited area of waterlogged land and after it has settled surface sowing part and cultivating part.

The farm would be worked as a commercial enterprise and it is essential that from the outset a strict system of accounting for monies, stores and produce should be established and that a careful analysis should/



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should be made of all expenditure so that the cost of each operation may be readily ascertainable.

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7. I agree cordially with Mr. Munro's proposals and after discussion with him I have prepared a preliminary and purely tentative estimate of the expenditure which it is anticipated would be incurred on Buildings and Stock and on Maintenance for the first three years. Thereafter the farm would become self supporting the expenditure being provided in the annual estimates of the Colony and the receipts being credited to revenue. I strongly commend the scheme, which I regard as of the utmost importance to the future of the sheep-farming industry, to your favourable consideration and I submit that the initial expenditure not exceeding a total of £17,000 may properly be defrayed from the Land Sales Fund.

8. In your despatch No. 62 of the 23rd of June, you have been pleased to approve of loans up to a moderate maximum being made from the Land Sales Fund for permanent farm improvements, and, in informing the Legislative Council that a measure authorising such loans would be submitted for their consideration, I stated that the aggregate amount would not exceed £30,000 the sum which was agreed upon when I was in England. Although the intention of the Government to grant financial assistance has been made public no application for a loan other than that for £1,000 which was approved in your despatch under reference, has/

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has been received. I do not now anticipate that so large a sum as that which was recommended by me will be taken up by the Farmers and I am of opinion that expenditure may be incurred on the experimental farm without unduly depleting the Land Sales Fund or causing loss to it through the sale of securities. The capital expenditure on the farm would be spread over a period of at least two years and the amount of £7,000 which is received annually in respect of Land Sales can be appropriated to the equipment of the farm instead of being invested in securities.

9. The land (Lot No. 5, Port Louis) which has been selected for the experimental farm is in process of being purchased by the Falkland Islands Company to whom Mr. Vere Packe's lease of it was transferred in 1922. The area is stated in the lease to be 8,740 acres "more or less." Mr. Packe, as he was required by law, purchased the freehold of a "Block of 160 acres" which he later disposed of to a neighbouring farm (Lot No. 14, Port Louis.) The farm buildings of the adjoining Lot (No. 3) which is also occupied by the Falkland Islands Company are situated on Lot No. 5 and an area of a few hundred acres which is required for farm operations has been enclosed by fencing. It is not proposed to dispossess the Falkland Islands Company of the enclosed area and the total quantity of land to be acquired will nominally be somewhat less than the average stated in the lease. In order to avoid the expenditure of money on the acquisition of the land I recommend that an exchange

farm. As his stay in England will be should/

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the Secretary of  
State No. 16 of  
9th January,  
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should be effected. The lands which I suggest should be offered in exchange are an area of 3,000 acres "more or less" at Darwin and an area of 2,224 acres "more or less" at Port Sussex which are "reserved" by section 7 of the Land Ordinance of 1903. It is unnecessary, I submit, that I should burden this despatch with a discussion of the problematical value of these two areas to the Government. I recommend their alienation advisedly and after having read the correspondence in which a proposal was made to declare the Darwin Reserve to be a Township and the correspondence in which the conditions of the present leases were approved. Darwin Reserve has, in fact, been leased to the Falkland Islands Company continuously since 1858 and the rental is £12. 10. 0. Port Sussex Reserve has been leased to the Company continuously since 1880 and the rental is £9. 5. 4. The area to be given in exchange is less than the area which it is desired to acquire but I have little doubt that the Company would be glad to secure the freehold of the two reserves which they at present hold on a three years lease. If the proposed exchange meets with your approval the Company will be invited to complete the purchase of Lot No. 5 (Port Louis) in order that they may be in a position to make an exchange.

10. Mr. Munro is returning to New Zealand via England and will be glad to furnish any further information which you may desire with regard to his proposal to establish an experimental farm. As his stay in England will be

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Secretary of  
State No. 141  
21st Decr.  
1902.

From Secretary  
of State No. 57  
15th July,  
1895.

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brief I beg to request that instructions may be given to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, as early as possible, to make arrangements for the printing of Mr. Munro's report in order that he may have an opportunity of revising the proof. I regret that time has not permitted of an index being prepared here but in view of the importance of the report to those engaged in the farming industry I shall be glad if the Crown Agents may be authorized to have the printed report, of which 300 copies are required in the Colony, properly indexed.

11. Mr. Munro's visit to England will enable him to confer with Dr. Orr, Director of the Rowett Research Institute, which will be of great advantage and will help to determine the lines on which experimental work should proceed. He will also have an opportunity of meeting those interested in the industry who are resident in England.

12. If the proposals which have been put forward in this despatch for establishing an experimental farm meet with your approval it would be of very great assistance to me in carrying out the preliminary arrangements if you would be so good as to inform me of your decision by telegram.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH No. 101 of the  
4th of November, 1924.

ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COST OF THE ESTABLISHMENT  
 OF AN EXPERIMENTAL FARM.

A. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.

£.

(a) Buildings, etc.

1. Fencing, including pens	1,500
2. 8 roomed house (including accommodation for visitors.)	2,000
3. 5 " " "	800
4. Furniture and fittings for houses	1,000
5. Stable for five horses, loose box, harness and fodder rooms	1,000
6. Loose box and corral for stallion	200
7. Cart and implement shed and barn	600
8. Cattle Shed	700
9. Implements, tools, carts, harness, manures, etc.	500
10. Shearing Shed	500
11. Dip	200
12. Jetty	400
Total Expenditure on Buildings, etc	£9,400.

(b) Stock.

1. 2 Ayrshire heifers at £50	100
2. 10 Aberdeen Angus heifers at £25	250
3. 1 " " bull at £60	60
Freight on cattle by whaling factory	185
4. 5 mares for farm work at £60	300
Freight from Chile	25
5. 1 Stallion	140
Freight	20

Carried Forward ... £1080

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## (b) Stock (Contd.)

	£.
Brought Forward ...	1080.
<u>Sheep Flock I.</u>	
5. 150 ewes from New Zealand at £2. 10/-.	375
Freight from New Zealand, including fittings, etc. at £6 ...	900
6. 4 rams from New Zealand at £20 ...	80
Freight ...	25
<u>Sheep Flock II.</u>	
7. 500 local ewes at 12/- ...	300
8. 15 New Zealand rams at £10 ...	150
Freight, etc. ...	90
Total expenditure on Stock... ..	£3000.
" " " Buildings, etc. ...	9400.
Total Capital Expenditure ...	£12400.
	£.

## B. RECURRENT EXPENDITURE.

1. Manager of Farm for first three years from New Zealand ...	400
2. Farm Hand from New Zealand ...	300
3. Station Hand ...	100
4. Feeding Stock, seeds, manures, etc. (average)	400
Total Recurrent Expenditure ...	£1200.

ESTIMATE OF TOTAL EXPENDITURE  
FOR THREE YEARS.

	£.
A. Capital ...	12,400.
B. Recurrent ...	3,600.
C. Contingencies ...	1,000.
	<u>£17,000.</u>



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CLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH No. 102 of the 5th  
FALKLAND ISLANDS. 1924.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

5th November, 1924.

Montevideo, 28 de Agosto de 1924.

SEÑOR Sir, RECTOR:

I have the honour to inform you that

Con referencia a la nota de V.S. número 135/1924,  
Mr. H. H. R. Gresham the local manager of the  
Falkland Islands Company, Limited, has produced  
el siguiente decreto:

Letters Patent, a copy of which is enclosed,  
appointing him to be Consul for the Uruguayan  
Republic with jurisdiction in the Falkland  
Islands and has requested that his appointment  
may be provisionally recognised by this Govern-  
ment.

ARTICULO 2º.- Expidase la Patente respectiva.  
2. Pending the receipt of instructions  
from you on the matter, I have accorded to Mr.  
Gresham the provisional recognition desired.

De es grato enviar a V.S. la formula recia-  
mentaria de firma autografa que debere llenar el  
señor Consul nombrado. I have the honour to be,  
intermedio.-

Sir,

Al acompañar Your most obedient,  
al señor Herbert Russell Gresham humbly servant, las  
seguridades de mi distinguida consideración.-

J. Middleton.

Por el Ministro

(Sgd.) ? ?

Subsecretario.

A SU SEÑORIA DON ROMEO MABSO, CONSUL DIRECTOR DE  
THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
J. H. THOMAS, P.C., M.P.,  
SEÑOR DE DISTRITO DEPENDIENTES DEL MINISTERIO  
DE RELACIONES EXTERIORES.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH No. 102 of the 5th  
of November, 1924.

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Montevideo, 28 de Agosto de 1924.

SEÑOR DIRECTOR:

Con referencia a la nota de V.S. numero 135/1924, fecha 15 del que rige, tengo el agrado de transcribir el siguiente decreto:

"MINISTERIO DE RELACIONES EXTERIORES.-Montevideo  
 "22 de Agosto de 1924.- EL PRESIDENTE DE LA REPUBLICA  
 "ACUERDA Y DECRETA: ARTICULO 1º - Nombrase al señor  
 "Henry Herbert Gresham, Consul honorario en Port  
 "Stanley, con jurisdiccion en las Islas Malvinas.-  
 "ARTICULO 2º- Expidase la Patente respectiva,  
 "comuniquese, etc.- SERRATO.- P. MANINI RIOS.-"

Me es grato enviar a V.S. la formula reglamentaria de firma autografa que debera llenar el señor Consul nombrado y devolver luego por su intermedio.-

Al acompañar la nota de nombramiento dirigida al señor Herbert Russell Gresham, reiterole las seguridades de mi distinguida consideracion.-

Por el Ministro

(Sgd.) ? ?

Subsecretario.

A SU SENORIA DON ROMEO MAESO, CONSUL DIRECTOR DE  
 CONSULADOS DE DISTRITO DEPENDIENTES DEL MINISTERIO  
 DE RELACIONES EXTERIORES.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 103.

plant clean. The best GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
the producing capacity of the STANLEY, and  
would in my opinion be 5th November, 1924.  
of management.

Sir,

I have the honour to be,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 45 of the 3rd of May, transmitting correspondence with Messrs Salvesen and Company on the subject of the output of the whale factories s.s. "Neko" and "Sevilla."

2. It would appear sufficient to state that Messrs Salvesen's letter of the 11th of April, contains nothing which persuades this Government to alter the view that the average production of barrels of oil per whale over a series of years is the correct criterion of the economic use made of the catch of whales. It is not possible to accept the astonishing proposition that the larger the proportion of the lower grade oils, the more economic has been the utilisation of the carcasses. If it were to be considered a matter for congratulation that the proportion of low grade oil should be high, no manager of a whaling factory would have any difficulty in producing a high proportion of such oil by neglecting rapid handling of the carcass while fresh and by failing to keep the plant/

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plant clean. The best method of improving the producing capacity of the "Sevilla", would in my opinion be by improving the methods of management.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.  
No. 104.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY,  
10th November, 1924.

Sir,

In accordance with Colonial Regulation No. 397, I have the honour to transmit herewith returns of appointments to and changes in Public Offices for the quarter ended the 30th of September, 1924.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Returns Nos 1  
& 2 in duplicate.

704/21.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 105.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

1st December, 1924.

Sir,

With reference to your predecessor's Circular despatch of the 2nd of July, relating to the desirability of a universal arrangement throughout the Empire for reciprocal enforcement of judgments, I have the honour to inform you that this Government concurs generally in the principle of extending the Reciprocal Enforcement of Judgments Ordinance, 1922, to judgments made in Courts in other parts of the Empire and will be willing to acquiesce in any proposals received for reciprocity.

6 copies.

2. Copies of the Rules regulating the practice and procedure under the Ordinance are enclosed. It is regretted that these were not forwarded at an earlier date.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.



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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 106.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

1st December, 1924.

regretted that these were not received at an earlier date.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your predecessor's Circular despatch of the 24th of June, transmitting a statement indicating the various Dominions, Colonies and Protectorates in which the legislation contains provision for the extension to other places of the Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Act, 1920, and to inform you that this Government is willing to extend its legislation to any of the territories named which may be desirous of entering into a reciprocal agreement. A proposal to establish reciprocal arrangements in the matter has been received from the Government of New South Wales, and will, in due course, be carried into effect. It is not, however, considered necessary, in the meantime, that this Government should take steps to initiate an extension of the local law to maintenance orders in any particular Colony or Protectorate.

2. Copies of the Rules regulating the procedure under the Ordinance are enclosed. It is

regretted/

3 Copies.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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regretted that these were not forwarded at an earlier date.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.  
No. 107.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY,  
9th December, 1924.

Sir,

With reference to your predecessor's Circular despatch of the 27th of June, on the subject of the provisions relating to the simplification of Customs Formalities, I have the honour to inform you that it will be practicable to carry out the requirements of the Convention in the Falkland Islands without further legislation.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

728/24.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.  
No. 108.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY,  
9th December, 1924.

Sir,

With reference to Lord Arnold's Circular despatch of the 9th of September, relating to the Treaty of Commerce and Navigation concluded between the United Kingdom and the Polish Republic on the 26th of November, 1923, I have the honour to inform you that notice of accession to the Treaty may be given on behalf of the territory under this Administration.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P..

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

387/55.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 109.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

9th December, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Lord Arnold's Miscellaneous despatch of the 20th of September, and to inform you, with reference to the Duke of Devonshire's Circular despatch of the 27th of March, 1923, that legislation already exists for the purpose of prohibiting persons seeking to enter this Colony from doing so, unless they have in their possession a passport establishing their identity. The law on the subject is comprised in Ordinance No. 7 of 1921.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. G. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

755/24.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.  
No. 110.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY,  
10th December, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit in duplicate the Annual General Report on the Falkland Islands and its Dependencies for the year 1923.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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ALKLAND ISLANDS.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

12th December, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that prior to proceeding on leave in June of last year I appointed Mr. G. R. L. Brown to be Officer in Charge of the Secretariat during my absence from the Colony, with a special allowance of £10 per month to be paid from the lapsing salary of the Colonial Secretary, who was administering the Government. I regret that I did not report this addition to Mr. Brown's emoluments in accordance with Colonial Regulation 247. The Director of Colonial Audit has now drawn attention to the omission and I shall be glad if you will be good enough to sanction the payment of the allowance. I may say that Mr. Brown performed his additional duties in an eminently satisfactory manner.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.



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ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH No. 112 of the  
 FALKLAND ISLANDS.  
 18th of December, 1924.  
 No. 112.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
 STANLEY,  
 18th December, 1924.

Draft.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. of 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Thomas's despatch No. 92 of the 8th of October, relating to Ordinance No. 3 of 1924.

2. The repeal by Section 4 of the second proviso to Section 5 of the Criminal Law Amendment Ordinance, 1889, was not intentional; it appears that it negatives any time limit and renders the last sentence of section 3 meaningless. Ordinance (Amendment) 1925."

3. I attach a copy of a draft Ordinance which I propose, subject to your approval, to pass through the Legislative Council in order to set the matter right.

I have the honour to be,

Passed by the Legislative Council this day of

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

Clerk of the Legislative Council.

J. Middleton.

Assented to by the Governor and given under the  
 Public Seal of the Colony this day of

RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P., Colonial Secretary.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

CLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH No. 112 of the  
th of December, 1924.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. of 1924.

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A BILL

TO AMEND THE CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT ORDINANCE, 1925.

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor of the Colony  
of the Falkland Islands with the advice and consent  
of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows :-

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the "Criminal  
Law Amendment Ordinance (Amendment) 1925."

2. No prosecution shall be commenced for an  
offence under sub-section (1) of section 5 of the  
Criminal Law Amendment Ordinance, 1889, more than  
nine months after the commission of the offence.

Passed by the Legislative Council this      day of  
19      ,

Clerk of the Legislative Council.

Assented to by the Governor and given under the  
Public Seal of the Colony this      day of  
19      ,

Colonial Secretary.

D/100/24.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 113.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

18th December, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that during the absence on leave of Mr. Thompson, Colonial Treasurer, Mr. E. B. Binnie, Magistrate, South Georgia, performed the duties of Colonial Postmaster in the place of Mr. Halkett who acted as Treasurer. There were no funds available for the payment of Mr. Binnie otherwise than his salary as Magistrate and £100 duty allowance from Dependencies funds until the 14th of June, when he commenced to draw Colonial pay and allowances. Mr. Thompson returned on the 2nd of October and Mr. Binnie then reverted to the full emoluments of his office in the Dependencies. It has been necessary to retain Mr. Binnie in Stanley as there is no accommodation for him in the Dependencies. He has been and is being usefully employed in connection with accounts and stores. The introduction of new and comparatively elaborate Stores Regulations has entailed much work. He will be sent to South Georgia on the first possible opportunity when accommodation has been provided. I may add that Mr. Binnie has assisted in the administration of Dependencies affairs/

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affairs by advice in connection with the arrangements for the new buildings and in other matters.

2. Mr. Barlas who has been acting as Magistrate, South Georgia, for the whole of 1924 has in consequence of the above arrangements drawn his own duty allowance of £50 p.a. only during part of the year and has applied for an increase of this more particularly in view of shortness of staff and his heavy duties in connection with the erection of the new buildings. The total amount drawn by him as Duty Allowance has been £71. 4s. 5d. As there has been a saving of over £63 on the salary of the Deputy Magistrate I have felt justified in authorizing him to draw an additional sum of £28. 15s. 7d to bring the total of his duty allowance to £100, the amount set down in the Estimates for the officer performing the duties of Magistrate. I have caused him to be warned that this payment is subject to your approval and that he may be called upon to refund the money.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant.

J. Middleton.

D/97/24.

ALKLAND ISLANDS.

114.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

22nd December, 1924.

Sir,

duplicate.

I have the honour to transmit a report by Mr. W. Barlas, Acting Magistrate, South Georgia, on the whaling operations undertaken by the Tonsberg Whaling Company at the South Orkneys during the season 1923-24.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

497/24.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.  
No. 115.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY,  
22nd December, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith  
a copy of the minutes of a meeting of the  
Legislative Council of this Colony held on the  
23rd of July, 1924.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

443/34.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 116.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

22nd December, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith  
copies of minutes of the Executive Council of  
this Colony held on the dates noted in the  
margin.

26th May, 9th &  
25th July, 8th  
August, 29th  
September, 7th  
October, & 20th  
November, 1924.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P..

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.



776/14.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 117.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

23rd December, 1924.

Sir,

With reference to Mr. J. H. Thomas's Circular despatch of the 9th of October, relating to the Treaty of Commerce and Navigation concluded between the United Kingdom and Finland on the 14th of December, 1923, I have the honour to inform you that there is no objection to notice of accession to the Treaty being given on behalf of this Colony.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

278/22.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 118.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

23rd December, 1924.

Sir,

With reference to the Duke of Devonshire's Circular despatch of the 25th of August, 1923, and to Mr. J. H. Thomas's Miscellaneous despatch of the 8th of October, 1924, I have the honour to inform you that motor vehicles are not subject to duties of Customs on importation into this Colony.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P..

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

314/14.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 119.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

29th December, 1924.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit, for your approval, copies of Supplementary Estimate of Expenditure, (No. 3 of 1924,) voted at a meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 22nd of December, 1924.

In triplicate.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

456/24.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 120.

To Secretary of  
State No.34 of  
25th Feb.1922.

From Secretary  
of State No.60  
of 29th May,  
1922.

To Secretary of  
State No.91 of  
7th July, 1922.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

31st December, 1924.

months. I am of opinion that the sum should be not less than £5,000, the remainder being paid to the principles laid down in Rule 37. I am prepared to issue standing instructions to the Board of Survey on the Public Works Stores, Sir,

With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin on the subject of the introduction of the Unallocated Stores Account system for Public Works materials and stores and the value at which these should stand, I have the honour to transmit six copies of Rules for the control of Stores and Store Accounts generally in the Colony. These Rules which have closely followed the Nigerian Rules in so far as the latter are applicable are to come into force on the 1st of January.

2. I beg to draw your attention to Rule 36 wherein the gross value of the Standard Stock of Stores in the Public Works Department has been fixed at £5,000 subject to your approval. A Committee composed of the Colonial Treasurer, Local Auditor and Colonial Engineer carefully investigated the question of probable requirements last year, and the members were unanimously of the opinion that £2,500 was too low a limit and that the amount should be fixed to meet probable requirements for a period of not less than twelve months/

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months. I am of opinion that the sum should be not less than £5,000, due regard being paid to the principles laid down in Rule 37. I am prepared to issue standing instructions to the Board of Survey on the Public Works Stores, appointed under Rule 24, to report on any apparently unnecessary accumulation of stores.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

523/24.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 121.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

31st December, 1924.

the 1st of January, 1925. I am satisfied that the amount of clerical work to be carried out in the Medical Department in future justifies the appointment of a clerk at a salary of £100 a year, and that no other arrangement is possible. The

Sir,

I have the honour to confirm my telegram of this date informing you that the Legislative Council had at a meeting held on the 22nd of December, approved the draft Estimates for 1925 with the addition of provision for a clerk in the Medical Department.

2. At the time the draft Estimates were prepared and forwarded to you the addition did not appear to be of sufficient urgency to warrant an increase in the permanent staff next year. The Medical Department is spending nearly £3,400 a year, but neither doctors nor nurses have any aptitude for keeping departmental financial and store accounts. Much extra work has in consequence been thrown on the Secretariat, the Treasury and the Auditor during the past three years. Although the results have not been satisfactory, the position could have been maintained in the apparent interests of economy, had it not been necessary to introduce a completely new code of rules for the control of Stores and Store Accounts throughout all departments as from the/

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the 1st of January, 1925. I am satisfied that the amount of clerical work to be carried out in the Medical Department in future justifies the appointment of a clerk at a salary of £100 a year, and that no other arrangement is possible. The unofficial members of the Legislative Council concurred from the explanations given by the Colonial Surgeon that the provision made was required and they did not oppose the vote.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.



D/62/24.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 122.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

31st December, 1924.

Sir,

With reference to Mr. J. H. Thomas's despatch, No. 53 of the 26th of May, I have the honour to transmit, for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure, two authenticated and twelve printed copies of Ordinance No. 6 of 1924, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the establishment and administration of a Research and Development Fund for the Dependencies." Copies of a resolution adopted by the Legislative Council under clause 2 (c) of the Ordinance are also enclosed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

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6 Copies.

