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TO SECRETARY
OF STATE FROM
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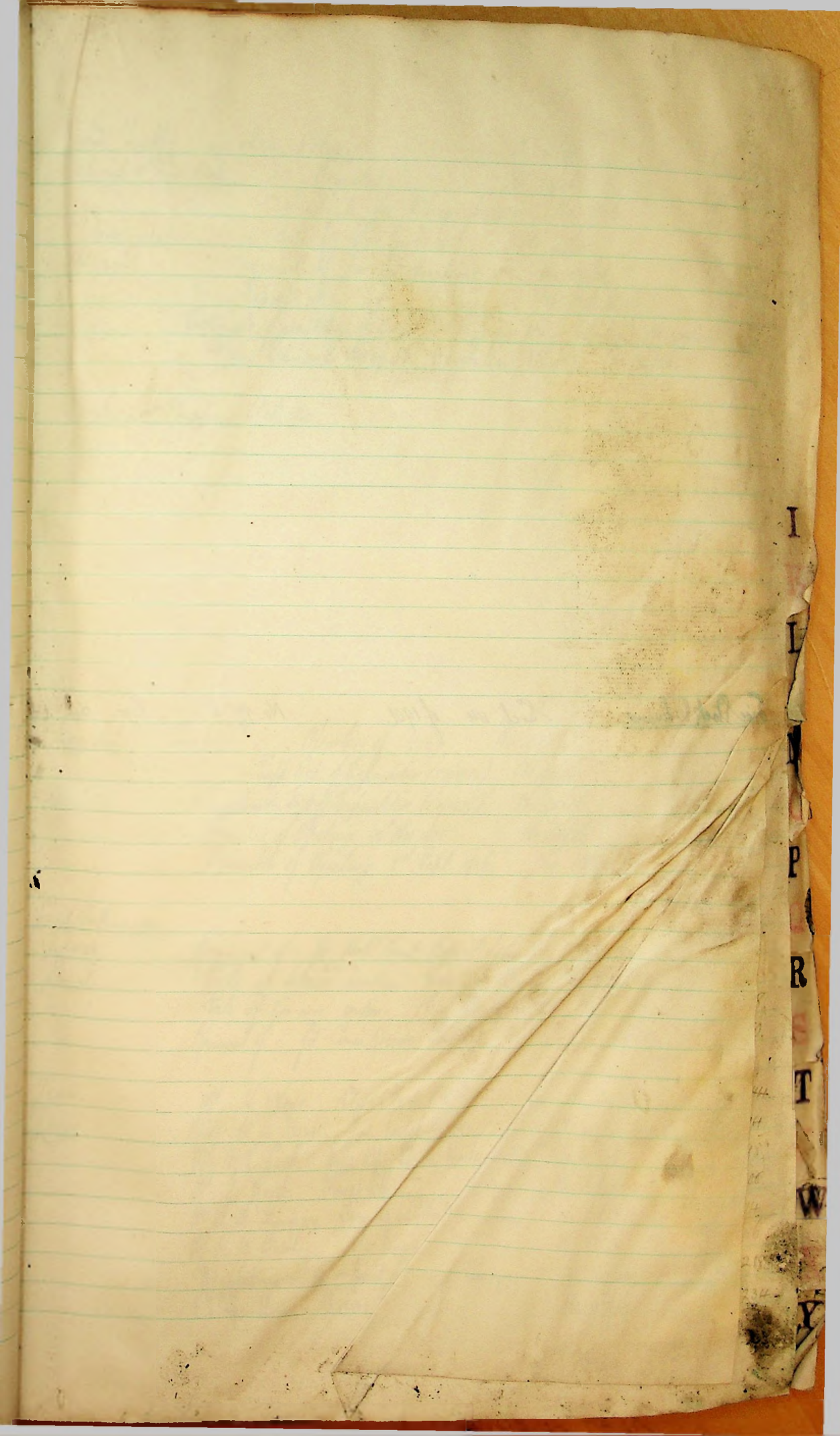
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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 1.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,
2nd January, 1926.

Sir,

No. 4 of 1925.

I have the honour to transmit six copies of a Proclamation extending the Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Ordinance, 1921, as amended by the Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) (Amendment) Ordinance, 1922, to maintenance orders made by Courts in Grenada.

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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MEMORANDUM TO PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY
18th 2nd OF JANUARY, 1926.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 2.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,

2nd January, 1926.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Circular despatch of the 29th of September on the subject of affording to prospective Governors complete information in regard to the emoluments and expenses of the office they are about to take up, and in accordance with paragraph 3 thereof to transmit herewith a complete statement giving the information required in respect of the Governorship of this Colony.

Statement A.

Statement B.

2. As required by paragraph 5 of your despatch under acknowledgment a statement giving particulars of the emoluments of the Colonial Secretary also is enclosed.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

(2) There is no 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.

ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH No. 2 of
the 2nd of January, 1926.

THE PUBLIC FUNDS FOR THE
 MAINTENANCE OF FURNITURE, CROCKERY, PLATE AND
 LINEN IN GOVERNMENT HOUSE AND FOR HEATING AND

EMOLUMENTS OF GOVERNOR.

Head of
 Estimates.

II.

	£.
Salary ...	1,450.
Duty Allowance ...	350.
Fees (estimated) ..	36.
	<u>£1,836.</u>

The Governor pays

- (a) 5% on value of furniture in Government House the amount being at present £28. 10. 0.
- (b) An allowance at the rate of £2 a month to Police Constable doing duty as orderly.

Head of
 Estimates.

II.

Note.

- (1) Under the second schedule of the Tariff Ordinance, 1900, all articles imported or taken out of bond for the use of the Governor are exempted from the payment of duties of Customs.
- (2) There is no income tax.

AMOUNTS AVAILABLE FROM PUBLIC FUNDS FOR THE
MAINTENANCE OF FURNITURE, CROCKERY, PLATE AND
LINEN IN GOVERNMENT HOUSE AND FOR HEATING AND
LIGHTING.

Head of Estimates.	
XVIII. Item 3.	Furniture, crockery, plate, linen ... £100.
II. " 3.	Coal for kitchen 150.
II. " 4.	Oil for lighting 45.
	An adequate supply of peat, which is paid for under Head XVII. Item 11, is provided for heating Government House.

AMOUNTS AVAILABLE FROM PUBLIC FUNDS FOR THE
MAINTENANCE OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE GARDEN.

Head of Estimates.	
II.	Personal Emoluments
	Gardener £168.
	Labourer 120.
II. Item 2.	Seeds, plants and tools. 25.
	An adequate supply of peat, which is paid for under Head XVII. Item 11, is provided for heating conservatories in Government House garden.

ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH No. 2 of
the 2nd of January, 1926.

B.

EMOLUMENTS OF COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Head of
 Estimates.
 III.

Salary £700 x £25 - £800.

Furnished Quarters. Linen, plate, and cutlery not provided. A percentage on value of furniture to amount of about £25 a year is payable by occupant.

Fifty-four (54) loads of peat a year.

The Colonial Secretary as Senior member of the Executive Council administers the Government in the absence of the Governor (Letters Patent of 28th February, 1892) and during such period draws the duty allowance at the rate of £350 provided for the Governor.

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PAKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 3.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

5th January, 1926.

Sir,

With reference to your Circular despatch of the 12th of June, 1925, I have the honour to transmit, for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure, two authenticated and ten printed copies of an Ordinance (No. 8 of 1925) to regulate the traffic in opium and other dangerous drugs in this Colony, together with a memorandum showing the action which has been taken to give effect to each article of the Dangerous Drugs Convention, 1925, requiring legislation.

In duplicate.

2. I also transmit, in compliance with your request, a memorandum relating to the traffic locally in Indian Hemp.

In duplicate.

3. Thirty additional copies of the Ordinance are being forwarded under separate cover for transmission to the League of Nations.

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.

ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH No. 3 of
the 5th of January, 1926.

MEMORANDUM RELATING TO THE SEVERAL ARTICLES OF
THE DANGEROUS DRUGS CONVENTION, 1925, TO WHICH
LEGISLATIVE EFFECT HAS BEEN GIVEN UNDER ORDINANCE
No. 8 of 1925.

CHAPTER I - DEFINITIONS.

Article 1.

Section in
Ordinance.

The definitions of the substance
dealt with in the Ordinance have been
made to conform to those adopted in
the Convention.

Section 2.

CHAPTER II - INTERNAL CONTROL OF
RAW OPIUM.

Article 2.

Part 1.

All traffic in raw opium has been
prohibited.

Sections
3 and 4.

Article 3.

In view of the provisions of Part
I of the Ordinance legislative action
with regard to Article 3 is unnecessary.

CHAPTER III - INTERNAL CONTROL OF
MANUFACTURED DRUGS.

Articles 4, 5, 6 and 7.

Under Part II of the Ordinance
provision has been made for the control
of the traffic in the drugs to which
this Chapter applies.

The import and export of the drugs
is prohibited except under licence.

Section 7.

The manufacture of the drugs is
totally prohibited.

" 8.

Section in Ordinance.

The sale and distribution of the drugs is limited to their use for medical purposes.

Section 9.

Provision has been made for controlling by regulations the supply and distribution of such drugs to residents outside the town of Stanley. Section 16 (b)

Article 8.

Powers have been reserved to exempt from the provisions of Part II of the Ordinance any drugs which may hereafter be found by the Health Committee of the League of Nations to be incapable of leading to addiction.

Section 6 (3)

Article 9.

In view of the provisions of Part II of the Ordinance legislative action with regard to Article 9 is unnecessary.

Article 10.

Powers similar to those contained in the Dangerous Drugs Act, 1920 have been obtained to apply the provisions of Part II of the Ordinance to any drugs which may hereafter be found to be liable to abuse.

Section 6 (2)

CHAPTER IV - INDIAN HEMP.

Article 11.

Under Part I of the Ordinance the cultivation, import, export, trade in or possession of the resin of the plant Cannabis sativa or the possession

(Amendment) Act, 1923.

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of any portion of the plant (excluding its medical preparations) is totally prohibited.

Section in Ordinance.

Part I.

Sections 3, 4, and 5 (a) and (c).

CHAPTER V - CONTROL OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE.

Articles 12 and 13.

The system of control established by the League of Nations Import Certificate System is already being followed in this Colony. The system as amplified by Articles 12 and 13 can be enforced under Section 16 (a) of the Ordinance on receipt of the communication referred to in paragraph 7 of the Secretary of State's Circular despatch of the 12th of June, 1925.

Article 14.

Article 14 is not applicable to this Colony.

Articles 15, 16, 17 and 18.

Transshipment within the Colony of any of the drugs dealt with in the Convention is prohibited except in the case of drugs imported under a licence.

Section 10.

CHAPTER VII - GENERAL PROVISIONS.

Articles 28 & 29.

The sections of the Ordinance dealing with offences and penalties follow closely the relative provisions of the Dangerous Drugs and Poisons (Amendment) Act, 1923.

Section 12.

ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH No. 3
of the 5th of January, 1926.

MEMORANDUM RELATING TO THE PRODUCTION, USE OF
AND TRAFFIC IN INDIAN HEMP IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Indian Hemp is not produced in the Falkland Islands nor is there any traffic in nor use of the drug in the Colony.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,
6th January, 1926.

Sir,

With reference to Mr. Churchill's
Circular despatch of the 28th of January, 1922,
and your Circular despatch of the 1st of
October, 1925, I forward herewith a memorandum
furnishing the information asked for in respect
of motor traffic in this Colony.

3 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.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

6th January, 1926.

Sir,

In duplicate.

I have the honour to transmit to you a report by Mr. E. B. Binnie, Magistrate at South Georgia, on the sealing operations in that Dependency during the season 1925.

2. The number of seals captured was 3,801 as compared with 3,902 in the previous season and the average oil production was 1.68 barrels against 1.92 in 1924. It will be observed that Mr. Binnie intends to carry out experiments with the object of improving the production of oil.

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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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,
6th January, 1926.

Sir,

In duplicate.

In accordance with Colonial Regulation No. 190, I have the honour to transmit herewith a "Nil" return of capital sentences executed in this Colony during the year 1925.

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.

ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH No. 6
of the 6th of January, 1926.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

RETURN OF CAPITAL SENTENCES EXECUTED IN
THE COLONY DURING THE YEAR 1925.

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MEMORANDUM TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES
OF THE 6th OF JANUARY, 1926.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

6th January, 1926.

ANNUAL RETURN OF FLOGGINGS

Sir,

In duplicate.

With reference to Mr. Chamberlain's Circular despatch of the 25th of May, 1897, I have the honour to transmit herewith a "pl" return of floggings in this Colony during the year 1925.

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.

ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH No. 7
of the 6th of January, 1926.

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ANNUAL RETURN OF FLOGGINGS

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

6th January, 1926.

Sir,

With reference to Viscount Harcourt's Circular despatch of the 15th of December, 1913, I have the honour to transmit herewith a "Nil" return of barristers and solicitors practising in this Colony during the year 1925.

In duplicate.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH No. 8
of the 6th of January, 1926.

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ANNUAL RETURN OF PRACTISING BARRISTERS
AND SOLICITORS 1925.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

6th January, 1926.

Sir,

returns Nos. 1
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, 1925.

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.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

RETURN No. 1 of all Changes in the Holders of Public Offices and Appointments arising from promotion or otherwise during the Quarter ended.... **31st**.....
day of... **December**, 19. **25**., as also of all additions to established Salaries and Allowances under settled Regulations for length of Service.

Changes in the Holders of Offices and Appointments.

Office.	Name of the officer who formerly held the Appointment, and Annual Salary.	Name of the officer who is now appointed, and Annual Salary.	If appointed by His Majesty's Government in England, Date of authority of the Secretary of State.	If newly appointed by the Governor, Date of authority.	If promoted from another office or Government situation in the Colony, description of former appointment.	Date of Governor's despatch reporting the change of office or appointment, or the new appointment.	Remarks.
Colonial Secretary	Herbert Hemmiker-Heaton. £800.	Lieut. Col. Alexander Elder Beattie, C.B.E., M.C. £700 x £25 = £800	Secretary of State's despatch No. 124 of 9th September, 1925.	-	-	Gov's desp. No. 45 of 24th March, 1925.	-
Assistant Colonial Surgeon.	Brabazon James Hallows. £500.	Henry Augustus Morton Whitby. £500.	Secretary of State's desp. No. 122 of 8th September, 1925.	-	-	Gov's desp. No. 63 of 21st May, 1925.	-
Colonial Dental Surgeon.	Thomas Archibald Hall. £500.	James Magnus Courts. £500.	Secretary of State's desp. No. 87 of 29th June, 1925.	-	-	Gov's telgm. of 16th Feb. 1925.	-
Nurse-Matron, K.E.M. Hospital.	Kate Sutherland Wright £150.	Ethel Sophia Mary Warner £150.	-	27th Decbr. 1925.	Government Nurse. K. E. M. Hospital.	Gov's desp. No. 62 of 21st May, 1925.	-

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

RETURN No. 1. of all Changes in the Holders of Public Offices and Appointments arising from promotion or otherwise during the Quarter ended **31st**
day of **December.** 19 **25**, as also of all additions to established Salaries and Allowances under settled Regulations for length of Service.

Changes in the Holders of Offices and Appointments

Office.	Name of the officer who formerly held the Appointment, and Annual Salary.	Name of the officer who is now appointed, and Annual Salary.	If appointed by His Majesty's Government in England. Date of authority of the Secretary of State.	If newly appointed by the Governor. Date of authority.	If promoted from another office or Government situation in the Colony, description of former appointment.	Date of Governor's despatch reporting the change of office or appointment, or the new appointment.	Remarks.
Government Nurse, K.E.M. Hospital.	Ethel Sophia Mary Warner. £100.	Margery Emily Shaw. £100.	Secretary of State's despatch No. 138 of 5th October, 1925.	-	-	Gov's despatch No. 62 of 21st May, 1925.	
Police Constable.	James Joseph Lawlor. £120.	Richard Henry Earl. £120.	-	4th Nov. 1925.	-	Gov's telex of 26th May, 1925.	Agreement with Crown Agents for 3 years dated 21st August, 1925.
Assistant Teacher, Government School.	Dorothy Elizabeth Rowlands. £90.	Dorothy Maud Riches. £80.	-	22nd August, 1925.	Pupil Teacher, Government School.	-	-

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Colonial Secretary.

Additions to Salaries and Allowances.

Office.	Name.	Date of Appointment.	Original Salary.	Present Salary.	Date from which increase Salary drawn.	Date and Description of authority for increase.	Remarks.
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Colonial Secretary,

5th January. 19 26

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

RETURN No. 2 of all new Offices and Appointments created and of all additions to established Salaries and Allowances not provided for by settled

Regulations for length of service during the quarter ended 31st day of December, 1925

Creation of new Offices and Appointments.

Office.	Name.	Annual Salary.	Date of Appointment and of authority from the Governor.	Date and Description of the authority or instruction (if any) from His Majesty's Government in England in consequence of which the Appointment was made.	Date of the Governor's despatch to H. M. Government in England reporting the transaction in cases where no previous authority may have been received.	Column for Remarks in any particular case, and for the statement of any special circumstances.
Clerk to Magistrate, South Georgia.	Alfred George Nelson Jones.	£200. Duty Allocated. £50.	18th September, 1925.	-	Gov's despatch No. 44 of 23rd March, 1925.	Agreement with Crown Agents for 3 years dated 6th August, 1925.
Engineman-Caretaker. W/T. Station South Georgia.	Stanley Atkins.	£84. Duty Allocated. £42.	23rd September, 1925.	-	Gov's despatch No. 115 of 16th November, 1925.	-

Additions to Salaries and Allowances not arising under settled Regulations.

Office.	Name.	Date of Appointment.	Original Salary.	Present Salary.	Date from which increase of Salary drawn.	Date and description of authority.
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5th January, 1926.

Colonial Secretary.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

7th January, 1926.

Sir,

O. 3 of 1925.

I have the honour to transmit six copies of a Proclamation extending the Reciprocal Enforcement of Judgments Ordinance (1922) to judgments obtained in superior courts in New South Wales and Grenada.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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COOKLAND ISLANDS.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,

LEAGUE OF NATIONS
9th January, 1926.

TRAFFIC IN WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

Sir,

With reference to your Circular despatch of the 21st of November, 1924, 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 1925.

In duplicate.

1. Offences Discovered.

No offences were discovered.

I have the honour to be,

2. Central Authority.

Sir,

No Central Authority exists in the Colony.

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

3. Extradition.

N I L.

J. Middleton.

4. Repatriation and Deportation.

No action has been necessary.

5. Employment Agencies.

No employment agencies exist in the Colony.

6. Protection of Travellers.

No action has been necessary.

7. Emigration and Immigration.

No action has been necessary.

8. Children.

No action has been necessary.

9. Legislative Measures.

N I L.

RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH No. 11 of
the 9th of January, 1926.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

TRAFFIC IN WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COLONY OF THE FALKLAND
 ISLANDS FOR THE YEAR, 1925.

1. Offences Discovered.

No offences were discovered.

2. Central Authorities.

No Central Authority has been appointed in the Colony.

3. Extradition.

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4. Repatriation and Deportation.

No action has been necessary.

5. Employment Agencies.

No employment agencies exist in the Colony.

6. Protection of Travellers.

No action has been necessary.

7. Emigration and Immigration.

No action has been necessary.

8. Children.

No action has been necessary.

9. Legislative Measures.

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BLKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 12.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,
9th January, 1926.

Sir,

Telegram to
Secretary of State
dated 15th
November, 1925.

Telegram from
Secretary of State
dated 11th
November, 1925.

With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin on the subject of the removal to the United Kingdom of the prisoner William Henry Vaudin, I have the honour to inform you that arrangements have been made for a passage to Liverpool for Vaudin in the Pacific Steam Navigation Company's motor vessel 'Losada' due to leave this port on the 13th of January.

2. I enclose the following documents :

- (a) Notification of Concurrence in the Order of Removal
- (b) Copy of Warrant for removal of the prisoner which I have issued to Mr. D. J. Sullivan, Keeper of the Stanley Gaol, in whose custody Vaudin will travel to the United Kingdom.
- (c) Copy of Warrant reducing the term of the prisoner's sentence to one of five years from the 11th of August, 1924.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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ENCLOSURE TO PARLAMENTARY DESPATCH No. 13 of
the 9th of January, 1926.

AND ISLANDS.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

9th January, 1926.

LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE

OF THE COLONY OF THE FALKLAND

THE YEAR 1925.

OFFICE.

Sir,

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, 1925.

duplicate.

Colonial Secretary.

- (1) Herbert Harcourt
- (2) Lieut.-Colonel Alexander Elder Beattie, O.B.E., M.C.

Colonial Treasurer.

I have the honour to be,

William Austin Thompson.

Sir,

Your most obedient,

Colonial Surgeon.

humble servant,

- (3) Frederick Gustave Wooding Deane, F.R.C.S., (Edin.)
L.R.C.P., (Edin.)

J. Middleton.

MEMBERS APPOINTED BY WARRANT.

Appointed.

Period of Appointment.

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| (4) Montague Cecil Craxie-Halkett. | 20th April, 1925. | During absence from Colony of Colonial Secretary. |
| George John Felton. | 8th January, 1924. | Five Years. |
| (5) Henry Herbert Russell Graham. | 29th September, 1924. | Five Years. |

- (1) On leave from 19th April to 7th October pending appointment as Colonial Secretary of Bermuda.
- (2) Appointed Colonial Secretary 8th October; arrived in Colony 4th November.
- (3) Absent on leave from 19th April to 4th November.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE State's Despatch No. 77 of 18th June, 1925.

L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P., April to 4th November.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH No. 13 of
the 9th of January, 1926.

LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF THE COLONY OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS FOR
THE YEAR. 1925.

-OFFICIO.

Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

His Excellency Sir John Middleton, K.B.E., C.M.G.

Colonial Secretary.

- 1) Herbert Henniker-Heaton.
- 2) Lieut.-Colonel Alexander Elder Beattie, C.B.E., M.C.

Colonial Treasurer.

William Austin Thompson.

Colonial Surgeon.

- (3) Frederick Gustave Wooding Deane, F.R.C.S., (Edin.)
 L.R.S.P., (Edin.)

<u>MEMBERS APPOINTED BY WARRANT.</u>	<u>Appointed.</u>	<u>Period of Appointment.</u>
(4) Montague Cecil Craigie-Halkett.	20th April, 1925.	During absence from Colony of Colonial Secretary.
George John Felton.	8th January, 1924.	Five Years.
(5) Henry Herbert Russell Gresham.	29th September, 1924.	Five Years.

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- (1) On leave from 19th April to 7th October pending appointment as Colonial Secretary of Bermuda.
 - (2) Appointed Colonial Secretary 8th October; arrived in Colony 4th November.
 - (3) Absent on leave from 19th April to 4th November.
 - (4) Secretary of State's Despatch No. 77 of 12th June, 1925.
 - (5) Absent on leave from 29th April to 4th November.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

9th January, 1926.

LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF
THE COLONY OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS FOR THE
YEAR 1925.

Sir,

In accordance with Colonial Regulation
No. 184, I have the honour to transmit herewith
a list of members of the Executive Council of
the Colony for the year ended the 31st of
December, 1925.

- (1) Herbert Hamilton Gaster
(2) Lieut.-Colonel Alexander Elder Beattie, O.B.E., M.C.

Colonial Treasurer.

I have the honour to be,

William Austin Thompson.

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

- (3) Frederick Gustave Wooding Deane, F.R.C.S., (Edin.),
L.R.C.P., (Edin.)

J. Middleton.

MEMBERS APPOINTED BY PARLIAMENT.

APPOINTED.

PERIOD OF
APPOINTMENT.

- (4) Montague Cecil Craigie-
Halkett. 30th April, 1925. During absence
from Colony of
Colonial Secretary.
George Bonner. 29th September,
1924. Three Years.

- (1) On leave from 19th April to 7th October pending appointment
as Colonial Secretary of Bermuda.
(2) Appointed Colonial Secretary 8th October; arrived in
Colony 4th November.
(3) On leave from 19th April to 4th November.

E RIGHT HONOURABLE State's Despatch No. 77 of 12th June, 1925.

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH No. 14 of
the 9th of January, 1926.

LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF
THE COLONY OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS FOR THE
YEAR, 1925.

-OFFICIO .

Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

His Excellency Sir John Middleton, K.B.E., C.M.G.

Colonial Secretary.

- 1) Herbert Henniker-Heaton.
- 2) Lieut.-Colonel Alexander Elder Beattie, C.B.E., M.C.

Colonial Treasurer.

William Austin Thompson.

Colonial Surgeon.

- (3) Frederick Gustave Wooding Deane, F.R.C.S., (Edin.)
L.R.S.P., (Edin.)

MEMBERS APPOINTED BY WARRANT.

Appointed.

Period of
Appointment.

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| (4) Montague Cecil Craigie-Halkett. | 20th April, 1925. | During absence from Colony of Colonial Secretary. |
| George Bonner. | 29th September, 1924. | Three Years. |

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- (1) On leave from 19th April to 7th October pending appointment as Colonial Secretary of Bermuda.
 - (2) Appointed Colonial Secretary 8th October; arrived in Colony 4th November.
 - (3) On leave from 19th April to 4th November.
 - (4) Secretary of State's Despatch No. 77 of 12th June, 1925.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,
9th January, 1926.

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Sir,

With reference to your telegram of the 8th of December, I have the honour to transmit to you a copy of a letter dated the 14th of October from the President of the Compania Argentina de Pesca, in which application is made for the purchase, under the Land Ordinance 1903, of the lands rented by the Company in South Georgia or alternatively for the renewal of the leases for a period of 21 years, together with a copy of the reply which I caused to be returned to the Company.

2. As the Compania Argentina de Pesca is incorporated in a foreign country it is prohibited by the Aliens (Landholding Regulation) Ordinance, 1925, from holding land in the Dependencies, except under licence, either as owner or tenant. There are serious objections to the alienation of the lands in South Georgia which are leased as Whaling Stations and in paragraph 59 of the report of the Interdepartmental Committee on the Dependencies the view is expressed that as existing leases expire careful consideration should be given to the question of limiting any renewals to the shortest possible period. At the same time

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RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

J. Middleton.

it is admitted by the Committee that the determination of this period must, in some measure, depend on economic considerations. In my opinion it is important that the Lessee should be secured in his tenure of the land for a term of sufficient duration to enable him to recoup himself for the expenditure which he incurs in providing an efficient factory with adequate equipment and also that the Government should reserve to itself power to impose, by regulations, such general restrictions on whaling as may later be found to be necessary.

3. I accordingly recommend that the lease of the land at Grytviken, where the factory of the Compania Argentina de Pesca has been established, should be renewed for a further period of 21 years on the conditions which are embodied in the drafts of the first and second schedules to the proposed lease which are now transmitted for your consideration and to which an explanatory note is annexed.

4. The land at Jason Harbour is not required by the Company in connection with its whaling operations and in fact has not been used for the purpose for which it was leased. The site is reported to be especially suitable for a whaling station and there is in its vicinity an ample supply of water for a hydro-electric installation. I would therefore recommend that the lease should not be renewed and that on its expiry the land should revert to the Crown.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

J. Middleton.

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NO. 1.

ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH No. 15
of the 9th of January, 1926.

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Sociedad Anonima.

BUENOS AIRES.

Bne. Mitre 575.

October 14th. 1925.

Colonial Secretary

of the Falkland Islands,

Port Stanley.

Sir,

We have the honour to submit the following to the consideration of His Excellency the Governor.

The Compania Argentina de Pesca is the direct consequence of voyages of exploration to the South Atlantic effected at the initiative of its founders in search of the feeding grounds and the migration habits of whales. The catch of whales was started in November 1904 and after the difficulties inherent to the action of pioneers were successfully dealt with, the good results of intense work and a soundly based enterprise at Grytviken, attracted the attention of other companies who soon followed our example with the consequence that South Georgia has become the principal centre of whale oil production in the world.

The capital investment of our whaling company amounts to over £300,000 of which a large proportion is represented by installation on shore, including a hydro-electric plant. Our factory endowed with modern appliances is of sufficient capacity to deal with our catch on the most economical lines. Good quays have been constructed, and Grytviken has all the facilities which

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can be reasonably demanded.

Our whalers are of the most modern type and also our transport steamer "Harpon." The only regular communication between South Georgia and the River Plate is maintained by our motor ship "Tijuca" which permits us to carry mails and supplies for the stations at the island.

We have contributed to the progress of South Georgia by introducing a herd of Norwegian reindeer which is rapidly increasing.

We are desirous of continuing our progressive programme on the island by increasing the capacity of our factory for the elaboration of sub-products, having already taken the first step by purchasing 20 new press boilers to be installed at the beginning of this season.

We have always endeavoured to comply with the existing Laws and Regulations to the best of our ability and have placed ourselves at the Government's disposal in every case where it has been required.

Our leases of land at Cumberland Bay were granted under the Land Ordinance of 1903 by Indentures dated March 8th. 1906 and August 25th. 1909 for the term of 21 years counting from the 1st. of January 1906. These leases expire on December 31st. 1926 and, in accordance with the Regulations established in said Ordinance, we hereby beg to apply for the purchase of the Lands; and, in the event of any difficulty in this sense, we request that our land leases for another period of 21 years be renewed on the same terms as before.

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We also beg to apply for the renewal of our whaling licence, granted under the Whale Fishery Ordinance 1906, for another term of 21 years, as this licence is in operation during such time as the aforesaid Indenture remains effectual.

Hoping that His Excellency the Governor will consider our application favourably, we have the honour to be, Sir,

Yours most respectfully,

COMPANIA ARGENTINA DE PESCA

Sociedad Anonima

(Sgd.) G. C. Pasman.

Presidente.

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G. C. Pasman, Esq.,

President, Compania Argentina de Pesca,

San. Mitre 178.

Superior 178.

ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH No. 15of the 9th of January, 1926.

No. D/103/25.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

13th November, 1925.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 14th of October in which application is made on behalf of the Compania Argentina de Pesca for the purchase or alternatively for the renewal of the lease of

- (a) The lands situated in the Harbour of Grytviiken, Cumberland Bay, in the island of South Georgia containing 500 acres more or less which were leased to the said Company for a term of 21 years by an indenture dated the 8th of March, 1906, and
- (b) The lands situated in Jason Harbour, Cumberland Bay, containing 30 acres more or less which were leased to the said Company for a period of 18 years by an indenture dated the 25th of August, 1909.

2. As you are aware these leases were granted by the Governor of the Falkland Islands with the special sanction of the Secretary of State for the Colonies and I am to state that His Excellency is unable to agree to the alienation of the lands and that the terms upon which either of the leases may be renewed will require the special sanction of the Secretary of State.

3. The Governor has welcomed the opportunity, which has been afforded to him, of discussing with Captain G. J. Nunes and Mr. F. Jacobsen the question

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W. C. Pasman, Esq.,

President, Compania Argentina de Pesca,

Ave. Mitre 575,

BUENOS AIRES.

ENCLOSURE NO. 111 - 2 -

18 of the 9th of January, 1945.

of the renewal of the leases and much appreciates the courteous and helpful manner in which these gentlemen have been good enough to explain to him the measures which are contemplated by the Compania Argentina de Pesca for developing and improving its whaling factory at Grytviken and for using to better advantage the water power which is available in the vicinity of the station.

4. As a result of these discussions His Excellency has come to the conclusion that the 30 acres of land at Jason Harbour are not of material use to the Compania Argentina de Pesca in connection with its whaling operations and that at Grytviken it is of great importance to the Company that an adequate supply of water should be available at all seasons of the year for the power station which has been installed at large expense.

5. There are other points which arise for consideration in connection with the renewal of the lease of the lands at Grytviken, on which the Company's whaling station is situated, but the short interval which has elapsed since your letter was received, has not permitted of their examination and I am to add that a further communication will be addressed to you in due course and after reference to the Secretary of State.

I am, etc.,
(Sgd.) A. E. Beattie.
Colonial Secretary.

ENCLOSURE NO III TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH No.
15 of the 9th of January, 1926.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

1. The lot or parcel of land situate at Grytviken

Harbour in the Island of South Georgia hereby leased. The lot or parcel of land leased is situate at Grytviken Harbour in the Island of South Georgia, and contains 510 acres, more or less, as delineated on the plan attached hereto and coloured red thereon and includes the lake to the north and the lake to the south of the existing station of the Lessees, which lakes are marked A and B on the said plan.

There is reserved to His Majesty a road along the coast line measuring thirty feet wide from high water mark.

2. The Island named _____ Island situated at the entrance to Cumberland Bay is included in the land leased.

- (2) To erect, construct and maintain houses, buildings for their use and for the use of their agents and servants.
- (2) To erect, construct and maintain such engines, machinery, buildings, workshops, slipways, and other erections as may be necessary or convenient.
- (3) To construct and maintain lines of water pipes, ducts, flumes, water-courses, ponds, dams and reservoirs and to divert any water on or flowing through the land leased.
- (4) To construct and maintain all such tramways, roads, communications and conveniences as may be necessary.
- (5) To employ, without payment of any fee, four vessels in taking whales off South Georgia for the period from the 1st of September in each year of the term of this lease, to the 31st of May next following provided that such vessels shall be licensed in accordance with the Whaling Regulations, 1921.

3. The Lessees hereby for themselves and their assigns covenant with His Majesty, His Heirs

and/

SECOND SCHEDULE.

1. The lot or parcel of land situate at Grytviken Harbour in the Island of South Georgia hereby leased, is leased for the purpose of enabling the Lessees to carry on whale fishing in the waters off South Georgia subject nevertheless to all the provisions of the Whale Fishery Ordinance 1908 and of any Ordinance amending the same or substituted therefor, (including the Whale Fishery Amendment Ordinances 1912 and 1915) and of all regulations now in force or which may come into force, under any of the said Ordinances, during the continuance of this lease.
2. The Lessees and their assigns shall have the right
- (1) To erect, construct and maintain houses and buildings for their use and for the use of their agents and servants.
 - (2) To erect, construct and maintain such engines, machinery, buildings, workshops, slipways, and other erections as may be necessary or convenient.
 - (3) To construct and maintain lines of water pipes, ducts, flumes, water-courses, ponds, dams and reservoirs and to divert any water on or flowing through the land leased.
 - (4) To construct and maintain all such tramways, roads, communications and conveniences as may be necessary.
 - (5) To employ, without payment of any fee, four vessels in taking whales off South Georgia for the period from the 16th of September in each year of the term of this lease, to the 31st of May next following provided that such vessels shall be licensed in accordance with the Whaling Regulations, 1921.
3. The Lessees hereby for themselves and their assigns covenant with His Majesty, His Heirs

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4. and Successors that they, the Lessees and their assigns during the term of this lease.

- (1) Will, in carrying on their whale fishing in South Georgia, provide the necessary plant for utilizing without waste the whole carcass of all whales taken and not only the blubber and will utilize the whole carcass accordingly.
- (2) Will, to the satisfaction of the Magistrate of South Georgia, dispose of any refuse from the carcasses of the whales taken and any refuse from the factory of the Lessees.
- (3) Will furnish to the Magistrate of South Georgia, such information and returns respecting their whaling operations as the Magistrate may require.
- (4) Will supply water, free of charge, to any of His Majesty's Ships or to any vessel belonging to the Government of the Falkland Islands which may require water at Grytviken.
- (5) Will keep in stock on the said lot or parcel of land hereby leased a reasonable quantity of coal and provisions to be supplied at cost price to any ship requiring coal or provisions.
- (6) Will maintain in proper working order two leading beacon lights, to be exhibited at all times between the hours of sunset and sunrise as guides to shipping, one of the said lights to be maintained on the lot or parcel of land being an Island, named _____ Island, at the entrance of Cumberland Bay hereby leased and the other at the entrance of the said Harbour of Grytviken.
- (7) Will give full facilities of access to the shore on which the lot or parcel of land hereby leased is situate to all persons holding leases granted by the Government of the Colony of the Falkland Islands or who shall proceed to the Island of South Georgia with the sanction of the Governor of the said Colony.
- (8) Will during the said term keep regularly from day to day an accurate record of meteorological observations in respect of temperature, the readings of the barometer, the amount of rainfall and the direction and pressure of the wind on and at the lot or parcel of land hereby leased and will furnish full particulars of all such observations with as little delay as possible to the Magistrate of South Georgia.

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4. The Lessees are prohibited from taking, removing, appropriating, killing or in any way using for their own benefit or for the benefit of any other person or persons, any product or animal whatsoever on the Island of South Georgia or any Island adjacent thereto.
 5. The entire property in and control of all minerals and mineral oils, in, under or upon the land hereby leased is and shall be reserved to the Crown.

ENCLOSURE TO FAIRLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH No. 15
of the 9th of January, 1926.

A statement is attached giving the areas of the plots numbered 1 NOTE ON FIRST AND SECOND SCHEDULES TO PROPOSED LEASE OF LAND AT GRYTVIKEN, SOUTH GEORGIA, TO THE COMPANIA ARGENTINA DE PESCA.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

The plan attached to the existing lease, is on a scale of 5 kilometres to the inch while the area of "500 acres more or less" is described as being bounded "on the west by hills rising from the land at sea level" and "on the north by Crown lands." It is consequently impracticable to determine accurately the boundaries of the land leased and a survey would be difficult and costly.

The Lessees have incurred expenditure amounting to about £25,000 on a hydro-electric installation which supplies power to the factory and have constructed works on the lake to the south of the station. They are anxious to make use of the water in a lake lying to the north of the station in order that an adequate supply may be available at all seasons of the year.

Mr. Chr. Christensen, who is a Member of the Danish Institute of Civil Engineers and who advised the Lessees regarding their hydro-electric installation, constructed a contour plan of the land in the vicinity of the station. A copy of this plan was given to me by Captain Nunes and from it a computation has been made of an area containing approximately 510 acres which includes the land occupied by the existing station and the lakes to the north and

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to the south of the station. A statement is attached giving the areas of the plots numbered 1 to 8 on the plan which is referred to in the first schedule.

The plan is probably sufficiently accurate for its purpose and has been referred to the Magistrate, South Georgia, who has also been asked to give the name of the island at the entrance to Cumberland Bay which is included in the old lease.

When a decision is arrived at regarding the area to be leased the boundaries will be marked by concrete blocks.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

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The following words have been added to Clause 1 :-
"subject nevertheless to all the provisions of the Whale Fishery Ordinance 1908, and of any Ordinance amending the same or substituted therefor (including the Whale Fishery Amendment Ordinances 1912 and 1915) and of all regulations now in force or which may come into force, under any of the said Ordinances, during the continuance of this lease." The objects of the addition are to make the whaling operations of the Lessees definitely subject to the whaling laws and regulations and give power to the Government to impose such restrictions as may, later, be shown/
and to vessels belonging to the Government of the Falkland Islands.

Number of Clause.

lease.	Old lease.
2	3 (5)
5)	3 (6)
7)	3 (4)
8)	3 (4)
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shown to be necessary.

A new Clause has been inserted defining the rights of the Lessees regarding the construction and maintenance of buildings and works. Sub-clause (3) gives the Lessees the right to make use of the water on or flowing through the land.

Sub-clause (5) restricts the number of catchers which the Lessees may employ to four, as at present, and makes it obligatory for them to take out an annual licence for the catchers. A close season from the 1st of June to the 15th of September is also imposed.

Sub-clause (1) makes it obligatory to utilize the whole carcass of all whales taken.

Sub-clause (2) provides for the disposal of the refuse from the carcasses of whales and the refuse from the factory.

The Magistrate has drawn attention to the necessity for this provision.

Sub-clause (3) provides for such returns as may be required being furnished to the Magistrate.

Sub-clause (4) provides for the supply of water to His Majesty's Ships and to vessels belonging to the Government of the Falkland Islands.

MEMORANDUM TO FIELD AND ISLAND DEPARTMENT NO. 15
OF THE 9th OF JANUARY, 1926.

per of Clause.

Case.	Old lease.	
5)	3 (b)	Repetition.
6)	3 (c)	Repetition: the lights have been established.
<u>PLOT 1</u>		
7)	3 (d)	Repetition.
8)	3 (a)	Repetition.
	2	Repetition.
	-	Under clause 5 the entire property and control of minerals and mineral oils is reserved to the Crown.

PLOT 9th January, 1926.

Base (D.S.) ... 820 metres - 897 yards.
Height (D.S.) ... 1,140 " - 1,247 yards.
Area triangle (D.S.) ... 329,230 square yards.
115.854 acres.

PLOT 4.

Base (D.S.) ... 360 metres - 392 yards.
Height (D.S.) ... 380 " - 413 yards.
Area triangle (D.S.) ... 66,148 square yards.
12.6 acres.

PLOT 2.

Base (D.S.) ... 80 metres - 86 yards.
Height (D.S.) ... 870 " - 943 yards.
Area triangle (D.S.) ... 32,832 square yards.
6.864 acres.

ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH No. 15
of the 9th of January, 1926.

(1 metre - 1.094 yards)

GRYTVIKEN - SOUTH GEORGIA.

PLOT 1.

Base (A.B.) ... 640 metres - 700 yards.
Height (B.C.) ... 970 " - 1,061 yards.
Area triangle (ABC) ... 371,350 square yards.
76.726 acres.

PLOT 2.

Base (A.E.) ... 40 metres - 44 yards.
Height (F.A.) ... 422 " - 462 yards.
Area triangle (AEF) ... 10,061 square yards.
2.1 acres.

PLOT 3.

Base (D.E.) ... 820 metres - 897 yards.
Height (C.E.) ... 1,140 " - 1,247 yards.
Area triangle (CED) ... 559,280 square yards.
115.554 acres.

PLOT 4.

Base (F.L.) ... 260 metres - 285 yards.
Height (M.D.) ... 360 " - 394 yards.
Area triangle (FLD) ... 56,145 square yards.
11.6 acres.

PLOT 5.

Base (D.K.) ... 80 metres - 88 yards.
Height (K.G.) ... 670 " - 733 yards.
Area triangle (DKG) ... 32,252 square yards.
6.664 acres.

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PLOT 6.

Base (K.G.) ... 670 metres - 733 yards.
 Height (K.J.) ... 1,310 " - 1,433 yards.
 Area triangle (GKJ) ... 525,195 square yards.
 108.47 acres.

PLOT 7.

Base (H.J.) ... 660 metres - 722 yards.
 Height (H.G.) ... 1,330 " - 1,455 yards.
 Area triangle (GHJ) ... 525,255 square yards.
 108.524 acres.

PLOT 8.

Base (H.N.) ... 340 metres - 372 yards.
 Height (H.G.) ... 1,330 " - 1,455 yards.
 Area triangle (GHN) ... 270,630 square yards.
 55.915 acres.

TOTAL ACREAGE.

Land occupied by existing station
 (Hatched on plan) ... 26.25.

Additional	...	76.726.	
		2.1.	
		115.554.	
		11.6.	
		6.664.	
		108.47.	
		108.524.	
		55.915.	
			485.553.
			511.803.

SAY 510 acres.

26/26.

ISLANDS.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

11th January, 1926.

Sir,

With reference to Mr. Churchill's
Circular despatch of the 7th of October, 1922,
I have the honour to submit a report for the
calendar year 1925, on the traffic in opium
and dangerous drugs in this Colony.

uplicate.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

13/26.

KLAND ISLANDS.

17.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

12th January, 1926.

Sir,

With reference to my despatch No. 12 of the 9th instant, reporting the transfer to England by m.v. "Losada" of prisoner W. H. Vaudin in the custody of Mr. D. Sullivan, Chief Constable and Gaoler, I have the honour to inform you that I have granted to Mr. D. Sullivan 4½ months vacation leave exclusive of the period of voyages to and from England. A leave certificate as required by Colonial Regulation No. 89 is enclosed.

2. The Crown Agents for the Colonies are being requested to provide Mr. Sullivan with a free second class passage to Port Stanley on the expiration of his leave, or earlier should he wish to forego part of it and a suitable opportunity occurs.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

1/26.

ISLANDS.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,
12th January, 1926.

Sir,

With reference to my despatch No. 66 of the 2nd of July, 1924, I have the honour to inform you that Mr. A. E. Smith has resigned his position as Record Clerk in the Colonial Secretary's Office, and that he is returning to the United Kingdom by the "Losada" leaving Stanley on the 13th of January.

2. Mr. Smith has been in the service of this Government since the 7th of January, 1914, when he arrived in the Falkland Islands under agreement with the Crown Agents to take up his original appointment as Printer. In view of his length of service, I have granted him 3½ months' leave on full salary to commence from the date of his departure from the Colony. A leave certificate as required by Colonial Regulation 89 is enclosed herewith.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

D/115/25.

I/14/36.

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ISLAND ISLANDS.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

19.

STANLEY,

materials direct to South Georgia, the first
opportunity that may offer. 12th January, 1926.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that I have received representations from Mr. N. A. Mackintosh, the Officer in charge, Marine Station, South Georgia, that the present accommodation at that Station is inadequate and unsuitable for the safe custody of the stores for which he is responsible. He has accordingly recommended that a new store shed should be provided at an early date, and the Board which carried out the annual survey of stores in South Georgia in accordance with the store regulations has endorsed this recommendation.

2. I would therefore seek your authority for the expenditure from Dependencies funds of the sum of £550. The cost of materials in England is estimated at £350, of freight to South Georgia at £100, and of erection there at £80. If this expenditure is approved I would request that the accompanying indent be transmitted to the Crown Agents for the Colonies for execution and that arrangements may be made by them for the shipment of the materials/

In duplicate.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

- 2 -

materials direct to South Georgia by the first
opportunity that may offer.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

553/25 & I/9/16.

LAND ISLANDS.

20.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

12th January, 1925.

4. It is important that the cattle and stallion should not arrive in the Colony before

Sir, per next but the request for their select-

100 is I have the honour to inform you with

Secretary of
te No. 101 of
November,
1.

reference to the correspondence noted in the margin that the land, which was selected by

m Secretary of
te No. 2 of
January,
5.

Mr. Hugh Munro for an experimental farm, has been taken over by this Government and that arrangements can now be proceeded with for the importation, towards the end of the current year, of the sheep and cattle required for the farm.

2. Mr. Munro's recommendations with regard to the stocking of the farm are given at page 40 of his report and his advice to me was that the Romney sheep should be obtained from New Zealand and that the Aberdeen-Angus cattle and a Clydesdale stallion should be obtained from Scotland. Mr. Munro also suggested to me that, in addition to the Aberdeen-Angus cattle, two Ayrshire heifers should be imported for crossing with a Shorthorn strain.

3. I am communicating with the Director General of Agriculture in New Zealand regarding the sheep and I beg to request that you will, if the course proposed meets with your approval, move the Board of Agriculture for Scotland to be

YOUR most obedient,
Respectful servant,
so/

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

J. Middleton.

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so good as to make arrangements for the selection of the cattle and the Clydesdale stallion.

4. It is important that the cattle and stallion should not arrive in the Colony before October next but the request for their selection is being made well in advance of the date of shipment in order that, if suitable animals cannot be obtained by private purchase at a moderate cost, advantage may be taken of the opportunities which the seasonal sales of stock offer.

5. I have every reason to believe that any of the Norwegian Whaling Companies which operate in the South Shetlands and whose vessels call at Stanley would be willing to carry the animals at a nominal freight if boxes and fodder are provided at the cost of this Government and I beg to request that the Crown Agents for the Colonies may be authorized to make arrangements for the shipment of the animals by one or more of the floating factories leaving England about September next.

icate.

6. An Indent in the usual form on the Crown Agents for the Colonies in which a description is given of the animals required, is enclosed herewith.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

J. Middleton.

68/36.

AND ISLANDS.1.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,
2nd February, 1926.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Circular despatch of the 21st of November, on the subject of the proposed Conference to be held in connection with the question of the co-ordination of Agricultural Research throughout the British Empire, and with reference to the final paragraph thereof to state that there is no officer in the service of this Administration who is engaged in agricultural research.

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.

711/35.

AND ISLANDS.

2.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

3rd February, 1926.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that I have granted to Mr. Walter Noye, Clerk and Store-keeper in the Public Works Department, four and a half months' Vacation Leave to be followed by five months' leave of absence on half salary.

2. A leave certificate as required by Colonial Regulation No. 89 is enclosed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

75/26.

ISLANDS.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,
11th February, 1926.

Sir,

With reference to your Circular despatch of the 24th of October, 1925, relating to the distribution of copies of the lists of erasures of names from the Medical and Dentists Registers issued by the General Council of Medical Education and Registration, I have the honour to inform you that one copy of these lists will in future be sufficient for the requirements of this Government.

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.

186/24.

FLAND ISLANDS.24.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

19th February, 1926.

Sir,

With reference to your Circular despatch of the 23rd of October, 1925, requesting information for the use of the Overseas Settlement Department as to the conditions and prospects in the Falkland Islands for new settlers, I have the honour to report that no change has taken place in the industrial conditions of the Colony since Mr. Henniker-Heaton's despatch, No. 29 of the 17th of March, 1924, was written and that it would be unwise to encourage immigration.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

D/108/24.

IND ISLANDS.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

26th February, 1926.

Sir,

From Secretary
of 30th
1925.

From Secretary
of 14th
er, 1925.

From Secretary
of 19th
y, 1925.

Enclosure.

With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, I have the honour to transmit a claim received from the Officer in Charge of the Marine Station, South Georgia, relative to four drums of plaster of paris, forming part of a consignment of 20 drums supplied under Crown Agents' Requisition No. 1852A in December, 1924. A copy of a report on the delivery of the consignment is also enclosed.

2. When the plaster was received at Stanley it was feared that very little, if any, of it would be of use as most of the drums bore signs of having been damaged to an extent which would render the contents liable to exposure to air, and in the circumstances I authorized a further supply to be ordered by telegram and this arrived at South Georgia by the S.S. "Harpon" in March, 1925.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

CLAIMS FORM.

Date.	Indent No.	No. of Item.	C.A. Reqn. No.	Article.	Quantity short delivered or damaged.	Value including Charges. £. s. d.	Name of Steamer.	Action taken.
18/1/26.	40.	1.	F. I. 1852A	Cafferuta Baked Fine Plaster.	4 drums damaged. Freight - Liverpool to Stanley. Landing Charges at Stanley Freight - Stanley to South Georgia.	3. 9. 1. 12. 9. 1. 4. 10. 2. 24. 13. 4.	England to Stanley "Ballena". Stanley to South Georgia "Fleurus".	

(Sgd.) W. A. Mackintosh.

Officer-in-Charge,
Marine Station,
South Georgia.

ENCLOSURE NO. II TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH NO.

25 of the 26th of February, 1926.

Marine Station,
South Georgia,
January, 30th, 1925.

Dear Sir,

I have to inform you that of the twenty drums of plaster of paris brought from Stanley to South Georgia by the s.s. "Fleurus" on the 22nd ult, four drums were broken open. The contents of one of these was completely lost and the contents of the other three rendered practically useless by exposure to air.

Some of the remaining sixteen drums are badly dented but appear to be otherwise intact.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) N. A. Mackintosh.

The Magistrate,
Grytviken,
South Georgia.

65/26.

ELKLAND ISLANDS.2. 26.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,
1st March, 1926.

Sir,

With reference to your Circular despatch of the 22nd of October, I have the honour to transmit to you a Note showing the legislative authority, if any, for the establishment of the funds which are held by the Crown Agents on behalf of this Colony and to state that in every case the Trusteeship of the Permanent Under Secretary of State can be terminated forthwith without further legislative enactment.

In duplicate.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

E RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH No. 26 of
the 1st of March, 1936.

SAVINGS FUND.

NOTE SHOWING LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY, IF ANY,
FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FUNDS HELD BY THE CROWN
AGENTS ON BEHALF OF THE COLONY OF THE FALKLAND
ISLANDS.

CURRENCY NOTE GUARANTEE FUND.

The Currency Note Guarantee Fund was established under the Falkland Islands Currency Note Order in Council dated 7th March, 1899, and sub-section 2 of Section 8 of the Order directs that investments on behalf of the Fund shall be made in the names of such officers or persons as a Secretary of State may direct.

LAND SALES FUND.

There is no legislative authority for the establishment of the Land Sales Fund which has been built up from the payments made for the purchase of land under Section 14 of the Land Ordinance, 1903, and earlier enactments.

It would appear that the Fund was originally established in order to assist emigration to the Colony. In Lord Grey's despatch No. 10 of the 2nd of February, 1848, directions were given that the proceeds of land sales should be kept apart with a view to appropriating them to emigration purposes, the funds being held on deposit by the Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners.

SAVINGS BANK.

Section 10 of the Savings Bank Ordinance 1888, provides that all monies deposited under the authority of the Ordinance may be invested as the Governor, with the approval of the Secretary of State, shall direct in the public securities of Great Britain and Ireland or of any British Colony if convertible at short notice.

There are no directions in the law as to the persons in whose names the investments shall be made.

There is no legislative authority for the Depreciation Fund which was established in 1918 on account of the serious depreciation which had taken place in the Savings Bank Investments.

STANLEY CEMETERY ENDOWMENT FUND.

The Stanley Cemetery Endowment Fund is provided for by the Stanley Cemetery Incorporation Ordinance 1914, under which the Trustees of the Cemetery are empowered to hold real and personal estate and on whose behalf investments are made by the Crown Agents.

DEPENDENCIES RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FUND.

The establishment of Dependencies Research and Development Fund is provided for by the Dependencies Research and Development Fund Ordinance 1924, which gives no directions as to the persons in whose names investments on behalf of the Fund shall be made.

1st March, 1926.

474/25.

AND ISLANDS.

7.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

2nd March, 1926.

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 quarters ended the 31st March, 30th June and 30th September, 1925.

copies.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

512/23.

AND ISLANDS.

28.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

PARTICULARS OF STANLEY METEOROLOGICAL

STATION. 2nd March, 1926.

Sir,

The site of the Meteorological Station is a grass enclosure on the south side of Stanley Harbour adjacent to the residence of the Harbour Master, who is the observer. This enclosure is bounded on the north and

I have the honour to forward, for transmission to the Meteorological Office, 200 copies of the meteorological data which will be inserted in the Annual Blue Book of the Colony for the year 1925.

The following instruments are situated in this enclosure :

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

erected on a concrete block in a Tachernacle,

I have the honour to be, Sir, as to be clear to wind free all parts of compass.

Rain Gauge. Meteorological - is sunk in ground, the rim being ground level.

Stevenson's Screen. Containing wet and dry bulb thermometers, Maximum and Minimum thermometers, is exposed in a central position with face of screen opening due south.

J. Middleton.

Situated within Harbour Master's Office, which Office is close by the house, is H.C. Pattern, Mercurial Barometer.

Observations of all instruments are taken and

RIGHT HONOURABLE daily at 9 a.m., Local Time.

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

ENCLOSURE TO FAULKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH No. 28 of the
2nd of March, 1926.

PARTICULARS OF STANLEY METEOROLOGICAL
STATION.

The site of the Meteorological Station is a grass enclosure on the south side of Stanley Harbour adjacent to the residence of the Harbour Master, who is the observer. This enclosure is bounded on the north and west sides by the sea water of Stanley Harbour, on the south side by a wood batten fence and on the east side by the Harbour Master's house.

The following instruments are situated in this enclosure :

Anemometer. Robinson's Cup - is placed on a pole 30 feet above the ground level. The pole is erected on a concrete block in a Tabernacle, stayed with 4 wire stays - and so placed as to be clear to wind from all points of compass.

Rain Gauge. Meteorological Pattern - 5 inch - is sunk in ground, the rim being one foot above ground level.

Stevenson's Screen. Containing Wet and Dry bulb thermometers, Maximum and Minimum thermometers, is exposed in a central position with face of screen opening due south.

Situated within Harbour Master's Office, which Office is close by the house, is H.O. Pattern, Mercurial Barometer.

Observations of all Instruments are taken and recorded daily at 9 a.m., Local Time.

March, 1926.

ND ISLANDS.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

3rd March, 1926.

Sir,

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, incurred during the quarters ended the 30th of June and 30th of September, 1925.

uplicate.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

D/61/25.

ND ISLANDS.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

3rd March, 1926.

Sir,

Feb. 1926.

With reference to your despatch No. 148 of the 23rd of October, 1925, relating to representations made by the Association of Norwegian Whaling Companies, regarding the method adopted by this Government in computing the average price of whale oil, I have the honour to transmit to you a copy of a letter which has been addressed by my direction to the Association on the subject.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

RIGHT HONOURABLE

A. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

SANDHURST, BERKE.

HURRAY.

ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH No. 30 of the
3rd of March, 1926.

25.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
 Stanley, Falkland Islands.
 2nd March, 1926.
 Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Governor of the Falkland Islands to refer to the letter which you addressed to the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies on the 23rd of September last, on the subject of reporting the prices obtained for whale oil produced in the Dependencies of the Falkland Islands and to state that your letter dated the 20th of May, 1925, a copy of which accompanied your letter under reference, has not been received in this office.

2. The information which you have so kindly offered to furnish with regard to the prices obtained for oil produced in the Dependencies and sold through your Association will prove of great value to this Government and I am to request that you will be so good as to furnish me with full information regarding such sales as soon as this can conveniently be done.

3. With regard to the certificates of Landing which exporters are required to deliver to the Collector of Customs under the Customs (Export) Regulations, 1923, I am to explain that cases have not infrequently occurred in which certificates for oil have been greatly delayed and that even when received it has been found necessary that they/

ASSOCIATION OF NORWEGIAN WHALING COMPANIES,
 SANDEFJORD, NORGE,
 NORWAY.

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they should be returned for amendment. In these circumstances it is undesirable that the exporter should be required to furnish additional information which might be likely to occasion further delays and I am to request that you will be so good as to bring to the notice of the members of the Association of Norwegian Whaling Companies the necessity for strict compliance with the regulations both in respect of the information which is to be furnished and the time within which the certificate is to be delivered.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) A. N. BEATTIE.

Colonial Secretary.

1/8/26.

AND ISLANDS.

11.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY.

3rd March, 1926.

Sir,

With reference to your despatch No. 157 of the 28th of October, 1925, I have the honour to inform you that an indent for drugs required by the Medical Department during the year 1926, in substitution for the indent prepared by the Colonial Surgeon while in England, was forwarded to the Crown Agents for the Colonies by the mail despatched from here on the 12th of January.

2. I regret that through an oversight on the part of the Colonial Surgeon my attention was not called to the fact that this indent contained items in respect of drugs for which an export licence will be required, and I now transmit a certificate to enable the necessary licence to be obtained.

uplicate.

uplicate.

3. I also enclose a certificate in respect of drugs of a similar nature which the Colonial Surgeon has represented to me as being necessary to complete his requirements for the current year. An indent for these drugs is being forwarded to the Crown Agents by the first opportunity.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

RIGHT HONOURABLE

A. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

J. Middleton.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

937/23.

LAND ISLANDS.32.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

3rd March, 1926.

Sir,

With reference to paragraph 3 of Mr. Henniker-Heaton's despatch No. 158 of the 31st of December, 1923, I have the honour to inform you that the Magistrate, South Georgia, has reported that both Mr. W. W. Stuart and Mr. W. C. Rumbolds have carried out their duties as Customs Officers with diligence and efficiency and that in weighing the respective qualifications of these officers for promotion, he has been induced to make a recommendation in favour of Mr. Stuart in view of that officer's length of service as compared with that of Mr. Rumbolds.

2. I concur in the Magistrate's recommendation and, subject to your approval, I propose to appoint Mr. Stuart to be Customs Officer at South Georgia, with effect from the 1st of January. I also propose with your sanction to appoint Mr. Rumbolds to be Assistant Customs Officer, in view of the favourable report which has been received on his work.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

J. Middleton.

459/22.

FOKLAND ISLANDS.GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY.

17th March, 1926.

Sir,

With reference to your despatch No. 181 of the 12th of December, 1925, I have the honour to report that I consider the system of death gratuities, as recommended in the report of the Committee on Pensions, better adapted to the needs of the Falkland Islands than the Fiji Widows and Orphans Pension Scheme, and I accordingly recommend that the Pension legislation of this Colony should be amended so as to provide for the payment to a pensionable officer of a gratuity and a reduced pension and for the award of a gratuity to the estate of a pensionable officer who dies while in the service of the Colony.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

72/26.

ND ISLANDS.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

17th March, 1926.

Sir,

With reference to your Circular despatch of the 30th of October, relating to the Merchant Shipping (International Labour Convention) Act, 1925, and to the power which has been provided under Section 6 of the Act to extend by Order in Council its provisions to British Possessions, I have the honour to inform you that it is not desired that an Order in Council should be issued in respect of this Colony.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

HT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

12th April, 1926.

MINISTER OF BRITISH NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS
serving under the Falkland Islands Government,
during the year ended 31st March, 1926.

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 Govern-
ment, during the year ended the 31st of March,
1926.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH NO. 35
of the 12th of April, 1926.

NOMINAL ROLL OF BRITISH NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS
 serving under the Falkland Islands Government,
 during the year ended 31st March, 1926.

British Unit.	Date of joining Colonial Forces.	Date of reversion to British Army.	Date of re-engage- ment for Pension.	Remarks.
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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

12th April, 1926.

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, 1925.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

RIGHT HONOURABLE

J. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

13th April, 1926.

Sir,

Secretary of
No. 90 of
October, 1924.

Secretary
No. 114
November,

With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, I have the honour to seek your covering sanction as required under Section 9 of the Land Ordinance, 1903, for the renewal to Mrs. Eliza Mary Dean, Mr. George Thomas Dean, Mr. John Wycombe Dean and Mr. William Horace Dean, Executors of the late Mr. John Hall Dean, of the Crown Reserve at Bold Point, Keppel Island, for a further period of three years from the 11th of April, 1926.

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.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 38.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,
14th April, 1926.

Sir,

To Secretary of
State No. 109 of
6th October,
1925.

From Secretary
of State No. 172
of 21st November,
1925.

With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, I have the honour to seek your further approval, as required under Section 4 of the Land Ordinance (No. 9 of 1903) for the sale by private arrangement for the sum of £25 of a quarter-acre building site situated in the east of Stanley and numbered Lot 3 in Section 2 in the town plan.

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.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 39.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

19th April, 1926.

Sir,

With reference to the Duke of Devonshire's despatch, No. 33 of the 1st of May, 1923, I have the honour to report that during the past two years Mrs E. Hoare has rendered very valuable assistance in the efforts which are being made to improve the system of education in the Falkland Islands and that the work of the Government School has benefited greatly from the special qualifications which she possesses. In the circumstances and subject to your approval, which is now sought, I have extended Mrs Hoare's temporary appointment as Assistant Mistress, with salary at the rate of £260 a year, for a further period of 3 years from the 1st of January, 1926.

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.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 40.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

19th April, 1926.

Sir,

Enclosure I.Enclosure II.

I have the honour to refer to the correspondence mentioned in the annexed Schedule on the subject of the devastation caused by drifting sand on Cape Pembroke peninsula, and to transmit to you a report by Mr. J. Reid, Forest Officer, on the reclamation work which has been undertaken during the last three years.

2. The efforts which were made by the Government in 1906 to protect the Lighthouse and the Keepers' quarters, which are situated on the eastern extremity of the peninsula, from the drifting sand by the planting of marram and sea lyme grass in the vicinity of the buildings failed to accomplish the object intended, and at the beginning of 1923, owing to the devastating activities of the sand and the grazing of stock, there was no sign of vegetation over an area of about 4 miles long by 2½ miles wide.

3. It was accordingly decided to plant marram grass on the areas lying furthest to windward, as these constituted the main source of the sand and the spreading of grass by seed over the unplanted areas would thereby be facilitated. The barren

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land having been fenced off and all stock removed from it, an extensive and systematic attempt at its reclamation was commenced in October, 1923, by the planting of marram grass along the north shore in the vicinity of Yorke Bay, where the sand cast up on the beach is dried and blown over the peninsula. The areas then planted have been gradually extended by the sowing of seed in the spring and the transplanting of grass in the autumn, and the aggregate effect of these efforts is now quite marked while the large quantities of Sand Cabbage (*Senecio Candicans*) which has come up is proving an effective sandstay.

4. Moreover several varieties of sandbinding grasses which seem to grow more rapidly than marram, have appeared in some profusion; specimens of these are being forwarded under separate cover and as it is desirable that they should be identified, I shall be glad if they be sent to the Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, for this purpose. The specimen marked IV is widely distributed throughout the Colony, but the other varieties are believed to have been introduced by a former tenant of the land who is known to have carried out experiments extending over a long period of years, in planting sand-binding grasses.

5. The difficulties of the problem of controlling the drifting sands on the large area of the peninsula which had been rendered worthless, are fully explained in the earlier correspondence on the subject, and the success which has attended the reclamation/

BAND ON CAPE MEXICO'S JETTIES.

FROM INVENTOR TO Sir, ALL OF STATE.

No. 34 of 14th April, 1906.

pp. 18 of 14th February, 1906.

J. Middleton.

FROM SECRETARY OF STATE TO GOVERNOR.

No. 31 of 5th July, 1905.

No. 33 of 6th May, 1906.

ENCLOSURE NO. 11 TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH

No. 40 of the 19th of April, 1926.

ENCLOSURE NO. 1 to FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH

No. 40 of the 19th of April, 1926.

REPORT ON SAND GRAINS EXPERIMENTS AT THE
PENINSULA AND WIRELESS STATION.

SCHEDULE OF DESPATCHES RELATIVE TO DRIFTING
SAND ON CAPE PEMBROKE PENINSULA.

The area known as the Peninsula, which is situated north-east from Port Stanley, has a barren sand covered area, extending roughly 4 miles long to Cape Pembroke.

FROM GOVERNOR TO SECRETARY OF STATE.

No. 34 of 10th April, 1905. 3 1/2 miles broad from the No. 18 of 14th February, 1906.

No. 103 of 3rd December, 1906. the north side, and the No. 19 of 25th March, 1907.

No. 43 of 17th June, 1907. and which are experienced here, a great quantity of sand is continually drifting over this area from the numerous small islands.

FROM SECRETARY OF STATE TO GOVERNOR.

No. 31 of 5th July, 1905. considered essential that some No. 33 of 5th May, 1906. to fix the drifting sand against the action of the wind. (the sand was causing much inconvenience at Cape Pembroke Light-house).

Up till October 1923 sheep had been stocked on the Peninsula, and that vegetation there was on the most westerly point was eaten down to the roots, leaving the logs which the grass had formed in a pretty dry and worn-out condition; only an occasional Sand Cabbage (*Samolus* *maritima*) would be found widely distributed.

The nature of the ground is patchy with sand, peat, and rocks, over lying blue clay. In some places the sand is but a few inches deep, and other places where it has banked up, several feet may be

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ENCLOSURE NO. II TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH
No. 40 of the 19th of April, 1926.

REPORT ON SAND GRASS EXPERIMENTS AT THE
PENINSULA AND WIRELESS STATION.

The area known as the Peninsula, which is situated north-east from Port Stanley, has a barren sand covered area, extending roughly 4 miles long to Cape Pembroke Lighthouse, and about 2½ miles broad from the north to the south shore.

It is bounded by Port William on the north side, and the open sea on the south side.

With the strong prevailing winds which are experienced here, a great quantity of sand is continually drifting over this area from the numerous small bays along both north and south coasts.

In October 1923 it was considered essential that some means should be taken to fix the drifting sand against the action of the wind, (the sand was causing much inconvenience at Cape Pembroke Lighthouse).

Up till October 1923 sheep had been stocked on the Peninsula, and what vegetation there was on the most easterly point was eaten down to the roots, leaving the bogs which the grass had formed in a pretty dry and worn-out condition; only an occasional Sand Cabbage (*Senecio Candicans*) would be found widely distributed.

The nature of the ground is patchy with sand, peat, and rocks, over lying blue clay. In some places the sand is but a few inches deep, and other places where it has banked up, several feet may be

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The peaty ground has the appearance of being good Tussock growing ground; the peat may be found several feet in depth. Recently a good few acres have been planted up with Tussock.

In October 1923 a fence was erected from Yorke Bay on the north side to Hookers Point on the south side, cutting all animals off from the east side of the Peninsula.

A quantity of seed heads of Marram, Sea Reed or Mat Grass, was procured, locally, from Pebble Island, West Falkland, also about 1 cwt of Marram seed from a local firm, who had imported the seed straight from New Zealand.

The seed and heads were sown in trenches, 4 inches deep along the north side in October 1923, also in pockets on large patches of sand.

The first signs of germination were noticed 8 weeks after sowing; the rate of growth the first year (1924) was very slow, but the following year a fairly good growth was noted. Some of the plants measured 18 inches high.

Where seeds had blown to some isolated spot the best plants were found.

Unfortunately hares had access to the ground, and they were very destructive to the young grass in the winter of 1924; a great many of the plants were eaten down to the root stock.

In May 1925 most of the plants in the trenches had attained a suitable height and size for transplanting. Four men were turned on to this work for 10 days, and a fairly large area was covered. The

nutritious, and cattle thrive well on plants/

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The plants were taken from the trenches and planted singly at 3 feet apart.

In October 1925 a further quantity of Marram seed (*Ammophila Arundinacea*) was sown in the same manner as mentioned before, also a little broadcasting was adopted.

On going over the ground recently the Marram grass plants were found in a very flourishing condition, some have made fairly decent bogs and have begun to stop the sand. There are a good many bearing seed heads, and one or two have seeded last year.

On the whole area a marked difference is noticed on the vegetation from what it was in 1923.

The north and south sides now are carrying large areas of different kinds of grasses which have sprung up from the old root stock, also a large quantity of Sand Cabbage is distributed over the whole area.

The grass bogs are all seeding heavily and are in an excellent condition, some of the bogs measure 3 - 4 feet high and 4 - 5 feet in circumference.

Others are forming a mat habit and have commenced to hold the sand drift, also the Sand Cabbage, where old plants are established; thousands of seedlings are springing up.

There are 6 different kinds of grasses to my knowledge, which sheep and cattle feed on, and from information gathered they are very nutritious, and cattle thrive well on them.

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Attached are duplicate specimens of each grass for identification, which may be useful if seed was required at any later period.

Should the Peninsula be kept free from stock for several more years, I am confident that the whole area can be reclaimed, and will provide good pasture for cattle in winter.

The paddock round the Government Wireless Station which is situated east from Port Stanley and stands close to the south shore, has in the last 5 years been encroached badly with sand drift.

In October 1923 a portion of Sullivan House garden was sown down with Marram seed, and in April 1925 some 1500 plants were available for transplanting.

Those were planted round the south, east, and west sides of the Wireless paddock, with a view to stopping the sand drift.

The majority are now beginning to establish themselves and a few are forming seedheads.

One or two have died, this being caused by the ground becoming covered with pools of water in winter.

A quantity of Marram seed (*Amphiphila Arundinacea*) about 50 lbs was sown in September 1925, and at the present time a good braird has been got; the young plants are 3 - 4 inches high.

In another year there will be a fair quantity of plants which can be distributed over the whole area, and form a barrier which will fix the sand. This paddock also will be available for grazing purposes in time to come.

James Reid.

FOREST OFFICER.

30th January 1926.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 41.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

20th April, 1926.

Sir,

Secretary
State No. 110
30th September,
1926.

With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, I have the honour to transmit, for your favourable consideration, an application from Mr. James Reid, Forest Officer, for promotion in the Colonial Service.

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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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 42.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,
21st April, 1926.

Sir,

To Secretary of
State, No. 69 of
16th May, 1922,
No. 71 of 16th
May, 1922,
No. 49 of 11th
April, 1923.

With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, I have the honour to transmit to you, for your information and in order to complete the record of the work undertaken by Mr. James Reid, Forest Officer, in connection with the experimental planting of trees, the following reports

Enclosure I.

(1) Nursery at Hill Cove, 14th August, 1923.

Enclosure II.

(2) Progress report, 7th April, 1924.

Enclosure III.

(3) Progress report, 17th August, 1925.

Enclosure IV.

(4) Progress report, 14th April, 1926.

2. It has always been considered that the north of West Falkland Island would be the most suitable locality for experiments in tree planting and an attempt was, therefore, made to establish a nursery at Hill Cove but supervision proved a matter of serious difficulty and the raising of trees from seed has been carried on in the garden at Government House, while the work of planting has been concentrated at Hill Cove where a suitable area protected by gorse hedges was placed at the disposal of the Government by Messrs Holmsted and Blake. By the end

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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of 1924 the experiments had reached a stage when it was necessary that they should be extended on a larger scale or continued in a modified form. By that time about half of the garden at Government House had been given up as a nursery and more space was not available while any considerable extension of the work at Hill Cove would have entailed heavy expenditure on buildings and labour. The expenditure already incurred was the subject of some criticism in the Legislative Council by the unofficial members who were of opinion that in present conditions the Colony was unable to afford increased expenditure on the planting of trees. There was much force in the arguments put forward by the unofficial members and as already reported a reduction has been made in the estimated expenditure for the current year.

3. An area of about six acres has now been planted at Hill Cove with 30,000 conifers and the varieties which seem most likely to succeed in the open, as was found to be the case in the nursery, are Scots Pine and Sitka Spruce. The nursery at Government House has been stocked with 40,000 plants part of which will be planted out at Hill Cove next spring and the remainder in the following year.

4. The distance of Hill Cove from Stanley, which is about 130 miles by sea, has added considerably to the difficulties which it was anticipated would be encountered in carrying out the experimental work but Mr. Reid has proved himself resourceful and persevering and it is greatly to

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his credit that he has succeeded in establishing a plantation of conifers at Hill Cove. The period of his engagement has now expired and the work will be carried on under the supervision of the Gardener at Government House, with regard to whose appointment I propose to address you in a separate despatch.

5. Throughout the whole period during which these experiments have been carried on, the very unfavourable combination of a low rainfall and strong winds in spring and an excess of moisture when vegetation is dormant has been very noticeable. These conditions are commented on by Dr. Carl Skottsberg in his "Botanical survey of the Falkland Islands" and are more fully described in the following extract from the report of a lecture which he gave in Stanley in 1908.

"In the spring when fresh leaves are budding the trees want a greater supply of water than ever to cover the loss caused by evaporation from the young leaves. As there is no considerable snow-cover in the Falklands and as the spring is generally less rainy than the other seasons, the soil is dry as soon as we get a short distance below the surface. During the summer there are strong winds very often in connection with comparatively low temperatures and at the same time that the wind increases the transpiration of the leaves the cold makes it very difficult for the roots to suck up fresh water."

6. In conclusion I desire to refer to the
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of the 31st of April, 1920.

generous offer made by Mr. Robert Blake, of which mention is made in the Kew Bulletin (No. 5 of 1919), to prepare land both for seed beds for trees and for the plantations provided a Forester was employed to superintend and advise as to the work and the planting. Mr. Blake has been good enough to place at the disposal of the Government the paddock at Hill Cove, which is the most suitable for a plantation, and Mr. S. Miller, the Resident Manager of the Farm, has most willingly rendered very valuable assistance in connection with the experiments and it is due to unavoidable circumstances that labour for preparing the ground and planting trees has not been provided.

Unfortunately the Hill Spruce was found to be a native tree. I have the honour to be,

Sir,
Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.
Unfortunately some dogs had gone some distance to the Kew and Mexican pine beds, they had been in the habit of going to the seed beds in concealment etc., with the result that they had thrown quite a number of the seedlings out of the ground. I informed Mr. Miller of the fact, and he kindly promised to warn his shepherds to keep their dogs away from the seed bed area.

The main work carried out was transplanting Poplar suckers in Kent Paddock from one of the small plantations at the settlement.

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ENCLOSURE TO PAKLAND ISLANDS DISPATCH No. 42
of the 21st of April, 1926.

STANLEY,

PAKLAND ISLANDS.

14th August 1923.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit to you a report on my recent visit to Hill Cove, W.F., from 23rd April to 28th June 1923.

On arrival at Hill Cove the seed beds which were sown in October 1922 with Scots Pine, Corsican Pine, and Sitka Spruce were inspected. The Scots and Corsican Pine have done fairly well, seeds germinated freely, and a fair show of strong healthy seedlings look promising. Unfortunately the Sitka Spruce was found to be an entire failure, a few weak seedlings were found interspersed throughout the bed which will be of little value.

Unfortunately some of the shepherds' dogs had done some damage to the Scots and Corsican Pine beds, they had been in the habit of going to the seed beds to conceal bones etc., with the result that they had thrown quite a number of the seedlings out of the ground. I informed Mr. Miller of the fact, and he kindly promised to warn his shepherds to keep their dogs away from the seed bed area.

The main work carried out was transplanting Poplar suckers in Kent Paddock from one of the small plantations at the settlement.

HIS EXCELLENCY,

THE ACTING GOVERNOR.

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MEMORANDUM NO. 11 TO MAJOR AND LIEUTENANT
NO. 42 of the 21st of 2 April, 1926.

REPORT ON AFForestation EXPERIMENTS IN THE

Pits were dug, and planting was carried out until the weather proved unsatisfactory for planting operations.

600 Poplars were transplanted round the boundary next the gorse hedge at 12 feet apart. Further pits were dug in readiness for planting at a later period.

A small piece of ground adjoining Kent Paddock, which had been planted with Poplars and failed was turned into a nursery.

The area about 1/16 of an acre, which is surrounded by a gorse hedge 5 feet high, was drained, and trenched 2 spades deep. This is now ready to receive the seedlings, when time comes for transplanting them from the seed bed. The gorse hedge which is part of the one surrounding Kent paddock was cut on both sides. The inside of the gorse hedge surrounding Kent Paddock was also cut during hard weather. Owing to frost and snow all ground operations ceased on 12th June; after that date the trimmings from the gorse hedges were gathered and burned.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble and obedient servant,

James Reid.

FOREST OFFICER.

In October 1923 a small consignment of 250 each, *Myrica gale* and *Myrica gale* were obtained from Punta Arenas, South America,

ENCLOSURE NO. II TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH
No. 42 of the 21st of April, 1926.

REPORT ON AFFORESTATION EXPERIMENTS IN THE
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

The Forest trees imported into the Falkland Islands from England and Scotland from 1920 to 1922 continue to be very unsatisfactory. Most of the varieties have died or are dying.

At Mount Low, East Falklands, where the trees were planted out, the conifers, including Scots Pine, Corsican Pine, Austrian Pine, Sitka Spruce and Norway Spruce, have nearly all died.

Up till October 1923 a small percentage did exceedingly well, some made growths of one to three inches and looked very healthy. After that date very severe storms of wind and snow were experienced which proved fatal to many strong and healthy plants. The surviving plants out of 2,000 planted out now number very few and are none too robust.

Amongst the broad leaved varieties the Plane, Alder and Mountain Ash are the only varieties that remain with any life. A few of the Alder are fairly promising, they have thrown out numerous shoots from the base three to eight inches long, should they succeed it might be possible to propagate by cuttings from the old plants after they have become established. The Plane and Mountain Ash were alive but made little growth.

In October 1923 a small consignment of 200 each, *Nothofagus antarctica* and *Nothofagus obliqua* were obtained from Punta Arenas, South America, those/

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these along with the 1000 *Alnus incana*, 2000 Willows, and 500 *Pyrus Sorbus* which were raised in the nursery at Port Stanley were planted out. In January 1924 these were found to be in full leaf except for one or two deaths which occurred amongst the *Nothofagus antarctica*.

In the nursery at Port Stanley the Scots Pine, Maritime Pine, and *Pinus insignis*, one year old seedlings lined out in 1922, fared very badly in the winter months of 1923. Out of 5000 Scots Pine, one year old seedlings, lined out in 1922, 1000 remain and are now very promising, having made good growth and are nice stocky plants. The Maritime and *Pinus insignis* too suffered badly; out of 1000 *insignis* 300 are left but do not look very promising, the leading bud of many having been completely burnt up. Amongst the Maritime line not so many died but they look a little brown and did not stand transplanting so well as the others.

The seed beds sown with Scots Pine, Corsican Pine and Sitka Spruce in 1922, look the most promising of any that have yet been tried. The seeds of Scots Pine and Corsican Pine germinated freely; the Sitka Spruce was very backward and I am inclined to think that the seed had either been old or heated on the voyage out, but still a fair percentage will be obtainable. The seedlings at the present date are strong and healthy, should they survive the coming winter/

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winter a good stock of plants will be in hand. Additional seed beds were also made of the former named varieties and a fair percentage have germinated.

A small quantity of seeds comprising, *Pinus insignis*, *Olearia traversii*, *Pittosporum crassifolium*, *Corynocarpus laevis*, and *Veronica gigantea* were received from New Zealand; these were also sown and up to date only *Pinus insignis* and *Pittosporum crassifolium* have germinated.

At Hill Cove, West Falklands, where further operations are under way the seedlings of Scots Pine and Corsican Pine suffered very badly in the seed bed, a large percentage having died during the winter of 1923. Here the Sitka Spruce failed to germinate and no seedlings are available. 2000 Scots Pine including 800 Corsican Pine have been lined out in a small nursery prepared last autumn.

In the autumn of 1923 draining and cultivating operations were carried out in the area known as the Kent Paddock, which was kindly handed over to the Colonial Government by Messrs. Holmstead and Blake, West Falklands. The area of this paddock which is roughly 10 acres is surrounded by a gorse hedge of an average height of 6 to 8 feet; the soil is a peaty-loam lying over a stiff clay, the depth of soil varying from 6 inches to 2 feet. The Paddock has a natural stream running through the centre.

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MEMORANDUM NO. 111 TO MR. W. H. HARRIS, CHIEF, FOREST SERVICE
NO. 42 of the List - 4 - 1924

Adjoining the Kent Paddock is a thicket of Poplars planted 30 years ago by Mr. Blake and they are throwing up thousands of suckers which will be available for planting out at a later period; 600 of these suckers were planted out in the autumn of 1923 and they all came into full leaf during the following spring.

It is now certain that Forest trees imported from England and Scotland are a complete failure. The only remedy is to hope for the success of locally raised trees from seed and cuttings.

Italian Poplars have failed miserably.

The Uniform (Signed) James Reid.
There was a few plants alive FOREST OFFICER.

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Pine, Corsican Pine, and Scots Pine are fairly healthy, and have very much of new growth. The white and yellow pines are practically all dead, only a few have new growth. Live spruces, but in most cases the leading shoot is completely dead.

The 215, Nothofagus collection, and 200 Nothofagus obliqua, received from Santa Elena, South America, which were planted in October 1914, are standing fairly well. the majority of N. antarctica are alive, and healthy looking although it was noticed a few have had their leaves scorched and blackened. Spruces and N. obliqua a few deaths occurred, but were small. They are fairly healthy.

ENCLOSURE No. III TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH
No. 42 of the 21st of April, 1926.

REPORT ON AFFORESTATION EXPERIMENTS IN THE
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Since writing my last report in April 1924, the Forest trees imported into the Colony and planted at Mount Lowe continue to show little progress. Those that survive now, leave a very low percentage. The Broad Leaved species have made a very poor show, only a few Alders (*Alnus Incana*) show any life, those have a few short shoots coming away from the base. The Common Alder, Ash, Mountain Ash, Birch, English Elm, Wych Elm, Sycamore, and Black Italian Poplar have failed entirely. The Conifers have done a little better, there are a few plants alive, mostly Austrian Pine, Corsican Pine, and Scots Pine, they look fairly healthy, and have made barely 1 inch of new growth. The Sitka and Norway Spruce are practically all dead, only a few have one or two live branches, but in most cases the leading shoot is completely dead.

The 200 *Nothofagus Antarctica*, and 200 *Nothofagus Obliqua*, received from Punta Arenas, South America, which were planted in October in 1924, are standing fairly well, the majority of *N. Antarctica* are alive, and healthy looking, although it was noticed a few have had their leaves scorched and blackened. Amongst the *N. Obliqua* a few deaths occurred, but on the whole they are fairly healthy.

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It is surprising that the two latter varieties have done so well, because when they were received it was found they were very deficient of fibrous roots, many of them having only the main tap root, and even those were badly broken and bruised.

From the results achieved, it has now been thought advisable to abandon Mount Lowe, and concentrate all planting at Hill Cove, West Falklands, (where better soil and shelter are available) which may prove more successful. The work carried out from April up to the present date, has been devoted mainly to raising trees from seed in the nursery at Port Stanley, and the preparation of ground in Kent Paddock at Hill Cove. In the nursery a fair stock of plants are on hand, 6000 Scots Pine (2 year seedlings), 14000 Corsican Pine and 5000 Sitka Spruce, were lined out from the seed beds.

The Scots Pine just after being transplanted had the points of their needles scorched with the high driving winds, and had a very brown appearance for 3 months.

They began to survive and regain colour in January 1925, and have made strong and stocky growths, from 3 to 8 inches; very few deaths occurred throughout the winter.

The Corsican Pine did not stand transplanting so well, a good number of deaths were found, and very little growth was made.

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The Sitka Spruce also stood transplanting very well, a few deaths occurred among the weakest of the plants, and new growth was very rare. The seed beds with 2 year seedlings of Sitka Spruce, Scots Pine, Corsican Pine, and Pinus Insignis have done very well, many of the plants are in a much better condition than those transplanted the previous year. A fair number will be obtainable for planting at Hill Cove in the spring of this year.

Additional seed beds were laid down in 1924 with Austrian Pine, Corsican Pine, Scots Pine, also Sitka and Norway Spruce.

The Sitka and Norway Spruce germinated very well, also the Austrian Pine. The Scots Pine and Corsican Pine did not germinate well at all, the seeds were sown within a few days of each other, and received the same treatment, so it is probable that the seed was poor. Small sowings of miscellaneous seeds presented to the Colonial Government were also made, but germination on the whole was very poor.

In April 1924, H.E. The Governor, brought from the Scilly Isles a consignment of interesting plants, mostly natives of New Zealand, including *Olearia traversii*, *Olearia semi-dentata*, *Brachyglottis repanda*, *Escallonia rubra*, *Escallonia macrantha*, *Pittosporum crassifolium*, *Corynocarpus laevigatus*, *Metrosideros robustus*, *Coprosma Bruniana*, *Myoporum* and *Veronica*.

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These were started into growth in boxes, then put out in the nursery lines, where they have continued to flourish very well.

The Escallonia's flowered in April, and seed has been saved, but it is doubtful whether it will be fertile or not.

The plants of *Phormium tenax* which are still in the nursery, continue to do very well, they have recovered from the tar which was accidentally upset on them, on the journey out in 1920.

At Hill Cove in the Autumn of 1925, cultivating and ditching operations were carried out, also the rank grass and herbage was cut down and cleared away.

Ditches were cut out at 15 yards apart, and led into a natural stream, which flows through the middle of the paddock. Holes were cultivated 3 feet apart over all with the cultivating iron, the turf was taken off 12 inches in circumference, and the soil and clay broken up to depth of 14 inches. In several places the ground was found to be very shallow not having more than 4 inches of surface soil where this occurred moor pan was found, and had to be broken up with crow bars and pickaxes.

In the small nursery there are 1500 Scots Pine which were lined out from seed beds in autumn 1924, they are healthy, sturdy plants and growths 4 to 6 inches have been made.

The Corsican Pine which were lined out at the same time, have all died with the exception of a few straggly plants.

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REPORT ON FOREST TREES

The Poplars planted round in the shelter of the gorse hedge did very well, all were in full leaf during the summer.

Those planted out in the open paddock did not do so well, but most of them were alive and had young shoots coming away from the base.

(Signed) James Reid.

FOREST OFFICER.

17 August 1925.

The Scots Pine and Silver Birch were planted very well, strong short growths were made, and an abundance of fibrous roots.

The Corsican Pine plants had survived, they were strong and stocky, but little new root growth had been made.

In October 1924, 30,000 of year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

The New Zealand Forest Service has been the Governor brought out from the colony in 1924. Captain George Mackenzie, M.B.E.,

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ENCLOSURE No. IV TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH
No. 42 of the 21st April, 1926.

REPORT ON FOREST TREES.

The experiments carried out with Forest Trees since April 1925, have been devoted chiefly to the planting out of the trees raised from seed in the nursery at Port Stanley, and lining out the seedlings from the seed beds.

The varieties raised were Scots Pine, Corsican Pine, Austrian Pine, Norway and Sitka Spruce.

The trees in the lines fared very well during the winter of 1925, the largest number of deaths occurred amongst the Corsican Pine.

The Scots Pine and Sitka Spruce did exceptionally well, strong short growths were made, also an abundance of fibrous roots.

The Corsican Pine plants that survived, were strong and stocky, but little new root growth had been made.

In October 1925, 30,000 "2 year, 1." plants were available for planting in their final quarters at Hill Cove, West Falkland, the following are the numbers which were planted out, 9000 Scots Pine, 15,000 Corsican Pine, and 6,000 Sitka Spruce, also 1,500 Pinus Insignis seedlings, which were excellent plants in the seed bed, having attained the height of 12 to 16 inches, but on being planted out they practically all died, except a very few, in a short time.

The New Zealand plants which His Excellency the Governor brought out from the Scilly Isles in 1924, comprising Brachyglottis Olearia, Myoporum,

Escallonia/

Escallonia, Veronica, Metrosideros, Pittosporum, Coprosma and Corynocarpus laevigatus were also planted at Hill Cove under the shelter of the gorse hedge.

They received a severe check in June 1925 and most of the persistent woody stems were cut back owing to the damage done by frost, when they were planted out all were making fresh growth from the roots.

The ground at Hill Cove to the extent of 6 acres, which had been previously drained and cultivated, was in good order for planting.

The planting operations were carried out early in October with the least possible delay, under very favourable conditions, the weather being damp and showery, which was very beneficial to the plants.

The seedlings of Scots Pine, Austrian Pine, and Norway Spruce, which were transplanted into lines were good, strong plants, the Scots Pine were 2 years in the seed bed and the Austrian Pine and Norway Spruce were 1 year in the seed bed.

In spring of 1925, the nursery was stocked with 40,000 plants comprising 15,000 1 year Austrian Pine, 3,000 2 year Scots Pine, 19,000 1 year Norway Spruce and 3,000 "2 year, 1." Sitka Spruce.

Up to the present the Scots Pine and Sitka Spruce have proved a great success, both varieties have made good strong growths, and very few deaths have occurred.

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The Norway Spruce and Austrian Pine have not done so well, a great many deaths occurred amongst the latter, the Norway Spruce are all alive and were unfortunate to be scorched a little after being set in the lines, but are now beginning to have a more natural colour.

No seed beds were laid down in Spring, as all the available ground was required for laying out the plants from the seed beds.

The surplus stocks were distributed among private individuals and several farms, who undertook to plant and give attention.

The New Zealand Flax (*Phormium Texax*) which was imported in 1920 and had the misfortune to be smeared with tar on arrival has now become fairly well established, the survivors are strong growing plants, and the average height measures 3 feet 6 inches, only two plants were saved from a sowing of seed, and they measure 2 feet 6 inches, the plants are well sheltered and are growing on a fairly dry bank of red clay and loam mixed.

(Signed) James Reid.

FOREST OFFICER.

14th April 1926.

ENCLOSURE TO BALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH No. 42
BALKLAND ISLANDS. 211/26. 1926. GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
No. 43.

PARTICULARS OF THE OFFICE OF GARDENER STANLEY,
NOW VACANT IN THE COLONY OF 21st April, 1926.

1. Duties of Office, and qualifications required for their performance.

A separate sheet is annexed detailing the duties of the Gardener.

Sir,

Candidates should have a good general knowledge of gardening.

in duplicate.

With reference to my despatch No. 42 of the 21st April, 1926, I have the honour to transmit to you a form of particulars of the vacant office of Gardener at Government House, and to request that you will be so good as to cause steps to be taken for the selection of a suitable candidate.

2. Having regard to local conditions.

I would suggest, subject to your concurrence, that preference should be given to a candidate who has been trained in the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh.

3. I should also explain that for the last 5 years Mr. J. Reid, Forest Officer, has supervised the work in the garden and that two labourers have been employed under him, but that on the appointment of a Gardener the services of one labourer will be dispensed with.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

J. Middleton.

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

ENCLOSURE TO FAULKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH No. 43
of the 21st of April, 1926.

PARTICULARS OF THE OFFICE OF GARDENER AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE
NOW VACANT IN THE COLONY OF THE FAULKLAND ISLANDS.

s of Office, and
 fications required
 their performance.

A separate sheet is annexed
 detailing the duties of the
 Gardener.

Candidates should have a good
 general knowledge of gardening
 and should also possess a know-
 ledge of Forestry.
 Agreement to be for 5 years.

Salary and emoluments
 and whether secured by
 permanent law.

£168 a year.

Other circumstances
 affecting the value of
 the Office.

A House, furnished on a
 moderate scale, and 54 loads of
 peat are provided.
 Glass, blankets, and linen are
 not provided, and should be
 brought out by the Officer.

Nature, number, and
 amount of securities
 required and mode of
 giving them.

Nil.

5. Whether any, and if
 any, what provision is
 made from public funds
 for the passage from
 this country, or else-
 where, of the person
 sent out to fill the
 Office.

Free passages (second class)
 are provided for the Officer,
 his wife, and children, not
 exceeding 4 persons in all.

6. Acts or ordinances, making
 provision respecting any
 of the above matters, and
 especially respecting the
 permanency of the emoluments
 and the particulars of the
 security required, with
 references to the sections
 in which such provision is
 made.

Roses.

The Gardener is given the assistance of a
 labourer who takes week about in firing the two
 furnaces at night when it is necessary to keep up
 the temperature in the Hot House and Conservatory.

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DUTIES OF GARDENER AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

The furnace which heats the conservatory at Government House also heats a part of the main building of Government House. The Gardener is responsible for the furnace and heating apparatus being maintained in proper order.

The principal duties of the Gardener are to cultivate and attend to the Kitchen Garden, Flower Borders, Hot Houses and Conservatory, and to keep in order a lawn in front of Government House.

The area of the garden is approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ of an acre, part of the garden is at present used as a nursery for Forest trees.

The vegetables grown are potatoes, turnips, beet, cabbage, carrots, parsnips, leeks, onions, cauliflower, celery, beans, peas, lettuce, etc., etc.

There are several clumps and rows of raspberries, red, black and white currents, also gooseberries and two small breaks of strawberries.

In the Hot Houses in summer, tomatoes, cucumbers and salads are grown, also a supply of flowering plants are maintained for the conservatory at Government House.

The flowers raised under glass include Carnations, Cinerarias, Schizanthus, Pelargoniums, Geraniums, Cyclamen, Begonias: there are a number of ferns and several climbing roses and there are 2 Nectarine and 2 Peach trees.

In the conservatory the climbing plants include Plumbago, Clematis, Fuchsia, Passion Flowers and Roses.

The Gardener is given the assistance of a labourer who takes week about in firing the two furnaces at night when it is necessary to keep up the temperature in the Hot House and Conservatory.

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The furnace which heats the Conservatory at Government House also heats a part of the main building of Government House, and the Gardener is responsible for the furnace and heating apparatus being maintained in proper order.

PAKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 44.

202/26.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,

23rd April, 1926.

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, 1926.

Returns Nos. 1
& 2 in duplicate.

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.

119/26.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 45.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

23rd April, 1926.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit a certificate as required under Colonial Regulation No. 89 in respect of leave of absence which I have granted to Mr. A. R. Hoare, Government Schoolmaster. Mr. Hoare left Stanley for England on the 17th instant.

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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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

23rd April, 1926.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit a certificate as required under Colonial Regulation No. 89 in respect of leave of absence which I have granted to Mrs A. R. Hoare, Assistant Mistress, Government School, Mrs Hoare left Stanley for England on the 17th instant.

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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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 47.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,
23rd April, 1926.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that I have granted to Miss W. B. Dixon, Junior Postal Clerk and Telegraphist, four and a half months' Vacation Leave to be followed by one and a half months' leave of absence on half salary.

2. A leave certificate as required by
Colonial Regulation No. 89 is enclosed.

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.

506/21.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 48.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

23rd April, 1926.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit a certificate in respect of leave of absence which I have granted to Mr. J. J. Wilson, who was engaged under agreement with the Crown Agents, dated the 20th April, 1921, to serve for five years as a Travelling Teacher and who has accepted re-engagement in the same capacity for a period of three years commencing from the date of his resumption of duty in the 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.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 49.

161/23.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

24th April, 1926.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that Mr. A. R. Lash who was engaged under agreement with the Crown Agents, dated the 30th January, 1923, to serve for three years as Engineer Operator of the Stanley Wireless Station, is returning to the United Kingdom by the "Ortega" on the 24th April, and that in view of Mr. Lash's satisfactory service I have granted him four and a half months' leave of absence on full salary at the termination of his appointment.

2. A leave certificate as required by Colonial Regulation No. 89 is enclosed.

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.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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No. 50.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

24th April, 1926.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that Mr. J. Reid who was engaged under agreement with the Crown Agents, dated the 12th of October, 1920, to serve for five years as Forest Officer in this Colony. is returning to the United Kingdom by the "Ortega", and that in view of Mr. Reid's satisfactory service, I have granted to him four and a half months' leave on full salary at the termination of his appointment.

2. A leave certificate as required by Colonial Regulation No. 89 is enclosed.

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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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

30th April, 1926.

Sir,

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I have the honour to forward herewith a memorial addressed to you by Mr. W. A. Thompson, Colonial Treasurer, together with a note which I have prepared on the matters referred to by Mr. Thompson.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

On the 28th of December I received a private letter from Mr. Thompson of which a copy is attached together with a copy of my reply, and I should explain that Mr. A. E. Hatchcliffe (Acting Government Pilot) is a deckhand in the Government launch 'Penguin' on board of which the Judges, Mr. R. B. Bascley, Acting Harbour Master, and Mr. G. J. Felton, Member of the Legislative Council were following the sailing race.

I need hardly say that if I had been asked by Mr. Thompson to hold an enquiry, such as he now states in paragraph 5 of his memorial that he requested, I should have refused to do so: in my

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

honorary secretaries of the Association (enclosure 5 to memorial) concludes with a request that the correspondence/

ENCLOSURE NO. II TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH
No. 51 of the 30th of April, 1926.

NOTE ON MR. W. A. THOMPSON'S MEMORIAL TO THE
SECRETARY OF STATE.

Stanley Sports Association (paragraphs 2 - 9).

The Sports Association, for a number of years, has organised a small and informal race meeting at the end of December when the residents on the farms assemble in Stanley for their annual holiday. On the programme of events "the Governor appears as President of the Association, but I cannot recollect ever having received any formal invitation to accept the office of President, which I have always regarded as purely honorary, and I have taken no part in the transaction of the affairs of the Association.

On the 28th of December I received a private letter from Mr. Thompson of which a copy is attached together with a copy of my reply, and I should explain that Mr. A. E. Ratcliffe (Acting Government Pilot) is a deckhand in the Government Launch 'Penguin' on board of which the Judges, Mr. R. B. Baseley, Acting Harbour Master, and Mr. G. J. Felton, Member of the Legislative Council were following the sailing race.

I need hardly say that if I had been asked by Mr. Thompson to hold an enquiry, such as he now states in paragraph 5 of his memorial that he expected, I should have refused to do so: in my view I had no authority to hold such an enquiry. Mr. Thompson's letter of 28th December to the Honorary Secretaries of the Association (enclosure B to memorial) concludes with a request that the correspondence/

Enclosure I.

Enclosure II.

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losure III.

correspondence should be laid before a general meeting of the members of the Association. Since Mr. Thompson's memorial was received, I have ascertained that this was done. A copy of the reply which was subsequently returned is annexed but no reference is made to it by Mr. Thompson in his memorial.

Mr. Thompson's conclusion that since the beginning of 1926 he has inadvertently offended members of the public thus necessitating an appeal to the Secretary of State after 24 years' service in the Colony (paragraph 9).

It is on record that so long ago as 1904 the Manager of the Falkland Islands Company informed the Governor that he (the Manager) found it impossible to have any dealings with Mr. Thompson and difficult to compel his (the Manager's) clerks to carry out necessary work at the Treasury in consequence of the outrageous manner in which each in turn had been treated.

It appeared to the Secretary of State at that time that Mr. Thompson was discourteous and overbearing in his relations with his colleagues and subordinates in the Public Service and with the members of the public with whom he was brought into contact.

Leave of absence in 1924 (paragraphs 10 - 13).

Reference is invited to the following correspondence from the Colonial Office of which copies have been furnished by Mr. Thompson. -

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No. 22763/24 of 4th June, 1924.

No. 34456/24 of 18th August, 1924.

No. 39926/24 of 25th August, 1924.

No. 40907/24 of 30th August, 1924.

It will be observed that in a letter dated the 26th of August 1924 to the Under Secretary of State Mr. Thompson expressed his thanks for an extension of leave on half salary, and his regret that he was not in a position financially to justify him in applying for a further extension of leave and asked for an advance of salary which was subsequently granted.

With regard to enclosure E in Mr. Thompson's memorial Mr. Henniker-Heaton assumed the administration of the Government on the 1st of June, 1923, and his letter refers only to the period from June to November 1923. It is within my knowledge that their relations ^{had} ~~have~~ been so strained that a few days before assuming the administration Mr. Henniker-Heaton found it necessary to inform Mr. Thompson that he (Mr. Henniker-Heaton) was prepared to forget the past and make a fresh start.

The letter of 2nd November 1925 (enclosure F2 to the memorial) was written by Dr. Hallows immediately prior to his departure from the Colony on the termination of his appointment and more than a year after Mr. Thompson's return to the Colony.

Documentary evidence has already been furnished which shows that any statement from Dr. Hallows should be accepted with caution.

Dr./

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Dr. F. G. W. Deane, Colonial Surgeon, who as a member of the Executive Council has seen Mr. Thompson's memorial, has requested that the annexed letter (enclosure IV.) should be forwarded with this note.

Correspondence with members of the public
(paragraphs 14 to 22).

It was found necessary in 1922 that the Treasury should be closed to the public for the transaction of business at 3 p.m. in order that the Treasury staff might have sufficient time to make up the day's accounts and the Manager of the Estate L. Williams was informed in reply to his letter of 13th January that it was not possible to extend the hours during which the Treasury is open for the transaction of business.

The correspondence which has passed between the Collector of Customs and the Manager of the Falkland Islands Company has necessitated consideration of the general question of the regulation of Coasting trade in these islands and I propose to address you on this subject in a separate despatch.

Cash deficiency in the Treasury and
appointment of a Commission of Enquiry
(paragraphs 23 - 25).

A deficiency of over £300 in cash in the Treasury was reported by a Board of Survey held on the 1st of January 1926 and the report of the Commission which I appointed to enquire into the

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MEMORIAL TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE

matter is being forwarded under cover of a separate despatch. The case of Mr. Atkins, second clerk in the Treasury, is at present under consideration by the Executive Council and will form the subject of a report in due course.

DEAR GOVERNMENT:

A statement is annexed from Lieutenant Colonel A. E. Beattie, Colonial Secretary, relative to an interview which he had with Mr. Thompson on or about 29th December and to an incident which occurred during the examination by a Board of Survey of the cash in the vault of the Commissioners of Currency.

Enclosure V.

ENCLOSURE NO. II TO NOTE ON MR. W. A. THOMPSON'S
 ENCLOSURE NO. I TO NOTE ON MR. W. A. THOMPSON'S
 MEMORIAL TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

PRIVATE.

PRIVATE.

28th December 1925.
 Monday, 28th.

Dear Thompson,

Dear Governor, nothing of the W.A. Thompson.

May I ask you kindly to read the enclosed which reached me late last night.

Mr. Halkett who was sailing with me, can explain to Your Excellency what took place,

and that I kept well to leeward and out of the way of all the racing boats sailing over

the course. On the occasions on which I

rounded the Western Mark I could not have

caused any inconvenience to any of the boats,

and this must have been recognised by the

"Committee Boat" which was only a few yards

away, as they did not hail or tell me to

"Stand Away". It would also seem to have

been overlooked or forgotten that it was I

who made racing sails for both the "Twilight"

and the "Whiteheather" without which there

may have been no race, as there would have

been no boats beside the "Sirena" to enter.

I should like to know, whether in

the opinion of Rattcliff who is at present

retained as Government Pilot, whether my

boat in any way could be said to have caused

an obstruction to the sailing race.

Yours Sincerely,

(Signed) W.A. Thompson.

ENCLOSURE NO. II TO NOTE ON MR. W. A. THOMPSON'S
MEMORIAL TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

PRIVATE.

4th January, 1926.
28th December, 1926.

Dear Thompson,

I know nothing of the matter which forms the subject of your letter of to-day and of the enclosure which accompanies it nor have I heard it spoken of. It appears to concern yourself and the members of the Sports Association. I do not know the rules of the Association but I cannot see how the Government Pilot can be asked to intervene in the matter.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) J. Middleton.

The Hon. W. A. Thompson.

Stanley.

ENCLOSURE NO. III TO NOTE ON MR. W. A. THOMPSON'S
MEMORIAL TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

and, in the case of the letter, to cause her
to foul one of the boats.

The Stanley Sports Association,
Stanley.

4th January, 1926.

Hon. W. A. Thompson,

Stanley.

Sir,

In accordance with the request contained in
your letter of the 28th ultimo, the correspondence
which passed between us on the subject of the Sailing
Race was laid before a General Meeting of the Asso-
ciation on the 30th December.

During the discussion arising out of the letters
the Executive Committee reported to the Meeting that
two official complaints against your conduct had been
lodged by competitors in the race, and that as the
facts contained in these two complaints had been sub-
stantiated by the Judges appointed to follow the
race, the Executive Committee had taken the step of
temporarily suspending you from taking part in the
Race Meeting pending a reference of the matter to a
General Meeting of the Association.

We were directed to write to you as follows:-

With reference to para. 2 of your letter:- No
suggestion that you had infringed any Rule of Racing
was made in our previous letter; you could obviously
not have infringed the Rules of the race as you were
not a competitor. The objection made was that you,
a Member of the Association, had interfered with the
boats sailing to such an extent as to inconvenience
two of them - the "Sirena" and the "White Heather" -

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ENCLOSURE NO. IV - 2 -
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and, in the case of the latter, to cause her to foul one of the marks with her boom.

With reference to paras. 3 and 4; - No mention of any particular incident or place was made in our letter, and yet you of your own accord appear to have recognised the place where the incidents took place which resulted in the two complaints being lodged.

With regard to para. 5. Your claim to have made sails for boats is naturally disregarded as being irrelevant to the matter at issue.

We may add that the complaints lodged by two competitors, and substantiated by the Judges, were further substantiated by various members of the Association who were in the harbour or on the shore at the time.

The result of the deliberations was that the Meeting, without a dissenting voice, approved of and confirmed the action taken by the Executive Committee, and it was further decided, under the Rule dealing with expulsion of members for behaving in a manner unbecoming to a member of the Stanley Sports Association, to remove your name permanently from the list of members of the Association.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) J. D. Creamer.

(Signed) D. R. Watson.

Joint Hon. Secretaries,
 Stanley Sports Association.

The Hon.,
 The Colonial Secretary.

ENCLOSURE NO. IV TO NOTE ON MR. W. A. THOMPSON'S
MEMORIAL TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

The letter Dr. Hallows wrote to Mr. Thompson, dated 30th April, 1926, was worded exactly as the letter from Mr. Thompson to the Colonial Surgeon's Office, Stanley, Falkland Islands.

30th April, 1926.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that some time in 1924 about two months after Mr. W. A. Thompson had left the Colony on leave of absence, Dr. Hallows the Assistant Colonial Surgeon in course of conversation told me that Mr. Thompson had asked him for a letter regarding his state of health, and read to me what he had put into it.

I told Dr. Hallows that the nature of that letter was practically a certificate to invalid Mr. Thompson as being mentally unfit, and that he should not have given Mr. Thompson such a letter without consulting me, as any report upon Mr. Thompson's case would have to go through the Head of the Medical Department.

Shortly after Mr. M. C. Craigie-Halkett told me that Mr. Binnie who was Acting Magistrate had said to him that I wanted Dr. Hallows to sign a Certificate on Mr. Thompson's state of health.

I spoke to Dr. Hallows about this and he said he had told Mr. Binnie that he had let me see a copy of the letter he had given to Mr. Thompson and denied having said that I wanted him to sign a certificate regarding Mr. Thompson's state of health. I have never asked Dr. Hallows to sign any certificate.

The Hon.,

The Colonial Secretary.

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MEMORIAL NO. 1 IN ANSWER TO MR. THOMPSON'S
MEMORIAL TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COLONY

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STATEMENT OF COLONIAL SURGEON

The letter Dr. Hallows read to me was not worded exactly as the letter put in Mr. Thompson's Memorial, and what appears to be strange, is that I have never received any communication from Mr. Thompson on this subject.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) F. G. W. Deane.

Colonial Surgeon..

Board of Survey Incident.

On the 9th February a Board of Survey was carrying out an examination of the work in the vault of the Currency Commissioners. This examination was being held in connection with certain deficiencies in the Treasury Book. The Commissioners of Currency (Mr. W. A. Thompson, Mr. M. Craigie-Halkett and myself) were present. The Board was in process of counting the

ENCLOSURE No. V TO NOTE ON MR. W. A. THOMPSON'S
MEMORIAL TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

STATEMENT OF COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Sailing Race Incident.

In his Report of the 10th of April addressed to the Secretary of State, Mr. W. A. Thompson has complained of his treatment by the Stanley Sports Association in connection with an alleged interference by him with boats engaged in a Sailing Race on the 26th of December last.

I may place on record, therefore, that on or about the 29th of December, Mr. Thompson in the course of conversation asked me whether I had heard about the incident. I informed him that I had, and ventured the opinion that it was difficult to understand why he was on the course at all when he was not a competitor. In reply, he explained to me various reasons why he had not entered his boat in the race, and also made a significant remark to the effect that had he been competing he could have beaten all comers, and therefore "the devil must have entered into me to show them what I could do."

Board of Survey Incident.

On the 9th February a Board of Survey was carrying out an examination of the cash in the vault of the Currency Commissioners. This examination was being held in connection with certain deficiencies in the Treasury cash. The Commissioners of Currency (Mr. W. A. Thompson, Mr. M. Craigie-Halkett and myself) were present. The Board was in process of counting the

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contents of a bag of one shilling pieces.
Mr. Thompson offered me a sixpence with a
whispered suggestion that I should replace it
for one of the shillings and see what the
Board would do. At the time, I felt that the
only action I could take was to ignore the
remark.

(SGD.) ALEXR. E. BEATTIE.
Colonial Secretary.

3rd May, 1926.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 52.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

1st May, 1926.

Sir,

under separate
package.

With reference to my telegram of the 26th March, I have the honour to forward, for identification, a package containing specimens of the teredo worm found in the waters of the Falkland Islands.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

J. Middleton.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. MERRY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 53.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

4th May, 1926.

Sir,

I have the honour to address you on the subject of the regulation of the Coasting Trade in the Falkland Islands.

2. The only ports of entry in the Colony are Stanley, where the Collector of Customs and two Customs Officers are stationed, and Fox Bay, where the Operator-in-Charge of the Wireless Telegraph Station occasionally enters a small vessel bringing horses from South America and taking back a cargo of live sheep.

3. The import and export trade of the Colony with the United Kingdom is centred at Stanley where the duties of customs are collected and the only goods on which duties are levied are spirits, wine, beer and tobacco on importation and wool on exportation.

4. As you are aware there are no roads or railways and the only means of transport is by sea. Sheep farming is the only industry and imported goods destined for the farms and the produce of the farms destined for export are carried coastwise by one steamship of 458 tons gross registered tonnage, a schooner with an auxiliary motor and a few small cutters.

5. In 1903 a Consolidating Customs Ordinance

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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(No. 6 of 1903) was passed and is still in force. The provisions of this ordinance were borrowed from the Imperial Customs Act of 1876, such modifications being made as local circumstances rendered necessary. The special provisions, however, of the Imperial Act relating to coasting trade were omitted and two sections, numbers 9 and 35, were included in the local law under which the master of a vessel employed in the coasting trade is required on leaving or entering a port to deliver to the Collector of Customs a report of all goods including cargo and stores carried in his vessel.

6. Similar reports by coasting vessels had been required by sections 42 and 43 of the Customs Duties Consolidation Ordinance, 1882, which was repealed by the Customs Ordinance of 1903, but having regard to local circumstances I am of opinion that, without danger to the revenue, the reports of cargo and stores carried by coasting vessels may be dispensed with.

7. I have, therefore, prepared a draft of a bill to regulate the coasting trade in the Falkland Islands, and if you see no objection, I beg to request that it may be referred to the Board of Trade before its introduction into the Legislative Council.

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In duplicate.

ENCLOSURE TO FAULKLAND ISLANDS DEPARTMENT NO. 25 OF 1924
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8. The first section of the draft has been adapted from section 140 of the Imperial Customs Act of 1876 and the opportunity has been taken to repeal by section 7 of the bill section 10 of the Harbour Ordinance (No. 2 of 1902) which requires owners of coasting vessels to furnish to the Harbour Master, on each voyage, a report regarding their vessel and crew. These reports have in practice not been furnished for many years and are not required.

I have the honour to be,

1. This Ordinance may be cited "The Customs Amendment (Coasting Trade) Ordinance, 1924, and shall be read and construed with the Customs Ordinance, 1902."

J. Middleton.

2. All trade by sea from any one part of the Falkland Islands to any other part thereof shall be deemed to be a coasting trade and all vessels while employed therein shall be deemed to be coasting vessels and no part of the Falkland Islands however situated with regard to any other part shall be deemed in law, with reference to each other to be parts beyond the seas.

All trade by sea from any part of the Falkland Islands to another shall be deemed coasting and no part to be deemed beyond the seas.

3. All vessels shall, when employed in the coasting trade have a licence from the collector; and if any such vessel be so employed without such licence the owner of the vessel shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding £10.

Coasting vessels to be licensed.

ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH No. 53 of the 4th
of May, 1926.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

A BILL

TO AMEND THE CUSTOMS ORDINANCE (No. 6 of 1903) AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF THE COASTING TRADE IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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 Short Title.
 Customs Amendment (Coasting Trade) Ordinance, 1926, and shall be read and construed as one with the Customs Ordinance, 1903.

2. All trade by sea from any one part of the Falkland Islands to any other part thereof shall be deemed to be a coasting trade and all vessels while employed therein shall be deemed to be coasting vessels and no part of the Falkland Islands however situated with regard to any other part shall be deemed in law, with reference to each other to be parts beyond the seas.

All trade by sea from part of the Falkland Islands to another to be deemed coastwise and no part to be deemed beyond the sea.

3. All vessels shall, when employed in the coasting trade have a licence from the Collector; and if any such vessel be so employed without such licence the owner of the vessel shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding £10.

Coasting vessels to be licensed.

4. Goods the produce of the Falkland Islands and goods upon which import duties have been paid in the Falkland Islands and goods duty free on importation into the Falkland Islands may be carried in any coasting vessel trading between any one part of the Falkland Islands to any other part thereof and the master of such coasting vessel shall answer all such questions concerning the vessel and the cargo and the voyage as shall be demanded of him by the Collector or Officer of Customs; and in case of failure or refusal to answer such questions or answer truly the master shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £20.

Description of goods which may be carried in coasting vessels.

5. No goods to be carried coastwise shall be taken into or put out of any coasting vessel at sea or over the sea or if any coasting vessel shall touch at any place over the sea, or deviate from her voyage, unless forced by unavoidable circumstances; and if the master of any coasting ship which shall have touched as aforesaid at any place over the sea shall not declare the same in writing under his hand to the Collector on the arrival of such ship at the Falkland Islands the master of such ship shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £100.

Coasting ship confined to coasting voyage.

6. It shall be lawful in any case for the proper officer of Customs to go on board any coasting vessel in any port or place in the Falkland Islands, or at any period of her voyage and strictly to search such vessel and to examine all goods on board and all goods being laden or unladen and

Proper Officer of Customs may go on board and examine any coasting vessel.

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to demand all documents which ought to be on board
such vessel.

7. Sections nine and thirty-five of the Repeal.
Customs Ordinance, 1903, and Section ten of the
Harbour Ordinance, 1902, are hereby repealed.

Passed by the Legislative Council this
day of 192

Clerk of the Legislative Council.

Assented to by the Governor and given under
the Public Seal of the Colony this day of
 192.

Colonial Secretary.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 54.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

4th May, 1926.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Circular despatch dated the 15th of September, 1925, on the subject of Bills of Lading.

2. The only vessels carrying goods to and from the Colony are those of the Pacific Steam Navigation Company and the bills of lading used for both inward and outward cargo bear an endorsement to the effect that the provisions and conditions of the Carriage of Goods by Sea Act, 1924, apply to the contract contained in the bill of lading.

3. In these circumstances and having regard to local conditions and to the fact that bills of lading are not used in the coasting trade, I submit that it is unnecessary to enact legislation on the lines of the Imperial Act.

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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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 55.GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY.

7th May, 1926.

From Secretary
of State:Telegram of 29th
December, 1924.No. 2 of 5th
January, 1925.

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin I have the honour to inform you that Mr. Hugh Munro was strongly of opinion that the Manager of the Government Experimental Farm, which it has been decided to establish, and the Farm Hand who is to work under the immediate direction of the Manager should be selected in New Zealand.

2. As Mr. Munro is fully conversant with the qualifications which candidates for these posts should possess, I beg to request that, if you see no objection, the Government of New Zealand may be moved to allow arrangements being made which will permit of Mr. Munro taking steps to recommend suitable candidates for the posts of Manager of the Farm and Farm Hand.

3. The usual forms giving particulars of the vacant offices are annexed hereto.

In duplicate.

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.

PARTICULARS OF THE OFFICE OF MANAGER OF THE
EXPERIMENTAL FARM NOW VACANT IN THE COLONY
OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Duties of Office,
and qualifications
required for their
performance.

Candidate with suitable
qualifications for the office
to be recommended by Mr. H.
Munro of the Agricultural
Department of New Zealand.
Desirable that Manager should
be a married man.

2. Salary and emoluments,
and whether secured
by a permanent law.

£400 a year. Not secured by
permanent law.

3. Other circumstances
affecting the value
of the Office.

Free house furnished on a
moderate scale, but without
linen, blankets, plate and
cutlery: a free supply of
meat, and when farm produces
them, mutton, vegetables and
milk. No provision for
domestic service.

4. Nature, number, and
amount of securities
required and mode of
giving them.

Nil.

5. Whether any, and if any,
what provision is made
from public funds for
the passage from this
country, or elsewhere,
of the person sent out
to fill the office.

Free passages to the Colony
will be provided.

6. Acts or ordinances,
making provision res-
pecting the permanency
of the emoluments and
the particulars of the
security required, with
references to the sec-
tions in which such
provision is made.

Nil.

PARTICULARS OF THE OFFICE OF FARM HAND.

EXPERIMENTAL FARM, NOW VACANT IN THE COLONY
OF THE FAIRLAND ISLANDS.

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| 1. Duties of Office, and qualifications required for their performance. | Candidate with suitable qualifications for the office to be recommended by Mr. H. Munro of the Agricultural Department of New Zealand. |
| 2. Salary and emoluments, and whether secured by a permanent law. | £300: not secured by permanent law. |
| 3. Other circumstances affecting the value of the Office. | Free furnished house smaller than that of the Manager. Other conditions similar to those for the office of Manager. |
| 4. Nature, number, and amount of securities required and mode of giving them. | Nil. |
| 5. Whether any, and if any, what provision is made from public funds for the passage from this country, or elsewhere, of the person sent out to fill the office. | Free passages to the colony will be provided. |
| 6. Acts or ordinances, making provision respecting any of the above matters, and especially respecting the permanency of the emoluments and the particulars of the security required, with references to the sections in which such provision is made. | Nil. |

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 56.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

7th May, 1926.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that previous to the receipt of your despatch No. 2 of the 6th of January the question of providing Medical Attendance for the ten officials permanently stationed in South Georgia, of whom two are married and one has children, had come under consideration.

2. It is intended to approach the Compania Argentina de Pesca with a view to coming to an arrangement whereby the Medical Practitioner who is employed by the Company will attend -

- (a) All Government officials stationed in South Georgia, whether permanently or temporarily, and also their wives and families.
- (b) The officers and members of the crew of any vessel belonging to or in the service of the Government of the Falkland Islands which may visit or may be stationed at South Georgia and which does not carry a Medical Officer.

3. By such an arrangement provision would be made for medical attendance not only for the staff of the Marine Station but also for the officers and crew of "William Scoresby" if she visits the Dependency, and I should explain that the expenditure which may be incurred would/

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would be a charge on the revenues raised in the Dependencies.

4. With regard to Medical Attendance for officers who are employed in connection with scientific research in the Dependencies, or whilst serving in the Colony I recommend that it should be expressly stipulated in the conditions of appointment of the Assistant Colonial Surgeon, whose selection has been requested, that he will be required to attend free of charge Government officials, whether permanently or temporarily stationed in the Colony, their wives, families and servants, and the officers and members of the crew of any vessel belonging to or in the service of the Government which does not carry a Medical Officer.

5. Such a condition would ensure provision being made for medical attendance for the officers and crew of "William Scoresby" and I am of opinion that the duties specified can be carried out by the Assistant Colonial Surgeon without undue interference with his other work.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 57.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

7th May, 1926.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that I have granted to Mr. W. A. Thompson, Treasurer and Collector of Customs, three months' vacation leave with effect from the 5th of May, and that Mr. Thompson left the Colony for the United Kingdom on that date.

2. A leave certificate as required by Colonial Regulation No. 89 is enclosed.

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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PALM LAND ISLANDS.No. 58.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

8th May, 1926.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that I have granted to Mr. R. B. Baseley, Colonial Engineer, four and a half months' vacation leave to be followed by one and a half months' leave of absence on half salary.

2. A leave certificate as required by Colonial Regulation No. 89 is enclosed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 59.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

8th May, 1926.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your despatch No. 113 of the 4th of August, 1925, and to invite attention to the late Viscount Milner's despatch No. 131 of the 13th of November 1920 in which the question of the payment of fees for operations in the King Edward Memorial Hospital was discussed at length and in which the view was expressed that having regard to the deed of conveyance of the land on which the Hospital is built and to Hospital regulation No. 28 a patient in a general ward is not liable for the payment of a special fee for an operation.

2. A recommendation has now been made by the Colonial Advisory Medical & Sanitary Committee that free treatment, except in necessitous cases, should be discontinued but in my opinion this would be contrary, at least, to the spirit of the deed of conveyance and in this view Mr. George Bonner who gave the land and who is a member of my Executive Council, has expressed his concurrence while it should not be overlooked that the

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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE,

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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general community contributed in a substantial measure towards the erection and equipment of the building.

3. There are, in my opinion, strong objections to the proposed change on other grounds. Although the community resident in the Falkland Islands is described as fairly prosperous almost the whole of the adult male population is employed in the sheep farming industry or is engaged in manual labour. The average rate of wages of those employed on the farms is £7 to £8 a month with quarters and a free ration of mutton. The current rate of wages for a labourer in Stanley is 1/- an hour. The rule is general that everyone employed in the sheep farming industry shall make an annual contribution to the cost of the Medical Attendance which the management of the farm provides, and the residents in Stanley, with the exception of Government officials and employees are attended as private patients by the Colonial Surgeon or his assistant.

4. The fact that ordinary Medical Attendance is provided at the cost of the individual in such a community strengthens the case for the provision, mainly from public funds, of institutional treatment and I submit that under the proposed system of payment for admission to the Hospital -

(a) There would be a danger that the improvident would receive, without payment, the benefit of treatment for which the thrifty would be required to pay.

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(b) A serious burden would be imposed on the large majority of families at a time when they are least able to bear it, and there would be a tendency to delay resort to institutional treatment with the result that the early treatment of the disease would be prevented.

5. The instructions regarding admission to the Hospital which were issued on the 13th of April, 1925, were not mentioned in the petition which Dr. Deane addressed to you and the circumstances which had made them necessary were not reported in my despatch forwarding the petition. It is, I think, neither necessary nor desirable that I should, here, say more than that cases had occurred in which I considered that contrary to the regulations fees had been improperly charged by the Colonial Surgeon and the Assistant Colonial Surgeon and that I directed that they should be returned to the patients.

6. I have now learned from Dr. Deane that he was apprehensive that as a result of the instructions referred to he might be deprived of fees from visitors from Punta Arenas of whom seven were treated in the Hospital as his private patients in the early part of last year. Since that time no visitors from Punta Arenas have been treated in the Hospital but in order to meet their case I see no objection to the amendment of Hospital regulation No. 28 so as to make it clear that treatment on payment of a fixed inclusive charge for complete hospital service is applicable only to residents in the Colony and that the fees which the Colonial Surgeon is entitled to charge for/

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for operations from visitors shall be 'according to agreement' as is already provided for in the scale of fees which Government Medical Officers are authorized to claim.

7. As I have already reported Dr. Deane has done very valuable work in the Hospital and his surgical skill is very highly appreciated by the community. He already receives a personal allowance at the rate of £50 a year and in recognition of his special surgical skill I recommend, after consulting informally the un-official members of the Legislative Council, that the allowance should be increased to £150 a year with effect from the 1st of January 1926.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

343/23.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 60.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY.

8th May, 1926.

Request that the Government of the United Kingdom may be instructed to pay the amount of £50 to Mr. Lash in England.

Sir,

With reference to my telegram of the 16th April, 1925, and to previous correspondence on the subject of the improvement of the Stanley Wireless Station, I have the honour to inform you that the 10 kilowatt continuous wave valve transmitter set supplied by the Marconi Company for erection at the station has been installed and that communication tests with the long range station owned by the Brazilian Government at Rio de Janeiro have proved satisfactory.

2. The installation of the plant was carried out by the staff at the Stanley Wireless Station, under the direction of Mr. A. R. Lash, who as I reported in my despatch No. 49 of the 24th of April, returned to the United Kingdom by the "Ortega" on the completion of his agreement with this Government. I desire to record my appreciation of the able manner in which Mr. Lash planned and conducted the work of installation and in consideration of the services rendered by him in this connection I recommend that he should receive an honorarium of £50. Subject to your approval of the expenditure involved I would

request/

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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request that the Crown Agents for the Colonies
may be instructed to pay this amount to Mr. Lash
in England.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J. Middleton.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 61.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

STANLEY.

13th May, 1926.

Sir,

With reference to Sir John Middleton's despatch No. 46 of the 31st March, 1925, I have the honour to seek your approval for the payment of an allowance at the rate of £10 a month to Mr. G. R. L. Brown whilst performing the duties of Officer-in-Charge of the Secretariat during the period of my administration of the Government in the absence on leave of Sir John Middleton.

2. During this period a proportion of the salary of Colonial Secretary will lapse, and accordingly, the proposed payment will cause no excess in the Estimates.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

59/24.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 62.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

14th May, 1926.

Sir,

With reference to the Duke of Devonshire's Circular despatch of the 6th of October, 1923, I have the honour to transmit a tracing of a plan of the ground floor and elevations of Government House, together with three photographs of the exterior of the building. I regret that it has not been possible to comply with the request contained in the despatch under reference at an earlier date.

Under separate
cover.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

170/26.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 63.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

14th May, 1926.

Sir,

With reference to your Circular despatch of the 2nd of January, forwarding a copy of Parliamentary Paper - Treaty Series No. 53 of 1925 - containing the text of notes exchanged between the United Kingdom and Bulgaria, I have the honour to inform you that it is desired that notice of accession should be given on behalf of the territory under this Administration to the arrangement providing for the provisional regulation of commercial relations between the two countries.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

224/26.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 64.GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY.

15th May, 1926.

your approval, the payment of allowance at the rate of £100 a year to Mr. Craigie-Halkett whilst acting as Treasurer, - this allowance to be in addition to the salaries attached to his substantive appointments

Sir, With reference to Sir John Middleton's despatch No. 51 of the 30th April, I have the honour to report the appointment of Mr. M. C. Craigie-Halkett to act as Treasurer and Collector of Customs during the period of vacation leave granted to Mr. W. A. Thompson.

2. Whilst acting as Treasurer Mr. Craigie-Halkett will be responsible for the introduction of modifications in the local system of accounts necessitated by recent events which have been reported separately. In addition, he is at present performing the duties of his substantive appointments of Colonial Postmaster, Magistrate and Registrar. Arrangements are being made, however, for him to be relieved of the duties of Postmaster as early as possible, but local circumstances require his retention of those of Magistrate and Registrar. Mr. Craigie-Halkett has ceased to perform the duties of local Auditor since his appointment as acting Treasurer, and has accordingly ceased to draw the allowance of £50 a year provided for this service.

3. Prior to his departure on leave of absence Sir John Middleton authorised, subject to your/

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your approval, the payment of an allowance at the rate of \$100 a year to Mr. Craigie-Halkett whilst acting as Treasurer, - this allowance to be in addition to the salaries attached to his substantive appointments which amount to \$500.

4. I would now seek your covering sanction for the payment of this allowance.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

615/24.

PACIFIC ISLANDS.No. 65.GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY.

25th May, 1926.

Sir,

With reference to your despatch Miscellaneous of the 13th of January relative to the question of the adoption of the recently approved coat-of-arms as the basis of the Colony's flag badge, I have the honour to inform you that at a meeting of the Executive Council held on the 1st of May, when the matter was considered, it was agreed that it would be preferable to retain the existing flag badge for the present, but that the question should be further reviewed when it became necessary to amend the device of the Public Seal of the Colony.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient.

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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FALKLAND ISLANDSNo. 66.GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY.

25th May, 1926.

Sir,

With reference to your despatch No. 183 of the 21st of December on the subject of the disposal of spare gear belonging to the "Discovery" Expedition, I have the honour to inform you that pending the arrival of the R.R.S. "Discovery", and in anticipation of the concurrence of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, this gear was stored temporarily in one of the empty sheds at the Naval Depot, there being no available suitable accommodation in Stanley.

2. Commander J. R. Stenhouse, Commanding Officer of the "Discovery" has now inspected the gear in question, and has reported that he found it all in order. He has requested that this gear may be retained in storage at the Naval Depot until it is required, and I would accordingly ask that the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty be approached with a view to ascertaining whether, in the special circumstances, there is any objection to this course.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 67.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

27th May, 1926.

Sir,

With reference to Sir John Middleton's despatch No. 49 of the 24th of April reporting the expiration of the three years' agreement of Mr. A. R. Lash as Engineer Operator-in-Charge of the Stanley Wireless Telegraph Station, I have the honour to inform you that consequent on the question of filling the resulting vacancy on the termination of the four and a half months' leave granted to Mr. Lash, careful consideration has been given to a scheme for the re-arrangement of the Staff dealing with Wireless Telegraph and Telephone Services under this administration.

2. At present, these Services are under the control of the Colonial Postmaster who has no technical qualifications, and it now appears to be expedient to consider the creation of a small department of Telegraphs and Telephones to be constituted separate from the Post Office.

3. Accordingly, I enclose herewith for your consideration a schedule setting out in diagram the proposed personnel and organisation of such a department. A comparative statement of present expenditure, and that under the suggested scheme is also enclosed.

Enclosure I.

Enclosure II.

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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4. As you are aware the Wireless Station at Stanley has been re-conditioned recently at an expenditure of about \$6000; and the 10 Kilowatt continuous wave valve transmitter set now installed is working very satisfactorily. There is also in the Colony a low power Station at Fox Bay on West Falkland Island, whilst at South Georgia a 6 Kilowatt Station was completed last year.

5. For the last three years the Government has been dependent for technical advice on Wireless Telegraphy on the Engineer Operator at Stanley, and Mr. Lash rendered valuable service in this connection; such service, however, hardly comes within the sphere of duties of an Engineer Operator, and with the extension and improvement of wireless communications in the Colony and Dependencies, it is considered necessary that the services should be available of an official who is qualified to give technical advice, and who would also be responsible for the maintenance of all the Stations in good order.

6. Similarly, in connection with the Telephone Service, Mr. Lash's assistance and advice has had to be sought, as there was no other qualified person available in the Colony. This Service in Stanley is operated from the Government Telephone Exchange; it requires and is capable of great improvement in many ways, but in the absence of expert supervision there are many difficulties in the way of carrying this out. The majority of the farms on East Falkland are/

are connected by telephone with the Stanley Exchange, whilst on West Falkland Island they connect with Fox Bay. These camp telephone lines - the estimated length of which is over 162 and 50 miles respectively - have been erected by the Farmers at their own expense, and although the Government makes unrestricted use of them, it makes no payment for such use. The employment of a qualified Linesman on the Staff of the proposed Superintendent of Telegraphs and Telephones appears to be fully justified therefore. He would be available for work in connection with the telephone service in Stanley, and would be in a position to afford valuable assistance to the Farmers in supervising the maintenance of their lines. It is not intended, of course, that the Government should assume any responsibility for the maintenance of these private lines.

7. The Superintendent, although directly responsible for the efficient working of the Stanley Station, would not be accommodated at the Station itself, but would be resident and have his headquarters in the town of Stanley. This arrangement would increase the responsibilities and work of the operators resident at the Station, and accordingly small increases of salaries for these officials have been provided in the scheme. These increases would serve, also, as an inducement to the members of the operating staff to continue in their present employment.

8. With regard to the question of the appointment of a qualified Linesman, an allowance of £50 a year is paid at present to Mr. D. Sullivan, Chief Constable, for technical services in connection with the maintenance of the telephone service in Stanley; this amount is payable from Head V, Post Office, Item 10. If the proposals now submitted are approved, this allowance would be discontinued, and merged into the salary of the Linesman.

9. In conclusion, I may add that Sir John Middleton proposed to take an opportunity of discussing this suggested scheme verbally when in England.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

ENCLOSURE No. 1 TO FALKLAND ISLANDS GOVERNMENT No. 67 of the 27th of May, 1926.

Superintendent of Telegraphs and Telephones.

£500 and free house, or allowance of £50.

STANLEY W/T. SPM.

S. GEORGIA W/T. SPM.

TELEPHONE SERVICE.

SM. ODT. £250-£300.
ODT. £150-£200.
ODT. £120-£140.

Learner. £100-£125.

SM. ODT. in charge. £2400, and free house.

ODT. FOX BAY. £100.
£350 charge allowance.

Telegraphic Clerk.
Stanley. £24.

Telephone Linemen.
ODT. & Assistants £200.
£36.
£17.

Asst. ODT. £120-£140.
Asst. ODT. £134.
£42 duty.

ENCLOSURE NO. II TO PAIKIAND ISLANDS DESPATCH NO. 67 of the 27th of May, 1926.

STATEMENT COMPARING PRESENT EXPENDITURE WITH PROPOSED EXPENDITURE IN CONNECTION WITH SALARIES AND EMOLUMENTS OF STAFF EMPLOYED IN TELEGRAPH & TELEPHONE SERVICES.

SERVICE.	PRESENT EXPENDITURE.				PROPOSED EXPENDITURE.			
	Rate of Salary.	Allowances.	Total actual salaries & monetary allowances being paid in 1926.	Total increments.	Rate of Salary.	Allowances.	Initial salaries & monetary allowances.	Total increments.
<u>STANLEY.</u>	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Superintendent of Telegraphs & Telephones.	-	-	-	-	500	Furnished grs or allowance of £50.	550	-
<u>Wireless Station</u>								
Engineer-Operator in Charge.	400	Furnished grs.	400	-	-	-	-	-
Senior Operator.	200	-	200	-	250-300	-	250	80
Operator	150	-	150	-	150-200	-	150	80
Operator	110	-	110	-	120-140	-	120	20
Learner	60-75	-	60	15	60-75	-	60	15
Telegraph Clerk	-	24	24	-	-	24	24	-
<u>FOX BAY STATION.</u>								
Operator	100	50	150	-	100	50	150	-
<u>SOUTH GEORGIA STATION.</u>								
Engineer-Operator in Charge.	400	Furnished grs.	400	-	400	Furnished grs.	400	-
Asst. Operator	115	50	165	-	120-140	50	170	20
Engineer-Caretaker.	84	42	126	-	84	42	126	-
<u>Telephones.</u>								
Linesman	-	50	50	-	200	-	200	-
Operators	60-80	-	60	20	60-80	-	60	20
	36	-	36	-	36	-	36	-
	17	-	-	-	17	-	17	-
PRESENT EXPENDITURE			1931	35	PROPOSED EXPENDITURE			2315
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FAULKLAND ISLANDS.No. 68.GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY.

7th June, 1926.

proved difficult to assess the rent on a weekly basis. I am advised, however, that in all the circumstances of the case a lump sum of 25 would be a fair payment for the use made of the shed for a period of six weeks, and I would request

Sir, that I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 7 of the 19th of January transmitting a copy of a letter from the Admiralty of the 8th of January signifying that there was no objection to the temporary storage of hay in the empty coal sheds at the Naval Depot on the North side of Stanley Harbour under certain conditions.

2. Circumstances rendered it unnecessary for this Government to avail itself of the permission granted until the 16th of April when approximately 600 bales of hay were placed in store there. This amount was gradually reduced as transport for its removal became available and by the 1st of June the whole consignment was transferred to Stanley.

3. The amount of storage space utilised decreased from time to time as the removal of the hay took place, so that it has

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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proved difficult to assess the rent on a weekly basis. I am advised, however, that in all the circumstances of the case a lump sum of £6 would be a fair payment for the use made of the shed for a period of six weeks, and I would request that this assessment be communicated to the Admiralty. If it is concurred in, I would ask that instructions be issued to the Crown Agents for the Colonies to make the necessary payment from the funds of this Colony at their disposal.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient.

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 69.GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY.

15th June, 1926.

Sir,

Works Department was laid down at £5,000. Your approval was obtained for the retention of this figure in the Rules, on the understanding that further consideration would be given to the matter on the completion of the works in progress for the improvement of Stanley.

With reference to your despatch No. 30 of the 24th of March, transmitting a copy of the Report of the Director of Colonial Audit on the Falkland Islands Account for the year ended the 31st of December, 1924, I have the honour to inform you, with regard to the query raised in paragraph 3 of the Report, that during the year 1924 it was not found practicable to maintain current requirements in the matter of unallocated Public Works materials and stores at the limit of £2,500 fixed as the gross value of the standard stock, and that, pending the introduction of the revised rules for the control of stores and store accounts, Sir John Middleton gave instructions that the limit should be increased to £3,500.

2. Under Rule 36 of the draft Rules submitted to you for approval the gross value of the standard stock of stores in the Public

Works /

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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1925.

Works Department was laid down at £5,000.
Your approval was obtained for the retention of this figure in the Rules, on the understanding that further consideration would be given to the matter on the completion of the works in progress for the improvement of Stanley.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 70.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

17th June, 1926.

Sir,

duplicate I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a Report by Mr. A. G. Bennett, Whaling Officer, on the South Shetlands Whaling Season, 1925-26.

duplicate 2. The total catch of 4,746 whales is the highest yet recorded for the South Shetlands, and shews an increase of 1,014 whales over the previous season. For purposes of comparison I have caused to be prepared statements recording the number of whales caught and the amount of oil produced during the last three seasons; copies of these comparative statements are annexed. It will be noticed that Mr. Bennett ascribes this season's large catch in part to the improved type of vessel now being employed in the industry.

3. Although there has been a corresponding increase in the total production of oil, the actual figures being 291,981 barrels as compared with 232,366 barrels in 1924-25, the average per whale shews a slight decrease, viz., from 62.2 to 61.5 barrels, or in terms of standard whales, a decrease from 80.5 to 79.3 whales. This is attributed by

Mr. Bennett/

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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Mr. Bennett in an entry in his Diary, which he has submitted for my inspection, to the exceedingly poor condition of the fin whales caught, and in a minor degree to a proportion of the blue whales having been captured so far afield as to necessitate their being towed for long distances. A further entry, however, records the gratifying fact that as far as can be judged waste in production has been reduced to a minimum.

4. It is a matter of regret that a question has arisen again as to the accuracy of the information furnished in respect of one of the vessels owned by Messrs. Chr. Salvesen & Co. I am addressing you on this subject in a separate despatch.

5. In paragraph 18 of his Report the Whaling Officer refers to the operations of the whaling factory "Lancing". It is difficult to say how much reliance can be placed on the figures obtained as to results, but undoubtedly the consensus of opinion is that she has had a remarkably successful season. The position which has arisen owing to the activities of this vessel is being discussed with you by Sir John Middleton on his arrival in England.

6. With reference to the final paragraph of the Report it is only necessary to state

that/

that a reduction in the rate of foreign postage from 3d to 2½d was brought into force in the Colony and Dependencies with effect from the 1st of January. Through an oversight, however, the Whaling Officer did not receive intimation of the change before the end of the Whaling Season.

7. It was just possible to furnish Dr. Kemp, Director of Research, with a copy of Mr. Bennett's report an hour before the R.R.S. "Discovery" left Stanley for Cape Town. Unfortunately, however, there was no opportunity to discuss it with him, or with Mr. Hamilton, the Government Naturalist, before the ship sailed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

EXHIBIT NO. 11 TO FLEET AND LANDS DEPARTMENT NO. 70 OF THE 17th of June 1926.

WHALES CAUGHT AT SOUTH SHETLANDS DURING
LAST THREE YEARS.

	BLUE			FINN			OTHERS			TOTAL		
	1923/4	1924/5	1925/6	1923/4	1924/5	1925/6	1923/4	1924/5	1925/6	1923/4	1924/5	1925/6
October		26	6							26	6	
November	178	199	241	5	31	15	2	19	7	185	249	263
December	600	301	672	162	220	346	6	32	13	768	563	1021
January	406	447	443	402	578	611	50	33	2	858	1058	1266
February	120	336	107	590	267	254	38	12	124	748	615	585
March	49	159	120	252	455	607	13	46	22	314	660	749
April	16	174	564	148	397	256	27		31	191	571	851
May			4			1				1		
TOTAL	1369	1642	2157	1659	1948	2390	136	142	199	3064	3732	4746

(Signed) A. G. BENNETT.

Whaling Officer.

ENCLOSURE NO. III TO FAULKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH NO. 70 of the 17th of June, 1926.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT SHOWING PRODUCTION AT SOUTH SHEPHERDS FOR THE LAST THREE SEASONS.

FACTORY.	Average Barrels per Whale.			Aver. Barrels per Std. Whale			% of Press Oil to 100 of Blubber Oil. (Req'd not less than 40.)			Oil Ratio number Required not greater than 2.5.			
	A.	1924/5	1925/6	B.	1924/5	1925/6	C.	1924/5	1925/6	D.	1924/5	1925/6	
Orn II	56.73	62.13	67.61	79.4	85.3	64.4	69.6	77.7	+ 8.1	1.53	1.43	1.28	- .16
Ronald	52.12	61.62	66.82	80.2	84.6	85.7	80.4	76.7	- 4.7	1.18	1.24	1.32	+ .08
Falk	60.52	69.74	66.03	77.6	80.0	56.4	66.1	66.1	--	1.77	1.51	1.55	+ .04
S. Queen	63.93	64.05	64.02	82.4	81.1	76.8	81.2	65.4	-15.8	1.30	1.23	1.52	+ .29
Solstreff	57.58	67.21	63.93	86.2	80.5	69.2	66.15	59.7	- 6.4	1.44	1.49	1.67	+ .18
Svend Foyr	54.42	65.42	61.61	84.0	80.7	62.6	78.5	81.5	+ 3.0	1.57	1.27	1.22	- .05
R. Amundsen	58.32	67.14	61.30	84.5	79.3	83.3	86.5	76.0	- 9.5	1.19	1.15	1.31	+ .16
Maudie	64.86	64.84	60.28	83.2	78.7	65.0	77.28	73.8	- 3.1	1.53	1.29	1.35	+ .06
Pythia	66.23	62.47	57.11	80.19	73.9	52.4	69.28	61.3	- 8.0	1.90	1.44	1.62	+ .18
Seyilla (Neko)	60.22	50.21	56.81	68.73	78.5	76.1	82.1	71.3	-10.8	1.31	1.22	1.40	+ .18
Saragossa	50.18	Sunk.	54.75	--	69.9	84.0	Sunk	81.7		1.18	Sunk	1.22	
Season	Sperm Whales were not included in 'C' and 'D' for 1924/5 but are included in 1925/6.											79.3	

(Signed) A. G. BENNETT.
Whaling Officer.
21.3.1926.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 71.GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY.

18th June, 1926.

Savill & Albion Company that they should
 Sir, charge a nominal freight of only 20/- per

ton With reference to your despatch No. 13
 of the 8th of February on the subject of a trial
 shipment of Nauru phosphate dust for experimental
 purposes in this Colony, I have the honour to in-
 form you that 10 tons of this phosphate were duly
 received by the s.s. "Tairoa" from New Zealand on
 the 17th of April, and that arrangements have been
 made to have the efficacy of this dressing tested
 at the Government Experimental Farm in due season.

2. With regard to the estimated total
 cost to the Colony of the trial shipment, which it
 was anticipated would not exceed £50, I enclose a
 copy of a letter received from Messrs. Henderson
 and Macfarlane, Limited, of Auckland, New Zealand,
 who are Agents for the British Phosphate Commis-
 sion, together with a copy of the invoice which
 accompanied it. It will be observed that the esti-
 mated cost as given by Mr. A. L. Dickinson in para-
 graph 3 of his letter of the 25th of January has
 been exceeded by over 50%. Savill, I have the

3. Mr. Dickinson states also in his
 letter that he had arranged with Messrs. Shaw,

Savill/

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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Savill & Albion Company that they should charge a nominal freight of only 20/- per ton for the carriage of this phosphate from Auckland to Port Stanley, but it now transpires that the local representatives of the Shipping Company in New Zealand declined to accept less than 60/- per ton, plus 10% prime. Messrs. Henderson and Macfarlane report that they have paid this rate and advised the Company that it would be subject to adjustment in London.

4. In view of the express arrangement made by Mr. Dickinson it would appear that there has been some misunderstanding on the part of the Auckland representatives of the Shaw, Savill & Albion Company, and I venture to suggest therefore, that the London Office of the Company should be approached on the matter.

5. Subject to any reduction in the cost of freight which it may be possible to arrange with Messrs. Shaw Savill, I have the honour to request that instructions may be
issued/

ENCLOSURE TO FAULKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH NO. 71
of the 18th of JUNE, 1924.

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HENDERSON & MACFARLANE, LIMITED.

Maritime Buildings,

issued to the Crown Agents for the Colonies
 to pay from the funds of this Colony at their
 disposal the amount of Messrs. Henderson and
 Macfarlane's account.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

We have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Invoice,
 Bill of lading, and Insurance Policy for 10 tons
 (120 bags) ground phosphate shipped
 by us to your address per "Telegraph".
 This shipment is under an arrangement
 made between the Colonial Office, London, and
 the British Phosphate Commission, Maitland, and
 under instructions from the latter. We trust it
 will reach you in good order and condition.

A. E. Beattie.

The rate of freight arranged in London
 was 35/- per ton, but the local representatives
 of the Shaw Savill & Albion Co. declined to
 accept less than 50/- per ton, plus 10% primage.

We have paid this rate and advised the
 shipping Co. concerned that we have done so sub-
 ject to adjustment in London.

We are, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

HENDERSON & MACFARLANE, LIMITED.

(Signed) Percy Butler,

Director.

Secretary,
 Department of Agriculture,
 POST OFFICE,
 Falkland Islands.

ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH NO. 71
of the 18th of JUNE. 1926.

HENDERSON & MACFARLANE, LIMITED.

Maritime Buildings,
 Quay Street,
 Auckland, N.Z.

Per "Tairoa"
at Wellington.

16th March, 1926.

Dear Sir,

We beg to hand you, herewith, Invoice, Bill of Lading, and Insurance Policy for 10 tons (120 bags) ground Nauru Island phosphate shipped by us to your address per s.s. "Tairoa".

This shipment is under an arrangement made between the Colonial Office, London, and the British Phosphate Commission, Melbourne, and under instructions from the latter. We trust it will reach you in good order and condition.

The rate of freight arranged in London was 20/- per ton, but the local representatives of the Shaw Savill & Albion Co. declined to accept less than 60/- per ton, plus 10% primage.

We have paid this rate and advised the Shipping Co. concerned that we have done so subject to adjustment in London.

We are, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

HENDERSON & MACFARLANE, LIMITED,

(Signed) Percy Butler.

Director.

he Secretary,
 Department of Agriculture,
 PORT STANLEY,
 Falkland Islands.

Auckland, N.Z. 16th March 1926.

ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH NO. 71
of the 18th of June, 1926.

11th March, 1926.

Union Buildings,
 Messrs. Henderson & Macfarlane, Customs Street East,
 Auckland;

16th March, 1926.

The Department of Agriculture,
 PORT STANLEY,
 Falkland Islands.

IN A/c WITH HENDERSON & MACFARLANE, LIMITED.

March 11. To Kempthorne Prosser & Co. Ltd.

120 Seafield Ground Nauru
 Phos 10 tons ground Nauru 10 Tons 4/7/8

Phosphate as per invoice. 43.15.0.

Charges:

Per Rail	Bill of Lading	Auckland.	1. 0.
	Insurance Premium		7. 0.
Shipped	Freight &		
	Primage		33. 0.0.
Receipt	Less Broker-	your Office.	
	age on		
	Freight		1.10.0. 31.10.0. 31.18.0.
	Married	P.I.	
			£ 75.13.0.

E. & O. E.

Auckland, N.Z. 16th March 1925.

Visitation
 1925/1926

ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH NO. 1
of the 18th of June, 1926.

11th March, 1926.

Messrs. Henderson & Macfarlane, Ltd.,
 Auckland:

Dr. to :- KEMPTHORNE PROSSER & CO'S
 NEW ZEALAND DRUG COMPANY LIMITED.

Albert Street,
 Auckland.
 (Please remit Office Box 809, Auckland).

385/197.

Bags.

120 Westfield Ground Nauru
 Phosphate 10 Tons 4/7/6

£43.15.0.

Per Rail to "TAIROA" Auckland.

Shipped on Carters note.

Receipt delivered to your Office.

Marked GOVT
 F.I.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 72.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

22nd June, 1926.

Sir,

With reference to your despatch, Miscellaneous, of the 1st of March, 1926, I have the honour to inform you that I have accorded provisional recognition to Monsieur A. Beaudrier, Consul of Belgium at Bahia Blanca, as Belgian Consul in the Falkland Islands, pending the issue of his exequatur.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

293/26.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 73.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

24th June, 1926.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that an application has been received from The South Georgia Company, Limited, for the issue of wireless telegraph licences in respect of the s.s. "SARAGOSSA", the s.s. "SOUSA" and the s.s. "CORONDA", all of which are registered at Stanley. and to request that call signs may be allotted to these vessels from the series of call signs reserved for the use of ships registered in the Colonies.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

221/26.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 74.GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY.

1st July, 1926.

Sir,

With reference to Sir John Middleton's despatch No. 38 of the 14th of April in which approval was sought for the sale by private arrangement of a quarter-acre building site situated in the East of Stanley, I have the honour to request that authority may be given also for the sale under similar conditions of two further sites of similar size in the immediate vicinity.

2. Through an error, the site forming the subject of the despatch under reference was described as being numbered Lot 3 in Section 2 in the town plan, instead of Lot 12. The two further sites for the sale of which I now seek approval are situated in the same Section, and are numbered Lots 13 and 14 respectively.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

86/26.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 75.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

1st July, 1926.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Circular despatch of the 8th of December, 1925, on the subject of the establishment of Medical Boards in connection with the grant of Final Awards of pension under the War Pensions Act, 1921, and for the examination of pensioners who may wish to prosecute an appeal to the Pensions Appeal Tribunal against their Final Awards assessment.

2. As far as is known there are at present resident in this Colony two ex-service men only in receipt of War Pensions from the Imperial Government; both these men have been awarded pensions for life, and receive them through the Colonial Treasury on behalf of the Ministry of Pensions.

3. The question of constituting Medical Boards for the purposes mentioned in your despatch under acknowledgment does not arise, therefore, in this Colony at present, and as newcomers are rare, it is unlikely that it will arise in the future.

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A. E. Beattie.

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4. I would explain that in any case the number of medical men in the Colony is so small as to render the convening of even one Medical Board somewhat difficult. The establishment of the Government Medical Staff provides for two medical officers only, but it happens not infrequently that they are not in the Colony at the same time. Private practitioners number two, also - one employed by the Falkland Islands Company with headquarters at Darwin on East Falkland whilst the other is engaged in private practice on West Falkland. Although in case of necessity it might prove possible to obtain the services of the former, the uncertainty of communications between Stanley and the West Falkland, makes it most improbable that those of the latter could be reckoned upon.

5. Nevertheless, this Government will do everything in its power if and when occasion arises to meet the wishes of the Ministry of Pensions and of the President of the Pensions Appeal Tribunal as explained in your despatch.

6. With regard to communications which the Ministry or the President of the Tribunal may desire to address to the Colonial Government direct, I would state in reply to your enquiry in paragraph 11, that it would be convenient if such communications could be sent to the Colonial Treasurer.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

315/26.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 76.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

1st July, 1926.

Sir,

I have the honour to confirm my telegram of yesterday's date reporting that the urgent demand for more currency in the Colony had made it necessary for me to authorise the issue of an additional £2,000 in Falkland Islands Currency Notes, thereby bringing the total note circulation to £20,000, the figure at which it stood for several years prior to 1923.

2. The shortage was brought to my notice by the Acting Treasurer who recommended that the Issue should be increased from £18,000 to £20,000, and that to meet current requirements the increase should be made as soon as possible. Representations on the matter were received also from the Manager of the Falkland Islands Company. I accordingly caused the question to be referred to the Commissioners of Currency, and enclose a copy of the Report received from them. In view of the recommendations made therein the Commissioners were authorised to issue to the Colonial Treasury new notes to the value of £2,000.

3. In accordance with the provisions of the Falkland Islands Note Order, 1899, it is

necessary/

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Enclosure I.

ENCLOSURE NO. - 2 - PALMISTON ISLANDS DESPATCH

No. 73 of the 1st of July, 1926.

necessary that the Note Guarantee Fund should be increased by an equivalent amount, two-fifths to be held by the Commissioners as part of the Coin Portion, the remaining three-fifths to be invested on account of the Invested Portion.

These proportions were approved by Mr. Churchill in his despatch No. 127 of the 21st of December, 1921.

4. As the available specie in the Colony would not allow the Coin Portion to be made up locally, I requested in my telegram under reference that instructions should be issued to the Crown Agents for the Colonies to hold in liquid form and to ship the required sum of £800 in coin at the earliest opportunity.

5. I also asked that the Invested Portion of the Guarantee Fund should be increased in due proportion by the investment of a further sum of £1,200.

6. I enclose for your information a copy of the Currency Note Fund Abstract issued by the Commissioners on the 10th of June, 1926.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

ENCLOSURE NO. I TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH
No. 76 of the 1st of July, 1926.

REPORT BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF CURRENCY ON THE
 PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE CURRENCY NOTE ISSUE.

The Honble.,

The Colonial Secretary,

In accordance with para. 4 of H. E. the Acting Governor's Minute dated the 26th inst., (M.P.315/26), WE, the undersigned, have the honour, to report that we have given careful consideration to the proposed increase in the Currency Note Issue from £18,000 to £20,000, and beg to recommend that an additional issue of £2,000 in Currency Notes be made on the following grounds :-

- (a) That for some time past there has been an unusual scarcity of Notes in circulation.
- (b) That the present insufficiency of Currency affects the proper carrying on of business in the Colony.
- (c) That a Note Issue of £18,000 together with the amount of coin at present in circulation, is not sufficient to cover the normal currency requirements of the Colony (we estimate that the coin in circulation is at least £3,000 less than in 1923).

2. We are of opinion that to meet current requirements an increase in the Currency Note Issue is absolutely necessary. In making the foregoing recommendation we would point out that whereas in 1923 a Note Issue of £18,000 was found to be sufficient for the requirements of the Colony this was owing principally to the

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G. R. L. BROWN

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large amount of coin in circulation during that year. Since that time the amount of coin in circulation has decreased considerably but the Note Issue stands at the same figure of £18,000. At the present time the amount of coin held in the Colonial Treasury amounts to £900 only as against £2,500 in 1923.

3. We also beg to draw attention to the fact that a sum of £500 has been requisitioned to meet currency requirements at South Georgia and that it has not been found possible to supply the amount on account of the shortage referred to.

4. The reserve stock of Currency Notes not issued is as follows :-

		Reserve Stock of Currency	
		<u>Notes.</u>	
£5	"C" Series	911	face value £ 4,555
£1	"C" "	1000	" " 1,000
10/s	"C" "	3316	" " 1,658
£5	"B" Forms	1100	" " 5,500
£1	"B" "	2500	" " 2,500
5/s	"B" "	500	" " <u>125</u>
		<u>Total Value£ 15,338</u>	

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 77.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY.

6th July, 1926.

Sir,

No. 1 of 1926.

I have the honour to transmit to you six copies of a Proclamation issued on the 7th of May, 1926, under Section 44 of the Live Stock Ordinance, 1901, prohibiting the importation of animals into South Georgia from South America.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. BEATTIE.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 78.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

6th July, 1926.

Sir,

In duplicate.

I have the honour to transmit to you a copy of a report by Mr. E. B. Binnie, Magistrate, South Georgia, on the Whaling operations of the Tonsberg Company at the South Orkneys during the season 1925-1926. A copy will be transmitted to Dr. Kemp at the first opportunity.

2. Although operations were later than usual in starting this was more than compensated for by weather conditions permitting the season to be extended into the first week of April. Taken throughout the season was the most successful yet experienced by the Tonsberg Company in the South Orkneys. The following statement shows the catch, oil production and the average per "standard" whale for the last four seasons :-

Season.	Whales caught.	Oil produced (barrels).	Average per standard whale.
1922-23	323	13,629	61.1
1923-24	295	17,570	67.6
1924-25	507	23,315	61.5
1925-26	623	27,050	69.2

3. Fin whales predominated in the catch, this species constituting no less than 91% of the total /

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total. This fact is of special interest in view of the theory suggested in paragraph 2 of Sir John Middleton's despatch No. 126 of the 31st of December, 1925.

4. The poor quality of the fin whales, which appears to have been general throughout the local whaling areas during the past season, and the scarcity of blue whales, is reflected in the figures of oil production. The proportion of press oil to blubber oil was, however, considerably beyond the standard laid down, and this fact alone may be taken as supporting the Magistrate's statement that the working of the Tonsberg Company's new floating factory was carried out in a satisfactory manner. From accounts which have reached me it appears that the new s.s. "Orwell" is very well equipped and an excellent example of what a floating factory should be.

5. In paragraph 15 of his Report, Mr. Binnie states that the Whaling Officer is of opinion that the activities of the "Lancing" had a serious effect on the catch of the "Orwell" particularly during the month of January. This is hardly borne out by the figures of the actual catch, which shew that during that month 167 whales were caught, or an average of 56 per catcher. Further, it would appear to be discounted in the final paragraph of the Report, wherein Mr. Binnie expresses the opinion that as far as whales are concerned there is room for more than one factory in South Georgia.

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6. The alleged interference of the "Lancing" is referred to, also, by the Tonsberg Company in their application for permission to operate off South Georgia during the latter part of last season which formed the subject of your telegram of the 12th of February and subsequent correspondence. In view of the representations made, the Company was granted permission, as reported in Sir John Middleton's telegram of the 16th of February, to conduct operations off the Falkland Islands. Although, this permission was given in February advantage was not taken of it, and the "Orwell" remained at the South Orkneys until after the 6th of April, and then proceeded direct to Europe.

7. I am addressing you separately in reply to your despatch No. 34 of the 31st of March regarding the application of the Tonsberg Company for permission to carry out whaling operations off the Falkland Islands at the beginning of the whaling season 1927-1928.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

202/26.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 79.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

7th July, 1926.

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, 1926.

Returns Nos. 1
& 2 in duplicate.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

321/26.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 80.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

7th July, 1926.

Sir,

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

16th December.
1925. 27th
January. 22nd
February and
1st May. 1926.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 81.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

9th July, 1926.

their application of a later date
not deter them from carrying out the proposed
preliminary investigation by their own means
Sir, in the month of this year.

With reference to your despatch No. 34 of the 31st of March transmitting copies of correspondence with the Tonsberg Whaling Company on the subject of whaling operations off the Falkland Islands, I have the honour to inform you that after consideration in Executive Council of the application of this Company for permission to operate in this area in September and October, 1927, prior to the opening of their season in the South Orkneys, I am of opinion that to compensate for the shortness of the normal season in the South Orkneys, and the uncertainty as to ice and weather conditions in that Dependency, there are good grounds for entertaining the application, whilst as stated in Sir John Middleton's telegram of the 16th of February whaling operations off the Falkland Islands would afford information of value in regard to the migration of whales.

2. In present circumstances, however, it might be inadvisable to give the Tonsberg Company a definite promise so far ahead. I would suggest, therefore, that they should be invited to renew
their/

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their application at a later date. This need not deter them from carrying out the proposed preliminary investigation by their s.s. "Fleurus" in the autumn of this year.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 82.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

19th July, 1926.

whether or not acceptance of the offer of
the Company would be an advantageous proposition.

2. It will be observed that of the 122
drums of oil etc. received at South Georgia in
1924, only 25 have been used.

Sir,

With reference to your despatch No. 1
of the 3rd of January, 1925, transmitting a
copy of a letter from the Crown Agents for the
Colonies regarding the disposal of certain steel
drums used for the conveyance of Kerosene and
Spirits to South Georgia, I have the honour to
inform you that the suggestion made by the Crown
Agents was duly communicated to the Magistrate,
South Georgia, for enquiry and report. A copy
of the reply now received from that Officer is
enclosed.

27th May, 1926.

2. With regard to the offer of the Argen-
tina de Pesca Company to ship the drums to England,
freight free on certain conditions, there is no
information available as to the amount of harbour
dues for which the ship would be liable. In re-
ply to a further enquiry on the subject the Magis-
trate reports by telegram as follows :-

"I have been informed by the Captain of the
"S.S. HARPON" that he must pay Harbour Dues
"in any port in the United Kingdom if he dis-
"charges cargo but apparently not when re-
"ceiving cargo. Harpon would land drums when
"in Cardiff loading cargo. I am unable to
"state the amount payable".

The Crown Agents may be in a position to advise
whether/

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ENCLOSURE TO H.M. GOVERNMENT
of the 1-2-1924

whether or not acceptance of the offer of the Company would be an economical proposition.

3. It will be observed that of the 135 drums of oil etc. received at South Georgia in 1924, only 25 have been used up to the present and are available for shipment.

4. The possibility of disposing of these empty drums locally has been investigated, but it has been ascertained that there is no market for them.

I have consulted the various Managers with regard to this.

I have the honour to be, from South Georgia and return Sir, when loaded with kerosene and an informant.

Your most obedient, humble servant, expense

would be entailed to clean them sufficiently well for the re-shipment. A. E. Beattie, and the expenditure in return for the use of the drums would not be warranted.

The Compania Argentina de Pesca are prepared to ship these drums to England free of freight subject to their being immune from Harbour Dues in respect of them on their discharge in the United Kingdom.

There are approximately 25 drums available for immediate shipment.

(Signed) E. R. BIRNIE.
Magistrate.

ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH NO.82
of the 19th of July, 1926.

S.G.No.168/26. C.S. No. D/22/25.
 27th May, 1926. From:- Magistrate,
 South Georgia.
To:- Hon.Col.Sec.,
 Stanley.

STEEL OIL DRUMS.

With reference to your memo. of the 11th February, 1925, on the subject of making use of the 135 Steel Drums which contained oil for the W/T Station, I beg to inform you that I have consulted the various Managers with regard to shipping whale oil in them from South Georgia and returning them loaded with kerosene and am informed that if these drums were utilised for the shipment of whale oil heavy expense would be entailed to clean them sufficiently well for the re-shipment of kerosene and the expenditure in return for the use of the drums would not be warranted.

The Compania Argentina de Pesca are prepared to ship these drums to England free of freight subject to their being immune from Harbour Dues in respect of them on their discharge in the United Kingdom.

There are approximately 25 Drums available for immediate shipment.

(Signed) E. B. BINNIE.
 Magistrate.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 35.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

20th July, 1926.

Sir,

Six copies.

I have the honour to transmit to you the Treasurer's report on the finances of the Colony and the Dependencies for the year 1925, together with the usual returns.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

474/25.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 84.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

20th July, 1926.

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 December, 1925.

Six copies.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 85.GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY.

20th July, 1926.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit
herewith six copies of the Report on
Education in the Colony for the year
1925.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

216/26.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 86.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

20th July, 1926.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit
six copies of the Annual Report on the
Accounts of the Commissioners of Currency
for the year 1925.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

Humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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254/26.

No. 87.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

22nd July, 1926.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith twenty-one copies of the Annual Medical and Sanitary Report of the Colony for the year 1925.

2. During the winter of the year under review, sickness was more than usually prevalent throughout the Colony. An epidemic of measles occurred in June and lasted until the end of August. The energetic measures taken by the medical staff to restrict the progress of the disease did much to reduce its severity, and it is satisfactory to be able to record that only one death resulted.

3. Good progress was made during the year in the works for the improvement of the sanitation of Stanley, which have been referred to in earlier reports. The work carried out in connection with the provision of a water supply included the excavation of the reservoir and the construction of a concrete dam through its centre. The dam and filter at the source of the supply were completed and a considerable portion of the pipe line connecting with the reservoir and of the town mains was laid.

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It is anticipated that the whole of the capital works in connection with the water supply will be completed early in 1927.

4. It was not found possible to commence operations on the construction of the sealed drainage system which forms part of the scheme, until November last, but good progress was made with the work during the few remaining weeks of the year. One of the three cast iron sewer outfalls to be constructed was completed and a portion of the drain to be run along the main street was laid. It is hoped to complete the work on the main system during the current year.

5. With regard to the provision of electric lighting for the operating theatre at the King Edward Memorial Hospital, of which mention was made by Sir John Middleton in his despatch No. 66 of the 30th May, 1925, the emergency lighting equipment obtained for this purpose did not arrive in the Colony until November and it was not found possible to install it before the close of the year. It has since been installed and is now in use.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

296/26.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 88.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

6th August 1926.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit
herewith six copies of regulations, made
under Section 1 of the Savings Bank
Ordinance, 1888, amending Section 10 of
the Savings Bank Regulations of the 1st
of March, 1916.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

270/26.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 89.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

12th August, 1926.

Sir,

With reference to your Circular despatch of the 9th of March, I have the honour to inform you that there is no objection to the inclusion of this Government in the International Convention for the Suppression of and Traffic in Obscene Publications, signed at Geneva on the 12th of September, 1925.

2. In the case of this Colony, rogatory commissions relating to offences falling under the Convention should be transmitted through the diplomatic or consular representative of the Government making the request in the country to which the request is made. The local authority designated to correspond direct with the central authorities of other countries for the purpose of giving effect to the provisions of Article 6 of the Convention is the Chief Constable.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

138/26.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

No. 90.

STANLEY.

31st August, 1926.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that recent importations of stock into this Colony have shown that the accommodation at the Animal Quarantine Station in Stanley is inadequate for present day requirements. The Station, which was erected over 25 years ago, is situated on a small isolated plot of land on a bluff to the west of the town, and the unsuitability and inconvenience of the site has for long been apparent. It comprises an area of half an acre only, and in view of its location is incapable of expansion, whilst its position at the further end of the town from the usual landing stages is a great drawback and necessitates animals being driven through the town itself.

2. On the recommendation of the Chief Inspector of Stock a more suitable site in every way has been selected on the eastern outskirts of Stanley, and within 200 yards of the Sanitary Jetty which will form a very convenient landing stage. An area of at least 2 acres is required for the establishment of a satisfactory Station, and the selected site affords ample scope for this, as well as for any/

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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any extension which may prove necessary in the
 and future. incidental expenses, are estimated
 to cost not 3. The bluff to the west of the town,
 on which the existing Quarantine Station stands
 is the highest land on the foreshore in the
 immediate vicinity of Stanley, and possesses the
 additional advantage of being conspicuous both
 from the town itself and from the harbour. As
 a site for a monument there is no better in the
 neighbourhood, and accordingly Sir John Middle-
 ton granted permission to the Falkland Islands
 Battle Memorial Committee to erect thereon a
 handsome granite obelisk which forms part of the
 Memorial Scheme being carried out and defrayed
 from funds collected by public subscription to
 commemorate the victory over the German Fleet in
 December, 1914. The work of erection of this
 monument is now in progress and in due course a
 full report regarding the Falkland Islands Battle
 Memorial will be forwarded to you.

4. In connection with improvements to
 the amenities of the monument site the Memorial
 Committee undertook to remove and re-erect the
 Quarantine Station building on the new site free
 of cost to the Government. Several necessary
 improvements to the building, provision of a new
 sheep dip, fencing in of the much larger area

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and other incidental expenses, are estimated to cost not more than £200. In order that this additional work may proceed concurrently with that of the removal and re-erection of the building, and in anticipation of your approval I have issued a Special Warrant for this amount, and would now ask for your covering sanction for the expenditure.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

480/25.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 91.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

9th September, 1926.

Sir,

uplicate.

I have the honour to submit, for your approval, copies of Supplementary Estimate of Expenditure, (No. 3 of 1925) voted at a meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 8th of September, 1926.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 92.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

9th September, 1926.

Sir,

a triplicate.

I have the honour to submit, for
your approval, copies of Supplementary
Estimate of Expenditure, (No. 1 of 1926)
voted at a meeting of the Legislative
Council held on the 8th of September, 1926.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 93.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

10th September, 1926.

Sir,

~~n duplicate.~~

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 1925, incurred during the quarter ended the 31st of December, 1925.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 94.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

10th September, 1926.

Sir,

duplicate.

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 1926, incurred during the quarter ended the 31st of March, 1926.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 95.GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY.

11th September, 1926.

Sir,

x copies.

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, 1926.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 96.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

11th September, 1926.

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
25th of November, 1925.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

No. 97.

STANLEY.

11th September, 1926.

with a copy of Dr. Stanley's memorandum was transmitted to the Magistrate at Stanley for his observations, and with instructions that he should consult Messrs. Salvage's Manager, Mr. Hansen, as recommended by Dr. Kemp. A reply has just been received from Mr. Binnie, and a copy is

Sir,

With reference to your despatch No. 65 of the 28th of May, 1925, transmitting a copy of a letter, with enclosures from the British Museum (Natural History) asking for the assistance of the Colonial Office in obtaining specimens of Southern Whales for the purpose of improving their collection of Southern Cetacea, I have the honour to inform you that immediately upon its receipt reference was made to the Acting Government Naturalist for an expression of his views on the question. A copy of a memorandum from Mr. A. G. Bennett is annexed.

2. Thereafter, the arrival of the R.R.S. "Discovery" was awaited in order that the matter might be discussed with the Director of Research in accordance with your suggestion. Sir John Middleton duly took the opportunity of consulting Dr. Kemp in April last, and I attach a copy of a memorandum by the latter. As you are aware the "Discovery" did not visit Stanley prior to proceeding to South Georgia as was intended originally.

3. A copy of your despatch under reference,

together/

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

7th June, 1925.
Enclosure III.

7th Aug. 1925.
Enclosure I.

28th April 1926.
Enclosure II.

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together with a copy of Dr. Kemp's memorandum was transmitted to the Magistrate at South Georgia for his observations, and with instructions that he should consult Messrs. Salvesen's Manager, Mr. Hansen, as recommended by Dr. Kemp. A reply has just been received from Mr. Binnie, and a copy is annexed.

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sure III.

4. It will be observed from the enclosures to this despatch that no serious difficulty is contemplated in giving effect to the wishes of the British Museum authorities, although it is clear that the work must necessarily be undertaken gradually, and limited to the collection of a few specimens each season. It is somewhat unfortunate that Mr. Binnie has been unable to obtain any estimate of the probable cost, but in view of what is stated in the final paragraph of his memorandum Messrs. Salvesen should be in a position now to furnish the desired information.

5. The first opportunity will be taken to approach some of the Whaling Companies operating at the South Shetlands regarding specimens of the Lesser Rorqual.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

ENCLOSURE NO. 1 TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH
No. 97 of the 11th of September, 1926.

5. I cannot suggest anything like the cost for the work, for the conditions would vary from time to time. It is certainly interesting to know that the British Museum contemplate such great improvements in the right way.

2. Paras. 5 & 6 of Sir S. F. Harmer's letter rather puts a stumbling block in the way, for although most, if not all, the skeletons could be procured in a roughly prepared way, the actual cleaning, labelling and packing will absorb quite an amount of money.

3. These skeletons are most ponderous things and would require quite a large number of men to get through the work, supervised by at least one man constantly present to do the labels and see that nothing was lost, and who had some knowledge of what was wanted. It would be quite useless to leave the whole thing to the whaling people, because bits would certainly vanish. - I am aware of a bad case.

4. I cannot see how the bones are to be thoroughly cleaned on a whaling station at all. Bones of whales continue to exude oil for several years. (Two skulls have been in the Dockyard for 16 months and are not free from oil).

5. It would be necessary to have this work performed at a land station. A floating factory is quite out of the question except for Hyperoodon - a small whale that undoubtedly visits South Orkneys - and L. Rorqual at South Shetlands.

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6. I cannot suggest anything like the cost for the work, for the conditions would vary from time to time to an unknown extent. Further, the Whaling Managers would give material help if approached in the right way.

7. It is not a single skull or skeleton that is asked for, but a series of each species. A minimum of a series in most other branches of Natural History specimens is six. It is therefore, patent that this work will be of long duration, and of a gigantic nature.

8. The only solution I see to this work, if put in hand, is to put the collection into the hands of one man, giving him a fairly free hand to make the best of circumstances. I would suggest as the best plan I can at present see :-

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|-----|-----------------------------|--|
| {a} | Procure at S. Shetlands ... | Lesser Rorqual. |
| {b} | " " S. Orkneys | |
| | if possible | Hyperoodon - form of Bottle-nose, not "Berardius". |
| {c} | Procure at S. Shetlands ... | Right Whale. |
| {d} | " " S. Georgia | all the others - including (c) if opportunity offered. |

South Georgia is par excellent the spot for Sei Whale. after the Falklands. Clean as much meat as possible from the bones, without damage to the bones themselves, roughly dry, label and case up, and at the end of the summer ship these cases to a sandy place, warm temperature and much sunshine. Walfish Bay, S.A., or Ascension Island would in my mind be

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best, always providing the residents did not object. The warmth and sun would cleanse the bones most rapidly and the improved climatic conditions would allow of continuous work the whole winter.

9. It can be understood that such a mass of rotting whale matter cannot be laid out in South Kensington, I believe they had sufficient with the small whales recently sent from here.

What process does Sir S. F. Harmer suggest please in la Mammals, Part II.

(Signed) A. G. BENNETT.

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Ag. Nat.

through the co-operation of the whaling factories, and I suggest that Mr. Hansen, at Lening, in South Georgia, be first consulted. He should be sent a copy of the memorandum attached to Sir Sidney Harmer's letter and asked if he could assist us by obtaining one large complete skeleton and two or three additional skulls of one or more of the following species:-

Side Whale, Fin Whale, Humpback.

If he is prepared to help us he should be asked for an estimate of the cost of a given amount of material, including if possible transport charges by direct boat to any port in the United Kingdom.

If he agrees to assist us he will need a licence to take such Humpbacks as are required for the purpose, while one of the scientific staff at

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ENCLOSURE NO. II TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH
No. 97 of the 11th of September, 1926.

the Marine Station could go to Leith to

We should certainly do all we can to obtain specimens for the British Museum and, as Sir Sidney Harner has remarked, the formation of a good collection of Southern Whales in London will be of real value to the "Discovery" Expedition.

Mr. Bennett is perhaps making rather too much of the difficulties. It is only necessary to clean the bones sufficiently to allow of their transport to England and it is evident that only a few specimens can be obtained each season.

The specimens obviously cannot be prepared except through the co-operation of the Managers of whaling factories, and I suggest that Mr. Hansen, at Leith, in South Georgia, be first consulted. He should be sent a copy of the memorandum attached to Sir Sidney Harner's letter and asked if he could assist us by obtaining one large complete skeleton and two or three additional skulls of one or more of the following species :-

Blue Whale, Fin Whale, Humpback.

If he is prepared to help us he should be asked for an estimate of the cost of a given amount of material, including if possible transport charges by direct boat to any port in the United Kingdom.

If he agrees to assist us he will need a licence to take such Humpbacks as are required for the purpose, while one of the scientific staff at

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(Signed) J. S. ...

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the Marine Station could go to Leith to label the bones properly and see that the instructions in the memorandum are properly carried out. It will be noticed that the flippers are to be sent entire, with skin on; it will be necessary to salt them down and pack them in large crates or cases.

In the same way, if opportunity offers, application may be made to the Manager of one of the floating factories at the South Shetlands for a similar set of specimens of the Lesser Porqual (Minke).

This will be quite enough to attempt in a single season. The Acting Government Naturalist should, however, have a copy of the papers so that if opportunity occurs of getting specimens of a rare species (such as Hyperoodon) it may not be lost.

(Intld) S.K.
28.4.26.

I have spoken with Mr. Hansen and he is prepared to do all possible to assist in obtaining the best specimens and will place anything at Government's disposal, but he is of opinion that the Government should write Messrs. Salvesen who would be in a better position to supply most. Mr. Hansen also informed me when he left the Dependencies that he would discuss the matter at length with Mr. Salvesen on his arrival in the United Kingdom so that he would be able to give a decision in the interim.

(Signed) E. S. ...
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ENCLOSURE NO. III TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH
No. 97 of the 11th of September, 1926.

7th June, 1926.

Reference to Specimens of Southern Whales.

With reference to question referred to in your minute of the 7th May, 1926, in D.81/26. I have duly considered the matter under review and see no obstacle in the way of obtaining complete specimens of all whales mentioned. The chief difficulty would be the handling of the skull and skeleton of the Blue Whale which I am of opinion may be overcome.

It would be as well to allow the Company to use the spare catcher for taking the specimens so as to lessen the expense involved, as it is considered that about twelve barrels of oil may be obtained from the vertebrae of a Blue Whale and if the whales taken by ordinary licensed catchers were used as specimens it would result in unnecessary heavy expenditure.

I have spoken with Mr. Hansen and he is prepared to do all possible to assist in obtaining the best specimens and will place anything at Government's disposal, but he is of opinion that the Government should write Messrs. Salvesen who would be in a better position to state cost. Mr. Hansen also informed me when he left the Dependency that he would discuss the matter at length with Mr. Salvesen on his arrival in the United Kingdom so that he would be able to give a decision in the matter.

(Signed) E.B. Binnie.
Magistrate.

396/26.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 98.GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY.

12th September, 1926.

Sir,

With reference to your Circular despatch of the 22nd of April, relating to the notes exchanged between the United Kingdom and Albania respecting the commercial relations between the two countries, I have the honour to inform you that it is desired by this Government that notice of its accession to the arrangement should be given.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 99.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

13th September, 1926.

Sir,

With reference to your Circular despatch of the 15th of May, I have the honour to inform you that there is no objection to the Convention between the United Kingdom and the Czechoslovak Republic, respecting Legal Proceedings in Civil and Commercial matters, being extended to the territory under this administration. The particulars supplied in the cases of the Anglo-French and the Anglo-Belgian Conventions as to the designation of the local authority to whom judicial and extra-judicial acts and "commissions rogatoires" should be transmitted, and the language in which communications and translations should be made, are equally applicable to the present convention.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

120/26.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

No. 100.

STANLEY.

14th September, 1926.

not visited during 1925-1926.

5. In my telegram of the 30th of July, I informed you that until such time as the "Afterglow" was in a position to resume her patrol duties, I had considered it advisable to re-establish a guard of Elephant Jason, to protect the rookery against poachers.

Sir,

With reference to Sir John Middleton's despatch No. 74 of the 1st of July, 1925, I have the honour to submit the following report on the condition of the Fur Seal herds for the breeding season 1925-1926.

2. A visit of inspection was paid to Elephant Jason Island by H.M.C.S. "Afterglow" on the 26th of January and a count made then by the Master and crew of that vessel gave a total of 3000 pups; this is an increase of over 1000 on the pups counted in January 1925.

3. On the 2nd of February a landing was made from the "Afterglow" on Volunteer Rocks, but unfortunately conditions were unfavourable, and the Master in his report states that many pups took to the water with their mothers before any estimate of their numbers could be made, but that in his opinion there was a great increase since the previous season. Actually, 47 pups were counted, and 10 branded. At Elephant Jason, the opportunity was taken to brand 47 pups.

4. Bird Island and Beauchene Island were

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NO. 100 OF THE 14th OF SEPTEMBER, 1926.

not visited during 1925-1926.

5. In my telegram of the 20th of July, I informed you that until such time as the "Afterglow" was in a position to resume her patrol duties, I had considered it advisable to re-establish a guard on Elephant Jason, to protect the rookery against poachers. The presence in local waters at that particular time of a number of alien schooners made this precautionary measure very necessary.

6. The despatch of the guard to Jason Islands by the s.s. "Fleurus" in June afforded an opportunity for the Acting Government Naturalist to pay a brief visit to the Fur Seal Rookery there. I attach a copy of a report by Mr. A. G. Bennett, together with a copy of a memorandum submitted by that officer furnishing his observations on the Fur Seal stock of the Falkland Islands based on the number of pups counted during the last breeding season.

28th June '26.

27th Aug. '26.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

From the above it is evident that the stock is increasing in a satisfactory manner.

(Signed)

A. E. Beattie

Ag. Government

27.8.26.

ENCLOSURE NO. II TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH

No. 100 of the 14th of September, 1926.

OBSERVATIONS ON THE FUR-SEAL STOCK
OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS ESTIMATED FROM THE
PUPS COUNTED 1924/5.

28th June, 1926.

On the basis that the known pups of the Fur-seal \times by 3.16 gives the stock including the pups (Pribiloff Isd. Report U.S.A.) the following estimate is arrived at :-

JASON ISLAND.

26.1.26. 3000 pups counted.

VOLUNTEER RKS.

2.2.26. 47 pups counted,
 but many taken to
 the water with
 mothers.

Total pups counted 3047 gives the stock at 9628

From similar, but more extensive counts in 1924/5 8134 seal was the estimate arrived at. This gives an increase of 1494 seals in one year. The counting of the pups was conducted by the Master and crew of H.M.C.S. "Afterglow" in both seasons.

Bird Island, and the Beauchenes were not visited in 1925/6 so that what seals were there, are not taken into account in the present estimate.

I visited the Jason Rookery in June 1926. This is mid-winter when most of the seals would be expected to have assumed a pelagic form of life, and abandoned the rock, still there was a population about the rock in the neighbourhood of 3000 seal.

From the above it is evident that the stock is increasing in a satisfactory manner.

(Signed) A. C. BENNETT.
 Ag. Government Naturalist,
 27.8.26.

To The Honourable
 The Colonial Secretary,
 Stanley.

ENCLOSURE NO. I TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH
No. 100 of the 14th of September. 1926.

Government Naturalist Office,
 Stanley.

28th June, 1926.

Sir,

Following your instructions, I left Stanley in s.s. "Fleurus" on the night of 10th June to visit the Fur-seal rookery at Elephant Jason Island.

2. I beg to submit my report on this rookery herewith.

3. The trip was favoured throughout with excellent sea weather, there was considerable rain and cold, but no wind.

4. We arrived at the island on the 15th. Ideal conditions prevailed, and all items were landed. While this was being done I endeavoured to survey the rookery from the end of the island.

5. The rock inhabited by the Fur-seals is situated about a mile from the main island. Nothing really satisfactory can be seen at this distance even with good glasses. Two large 'pods' of seal occupied the breeding end (N.E.) of the rock, there appeared to be some hundreds in each, and their position was high up. I could see none in the water.

6. At 11 a.m. on the 16th (after a party had been landed from "Fleurus" to assist in gun carrying, and consisting of the crew of that vessel) we sailed down to the rock and partly round it.

To The Honourable
 The Colonial Secretary,
 Stanley.

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From the bridge I had an excellent view of the whole rock at close range. As we steamed very slowly along I made several counts of areas. Owing to the number of gullies, and other irregularities very many seals are obscured from different angles of view. From these counts I estimate that there was not less than 1500 Fur-seal on the rock, and there was a greater number in the water. A very conservative estimate is 3000 seal then on, or in the water, at this rookery.

7. This is the period of winter and the shortest days. It would seem that the first hours of day are devoted to feeding, or it may be the condition of the tide. I saw scarcely a dry seal, and almost all on the rock were close to the water, obviously just come ashore. There was some coming and going in process. Not being the breeding season there is little to tie these animals to the rock. There was no suggestion of panic, in fact I have not before seen Fur-seals so unconcerned as these were. From these observations it is safe to presume that they have not been molested.

8. Possibly these animals range far in the non-breeding portion of the year in search of food, and may be absent for long periods, this is known to be the case with the northern seals.

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9. The semi-albino, cream-coloured female was on the rock.

10. It was not possible to land there, as there was no one left on board to lower or pull a boat, all being employed ashore with the gun. Probably most of the seals would have left the rock on the approach of a boat and no good purpose would have resulted other than the shooting of the five Sea-lions seen. This number are scarcely worth troubling about. An absolute calm prevailed, a most unusual condition at this oceanic rock.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) A. G. BENNETT.

Ag. Government Naturalist.

299/26.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 101.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

15th September, 1926.

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 1926, entitled "An Ordinance to legalize certain payments made in the year One thousand Nine hundred and Twenty-five in excess of the expenditure sanctioned by Ordinance No. 5 of 1924.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

419/25.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 102.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

16th September, 1926.

Sir,

With reference to Sir John Middleton's despatch No. 60 of the 8th of May, I have the honour to report that the expenditure which has been brought to account to date in connection with the improvement of the Stanley Wireless Station amounts to £6055. A final settlement of all charges in respect of this work has not yet been effected, but it may be anticipated that the total cost of reconditioning the Station will approach the sum of £6200.

2. The excess of £500 over the approved estimate of £5700 is attributable mainly to insufficient provision having been made for freight and delivery charges on materials and for the cost of enlarging the building at the Station for the accommodation of the new plant. The actual expenditure incurred in connection with these items exceeded the estimated expenditure by £202.9.4 and £152.14.8 respectively.

3. In addition to these increases it has
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been necessary to provide for the payment of £50 which Sir John Middleton, in his despatch under reference recommended should be made to Mr. Lash for his services in planning and conducting the work of installing the plant, and for the sum of £49.19.6 which has been paid in respect of overtime work to the members of the operating staff who assisted Mr. Lash. I have also allowed in the provision made, a margin sufficient to cover any further minor items of expenditure which may fall due to be defrayed during the current year.

4. I would request your covering approval for the expenditure of a sum not exceeding £500 in excess of the sum of £5700 already authorized for this work, and for the allocation of this expenditure in equal shares between the Colony and the Dependencies.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

791/22.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 103.GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY.

16th September, 1926.

Sir,

With reference to your despatch No. 136 of the 30th of September, 1925, I have the honour to transmit, for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure, two authenticated and twelve printed copies of Ordinance No. 2 of 1926 entitled "An Ordinance to repeal and replace Ordinance No. 2 of 1903 as amended by Ordinance No. 7 of 1913 relating to Patents for Inventions, registration of Designs, and of Trade Marks".

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE, 104

No. 104.

STANLEY.

22nd September, 1926.

Estimate of quantities of each of the substances covered by the Geneva Convention, to be imported into the Falkland Islands, for medical purposes during the year 1927.

Sir,

With reference to your Circular despatch of the 12th of June, 1925, and in accordance with the requirements of Article 21 of the Geneva Drugs Convention, 1925, I have the honour to transmit an estimate of the quantities of each of the substances covered by the Convention to be imported into the territory under this administration for medical purposes during the year 1927.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH NO. 104
of the 22nd of September, 1926.

Estimate of the quantities of each of the
substances, covered by the Geneva Drugs
Convention, 1925, to be imported into the
Colony of the Falkland Islands, for medical
purposes, during the year 1927.

<u>ARTICLE.</u>	<u>QUANTITY.</u>
Cocainae Hydrochlor gr.2....	1000 Tablets
Tr.Chlorof. et Morph. Co....	6-lbs.
Lin.Opii.....	6-lbs.
Troch Krameria et Cocainae	4-lbs.
Morphinae Muriatica gr.1/6	1000 Tablets
2., 2., 2.	100 Tablets
Tr. Opii.....	5002-grs.
Liq.Morph.Hydrochlor.....	624-grs.
Syr.Papaverinae	10-lbs.
Lamellae Cocainae Hyd.....	3 Tubes.
Tubunic (Roche) Omnipon.....	12 Tubes.
Syr.Codein Phos.....	10-lbs.
Morph. Suppositories gr.1/2.	72 suppos.
Ung.Callae o Opio.....	2-lbs.
Suppos. Callae o Opio.....	72 suppos.
Hypoderm.Morph.Sulph.gr.1/4.	7 Tubes.
Menthol & Cocainae Loz.....	1-lb.
Morphine.....	30-grs.
Cocainae	50-grs.
Chloret Cocaic Pulv.....	15-grs.
-do- Tabts. @ 0.01....	120 Tablets
-do- Morphic Steril...	
1/2 amp @ 1 ca.3...	40-amp.
Chloret Morphic Pulv.....	20-grs.
" Scopolannic Steril amp	
1/2 A.L. @ 0.0003.....	12-amp.
Phos. Codeic	40-grs.
Gran.Dioscorid.....	3000 ea.
Novocain Adrenalin	50 pieces.
Morphium Muriaticum 0.01 ...	50 pieces.
Tabl.Novocain (0.1)-Adrenalin	
(0.00025)	50 pieces.
Codeinae Phosphas	40-grs.
Cocainae Hydrochloric	40-grs.
Tabul. Novocaine (0.10) &	
supraren (0.00025).....	500 Tablets
Suppositoria Chloreti Morphio	
(0.01) & extr.belladon (0.02)	
butyr.cacao.(0.50)	200-grs.
Tablette Doinini (0.20) ...	40 Tablets
Cough Pills: Morphii Sulf.0.01	
Codeina Phosphat 0.025 const.	400 pills.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 105.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

24th September, 1926.

Sir,

In duplicate.

I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a Report by Mr. E. B. Binnie, Magistrate, South Georgia, on the whaling operations in that Dependency during the season 1925-26.

2. The total catch was 7819 whales, which constitutes a record for the Dependency, and shews an increase of no less than 2001 whales, as compared with the catch in the previous season. It will be observed, however, that this season's catch shews a preponderance of fin whales, and an appreciable reduction in the number of blue whales.

3. Despite the record number of whales captured, the yield of oil this year amounted to 404,800 barrels only, being a decrease by 1517 barrels in comparison with the preceding year. This decrease is attributed by the Magistrate to the poor condition of the whales found this year; this is a feature which has been commented upon already in connection with the whaling operations in the South Shetlands and South Orkneys. A further possible cause of the decrease in oil production is revealed by an examination of the measurements

Desp. No. 70 of
17th June 1926.

Desp. No. 78 of
6th July 1926.

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

of the captured whales; these shew that an unusually large proportion of immature animals were taken during the season under review. It is a matter for consideration whether if all Whaling Companies could be induced to alter the basis on which bonuses are now granted to their gunners and crews, and make these bonuses payable on the oil production rather than, as at present, on the number of whales captured, it would not tend materially to decrease the number of immature specimens taken each year. This question is at present the subject of correspondence with the Magistrate, South Georgia, and I propose to refer it also to the Director of Research on the return to Grytviken of the R.R.S. "Discovery".

4. The total value of the products of the industry are given by Mr. Binnie as £1,972,689; in 1924/25 the valuation was £2,254,200. The decrease, therefore, is £281,511, and not £381,511 as stated in paragraph 4 of the Report. It will be realised that these valuations are estimated only, and based on figures supplied for Customs purposes by the Whaling Companies themselves at the end of the Season and bear no relation to the market prices eventually realised

5. I would invite attention to paragraph 12 of the Report in which reference is made to

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a suggested extension of the "Close Season" period. This raises a question on which the advice of Dr. Kemp would be very helpful, and I propose in the first instance to take the opportunity when forwarding a copy of Mr. Binnie's Report, to seek his views on the matter.

6. Messrs. Bryde and Dahl will be written to on the subject of the discrepancies in statistics furnished by them.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 106.GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY.

28th September, 1926.

Sir,

in duplicate.

I have the honour to transmit herewith an application for promotion in the Colonial Service from Mr. G. R. L. Brown, Chief Clerk, Colonial Secretary's Office.

2. In recommending this application for favourable consideration, I desire to endorse the opinion of this officer as expressed by Sir John Middleton in paragraph 2 of his minute of the 6th of May last - copy of which is attached to the application form. During the ten months that I have been in the Colony, I have had the greatest possible assistance from Mr. Brown. He has been Officer-in-Charge of the Secretariat for the last four months during which period I have been administering the Government, and in that capacity has rendered valuable service.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

146/25.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 107.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

STANLEY.

8th October, 1926.

Sir,

With reference to your despatch No. 95 of the 14th of July, 1925, I have the honour to transmit two printed copies of the list of the birds of the Falkland Islands and its Dependencies prepared by Mr. A. G. Bennett, Acting Government Naturalist.

2. I would add that six copies of this publication have been sent by Mr. Bennett direct to the Director of the British Museum (Natural History).

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

391/26.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.
No. 108.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY.

15th October, 1926.

Sir,

With reference to your Circular despatch of the 27th of March, 1926, relating to the Convention for the supervision of the International Trade in Arms and Ammunition and in Implements of War, signed at Geneva on the 17th of June, 1925, I have the honour to inform you that there are no special difficulties which would justify the exclusion of the Colony of the Falkland Islands from the application of the provisions and Articles specified in Article 36 of the Convention.

2. I have to express my regret that by reason of postal difficulties a reply in this matter should have been so long delayed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

483/26.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 109.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

15th October, 1926.

*MEMORANDUM TO HONOURABLE MEMBER NO. 109
 OF THE 15th OF OCTOBER, 1926.*

MEMORANDUM

Leave Regulations.

Sir,

With reference to paragraph 3 of your despatch No. 65 of the 12th of July, 1926, I have the honour to forward in accordance with your instructions a memorandum setting out the Regulations as to Leave and to the Grant of Assisted Passages to officers proceeding on leave which are at present in force in this Colony.

In duplicate.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH NO. 109
of the 15th of October, 1926.

MEMORANDUM.

Leave Regulations.

There are no special regulations governing the grant of leave to officers in the service of the Falkland Islands Government. Officers on the permanent establishment are eligible for leave in accordance with Section 7 of the Colonial Regulations, as modified by the concession authorized in Lord Elgin's despatch No. 4 of the 11th of January, 1908, viz. that officers in the service of this Colony may accumulate 4½ months' vacation leave in respect of three consecutive years' service.

Assisted Passages.

Under authority of Mr. Churchill's despatch No. 59 of the 18th of May, 1922, an officer on the permanent establishment who is granted leave of absence after three consecutive years' service is eligible for the grant of half the cost of homeward and outward passages, by the direct route, for himself and his family travelling with him, not exceeding four persons besides the officer himself, and not including either married daughters, or sons over 18 years of age, or, alternatively, if he undertakes to defray the full cost of his passages to England by a less expensive route than by mail steamer, for the full cost of single passages on his return journey.

The above concession is applicable to first

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class passages in the case of officers on the pensionable establishment, the initial salary of whose offices is not less than £300 a year, and to second class passages in the case of other officers, Secretary of State's despatch No. 175 of the 25th of November, 1925.

202/26.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 110.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

15th October, 1926.

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, 1926.

Returns Nos. 1
& 2 in duplicate.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A.E. Beattie.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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FAULKLAND ISLANDS.No. 111.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

18th October, 1926.

Sir,

With reference to your Circular despatch of the 29th of July, 1926, asking that you may be furnished, for the information of the Board of Trade, with information as to whether any restrictions exist on the operation of vessels, whether foreign or British, in the coasting trade of the Falkland Islands, I have the honour to inform you that the position as regards foreign vessels is still the same as set out in Mr. Martin's despatch No. 83 of the 7th of September, 1920, in reply to Lord Milner's Circular despatch of the 26th of May, 1920, and that there are no restrictions in the matter of the participation of British vessels in the coasting trade of the Colony.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

268/26.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

No. 112.

STANLEY.

21st October, 1926.

*Description of Memorial erected to commemorate
the victory of the British Fleet over the German
fleet at the Falkland Islands on 19th December 1914.*

Sir,

With reference to your Circular despatch of the 26th of February, 1926, asking that you may be furnished, for transmission to the Trustees of the Imperial War Museum, with copies of any photographs and/or other records that are available of any war memorials which may have been erected in this Colony, I have the honour to transmit copies of three photographs of the memorial which has been erected at Stanley in commemoration of the naval battle of the Falkland Islands together with a short notice descriptive of the memorial and explanatory of the photographs.

In duplicate.

2. I also enclose a copy of a photograph of the Great War Cross which has been erected on behalf of the Imperial War Graves Commission at the entrance to the cemetery at Stanley.

I have the honour to be,

Sir.

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH No. 112
of the 21st of October, 1926.

Description of Monument erected to commemorate
the victory of Vice Admiral Sir F. C. Doveton
Sturdee over Vice Admiral Graf von Spee.

"Bristol", "Canopus" and "Macedonia".
 A monument, built of Cornish granite, to commemorate the great victory of the British squadron in the Battle of the Falkland Islands, fought on the 8th of December, 1914, has been erected overlooking the harbour of Port Stanley, Falkland Islands.

The pedestal, which is 35 feet high, has a base 22 feet square composed of three flights of steps.

At the top is a bronze model of one of the long ships, symbolising the beginning of the English Navy and is a correct representation of a fighting ship of the late 15th century.

Surmounted on the inscription stone is a seven foot Figure of Victory looking in the direction in which the Battle was fought. At the back of the Memorial is a bronze panel symbolising as a whole the constancy of the Navy in Life and Death. It consists of piled up shells surmounted by a lifebelt symbolical of Life and Death, with a wheel and compass representing the keeping of a straight course, and a Sceptre suspended at the bottom of the panel representing the sovereignty of the seas. On either side are bronze panels representing Peace and War respectively showing the ships which took part in the Battle under the command of the late Vice Admiral Sir F. C. Doveton

Sturdee/

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Sturdee, viz. "Invincible", "Inflexible",
"Carnarvon". "Kent", "Cornwall", "Glasgow"
"Bristol", "Canopus" and "Macedonia".

Schedule of enclosed photographs.

- (1) View of the Falkland Islands Battle Memorial looking West, showing Figure of Victory looking towards the direction in which the Battle was fought.
 - (11) View of the Falkland Islands Battle Memorial looking East showing the bronze panel depicting the constancy of the British Navy, with Port Stanley in the background.
 - (111) View of the Falkland Islands Battle Memorial looking North West.
 - (IV) View of the Great War Cross, supplied by the Imperial War Graves Commission, and erected at the entrance to the Cemetery in Port Stanley.
(This Memorial is built of Stancliffe stone standing 18 feet high).
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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 113.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

23rd October, 1926.

Sedgwick, Learner in the Printing Office, with the salary at the rate of £165 per annum as from the 22nd of March, 1927. Mr. Sedgwick has served

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the three years' agreement with Mr. P. V. Spendlove, Assistant Printer, terminates on the 7th of November, 1926, and that I do not propose to continue his service under this Government after that date. I have granted Mr. Spendlove on the termination of his agreement four and a half months' leave with full salary from the 7th of November, 1926, to the 21st of March, 1927, inclusive.

2. It will be necessary to fill the office of Assistant Printer, which will thus fall vacant on the 22nd of March, 1927. As you are aware, the salary of the office is £165 per annum and is provided under Head III of the Estimates of the Expenditure "Colonial Secretary".

3. To fill the vacancy I submit for your approval in accordance with the provisions of Colonial Regulation 31 the appointment, on probation for a period of six months, of Mr. Henry

Sedgwick/

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Sedgwick, Learner in the Printing Office, with the salary at the rate of £165 per annum as from the 22nd of March, 1927. Mr. Sedgwick has served as Learner for over five years and is recommended for promotion by the Head Printer as having given every satisfaction during this period.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

SECRETARY OF
HONOURABLE
M. S. AMERY

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 114.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

26th October, 1926.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt on the 19th of July, 1926, of your Circular (2) despatch of the 26th of March, 1926, transmitting copies of a pamphlet relative to the new wireless station at Rugby and to the British Official News Service.

2. In accordance with your instructions I enclose copies of two reports, dated the 19th of August and the 2nd of October, 1926, from the Acting Operator-in-Charge of the Stanley wireless telegraph station in regard to the extent to which messages from Rugby are received at Stanley. It will be seen that some difficulty is experienced in this connection on account of atmospheric conditions.

3. I would add that reports received from the wireless telegraph station at Grytviken, South Georgia, state that until recently great difficulty was experienced in the reception of the News Service on account of atmospheric conditions which are frequently/

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frequently bad over considerable periods. Recently, however, the News Service has been received regularly without interruption.

4. I should be glad, however, to defer a fuller report on this matter generally against the arrival of and the assumption of duty by the Superintendent of Telegraphs and Telephones of whose appointment you have approved in accordance with the proposals put forward in my despatch No. 67 of the 27th of May, 1926. In present circumstances the lack of expert supervision and advice makes it impossible for me in any way to verify the technical reports submitted by the operators at the wireless telegraph stations.

5. From the practical point of view the British Official News Service is received at Stanley in whole or in part on two days out of every three and is a boon greatly appreciated in this distant Colony. It is disseminated so far as is possible by its re-transmission in a condensed form to the local wireless station at Fox Bay on the West Falkland whence it is telephoned to the outlying farm settlements, and also in Stanley by the display of typewritten copies on the public notice boards. Arrangements have been made with the editor to publish extracts in the "Falkland Islands Magazine and Church

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Paper" within the limits of its available space. This magazine appears monthly and is the only publication of its kind in the Colony; there is no local newspaper published.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

ENCLOSURE No. 1 to FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH
No. 114 of the 26th of October, 1926.

W/T Station,
Stanley.

2nd Oct., 1926.

W/t. Station,
Stanley.

Sir,

19th August, 1926.

I have the honour to forward herewith the following report on the reception of signals from the Rugby W/T Station during the past month.

With the exception of three days -- 17th and 30th -- signals of moderate strength.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Minute of 17th August, and to return herewith the pamphlet concerning the Rugby Wireless station.

Every effort has been made to receive the press messages from the Rugby station daily, but, I regret it is impossible to copy the press (words once) under all conditions. Many press messages sent would have been read had words been sent twice.

Signals from Rugby are very strong here, but we are not able to eliminate atmospheric troubles without weakening signal strength in proportion.

Our receiver consists of a "Type 66" Marconi tuner with "Type A G 2" amplifying model, and a separate Heterodyne is used.

I am,
Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) A. MEECE.

Ag. Cpr-in-Charge.

Ag. Operator-in-charge.

Colonial Postmaster,
STANLEY.

ENCLOSURE No. II to FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH
No. 114 of the 26th of October, 1926.

W/T Station,
 Stanley.

2nd Oct., 1926.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith the following report on the reception of signals from the Rugby W/T Station during the past month.

With the exception of three days -- 17th 22nd and 30th -- signals of moderate strength. The maximum strength for signals being R10 I should estimate signals from Rugby as being from R6 to R7. Signals were not always superior in strength to atmospherics which were plentiful during the whole month.

On nine different days reception was impossible owing to bad atmospheric conditions. Signals during six of these days were of normal strength but at times they were inaudible through atmospherics.

Notably on the 21st of September atmospherics were strong and continuous but signals were maximum strength on this occasion and the press message was copied.

A Marconi Amplifier type AG2 with Tuner type 66 is used for receiving press. A separate Heterodyne type HCl is also used.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) A. MERCER.

Ag. Operator-in-charge.

The Colonial Postmaster,
 STANLEY.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 115.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

27th October, 1926.

to the credit of a certain Mr. H. J. Howell. This latter sum has been paid to Mr. Howell and the amount of the deficiency has been debited

Sir, With reference to previous correspondence relative to the deficiency amounting in all to £594.11s.7d which was detected in the Treasury accounts by the annual board of survey at the close of the financial year 1925 and in the course of the subsequent enquiry, I have the honour to inform you that it has not been possible to recover any monies against the amount deficient and that it is not considered practicable in the very difficult circumstances caused to present a claim for loss sustained in this connection to the Guarantee Society Limited with which Society, as you are doubtless aware, such public officers in the service of the Colony as are required to give security for the faithful performances of their duties are secured.

2. The total amount of £594.11s.7d is made up of two parts, the major part or £567.5s.7d being purely Government monies and the balance being on deposit in the Government Savings Bank

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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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to the credit of a certain Mr. H. J. Rowsell. This latter sum has been paid to Mr. Rowsell and the total amount of the deficiency has been debited provisionally to a new subhead under Head X of the Expenditure "Treasury Deficiency".

3. In view of the provisions of Colonial Regulation 311 I have to ask your approval to write off as a loss the sum of £594.11s.7d and to charge it in the manner proposed. In the event of your approval I should be glad if I could be notified by telegram in order to facilitate the closing of the Colony's accounts at the end of the year. The necessary sanction of the Legislature to this procedure, if sanctioned by you, will be sought in due course.

I have the honour to be.

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 116.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

9th November, 1926.

Sir,

With reference to your despatch No. 71 of the 23rd of August, 1924, I have the honour to transmit a certificate in respect of five weeks' leave on full salary which I have granted to Mr. H. E. Prickett on the completion of his agreement as Engineer Operator of the Wireless Station, South Georgia.

2. Mr. Prickett left South Georgia for the United Kingdom on the 14th of October, 1926.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

783/25.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 117.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

9th November, 1926.

Sir,

With reference to my despatch No. 113 of the 23rd of October, I have the honour to transmit a certificate in respect of four and a half months' leave on full salary which I have granted to Mr. P. V. Spendlove on the termination of his service with this Government as Assistant Printer.

2. Mr. Spendlove left the Colony for the United Kingdom by the "Oropesa" on the 4th of November.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

539/26.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 118.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

9th November, 1926.

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 8th of September, 1926.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

332/26.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 119.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

9th November, 1926.

Sir,

In triplicate.

I have the honour to submit, for your approval, copies of Supplementary Estimate of Expenditure, (No. 2 of 1926) voted at a meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 9th of November, 1926.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

PACIFIC ISLANDS.No. 120.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

10th November, 1926.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit, for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure, two authenticated and ten printed copies of Ordinance No. 3 of 1926, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the service of the year 1927".

2. I enclose six copies of the printed Estimates of the Revenue and the Expenditure of the Colony and its Dependencies for the year 1927 as passed by the Legislative Council at a meeting of the Council held on the 9th of November, 1926, together with a detailed memorandum setting out the financial position of the Colony and its Dependencies as estimated at the end of 1926 and explaining any additions and alterations which have been introduced in the Estimates for 1927. It will be seen that the working of the current year hitherto presents few features which call for comment and that the actual results have been generally in accordance with anticipation.

3. I would state at the outset that I have thought it proper for me in the absence on leave to

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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later date to seek your authority, subject to the Sir John Middleton to put forward any considerable innovation or to deviate in any essential from established practice in this Colony except in a case where an instruction has been received from you, or an intention has been previously signified by Sir John Middleton to such effect.

4. You will observe that a new Head both of the Revenue and of the Expenditure has been inserted in respect of the department of Telegraphs and Telephones which will be constituted as a separate department from the Post Office consequent on the proposal made in Sir John Middleton's despatch No. 67 of the 27th of May, 1926, and approved by your despatch No. 76 of the 16th of August, 1926.

5. The progress of the work to be executed under Appendix I of the Estimate of the Expenditure on the Stanley Improvement Scheme has been most satisfactory during the year and the improvements contemplated should be completed early in 1928. It is unfortunate that the work in connection with the establishment of the experimental farm under Appendix II has been retarded in some degree by the delay in the arrival of a Farm Manager; information has now been received, however, that the person selected, together with the Farm Hand, is due to arrive in the Colony from New Zealand on the 11th of November, next. Every effort will be made to expedite progress in this matter during the coming year. I should perhaps take this opportunity to report that unless some modification of the original scheme is adopted it will become necessary at a

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later date to seek your authority, subject to the consent of the Legislative Council, to exceed the original provision of £17,000 under Appendix II for total expenditure on this service on account of the high price payable for sheep and other stock and of the enhanced cost of the construction of the farm houses and buildings. Furthermore the inaccessibility of the site of the Farm has necessitated much heavier expenditure on transport than was foreseen when the original estimate was prepared over two years ago. Until such time, however, as the Farm Manager has had an opportunity of considering the proposed scheme and tendering his expert advice, it would be premature to consider any amendment.

6. The Revenue of the Dependencies to be collected in 1926 shews a big excess, amounting to £38,000, over the original estimate of receipts from duty on whale oil. This excess is due to the exceptionally large number of whales taken and quantity of oil produced. The price realised for whale oil, however, fell below £35 per ton and on the receipt of the instructions contained in your telegram of the 8th of July, 1926, it was necessary under the provisions of Ordinance No. 7 of 1924 to allow a total refund of 2s/- per barrel as against 1s/6d per barrel originally estimated. In consequence an excess, amounting to £26,000, has been incurred under the subhead "11. Refund of Customs Duties" of the Expenditure. The Estimate of the Revenue from this source in 1927 has been/

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Inspection been framed on the basis of an anticipated catch larger than in years previous to 1926 but not so large as in that year; the rate of refund chargeable against the Expenditure has been estimated at 2s/- per barrel.

7. With reference to paragraph 8 of Sir John Middleton's despatch No. 116 of the 16th of November, 1925, transmitting the Draft Estimates for 1926, it is proposed to continue in 1927 in similar circumstances to those prevailing in 1926 the arrangement by which the allowance payable to Mr. A. G. Bennett as Acting Government Naturalist is chargeable to Dependencies' funds for so long as he may be engaged on work connected directly with the whaling industry. When this work is completed he will again be paid from Colony's funds and the necessary provision has also been included under Head XIII "Scientific Department".

8. I have to report more specifically the following additions and alterations under Person Emoluments which have been made and which have not previously received your sanction. A full explanation is given in each instance under the relative Head in paragraph 9 of the memorandum dealing with the Estimate of the Expenditure for 1927 :-

THE COLONY.

Head IX.

Personal to Mr. D. J. O'Sullivan .. £20 per annum
(new item)

Head X. /

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MEMORANDUM TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COLONY
of the 10th of THE COLONY (Contd).

Head 1.

Inspector of Nuisances ... £50 vice £33 per annum.
Junior Nurses, 2 at... ... £48 - £6 - £66 per annum.
(new item).

THE DEPENDENCIES.

South Shetlands.

Whaling Officer... ... £175 vice £150.

9. In conclusion, I would observe that while no measure has been taken in the circumstances explained above to appropriate further monies from the Surplus Balances of the Colony for expenditure in 1927, certain new matters, such as the construction of additional quarters for Government officials and improvement of inter-insular communications, are receiving careful consideration and that it is hoped that it may shortly become possible to formulate proposals for execution against a provision from this source.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH No. 120of the 10th of November, 1926.MEMORANDUM.THE COLONY.

1. The Revenue hitherto collected in 1926 has been satisfactory and it is anticipated that at the end of the year it will amount under Ordinary Heads to £45,353 or more by £1,963 than the original estimate of £45,390 and from All Sources to £53,142 or more by £2,158 than the original estimate of £50,984. The increase thus anticipated is due to increased receipts under Head I "Customs", under the subhead "Import on Spirits" of which Head an increase of £1,200 is anticipated by reason of larger importation during the year and under Head 5 "Interest", under the subhead "3. Bank Deposits etc. etc." of which Head the interest earned on floating balances in England is estimated to realize more by £1,000 than the original estimate on account of under-estimation in previous years and in 1926. Under the remaining Heads the revenue is expected to accrue in approximately the same amounts as originally estimated.

2. The Expenditure in 1926 shows an anticipated increase under Ordinary Expenditure of £1,114 on the original estimate of £36,678, and an anticipated decrease of £1,468 under "Total Expenditure chargeable to Revenue", which includes the Ordinary Expenditure, on the original estimate of £41,208. The increase under Ordinary Expenditure is more than accounted for by an excess of £1,904 estimated to be incurred under Head IV "Miscellaneous" the subheads under which Head "14. Transport" and "21. Re-

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fund of Remittance Charges" are estimated to be exceeded by £500 and £200, respectively, on account of an increased number of passages provided in cases which could not have been foreseen of officials proceeding to the United Kingdom on duty or on termination of appointment, and of an increase in the amount of remittance charges collected in respect of duty on whale oil and in part refunded, respectively. Under this Head unforeseen expenditure has also been incurred under two new subheads "Treasury Deficiency .. £593" and "Investigation of Treasury Accounts .. £245" in the circumstances which have been duly reported to the Secretary of State. The decrease under the Total Expenditure is due to a saving of £2,582 under Head XIX "Public Works Extraordinary" owing to the curtailment of the programme of works on account of the absence on leave of the Colonial Engineer, adverse weather conditions, and the employment of a large number of the departmental personnel on the construction of houses at the Experimental Farm, expenditure on which service is chargeable against the Land Sales Fund under Appendix II to the Estimate of the Expenditure.

3. The revised Total Estimate of the Expenditure chargeable to Revenue in 1926, amounting to £39,740, is less by £5,613 than the revised Estimate of the Revenue from Ordinary Sources; this surplus on the year's working now anticipated to accrue is attributable to the causes stated above and compares most favourably with the surplus of £2,180 originally estimated.

4. The expenditure during 1926 from Surplus Balances and from the Land Sales Fund originally estimated at £22,277 is now estimated at £17,141 only, or a decrease of £5,146. This decrease has been effected despite the

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excess of £782 incurred under the item "Wireless Station, improvement of" of Appendix I to the Estimates of the Expenditure on account of the Colony's share of the increased cost of the work of reconditioning the Wireless Telegraphy Station at Stanley in the circumstances reported to the Secretary of State in despatch No. 102 of the 16th of September, 1926, and is due to reduced expenditure under other subheads of Appendix I, and under Appendix II. Under Appendix I the expenditure under "2. Arroyo Malo Bridge" has been limited to preliminary work only owing to the delay in the supply of material from the United Kingdom and the expenditure under "3. Stanley Improvement Works", which is spread over a period of three years, has been curtailed by the deferment of the construction of the Incinerator estimated to cost £1000 against further consideration and by general savings on the works executed out of the year's provision in itself calculated on a generous basis so as to allow for contingencies, which have not in fact arisen, and under Appendix II the expenditure on the Experimental Farm, which is also spread over a period of three years, has likewise been curtailed owing to the postponement of works such as the construction of stables, cattle and wool shed, and fencing, and of the purchase of implements, for the arrival of the Farm Manager.

5. It is anticipated that the excess of Assets over Liabilities will amount to £227,930 on the 1st of January, 1927, as against £231,669 on the 1st of January, 1926, and that the surplus balances standing to the credit of the general account of the Colony will amount to £23,832 as against £38,178 at the beginning of year.

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When the expenditure of the sum of 29,959 estimated to be incurred during the year from the surplus balances under Appendix I is taken into account it will be seen that the financial position of the Colony is at least as strong at the present time as it was twelve months previously.

6. The Estimate of the Revenue for 1927 has been put at 245,338 from Ordinary Sources and at 252,977 under All Heads. The estimate from ordinary sources is more by 21,948 than the original estimate of 243,390 for 1926 but is less by 215 than the revised estimate; it has not been framed on unduly optimistic lines and should be fully realised during the year. Few changes have been introduced as compared with past practice and any points of interest or importance are treated under the relative Head; it is, however, to be observed that a new Head of the Revenue is inserted for receipts from "Telegraphs and Telephones", which have hitherto been credited under Head VI "Post Office", in order to correspond with the new Head of the Expenditure similarly styled.

7. To comment where necessary on each Head of the Revenue :-

Under Head I "Customs" the estimate is increased from the original estimate in 1926 of 213,435 by 2475 to 213,910 as against the revised estimate in 1926 of 214,465 and the actual revenue in 1925 of 214,288. This increase can safely be anticipated owing to the increased receipts expected to accrue under "Import on Spirits" the estimate under which subhead has been advanced by 2500 to 23000. A slight decrease is anticipated under "Import on Malt."

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Under Head IV "Fees, Fines and Reimbursements" the estimate of £1766 is less by £70 than the original estimate for 1926, but is more by £569 than the revised estimate for 1926, and by £559 than the actual revenue in 1925. It should not be overlooked, however, that under subhead "1. Supreme Court" probate duties accruing to revenue are brought to account; it is impossible to foretell with any degree of accuracy the receipts from this source in any one year and the round figure of £1,000 is again inserted on the basis of the 5 years' average of £1,198 as against the revised estimate under this subhead of £400 in 1926.

Under Head V "Interest" an increase of £1,275 to £11,875 is estimated in 1927 as against the original estimate of £10,600 in 1926; this is more by £225 than the revised estimate in 1926 but as has been stated above is justified in view of actual receipts in previous years when there appears to have been an under-estimation under the subhead "3. Bank Deposit etc. etc."

Under Heads VI "Post Office" and Head VII "Telegraphs and Telephones" the total estimate for 1927 is £22,375 which approximates closely to the original estimate of £22,222 and the revised estimate of £22,215 under the single Head VI "Post Office" in 1926.

Under the remaining Heads of the Revenue no special remark is called for although it is of interest to note that it is hoped that the first receipts, roughly estimated at £50, will be collected from the experimental farm in 1927.

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8. The Estimate of the Total Expenditure chargeable to Revenue is 243,563 or less by 21,775 than the Estimate of the Revenue under Ordinary Heads in 1927. It is more by 22,355 than the original estimate for 1926 and by 23,823 than the revised estimate. The estimate of the Expenditure including expenditure to be met from Surplus Balances and from the Land Sales Fund in 1927 is 256,571 or more by 23,594 only than the Revenue estimated to be collected from All Sources during the year. It is less by 2310 than the revised estimate of the expenditure on all services in 1926, and by 24,759 than the actual expenditure on all services in 1925. The Estimate has been framed on conservative lines with no innovation calling for remark except that the expenditure on "Telegraphs and Telephones" is now shown under a separate Head so entitled instead of under Head V "Post Office" as heretofore; this has been done in accordance with the approval conveyed in the Secretary of State's despatch No. 76 of the 16th of August, 1926. No extraordinary programme of works is proposed, and under Head XIX "Public Works Extraordinary", and Appendix I and Appendix II in connection with the schemes for the Improvement of Stanley and the Establishment of the Experimental Farm, it has been decided simply to seek the vote or re-vote of the Legislative Council in respect of such sums within the authorised limits as are required to complete or continue the works already in hand during the year, or as could not for the reasons above stated be expended during 1926.

9. To comment, where necessary, on the various

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Hheads of the Expenditure :-

Under Head I "Pensions" an unavoidable increase on the original estimate for 1926 of £400 is provided to meet increased obligations under the Pensions Ordinance, 1906.

Under Head III "Colonial Secretary" an additional £198 is provided as against the original estimate of £2,355 in 1926. This is required to meet the payment of the salary of an acting officer whilst the substantive holder of the office of Colonial Secretary is acting as Governor in accordance with the instructions contained in the Secretary of State's despatch No. 61 of the 25th of June, 1926. In regard to the office of "Record Clerk ... £200" it should be explained that subsequent to the resignation of the last holder of this office in January 1926, no substantive appointment has been made and that the duties of the office are being performed in a satisfactory manner by two assistants temporarily engaged and paid out of the savings thereon effected at an annual cost of £186. It is proposed for the present at any rate to continue this arrangement pending further consideration as to a permanent appointment.

Under Heads V "Post Office" and VI "Telegraphs and Telephones" the total expenditure is estimated at £3,364 or an increase of £381 on the estimate for these services of £2,983 in 1926 when it was shown under the one Head V "Post Office". The increase is due to the provision included under Head VI "Telegraphs and Telephones - (a) Personal Emoluments" for a re-organised staff, including a Superintendent of Telegraphs and Telephones in

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accordance with the approved scheme to which reference has been made above.

Under Head VII "Port and Marine" the estimate for 1927 shows an increase of £1,232 to £7,169 as compared with the estimate of £5,937 in 1926. The increase is due to the insertion of a new subhead "Overhaul of Patrol Boat" under which provision is made for an expenditure of £2,600 on repairs to H.M.C.S. "Afterglow" in accordance with the approval conveyed by the Secretary of State's telegram of the 1st of October, 1926. It is anticipated that the Patrol Boat will be laid up for the first six months of the coming year and that it will be feasible accordingly to effect savings approximating to £1000 under "B. Patrol Boat - (a) Personal Emoluments, Deck Hands, Firemen, Steward and Cook, and Assistant to Steward and Cook" and under maintenance items of "(b) Other Charges, Coal, Victualling and Ammunition". The subhead "Overhaul Penguin ... 2260" under "A. Harbour (b) Other Charges" lapses on completion of the service for which it was provided.

Under Head IX "Police and Prisons" the estimate for 1927 is in the total unchanged from the estimate for 1926. It is proposed, however, to grant a personal allowance of £20 per annum to Mr. D.J. O'Sullivan, Chief Constable and Gaoler. Mr. O'Sullivan has acted for some years past as Technical Assistant for telephones in addition to his substantive duties and has received an allowance at the rate of £50 per annum under Head V "Post Office" as shown in the note to the Estimates for 1926 under subhead 10 of that Head. On the appointment of a Superintendent of Telegraphs and Telephones as a substantive/

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substantive officer Mr. O'Sullivan will cease to perform this duty and to receive the allowance and it is desired in this manner partly to compensate him. He has served for over 24 years in the Colony and has drawn the emoluments of the office of Chief Constable and Gaoler at the rate of £200 per annum since the 1st of January, 1923. A corresponding saving of £20 is anticipated under subhead "4. Sub-istence of Prisoners" owing to fewer prisoners.

Under Head X "Medical" the estimate for 1927 shows an increase of £170 to £3556 as compared with the estimate of £3386 in 1926. The increase is due to the increase of the Personal Allowance to Dr. F. G. W. Deane, from £50 to £150 per annum, as approved by the Secretary of State's despatch No. 75 of the 10th of August, 1926, and by the proposed addition to the establishment of the office of "Two Junior Nurses" at £48 by £6 to £54 per annum vice "Two Probationer Nurses" at £36 per annum. This alteration is proposed on the recommendation of the Colonial Surgeon who reports that the two probationer nurses have finished their course of three years' training in the Government Hospital and are fully qualified for permanent appointment to the staff which is moreover necessary in the interests of efficiency. It is also proposed to increase the allowance paid to the Inspector of Nuisances from £35 to £50 per annum in view of the additional duties which will fall on that officer in connection with the scheme for the improvement of the general and sanitary conditions of the town of Stanley. The present holder of this

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post is Mr. D. J. O'Sullivan, Chief Constable and Gaoler, and as is explained above it is desired in this manner also partly to compensate him for the loss of the allowance of £50 per annum hitherto drawn by him under Head V "Post Office" in respect of his services as Technical Assistant for telephones. Under "(b) Other Charges - 8. Uniforms" the provision of £20 is increased to £40 to allow of a grant of £10 per annum towards the cost of uniform being made to the Nurse-Matron and Nurse in accordance with the general practice in other Colonies.

Under Head XIII "Scientific Department" a decrease of £245 is provided as against the estimate for 1926 of £608. This is due to the reduction from the establishment of the "Forest Officer" at £225 with "Horse Allowance" at £18 per annum on the termination of Mr. Reid's engagement and in the circumstances reported in paragraph 5 of Sir John Middleton's despatch No. 116 of the 16th of November, 1925.

Under Head XV "Stock Department" an increase of £80 is provided on the estimate of £1,302 for 1926. This is due to the insertion of a new sub-head "6. Prevention of Animal Disease" under which £100 has been provided to meet expenditure in connection with a suspected outbreak of sheep scab, the necessary measures to combat which are in hand. The subhead "4. Feeding of Government Stock" has been reduced by £150 to £100 owing to a reduction in the number of animals to be kept by Government and of the proposed transference of part of the animals to the Experimental Farm,

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expenditure in connection with which is chargeable under Appendix II.

Under Head XVI "Miscellaneous" an increase of £800 to £3,865 is anticipated as against the estimate of £3,065 in 1926. This increase is attributable mainly to an increase of £300 to £1,500 under the subhead "15. Transport" owing to increased liabilities anticipated, of £140 to £150 under the subhead "16. Currency Expenses" owing to the anticipated need in 1927 of a further supply of £1 Currency notes, and of £110 to £560 under the subhead "22. Refund of Remittance Charges" on account of the anticipated increase in the amount of remittances to be collected in respect of duty on whale oil and in part refunded, as explained in paragraph 2 of this memorandum. An unavoidable increase of £60 is provided under the subhead "20. Maintenance of Prisoners in the United Kingdom" and the amount provided under the subhead "21. Charitable Relief" is advanced by £70 to £100 to meet expenditure in cases of pauperism which show a tendency to increase. A new subhead is inserted "12. Dreadnought Hospital, Greenwich, contribution to" with a provision of £5 in accordance with the desire expressed in the Secretary of State's Miscellaneous despatch of the 4th of August, 1926, and the subhead "13. Colonial Advisory Medical and Sanitary Committee" is increased by £15 to £25 in accordance with the charge for this service allocated to the share of the Colony in the Secretary of State's Circular despatch of the 28th of May, 1926.

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Under XVIII "Public Works Recurrent" £3,200 is provided as against £3,120 in 1926, or an increase of £80 due to the insertion of a new subhead "Upkeep of Motor Lorry .. £120" to meet expenditure in connection with the working of the motor lorry recently purchased for use by the Public Works Department. As a partial set off against this increase a saving of £70 is anticipated under the subhead "6. Upkeep of Carts and Horses". If the motor lorry proves satisfactory it is hoped that it will eventually be practicable to effect a more than equivalent saving under this last subhead.

Under Head XIX "Public Works Extraordinary" £3,800 has been provided as against £4,530 in 1926 or a decrease of £730. As has been explained above no new works of importance are contemplated and the provision inserted is to meet expenditure on works already in hand or of a semi-recurrent nature. In certain instances e.g. under the subhead "9. Officer's Quarters" it has been impossible in the circumstances to start work in 1926 and it is proposed to revoke the provision in 1927. The only specific items calling for remark under this Head are the subhead "2. Improvement of Track leading to Camp" the provision under which is advanced from £100 to £200 in anticipation of further progress in this connection being possible during the year, and the insertion of the new subhead "8. Erection of Garage for Motor Lorries" for the purpose stated.

Under "Appendix I" the expenditure on works chargeable to Surplus Balances is estimated at

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27,700 as against 211,792 in 1926 or a decrease of 24,092. This decrease is due to a reduction in the provision under "3. Stanley Improvement Works" by 24,500 to 26,000: the execution of the scheme, the expenditure on which is, as has been stated above, spread over a period of three years, is nearing completion, and with the reservation of a balance to meet final charges in 1928, the sum of 26,000 inserted exhausts the total amount of the revised estimate of 235,000 for the cost of the whole work. It has not been possible to erect the "Drill Hall for Falkland Islands Defence Force" during 1926, and preliminary expenditure amounting to 2150 only is anticipated up to the end of the year. Owing to the high cost of materials the estimate for this work has been revised and is now set at 21,250; it is proposed to vote the balance of 21,100 for expenditure in 1927. It has similarly been impossible to proceed with the construction of the Arroyo Mulo bridge owing to the non-arrival of the material ordered from the United Kingdom and it is proposed likewise to re-vote the balance of 2600 required to complete this work in 1927.

Under "Appendix II" of the expenditure on the Experimental Farm, chargeable to the Land Sales Fund the amount estimated to be expended up to the 31st of December, 1926, is 29,586 as against the total estimated expenditure of 217,000, to be spread over a period of three years in accordance with the authority conveyed in the Secretary of State's despatch No. 2 of the 5th of January, 1926, leaving an expendable balance of 27,414. Of this balance/

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balance it is proposed to appropriate 25,308 for expenditure in 1927 on the completion of all services under the scheme with the exception of "Maintenance", the outstanding amounts required being voted or revoted within the authorised limits under each item. Under "Maintenance" the annual provision of 21,200 only is included leaving an available balance of 22,106. It should be explained that the savings hitherto effected under this Head have been due to the non-arrival of the Farm Manager and Farm Hand who are now expected from New Zealand on the 11th of November, 1926; such economies on salaries, keep, etc., etc., are, however, only apparent as the Manager and Farm Hand are to be engaged for a period of three years and the full liability under this item will have eventually to be met.

THE DEPENDENCIES.

10. The Revenue collected in 1926 has been most satisfactory and is now estimated to amount to 2180,992 or more by 239,092 than the original estimate of 2141,900. This increase is due to the original estimate under the subhead "(b) Export Duty, 5. Whale and Seal Oil" having been exceeded by 238,000 owing to the exceptionally large quantity of whale oil produced during the 1925-1926 season.

11. The Revised Estimate of the Expenditure, including expenditure under Head II "Public Works Extraordinary", in 1926 is 285,254, or more by 227,619 than the original estimate. This is due

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to the excess incurred under the subhead "11. Refund of Customs Duties" amounting to £26,000 on the original provision of £40,000, attributable in part to an increase in receipts from duty on whale oil referred to in the preceding paragraph and to the consequent increase in the sums to be refunded on this account, and in part to the refund of an additional 6d per barrel in accordance with the instructions contained in the Secretary of State's telegram of the 8th of July, 1926.

12. The Estimate of the Revenue for 1927 is £150,220 or an increase of £8,320 as against the original estimate of £141,900 in 1926, due to an increase of £8,000 under the sub-head "(b) Export Duty 5. Whale and Seal Oil" and to an increase of £150 under each of the two subheads "6. Guano" and "18. Telegrams" on account of anticipated increases in receipts. It will be seen that the estimate has been made on a safe basis and that in the event of the 1926-1927 whaling season proving as productive as its predecessor the receipts from duty on whale oil should again exceed the estimate under the relative subhead. For obvious reasons, however, it has not been considered desirable to frame the estimate on that assumption.

13. The Estimate of the Expenditure in 1927 is £272,360 as against £257,635, including expenditure under Head II "Public Works Extraordinary", in 1926, or an increase of £14,725. This increase is more than accounted for by the increase under the subhead "11. Refund of Customs Duties" of £16,200 anticipated on account of increased receipts consequent on in-

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creased production of whale oil and of correspondingly increased refunds to Whaling Companies, and by the fact that in view of the experience of 1926 and of the Secretary of State's instructions referred to above the rate of refund has been estimated under the provisions of Ordinance No. 7 of 1924 at 2/- per barrel instead of at 1/6d per barrel as originally in 1926. To comment in detail on the several items of the expenditure, where necessary:-

Under "South Shetlands, Whaling Officer"

it is proposed to increase the amount payable by way of an allowance to the officer detailed to perform the duties of whaling officer at the South Shetlands from a lump sum payment of £50 for the whaling season to a monthly rate of £12 for a season of rather more than six months. The increasingly onerous duties falling on the whaling officer justify the proposed increase in the allowance, and it would further seem preferable that the allowance should be payable on the basis proposed. It should be explained that of the total provision of £175 inserted under this subhead vice £160 in 1926, £100 is to meet the salary of the officer normally payable from the funds of the Colony whilst seconded for special duty in the Dependency.

A new subhead "9. Casual Labour" is inserted with a provision of £20 at the request of the Magistrate, South Georgia, to enable him to meet sundry payments of the nature indicated.

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Under "16. Transport Charges" £50 has been provided vice £120 in 1926. The provision appears to have been over-estimated in the past and it is thought that the reduced provision will prove adequate in 1927.

No works are proposed for execution "under Head II Public Works Extraordinary".

14. The estimated excess of the Revenue over the Expenditure in 1927 is £77,860. In accordance with the Dependencies Research and Development Fund Ordinance, 1924, the sum actually accruing by way of such excess will be credited to that Fund in the usual manner during the year.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 121.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

10th November, 1926.

Sir,

With reference to your Circular despatch of the 16th of April, 1926, on the subject of the scheme for the grant of a retiring allowance to nurses, I have the honour to transmit, for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure, two authenticated and ten printed copies of Ordinance No. 5 of 1926, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the grant of a Retiring Allowance to Nurses", which has been enacted in order to place payments of such nature on a statutory footing.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 122.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

10th November, 1926.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 45 of the 22nd of May, 1926, conveying non-disallowance of Ordinance No. 8 of 1925, and desiring at the same time that an amending Ordinance thereto should be introduced in the sense indicated, and to transmit, for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure, two authenticated and ten printed copies of an Ordinance (No. 4 of 1926), which has been enacted accordingly, entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, 1925."

2. Thirty additional copies of this Ordinance are being forwarded under separate cover for transmission to the League of Nations.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 123.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY, through
the Stanley Wireless Telegraphy Station, 10th November, 1926.
is in regular communication with Monte Video,
and which, it is hoped, will eventually be
Sir,

With reference to your despatch, No. 35
of the 6th of April, 1926, on the subject of
the suggestion made by the Brazilian Govern-
ment in regard to the radiotelegraphic trans-
mission of meteorological observations taken
in various islands in accordance with Resolution
34 of the Meteorological Conference held at
Utrecht in 1923, I have the honour to inform
you that the necessary arrangements can and
will be made in due course for the issue of the
meteorological information required from the
Wireless Telegraphy Station at Cumberland Bay,
South Georgia.

2. I would add that an enquiry is now
being made of the Brazilian Government through
His Majesty's Ambassador at Rio de Janeiro as
to the precise nature of the information which
it is desired should be transmitted.

3. I would also state that it appears
doubtful whether the Wireless Telegraphy
Station at South Georgia is sufficiently power-
ful to disseminate information of this nature.

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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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If this is in fact the case it will be necessary to arrange for transmission through the Stanley Wireless Telegraphy Station which is in regular communication with Monte Video, and which, it is hoped, will eventually be able to communicate regularly direct with Rio de Janeiro.

4. I have to explain that the Meteorological Station at Cumberland Bay is not the property of this Government. It is maintained by the Argentine Government but the Compania Argentina de Pesca is obliged by the terms of its lease for lands at Grytviken to furnish the Magistrate, South Georgia, with meteorological records.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 124.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

10th November, 1926.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 100 of the 30th of September, 1926, transmitting for my observations, a copy of a letter dated the 14th of September, 1926, from Messrs William Brandt's Sons & Company, in which they enquire on behalf of the Compania Argentina de Pesca as to the fulfilment by that Company of clause 8 of the conditions of the renewed lease for lands at Grytviken, South Georgia, which conditions are set out in the enclosure to the letter addressed to Messrs William Brandt's Sons & Company from the Colonial Office, a copy of which formed an enclosure to your despatch No. 69 of the 14th of July, 1926. As you are aware the clause in question requires the compilation and rendition of meteorological information to the Magistrate, South Georgia, and the Company enquires whether they shall continue to furnish such information direct to the Meteorological Office of the Air Ministry or whether they are in future to adhere to the exact terms of clause 8 of the conditions as

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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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2. I have no objection, subject to the wishes of the Director of the Meteorological Office in the matter, to the Company proceeding as heretofore in so far as the rendition to the Meteorological Office direct of the detailed statistical returns is concerned, but I consider it to be essential that they should continue also as heretofore to furnish the Magistrate, South Georgia, with an annual abstract of these returns and with such meteorological information from day to day as may be required for transmission overseas by wireless telegraphy in accordance with the arrangement suggested by the Brazilian Government, co-operation in which by this Government is proposed in the circumstances set out in the correspondence terminating with my despatch No. 123 of the 10th of November, 1926.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 125.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

10th November, 1926.

Sir,

With reference to your despatch, No. 114 of the 28th of November, 1924, approving inter alia of the renewal for a further period of three years from the 24th of December, 1923, of the lease to Messrs Packe Brothers and Company, of the Crown Reserve, Fox Bay, 1,000 acres in extent, at an annual rental of £4. 3s. 4d, I have the honour to seek your sanction as required under Section 9 of the Land Ordinance, 1903, for a further renewal of this lease for a period of three years from the 24th of December, 1926, on the same conditions as heretofore.

2. I would explain that this lease was formally transferred on the 11th of August, 1925, by Messrs Packe Brothers and Company, to Messrs Packe Brothers and Company, Limited, and that it is proposed to grant the renewal of the lease to the latter Company.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE,

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

MEMORANDUM TO HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF THE
11th November, 1926.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

No. 126 LARS of the Office of GOVERNMENT STANLEY, GEORGIA.

now vacant in the Colony of THE FALKLAND ISLANDS, 11th November, 1926.

Duties of Office, and qualifications required
for their performance.

Sir,

With reference to the Duke of Devonshire's
despatch, No. 114 of the 30th of November, 1923,
on the subject of the engagement by the Crown
Agents for the Colonies, of Mr. A. Talbott as
Police Constable, South Georgia, I have the honour
to inform you that Mr. Talbott's agreement ter-
minates on the 3rd of January, 1927, and that he
does not thereafter desire to continue his service
under this Government.

2. In the circumstances I propose to provide
him with the free second class return passage to
England to which he is entitled under the terms of
his agreement and to grant him four and a half
months' vacation leave in respect of his service
in South Georgia.

3. I would ask that the Crown Agents for the
Colonies may be instructed to engage a successor to
Mr. Talbott on the usual form of agreement for a
period of three years, and to supply him with uni-
form as in the case of Mr. Talbott.

4. I enclose a paper of particulars of the

In duplicate. vacant office.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

A. E. Beattie.

ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH No. 186 of the
11th of November, 1922.

PARTICULARS of the Office of CONSTABLE, SOUTH GEORGIA,
now vacant in the Colony of THE FALKLAND ISLANDS, DEPENDENCY OF
SOUTH GEORGIA.

1. Duties of Office, and qualifications required for their performance.
2. Salary and emoluments, and whether secured by a permanent law.
3. Other circumstances affecting the value of the Office.
4. Nature, number, and amount of securities required and mode of giving them.
5. Whether any, and if any, what provision is made from public funds for the passage from this country, or elsewhere, of the person sent out to fill the office.
6. Acts or ordinances, making provision respecting any of the above matters, and especially respecting the permanency of the emoluments and the particulars of the security required, with references to the sections in which such provision is made.

General police duties under the resident Magistrate at Grytviiken. The Constable is also required to attend to the hot-water systems for heating Government offices and quarters and to the Government motor boats. It is desired that he should be a single man and it is suggested that preference should be given to a Petty Officer, 1st Class who has completed 12 years' service in the Royal Navy.

Salary at the rate of £125 per annum and duty allowance at the rate of £50 per annum; not secured by permanent law.

Shares free furnished quarters with other officials.

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Free second class passages on first appointment and on termination of engagement are provided.

N I L.

574/26.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 127.GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,

11th November, 1926.

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 30th of June, 1926.

Six copies.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

426/26.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 128.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

11th November, 1926.

Sir,

In duplicate.

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 1926, incurred during the quarter ended the 30th of June, 1926.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

473/26.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 122.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

11th November, 1926.

Sir,

With reference to your despatch, Miscellaneous, of the 14th of August, 1926, on the subject of the contribution by Colonial Governments towards the work carried on by the Seamen's Hospital Society, I have the honour to inform you that this Government will be glad to make a small contribution of £5 annually to the funds of the Society and that provision has been inserted accordingly in the Estimates of the Expenditure for 1927 under a new subhead of Head XVI. "Dreadnought Hospital Greenwich contribution to."

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. MERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

306/26.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 130.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

11th November, 1926.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit in duplicate the Annual Blue Book of the Colony of the Falkland Islands and its Dependencies for the year 1925.

Under separate cover.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 131.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

11th November, 1926.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit in duplicate the Annual General Report on the Falkland Islands and its Dependencies for the year 1925.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

567/26.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 132.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

26th November, 1926.

Sir,

With reference to your Circular despatch of the 26th of August, 1926, I have the honour to forward, in accordance with your instructions, two specimens of passports issued by this Government for inclusion in the collection of passports of foreign States which the German Ambassador has stated that it is desired to make.

2. I would add that one of the passports is used, and the other unused, and I would explain with reference to the second paragraph of your despatch under reply that one used passport only is available for forwarding at the present time.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

646/34.

ALKLAND ISLANDS.9. 133.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

26th November, 1926.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 91 of the 8th of September, 1926, on the subject of the copy of the agreement to be furnished to Mr. F. E. Hollands in the matter of his appointment as Cook on the staff of the "Discovery" Expedition, and to inform you that I have arranged for the copy of the agreement to be sent to the Magistrate, South Georgia, by the first available opportunity for delivery to Mr. Hollands as directed.

2. It appears that owing to an oversight the instructions in this connection conveyed by paragraph 3 of Mr. Thomas' despatch of the 3rd of September, 1924, were not complied with at the time. In so far as it can be ascertained, however, Mr. Hollands has not applied at Stanley to be furnished with the copy as represented by Mrs. Hollands.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. ANERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

- 257/25.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 134.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

18th December, 1926.

Sir,

Edward Hos-
(Amendment)
lations, 1926.

With reference to your despatch No. 75 of the 10th of August, 1926, I have the honour to transmit six copies of Regulations, repealing and replacing Section 28 of the King Edward Hospital Regulations, 1916, as amended by the Regulations of the 1st of February, 1923, relating to Hospital fees.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

3/13/26.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 135.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

22nd December, 1926.

I am glad that the arrangement will prove satisfactory both as regards the Government officials of this Government stationed at South Georgia and also as regards the staff of the "Discovery" expedition, more especially at the Sir,

With reference to your despatch No. 99 of the 22nd of September, 1926, on the subject of the provision of medical attendance for Government officials and officers employed in connection with scientific research in the Dependencies, I have the honour to inform you that in accordance with the intention expressed in paragraph 2 of Sir John Middleton's despatch No. 56 of the 7th of May, 1926, an arrangement has now been made with the Compania Argentina de Pesca whereby the Medical Practitioner maintained by the Company at Grytviken will attend -

- (a) All Government officials stationed in South Georgia whether permanently or temporarily, and also their wives and families; and
- (b) The officers and members of the crew of any vessel belonging to or in the service of the Government of the Falkland Islands which may visit or may be stationed at South Georgia and which does not carry a Medical Officer,

against the payment by this Government from Dependencies' revenues of a contribution at the rate of £150 a year toward the salary of the Medical Practitioner so maintained.

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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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2. I trust that the arrangement will prove satisfactory both as regards the Government officials of this Government stationed at South Georgia and also as regards the staff of the "Discovery" Expedition, more especially at the Marine Station, South Georgia, and on board "William Scoresby".

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

556/23.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 136.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

31st December, 1926.

Sir,

With reference to your Circular despatch of the 7th of August, on the subject of the Treaty of Commerce and Navigation and the General Treaty of Friendship concluded between the United Kingdom and the Siamese Government at London on the 14th of July, 1925, I have the honour to inform you that it is desired that the stipulations of the Commercial Treaty and of Articles 2, 3, and 4 of the General Treaty should apply to this Colony.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

No. 137.

STANLEY.

31st December, 1926.

3. Mr. A. G. Bennett, Naturalist, who has again been appointed Whaling Officer, South Shetlands, is fully conversant with the requirements of the British Museum, and has been instructed to render all possible assistance, and in particular to be on the alert for any opportunity of procuring specimens of any of the species of whales.

Sir,

With reference to my despatch No. 97 of the 11th of September on the subject of specimens of southern whales desired by the British Museum (Natural History) I have the honour to inform you that the Magistrate, South Georgia, has reported that in accordance with arrangements concluded by Sir Sidney Harmer with The South Georgia Whaling Company the first specimen of a Right Whale has been taken, the various parts duly labelled, and shipped by the "Coronda" on the 18th instant.

2. With regard to specimens of the Lesser Rorqual (Minke) which Dr. Stanley Kemp suggested could best be procured from the South Shetlands I beg to state that the Manager of the "Southern Queen" belonging to The Southern Whaling and Sealing Company was approached on the subject when this vessel was in Stanley on the 30th of October and willingly offered his assistance during the present season. He was furnished for guidance with a copy of Sir Sidney Harmer's detailed instructions which accompanied your despatch No. 65 of the 28th of May, 1925.

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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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3. Mr. A. G. Bennett, Acting Government Naturalist, who has again been appointed Whaling Officer, South Shetlands, is fully conversant with the requirements of the British Museum, and has been instructed to render all possible assistance, and in particular to be on the alert for any opportunities which may occur of getting specimens of any rare species, such as Hyperoodon.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

178/26.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.No. 138.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

31st December, 1926.

Sir,

With reference to your Circular despatch of the 23rd of September, 1926, forwarding for consideration a copy of the Final Act (and Annex) of the International Conference on Oil Pollution in Navigable Waters, held at Washington in June, 1926, I have the honour to inform you that I have no observations to make on any special point treated by the draft Convention the application of which to this Colony would be formal rather than practical.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

A. E. Beattie.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

