Falkland Place. Avon
3rd February 1845

Sir,

In reply to your communication of the 27th of last month, requesting me to call at your office to receive an amount due to me from the Government of this Colony.

I beg to inform you, I have appointed Mr S. B. Dear my Agent for all matters concerning me at Port Jackson and shall therefore thank you to pay the amount due to me from the Government of this Colony to Mr S. B. Dear who will give you a receipt for the same on my behalf.

I am
Sir
Yours &c
Signed S. B. Worthington

Mr J. R. Langdon
Port Jackson

Port "Stanley"
6th February 1845.

Sir,

I beg to inform your Excellency that it is my intention to sell by Public Auction on the 6th of February 1845 the wreck of the Brig "Mary Gray" as it now lays on "Pebble Island" and her boat now laying at "St. Salvador" Bay for the good of all whom it may concern.

I am.

Sir.

Signed P. Barnett.

His Excellency
Governor Moody.

Port Stanley"
6th February 1845.

Sir

I beg to inform your Excellency that I have sold the wreck of the Brig "Mary Ann" and her boat, and they fetched the sum of £17. Sterling by public auction.

I am

&c &c

(Signed) P. Bennett

His Excellency
The Governor of the Falkland Islands.

"Stanley" 12th February 1845.

Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date instructing me to find two stages in my vessel for two Boys wrecked on this Island I feel pleasure in doing so, but must request you will be kind enough to furnish me with the undermentioned supplies for this purpose which I have great difficulty in obtaining in this Port.

1 Cwt Bread or Bread Dust
10 Lbs of Coffee
10 Lbs of Tea
½ Cwt of Salt

I have &c.

(Signed) William C. Daldy.

Master Barque "Bolina"

His Excellency
Governor Moody.

Tent Inlet

February 13th 1845

Sir,

I have the honor to inform your Excellency that I removed my "upper Encampment" from Shallow Cove to Boyal Cove on Thursday the 6th Inst. and from "Boyal Cove" to "Tent Inlet" on Tuesday the 11th

It is my anxious desire to carry out your Excellency's instructions as far as may lay in my power. I therefore take the liberty to inform you by this opportunity that I shall remove from my present position to Watts Creek on or about the 17th and from thence to the Head of Island Harbour on or about the 24th. In the latter place I purpose remaining 14 days.

I have

&c &c.

His Excellency (Signed) M. McRobertson
Sup.t Survey Dep.t

The Governor

* Tent Inlet is a quarter of a mile West of the site your Excellency desired from Sullivan to leave the Tent. Stores &c.

÷ Watts Creek is 2 Miles Still further west

Fort Inlet
February 13th. 1845

Sir.

As I believe the plant has not been seen before I take the liberty to forward to your Excellency Specimens of a large description of Rush which I gathered on the margin of a pond on Fort Pleasant Peninsula.

There were many of a similar description growing in the same spot, some measuring upwards of seven feet.

I may remark that in the pond there were many fish in, the size or description of which I regret I had no means of ascertaining.

I have

(Signed) M. R. Robinson
Supt Surv. Dpt.

His Excellency
The Governor

Fort Snelling
January 4th 1846.

Sir

I have the honor to forward for your Excellency's examination a plan of the ground about and between Fort Snelling and Mendota, and to state that I should be glad if your Excellency would cause it to be made known that the ground between Fort Snelling and Mendota is not reservation as I am informed is the case.

It was my intention to have surveyed the whole of the Peninsula running between Fort Snelling and Fort Pitzloy, but upon examination of the ground within 1 mile and a half of the point I found it to be worthless. I have surveyed about 3 miles on the Peninsula. Should your Excellency however wish a Survey to be made of the remaining portion I will complete it before I cease the field operations for this season.

I have
the
honor
to be
your
Excellency's
most
obedient
servant

His Excy
The Governor

M. R. Robinson
Supt. Survey Dept.

Bluff Cove
January 6th 1844.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's despatch of this day's date.

I did not deem it necessary to inform your Excellency of my having engaged the man Jolliffe having had the power verbally to give permission to engage the services of this or any other man who might offer himself.

Of the three Chainmen employed on the Survey I have only one (John Adams) with me James Watson having exceeded his leave and I believe has no intention of returning The other (Mark Saunders) left the encampment yesterday morning for "Hanbey" entirely without my knowledge, and I am wholly uncertain as to what he intends rejoining me

Under these circumstances I did not hesitate to avail myself one of the services of Charles Jolliffe when he offered them.

I regret having to inform your Ex^y that I have been unable to move my encampment owing to my party leaving me as stated.

I have

His Excellency
The Governor

&c. &c.

M. B. Robinson
Sup^t Survey Dep^t

P.S. upon consideration of the foregoing statement I trust your Excellency will allow the man in question to be employed

M. B. Robinson
Sup^t Survey Dep^t

Island Harbour
March 1st 1815

Sir

I have the honor to forward to your Excellency two Specimens of Quartz.

I have

&c &c.

Signed M. R. Robinson

Supt Survey Dept.

His Excellency

The Governor

Island Harbour
March 3rd 1845

Sir,

If an opportunity should offer of sending them I beg respectfully to request that your Excellency will allow me to be supplied with 20 lbs of coarse Salt to enable me to salt down some beef for my winter's consumption, and 12 small whiting Hooks
12 small cod Hooks
1 Ball of Twine

I have

W. R. Robinson
Supt Survey Dept

His Exy
The Governor

Island Harbour
March 3rd. 1845.

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your Excellency's letter informing me that circumstances compel you to withdraw Corporal Watts from undergoing orders.

In my general report at the end of the season I shall have the honor to speak fully of his services I now beg to inform your Excellency that I cannot speak in too favourable terms of his activity, general intelligence, unwearied industry, and uniformity of temper in the prosecution of his duties.

I have

&c &c

Signed M. C. Robinson

Sup.t Seal.g Dep.t

His Ex.y

The Governor.

"Island Harbour"

March 3rd. 1845.

Sir

As it is not generally known and the information may be of Service to the Residents in this Colony. I take the liberty of informing your Excellency that the fish called the "Mullet" take bait readily.

I have caught several with a rod and line at the head of Creeks where the fresh water falls into them.

Trusting your Excellency will pardon my addressing you on so trifling a subject.

I have

&c &c

(Signed) Alx. R. Robinson

His Exy

Supt. Survey Dept.

The Governor

"Island Harbour"

March 5th 1845

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the following letters from your Excellency

1st Letter dated 28th February directing me to acknowledge the receipt of despatches from your Excellency's office

2nd Letter dated 28th February conveying general Instructions

3rd Letter dated 28th February 1845, informing me that circumstances compel your Excellency to withdraw Corporal Watts from the "Survey Department."

I have

S. S.

His Excellency
The Governor

Wm. R. Robinson
Supt Survey Dept

Island Harbour
March 3rd 1845.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform your Excellency that it was my intention to have left the head of Island Harbour on or about the 16th of March, but the loss of Corporal Watts' services will detain me until the 22nd when I shall proceed to allot the ground on the South side of Island Harbour, and Pleasant Creek as repeatedly desired by your Excellency.

It is not probable that I shall be able to complete more than to opposite Fort Salent.

I should wish not to remain in Camp beyond the 10th of April, but I shall inform your Excellency as to my movements.

The weather is already stormy, and the ground too damp at nights to lay one without risk. Some of my men are now suffering from Rheumatism.

With the exception of Soap, Rum and Tea, there will be abundance of Rations to last until the 16th of April. The deficiency in Rum is caused by waste in pouring it out in small quantities, evaporation, and other causes. I believe there was not the usual quantity of Soap issued, and the deficiency in Tea is caused by the Cocoa that was issued being of very inferior quality, and not going so far as was expected.

I have

His Excy
The Govr.

M. R. Robinson
Supt Survey Dept

Port William
March 7th 1843.

Sir,

I hereby request permission to be allowed the privilege of changing my allotment No. 25 for one marked No. 13 in the plan of the New Town at Jackson's Harbour, should the same meet with your Excellency's approbation.

I have

(Signed) C. T. Anderson,

Master of British Brig "Hebe"

His Excellency
Governor Moody

Island Harbour.
March 21st. 1845.

Sir,

I forward for your Excellency's examination two unfinished plans of the work upon which, I am now engaged.

I should be glad if your Excellency will allow them to be returned by bearer.

The 4 most western allotments on No. 2 plan have been inserted by mistake and are not laid out on the ground.

Your Excellency will perceive that I have surveyed more inland than usual. It has been done with the view of connecting it from "Mare Creek" next season.

I have

Sig.d M. R. Robinson
Supt. Survey Dep.t

His Ex.cy
The Governor

Island Harbour
March 21st 1845

Sir,

With reference to the 4th paragraph in my letter of the 3rd Inst. I beg respectfully to inform your Excellency that I require the following rations to enable me to issue the usual allowance to each of my party up to the 16th of April. viz.

3 Gallons of Rum
2 lbs of Tea
12 lbs of Soap

and I should be glad if assistance could be afforded to Pribate Campbell to enable him to bring them out on Monday next.

(Signed) M. R. Robinson
Sup.t Survey Dep.t

His Ex.y
The Governor

Memorandum of Stores required for "Survey Department" as per demands.

Rum ... 3 Gallons
Tea ... 2 lbs.
Soap ... 12 do
Salt ... 20 do Coarse
Ball of Twine
12 Small Whiting Hooks
12 do Cod do

M. R. Robinson
Sup.t Survey Dep.t

J. R. Longden Esq.t
Govt Office

Island Harbour
March 21st 1845.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform your Excellency that I intend to remove the Survey Encampment to "Campbells Creek" on Tuesday Morning. The late boisterous weather has delayed me considerably

It is my intention to remove from that site to "Boat Inlet" Port Pleasant on or about the 6th of April preparatory to closing my field operations for this Season. Boat Inlet is conveniently situated for removing the Survey Stores to "Stanley" and for enabling me to allot the unsurveyed portion of Coral Peninsula.

If my arrangements meet with your Excellency's sanction I should be glad if a large boat could be sent to Boat Inlet on or before the 12th of April for the "Survey Stores"

By the sixth of April I hope to have completed the Survey to opposite Tent Inlet, but I would beg respectfully to inform you that although I could not say that all the ground on Port Pleasant Peninsula to the East of Campbell Creek, is utterly worthless, yet I consider there is so much worthless land on it that it is unfit for allotment and that the indented Coast Line and very many ponds of all sizes on it, will cause the expenses of the Survey to be

* South side of Island Harbour opposite Watts Creek.

be very heavy in proportion to the Survey of the Land good ground in the immediate neighbourhood.

If your Excellency should deem it advisable not to have the Peninsula allotted I would beg respectfully to recommend that a boundary line be run about 1 Mile to the East of Campbell Creek to "Kelp Lagoon" and that if the Peninsula should be sold its contents should be estimated by the Nautical Chart and a large per-centage allowed for the Ponds and worthless land.

I have

&c. &c.

(Signed) W. P. Robinsone
Supt. Survey Dept

His Exy
The Governor

Port Stanley March 22nd 1845.

Sir

As I wish to sell by Auction the hull and effects of the Brig "Manney" as soon as possible, and beg to propose Mr Dean as the Auctioneer, hoping to receive your approval, or otherwise appoint whom you may think proper.

I am

Sir

Your Obt Servt

Signed James Young

His Ex.y

The Governor

There is no date attached to the Original

Port "Stanley" March 1845.

Sir,

I shall feel obliged by your informing who may appoint to be the Colonial Auctioneer as I am desirous of giving him Instructions for bottling out the Stores pertaining to the Sale of the Hull of the brig "Maunie" as soon as possible.

I am

&c &c.

Mr Sougden ——— /Signed/ James Young

Stanley 24th. March 1845.

Sir,

Captain Young of the Brig "Mauney" has made application to me to sell the above vessel by Public Auction, and that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint me auctioneer, you will greatly oblige by informing me if such is the case and to state His Excellency the Governor has given me full power to dispose of the vessel one Thursday next.

I am

(Signed) J. M. Dean

J. R. Longden Esq.

"Stanley" March 24th 1845

Sir /

Allow me to express my grateful thanks to your Excellency for your approval of me to act as auctioneer. Captain Young has appointed me to dispose of the Brig "Mauney" on Friday the 28th Inst.

I am

Your

His Excellency J. M. Dean

Governor Moody.

Stanley, March 31st
1845

Sir/

I have the honor to inform your Excellency that in obedience to your orders I have given over to Mr Slaughter what little official correspondence I have at Stanley and do respectfully to request that I may be furnished with an acknowledgement of these receipt

I have

&c &c

His Ex.y (Signed) M. R. Robinson
The Governor

Her Majesty's Surveying Vessel "Philomel"
"Stanley" Harbour 28th March
1845.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's letter of this date, informing me of your having suspended Mr Robinson from the situation of "Superintendant of the Survey Department." Your Excellency also alludes to the courtesies and hospitality Mr Robinson had received from myself, and the Officers of the "Philomel" since you had dismissed him from the situation of Private Secretary, and you appear to think, that the conduct of myself as Commander of one of Her Majesty's Vessels, in shewing such courtesies to Mr Robinson, will have an injurious influence in the Colony.

With respect to these Courtesies and hospitalities, I think it right to state that I never for a moment supposed that your reasons for dismissing Mr Robinson from the situation of your Private Secretary were of such a nature as to warrant myself, and Officers, ceasing to associate with him on the terms we had previously done.

The courtesies which Mr Robinson has received from myself, and Officers, amount to this, — On the 26th Inst. he arrived from the country, and shortly after called on me to speak to me on some private business. I was about to sit down to dinner, and knowing that Mr Robinson had just ridden a very long distance, and had no place to which he could go in the Settlement, I asked him to take his dinner with me immediately.

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Governor Moody.

immediately after dinner he left me, and went to see the Government Officers - since which time I have not been placed in a position to shew any courtesy to Mr. Robinson, had I done so, I should only have felt that I was acting with common civility to an Officer holding one of the principle situations in this Colony, but the Officers of the "Philomel" knowing that Mr. Robinson had been living long in the Country, in a Tent, and would probably find it difficult to get any place to sleep in the Settlement, offered him a bed on board the "Philomel" I cannot for a moment allow that those acts of myself and Officers warrant your Excellency in expressing an opinion that my conduct as Commander of one of Her Majesty's Vessels would have an injurious influence in the Colony.

I do not at all feel called on to enter so fully into my reasons for shewing an individual such a very slight attention, but after the long period of friendly intercourse between your Excellency, myself and Officers I am anxious to convince you that no conduct of Ours could really form a just cause of complaint on your part.

I have hitherto scrupulously avoided entering into the causes which led to Mr. Robinson's dismissal from the Office of Private Secretary, feeling that I

that it did not at all concern me, and from what I was, yesterday, told by Mr. Moore, who I understood came to me by your Excellency's desire, I feel that the impropriety conduct of Mr. Robinson which led to his suspension from the situation of Superintendant of the Survey Department was so much involved with subjects of the most private nature that I ought on no account to express an opinion on the subject, much less take such a decided step as I should do were I to refuse to receive Mr. Robinson as a Gentleman and advise my Officers to do the same, thereby constituting myself a judge of Mr. Robinson's conduct which would be a highly improper interference on my part with the affairs of this Government, and passing on him a most severe judgement without having a sufficient knowledge of what had occurred to give me a just right to do so.

I leave it to your Excellency's candour to say whether you believe any person could have shewn more desire than I have done on all occasions to give you every support and assistance in my power; is it then likely I should wish to support a junior Officer who had been guilty of improper conduct to you? I cannot allow that merely continuing on terms of intimacy with Mr. Robinson as long as he has given you cause of offence can be so considered, and I am certain that I express the feelings of my Officers as well as my own when I say that our conduct to Mr. Robinson merely shewed a wish to avoid becoming

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a party to anything which occurred in the Bolouri and to retrain if possible our own usual friendly terms, not only with your Excellency but with your Officers also.

I sincerely regret that I am placed by your Excellency in the painful position of having to appeal to my superiors whether my conduct as Commander of Her Majesty's Surveying Vessel "Philomel" justifies the severe charge which you have brought against me.

I have

&c. &c.

(Signed) W J Sullivan

Commander

"Stanley" April 1st 1845

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's letter of this days date informing me, that I shall be under the necessity of proceeding to the site of the Survey Encampment by land.

I regret that I did not receive your orders to go by the "Reviva" to Island Harbour until 3 hours after that vessel had sailed, and I now have to regret that I could not reach the Encampment until to morrow afternoon, and by that time the vessel will have received the "Survey Stores" and most probably sailed again for "Stanley"

I have

(Signed) M. R. Robinson

His Exy
The Governor
&c &c &c
Site of Survey Encampment"

P. S. At the same time I beg most respectfully to inform your Excellency that I shall consider myself equally responsible for the Stores as if I had been with them.

(Signed) M. R. Robinson

"Stanley" April 1st 1845

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your Excellency's letter of yesterday's date, ordering me to proceed in the "Rattler" to Island Harbour.

I beg respectfully to inform your Excellency that I have always placed the charge of receiving the "Stores" under one of the Sappers with me, and I trust I shall not be forced to do it myself at a time when every moment is of the greatest importance to my welfare.

I have

&c &c

(Signed) Mc. Ro. Robinson

His Exy

The Governor

"Stanley" April 1st 1845

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive a message from your Excellency, informing me, that the master of the "Renira" had directions not to take any Stores on board his vessel until I was present. I must again regret that the order to proceed to the Encampments did not arrive until after the "Renira" had sailed. I have now no means of proceeding to the Encampment.

The difficulty which I have had to ascertain how my correspondence with the Colonial Office was to be carried on has prevented me finishing it, and it is of the most vital importance to me that it should be completed before I leave the Colony, and if I was to leave now, it could not be done.

I am

His Ex.y
The Governor.

&c &c (Signed) Mc. Ro. Robinson

"Stanley" April 2nd 1845

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency letter of yesterdays date, and though I am perfectly aware of the importance of public duties being carried on before private duties, I beg respectfully to inform your Ex^cy that I cannot consider myself bound, during my suspension to carry on my duties, unless they are of a most important nature. The removal of a few stores cannot be considered so. The duty had never been performed by me, and I have obeyed your Excellency's orders by sending a few seamen to see to their removal to the Schooner "Renora"

I have

&c

His Ex^cy (Signed) M. R. Robinson

The Governor

"Stanley" Cottage.
1 Villiers Street
"Stanley 1st April 184

Sir,

I beg leave respectfully to report my arrival in this colony, holding the office of Stipendiary Magistrate under Her Majesty's Government, and also to send you the Despatches with which I have had the honor to be entrusted, and beg leave to ask you to be kind enough to make me an advance of Half a year's Salary, to enable me to erect my house and Court, which I have now the Honor of submitting to your Excellency.

First. That having to encounter an Expense of upwards of Seven Hundred Pounds in London in providing for my outfit and passage, which by the kindness of the Secretary of State for the Colonial Department, and the Lords of the Treasury I was assisted in such outlay, by an allowance of Salary for half a year commencing from my Appointment being Gazetted, viz. 22nd November 1844, amounting to £200 less the Income Tax, I arrive in this Colony literally without means, my resources having been exhausted in the foregoing manner.

Second. That having had my house destroyed, which contained a Justice Room to enable me properly to enter upon the duties of my Office, and which at the most reasonable estimate, I could procure it in London, Establishment, I could procure it in London, and having had cost me close upon £200 and having laid the Doors the windows, and the wood work together with my furniture and effects (articles composing part of my outfit on the /

His Excellency
The Governor

the beach. I am informed by the Store-keeper that there is no room for them in the Government Store, as Government at present have not sufficient space for their own Stores, and are about to build two additional Store houses, for those expected shortly to arrive, and those now covered with tarpaulines, and that the best accommodation he could afford me was, to place the only Tarpaulin he could spare, (and that a very small one) over the most perishable articles, such as my House linen, Bedding Furniture &c. &c. and that those things should remain there on the Beach, exposed to the inclemency of the weather, as the Tarpaulin would not reach, covered all, until such time, as I can make some other and better arrangement for their preservation, as he could give no other accommodation.

Third. That being informed in England that I could erect my House in about three weeks, and that a moderate expense I have made enquiry as to the best mode of doing so; and find that it will, owing to the scarcity of materials and labour, take me upwards of three months, and on the best calculations I can make, an expense of Two Hundred Pounds, to enable me to do so, including the expense of the excavation of the Peat Bog, the carrying of Stones, the expense of Mortar, and Bricks, which I have are seven Pounds a thousand at this

this Colony, and the difficulty of conveying them to erect a foundation, as they have still to be carried by hand there being no road or Cart or horse to drive them - and the expense of the wages of Artificers and Labourers and the difficulties of procuring their services, even at the high rate of wages now paid, owing to almost every one in that Colony, being more or less in want of their assistance and there being but three Civilian Carpenters and no Civilian Brick-layer in the Colony.

Fourth - That there being no Hotel or indeed any house in which I could obtain Board and lodging, I applied to Dr Hamblin our Colonial Surgeon, who fully appreciating the difficulty I was situated in, at a material inconvenience to himself and his family, made arrangements for the present, to give me a Bed-room, and even accomplished this piece of kindness, by having erected a bed for one of his Families in his Dining Parlour, and in this Bed-room I am at present performing the duties of my office by hearing adjudicated upon the cases of Seamen Sailors, of the American whalers in harbour, the suppression of the mutiny on board the Brig "Bonneau" and other matters and this, at a material inconvenience to myself, in so small a place - and feeling the difficulty and inconvenience I put Dr Hamblin and his Family now causing. I am most anxious ever to get up to Jamestown to my house and soon as possible, as it would not look respectable that I who am the second Officer in the Colony /

Colony and would wish to keep up the
respect which should be attached to the Office
I have the honour to hold under Her Majes-
ty's Govt. I should be compelled by actual
necessity, to take up my abode in one of the
great huts of the common fishermen and
sailors, which are already erected, as the other
parties in the Colony, from what I learn,
have barely accommodation for their own
families, having only commenced building
their houses in June last, and owing
to the want of labour and artificers have
not yet been able to complete them.

Fifthly— That having been informed
it is contrary to the Colonial Rules, to grant
an Officer an advance of Salary, without
the sanction of the Right Hble. the Secretary
for the Colonies and the Lords of Her Majesty's
Treasury, I beg leave now to submit for
your Excellency's consideration, that if
you were now to make application for
such authority to grant such advance,
my salary would be bona fide due, or
within a few days of being so, before
your Excellency could receive such sanc-
tion from England, in reply to your
communication even were you to take
advantage of the return of the "Hebe" which
will I understand be the first ship for Eng-
land from this Port, and will leave
about the first week in April.

Under the foregoing circumstances
and considering that unless your Ex.y
will I

will be kind enough to make me such advance, my property will suffer materially by being exposed on the beach for six months and these your winter months here, without even a tarpaulin covering them, being subject to nightly depredation, and frequent a total loss by an inundation of a spring tide - and also bearing in mind that before your Excellency could receive a sanction to my request it will become no longer a request but by the lapse of time be a matter of course to grant it.

I have

&c. &c.

(Signed) Wm. H. Moore

His Ex.

The Governor

"Stanley" March 27th. 1845.

Sir,

Yesterday when in the presence of your Excellency and the Government Officers, I made an assertion which was the subject of a private conversation between your Excellency, and myself when I was your private Secretary. Your Excellency must be aware of the State of excitement amounting almost to temporary insanity ~~state~~ ~~insanity~~ I was in at the time, caused by the following reprimands I received from your Excellency.

1st. For being guilty of coming to "Stanley" without permission and being ordered out again, knowing at the time, that such an order had never been issued before, though I had frequently been in previous to my ceasing to fill the situation of your private Secretary without any remarks being made, and having once been reprimanded for saying that I hoped to be able to be out 2 months. I have now been out 3 months living under canvass using my utmost exertions to carry out my duties to your Excellency's satisfaction, and I could not have imagined that your Excellency would object to the leave.

If I had been aware that your Excellency had wished me not to come in without permission, I should certainly never thought of doing so, but as I had no conception your Excellency would require leave to be asked for, for two or three days. I considered myself worthily used as I trust I have never been guilty of neglecting my

my duty.

2ndly ... From having received a letter taking away my Commission as "Justice of Peace" upon the grounds of the arrival of Mr. Moore, though I am well aware it was your Excellency's intention to appoint more Gentlemen when there were any to whom the Office could be entrusted.

3rdly ... For being reprimanded, and threatened with suspension for gross disrespect to Mr Slaughter and Mr Longden by not attending to Mr Slaughter's instructions, viz, to see Mr Longden and to give the letters I had for you to him though I had been desired by you "to send them up" and for saying which I was told this by Mr Slaughter that I did not know Mr Longden only as a Lad in the Government Office.

And lastly from being in the presence of a person (Mr Hamblin) who with his family I know and your Excellency is aware I have been the cause of incurring from me your friendship and probably ruining my prospects in life.

Your Excellency will remember that you yourself warned me of what Mr Hamblin was doing, it is unnecessary to mention it. as I am sure your Excellency will recollect the frequent conversations we have had together upon the subject.

Finally, I have to offer the most humble apology in my power to your Excellency for committing an act (viz) a breach of confidence which no Gentleman could do unless labouring under the greatest excitement causing a temporary aberration of mind. This is an offence which I must ever regret and never can be palliated.

I have &c &c

(Signed) Mo. R. Robinson

His Ex^y The Gov^r &c

"Stanley" March 27th 1845.

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive your Excellency's letter informing me that you had suspended me.

I am not thoroughly conversant with the new "Colonial Regulations," and I should be glad if I can be informed what my pay and allowances will be until the Secretary of State's pleasure is known and whether I am to continue my duties as usual.

I should also be glad if I could be supplied with a copy of the Regulations

I have
(Signed) &c &c
Mc. R. Robinson

His Exy
The Govr

"Stanley"
March 29th 1845.

Sir

As it will necessarily be some time before your Excellency can receive any communications from England respecting my suspension. I beg respectfully to ask whether your Excellency will sanction my departure for England by the present opportunity.

What has so lately occurred would render my presence in the Colony most disagreeable. I have at present no dwelling and my resources are not sufficient to enable me to live in the Colony. It is therefore my earnest desire to be absent until the pleasure of the Secretary of State is known.

I have

&c &c

(Signed) Mc. C. Robinson

His Exy
The Govr &c.

"Stanley"
April 2nd 1845.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward to your Excellency a letter which I have taken the liberty to address to Lord Stanley and respectfully request that it may be forwarded by the present opportunity.

I have

&c &c &c

His Excy
The Govr.

(Signed) Wm. R. Robinson

"Stanley"
April 4th 1845.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's letter dated 2nd April containing an additional and strange charge against me

I am perfectly unconscious of having acted in the manner stated by your Excellency, and I would beg respectfully to request that a public enquiry be made as to my conduct at the time at which I am accused of being "insolent," and that I may be allowed to question any witnesses who were present at the time.

I have

His Ex.y
The Governor

Signed W. R. Robinson

Her Majesty's Surveying Vessel Pilomel
"Stanley" Harbour Oct 4th 1845.

Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's letter of the 29th Ult: and to express my satisfaction at finding that in your former letter you did not intend to bring any charge against me, but after the most attentive consideration of that letter, I should still continue to view it in the light I did when I replied to it, had I not been favoured with your last letter.

Your Excellency is pleased to state that I "most erroneously expressed in my letter the opinion that Robinson's Suspension was involved with subjects of the most private nature; that opinion was founded on what I had previously been told by Mr. Moore, the Colonial Magistrate, by your Excellency's desire; from that information it was impossible I could form any other opinion"

I cannot understand how your Excellency considers that no expression of any opinion was called on from me, I beg most respectfully to state that I must still consider your submitting to my serious consideration the injurious effects certain to arise from a continuance of courtesies and attentions to Mr. Robinson, on the part of myself and Officers was at least a suggestion that I ought to prevent their continuance; surely suddenly refusing to treat

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treat a person as a Gentleman with whom we had previously been on terms of intimacy, would of opinion on my part, and one that I did not and still do not feel called on to express.

With respect to the conversation I had with your Excellency relative to this subject I do not remember the exact words I made use of - though they were in effect the same as those you state in your letter - but I fully recollect my meaning which was this - That though there might be persons in the place who would talk of Mr Robinson being on the same terms as before with the Officers of the "Philomel", yet that the fear of this occurring would not justify me in pursuing a line of conduct to Mr Robinson, which I should not otherwise have pursued, were I to do so I should be acting unjustly to an individual merely because some ill disposed persons might mis-construe the acts of myself and Officers I consider that if I knew Mr Robinson to be guilty of acts which would deprive him of his position in society, as a Gentleman, any courtesies and attentions to him would be wrong, whether they were remarked on and mis-construed or not, and that if this were not the case, no fear of the remarks or opinions of the class of persons you have described, would make it right for me to act in a way that would convey the impression that such was the case

Mr Robinson has - I doubt not, from what I have heard from your Excellency, behaved in such

such a manner to you, as to oblige you to just and
him from the public situation he held but at
the same time I feel that I was not called on
to decide, whether as a Gentleman he had
forfeited his right to be admitted into the
Society of those with whom he had previous
ly been on terms of intimacy.

I must again repeat that were I to shew
by my conduct to Mr Robinson that I believed
this to be the case, I should be acting most
unjustly, as I do not know enough of the
circumstances to enable me to form a
judgment, and therefore could not justly
act in a way that would assist to blast
Mr Robinson's character in private life—
more particularly that I have now your
Excellency's explicit assurance, that it was
"on public grounds alone" that Mr Robinson
was dismissed, or according to your Ex-
cellency's former letter- "suspended."

As your Excellency has alluded to
a conversation I had with you on the
subject- I feel it right to state that on that
occasion I certainly considered that the
courtesies Mr Robinson had received
from us since his dismissal from the
Office of your Private Secretary— and prior
to his suspension, were referred to- as likely
to have an injurious influence, in proof
of which I beg leave to remind you, that
either your Excellency or Mr Moore (I
cannot perfectly recollect which) mentioned
the fact of Mr Robinson having come up
to the Government Office in one of the

"Palanquins

Colonel's boats, at once that would have an injurious effect - yet this circumstance occurred prior to Mr Robinson's suspension.

I sincerely regret that I should have been compelled to enter so fully into subjects connected with your Excellency's Government: It is now only left for me, on forwarding copies of this correspondence to my senior Officer to put him in possession of every particular I am myself acquainted with relative to this subject, in order that he may be enabled to judge of the propriety of my conduct.

I am

(Signed) B J Sullivan
Commander

Port William
Falkland Islands
7th. April. 1845.

Sir,

I have to report that the Civilian Prisoners committed to jail by the Magistrate for the mutiny on board the Clarence were last night very riotous, threatening to break out and do as they pleased.

One man of the detachment whom I confined this morning for being drunk and unfit for duty, has since obtained more drink.—

The two Prisoners of the detachment sentenced to confinement with hard labour, in some manner have obtained drink, one of them has refused to work, and I have just him in irons together with the one I confined this morning.

Corporal Watts whom the Magistrate has sworn in as a constable declares he cannot by himself ensure the safety of the whole of the prisoners in the present temporary jail and surrounded as it is by so many drunken, disorderly people and as the remaining few of the detachment are at present employed on the Government Works I ask no help to give him, and I fear the prisoners may break out and murder someone or burn the place.

I consider the whole Colony to be in a bad state, and as Chief constable and

Sir,

Serjt. in command of the detachment of Royal Sappers and Miners I know a great deal of what goes on and am often very anxious. At times I have made up my mind to the probability of being assassinated.

(Signed) Robt. Hearnden
Serjt. R. S. & Miners

His Excellency

The Governor

Her Majesty's Surveying Vs "Philomel"
Port Stanley – 7th April 1845.

Sir,

I herewith forward a copy of a letter I have received from Lieut Doyle in the name of the Officers of the "Philomel" requesting me to solicit you to allow them to have a copy of the charges against them contained in the affidavit of Mr Slaughter which your Excellency intends forwarding to the Home Government – Even should compliance with this request be out of the regular course I trust you will grant it on the common principle of justice that those accused of serious offences should know the charges they have to defend themselves against.

I have

(Signed) B. J. Sullivan
Comr

His Excellency
The Governor

Her Majesty's Surveying Vessel "Philomel"
Falkland Islands 4th April 1845.

Sir,

In consequence of your having assembled the Officers to day relative to a communication which you had received from His Excellency the Governor in Council respecting a series of jokes, which have in a most unaccountable way been construed into serious charges against us.

In the name of the Officers concerned, I request you will solicit His Excellency in justice to us, to allow us a copy of the said charges that we may be enabled to answer, and depute Lieutenant Doyle as His Excellency has considered them sufficiently serious to forward to the Home Government.

I have

&c &c

(Signed) C. F. Doyle - Senior
Lieutenant

Comr Sullivan C. B.

H. M. Surv. Vessel "Philomel"

"Stanley"
April 7th 1845.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of two letters from your Excellency, one conveying my dismissal from the Service of Her Majesty's Government in this Colony, the other declining any further correspondence on the subject.

It now only remains for me to appeal to a higher authority, and I strongly protest against the extreme injustice of being judged and condemned by my accusers and not being allowed to defend myself against such slander.

I have

His Exy
The Governor

&c &c
Signed / Mc. R. Robinson

Her Majesty's Surveying Vsl "Philomel"
"Stanley" Harbour 11th April 1845.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that two Prisoners have been brought on board H.M.S. under my command, accompanied by a Warrant signed by W.H. Moore Magistrate and backed by your Excellency - in which, I regret to say, the Ship I have the honor to command is attempted to be turned into a common Jail and myself into a Jailer - under these circumstances I must most respectfully but firmly, refuse to receive such prisoners or to acknowledge the right, on my part, to obey such a warrant. Were I to do so I should feel I was disgracing the service to which I have the honor to belong and rendering myself unworthy of the position I hold in it. Neither can I allow, for a moment, the right of any Magistrate to issue any commands to my Officers - even if the such commands should be backed by your Excellency. I shall be happy to give you any assistance that you may think proper to request should it be in my power - but it is quite impossible to make a prison of a small flush decked vessel. The prisoners must remain on the same deck as the crew, and close to them. Under these circumstances the only means I shall have of assisting your Excellency in this case will be by taking charge of the prisoners you may wish to send off the Islands and Prisoners you may wish to send to Her Majesty's Consul at Rio Janeiro Rebus Mare to Her Majesty's Consul at Monte Video - This I shall be ready to do if your Excellency will request it in writing.

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The Governor

sentence. But it is quite impossible that two of the men named in the warrant namely John Ladd and Robert Blackwood can be taken on board the "Bulwark" the Surgeon having reported to me that they are infected with a contagious disease - the other cases I am strictly forbidden by my Instructions to receive them on board.

I am

(Signed) B. J. Sulivan Commander

Her Majesty's Surveying Vessel "Pelorus"
Port Stanley 12th April 1845.

Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's letter, of this day's date, I regret to say I cannot see any reason, from what you have stated to alter my opinion respecting the nature of the Warrant to which you allude. Notwithstanding the explanation contained in your Excellency's letter, I must still decline to receive the Prisoners on board accompanied by such a Warrant. I shall be ready and willing at all times to afford every aid to the Civil Power, but I cannot admit the right of any such power to address a Warrant and Command to me of the nature of the one in question. It frequently happens that Prisoners are conveyed from place to place in one of Her Majesty's Ships, but I never heard of a Warrant accompanying them in which the Constable was directed to convey them to the said Ship as to a common Gaol. Prisoners have since been received on board this Vessel, in this Port, for their temporary security, at the request of the Magistrate without any Warrant.

With respect to that part of your Excellency's letter, in which you ask my opinion respecting the authority of a Governor I beg to state most respectfully, that I do not consider that authority to extend to the right of issuing orders or Commands to any of Her Majesty's Vessels. My idea is that whenever your Excellency, or any other Governor, may apply for assistance to the Captain or Commander of one

His Ex.y
Governor Moody
&c. &c.

ner of Her Majesty's Vessels it is incumbent on such Captain or Commander to use his own judgment in either doing or refusing such assistance, as he alone knows the nature of the orders under which he is acting and must decide whether the circumstances would justify him in deviating from those orders.

I take the liberty of remarking to your Excellency that the two Prisoners affected with a contagious disease have been confined in a temporary Jail, on shore, for the last fortnight, excepting the working hours, when they have been at hard labour. - Hereafter take - I have expressed my readiness to take to Monte Video, and will deliver them over - either to any Senior Officer or the Consul which ever you think preferable. Under these circumstances I feel I should not be justified in allowing Her Majesty's Surveying vessel, under my command, to be detained in this Port merely for the purpose of awaiting the recovery of two men from a contagious disease, their safe custody having been ensured for the last fortnight without any assistance from Her Majesty's Surveying Vessel Pilcomayo.

I have therefore to inform your Excellency that it is still my intention to sail for Monte Video On Tuesday the 15th Inst. at day light and I will send an Officer, on Monday Evening at any hour you may wish to receive your despatches and the Mail.

I am

(Signed)

B. J. Sullivan

Commander

Her Majesty's Surveying Vessel "Philomel"
Port Stanley 16th April 1845

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date.

I shall not have the slightest objection to remaining here until Wednesday Evening for the purpose of enabling your Excellency to send your despatches to the Secretary of State by which time I feel if only my duty to you, but I should not feel that my duty to Her Majesty, on which I am employed, would authorise me in remaining a longer period for the purpose of taking two men off the Island.

When I last addressed your Excellency I was informed by my Surgeon that he did not think one of those men could be well under ten days, that a case in this ship, that was not of a worse nature took fourteen days to cure, but as the Colonial Surgeon states that the men will be well on Wednesday Evening I will take on myself to receive them at that time rather than subject your Excellency to any inconvenience and I will endeavour to keep them separate from the crew until the Surgeon thinks them quite recovered. But I must again request your Excellency to have the Warrants worded in such a manner as will remove all objection on our on my part to receiving the prisoners on board this ship. I trust that you will feel that I am only actuated in being so particular about it as it is Instructions of the date I owe to the Service and the trust I have the honor to hold under the Crown. I have also to add that I believe that in case any Officers in my position who received such a warrant

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warrant or acknowledge this authority would be considered unfit to be trusted with the command of one of Her Majesty's Ships. I must assure your Excellency that I have never once suspected that you would intentionally offer any offence to the Naval Service, I believe that when you backed that Warrant you did so on the assurance of the Stipendiary Magistrate that it was only the necessary legal form that I am confident that he cannot produce to you a case in which a Warrant of that nature has ever been sent to one of Her Majesty's Ships and with all submission to his legal knowledge I feel convinced that in more than one particular the Warrant was illegal even if I had consented to receive it. And I believe for thus putting one of Her Majesty's Ships on a par with a Jail that Magistrate will find it just as difficult to show any precedent as he will for the language used respecting the Ships and the correspondence addressed to their Senior Officer.

I must again beg your Excellency to receive my most earnest assurance that I never thought you capable of offering the slightest offence to the Naval Service But I must again repeat, and I trust your Excellency will be able to accede to my wishes, that I cannot receive the Warrant if addressed to me. If it only states that the Constable is

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to convey them on board the "Philomel" and deliver them into custody for passage to Algoa Bay & the Cape of Good Hope to the British Consul for a passage to England to be imprisoned, or words to that effect, and does not command me in any way to take charge of them. I can have no objection to take them, considering the warrant merely as accompanying the prisoners, and if your Excellency does not think your letter of the 12th Inst sufficient perhaps you will write to me to state that you wish the prisoners named in the Warrant to be conveyed to Monte Video to be delivered to the Consul or other authorised for a passage to England and your letter will be my authority for receiving them. but I cannot consent to receive them on any other authority, much less with a warrant which is my belief do very different from any one before adduced. I trust your Excellency will be able thus to remove all objection to my rendering you the assistance you require which I am sure you will allow I have always endeavoured to do to the utmost of my power.

But I cannot close this correspondence without expressing my deep regret that anything of an unpleasant nature should have occurred to break the unanimity which had existed between your Excellency and myself for the last three years.

I have

Signed &c.

W. J. Sullivan

Commander

Her Majesty's Surveying Vs "Nelson"
Port "Hawke" 12th April 1845.

Sir

The preceding answer to your Excellency's letter of this date, was unfinished when I visited as I intended sending it to you to night in order that it might be in your power to see that you might be put in possession of my views and intentions as soon as possible - but the heavy sale which has previously prevented its being sent - I am therefore able to reply more fully to your Excellency's letter.

I take the liberty of remarking that if the words "now about to leave" were added to the warrant are all that are necessary respecting the conveyance of the Prisoners in any one of Her Majesty's Ships from Monte Video to England - surely the same or similar words might have been used in directing their conveyance on board Her Majesty's Ship "Nelson" for a passage to Monte Video - which your Excellency states was alone intended - although it was impossible for any one to suppose so who had nothing but the warrant on which to form a judgement - Had such words only been used in the warrant and had it been accompanied by a letter from your Excellency containing an explanation similar to that contained in your letter of this date, I should not have /

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have hesitated to receive them on board as I should then have considered the warrant as merely accompanying the Prisoners for the information of the Civil authorities in England. If it was absolutely necessary for the purpose to direct the Prisoners to be conveyed on board Her Majesty's "Philomel" as if she were a common Jail and to command me to take charge of them surely it would be equally necessary for it to direct me to deliver them on board the Senior Officer's Ships as if she were a common Jail and to command such Senior Officer to take charge of them, which it will be considered unnecessary from the words which you inform me are added to the warrant. According to your Excellency's own view of the question these Prisoners if taken to Monte Video on the "Philomel" may be forwarded to England in some one of Her Majesty's Vessels not even mentioned in the Warrant, in which case the warrant would merely accompany the Prisoners without the Captain of the Ship deriving any authority from it either to take charge of them or to deliver them up to the authorities in England, this he would be directed to do by this Senior Officer and not by the Magistrate's Warrant. Your Excellency's letter of this date is quite sufficient to enable me to receive the Prisoners on board for conveyance to the Senior Officer or Consul at Monte Video provided the warrant accompanying them merely directs the Constable to take them on board Her Majesty's Ships Philomel for a passage to Monte

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Video for conveyance to England to be there imprisoned, but I cannot feel justified in receiving them with the Warrant which it directs them to be conveyed to the Colonel as to a common Jail, or while it commands me to act as Jailer.

I can in any case only receive it for the purpose of forwarding it with the prisoners - and not as any authority to me - your Excellency's letter of this date being my authority for receiving them on board and conveying them to Monte Video.

I am

(Signed) &c &c

B. J. Sullivan

Commander

Government House "Stanley"
Falkland Islands 15th April 1845

Sir,

In consequence of the private conversations and discussions that have arisen respecting the offence lately offered to Mr Slaughter and that portion of my affidavit having reference to my views of the general influence of those transactions on the whole Colony, I deemed it right to myself and the Officers of H.M.S. "Philomel" to rectify an error which seems to have gone abroad, namely: that I bring some accusation against those Officers more particularly with reference to the mutiny on board the "Carnatic". I beg to assure you, I make no charge against them collectively, but it is my conviction that their conduct has had a most injurious effect on the well being of the Colony, and this conviction is framed not only from that knowledge of human nature which to any reflective mind would suggest the natural results of such causes, but from direct facts that come within my own observation.

I beg you will do me the favour to forward this Statement to the Secretary of State in order that it may be appended to the report of the transactions.

I have &c.

(Signed) W. J. Hamblin
Colonial Surgeon
and Member of the Executive Council

His Excellency
The Governor

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Private

"Stanley" March 29th 1845.

Sir.

I beg to inform you I have got my house up, and since I saw Mr Hamblin this morning, I have purchased of Captain Anderson 10000 bricks for the chimney but I have no means of getting them unless your Ex.y will be kind enough to spare me Gates for a day or two, as the evenings are now too short.

You were kind enough to say you would ask Captain Sullivan to bring down my other house for me, and felt sure he would comply with your request.

Begging to thank you for all past favours, I remain much obliged.

Your Ex.cy

(Signed) J. S. S.

John Sulis

His Ex.cy

The Governor

Alliance Marine Comp.ys 1st Office
London 4th June 1844.

Sir,

Annexed is copy of a letter I addressed to you by the last Mail since which a further survey on the "Venture" has been handed to me signed by the Master and Carpenter of the Ships "Hannah" and the Master and Carpenter of the "Princess Royal" and the Master of the Schooner "Montgomery" of which I annex a copy condemning the vessel as incapable of repair in consequence of the damage she has received on the voyage, but without any allusion to decay or defect as mentioned in the first Survey by the Officers of H. M. S. "Philomel" so that had we not been their report we should have been altogether ignorant of the fact, - it always excites surprise when a vessel arriving in the State the "Venture" arrived at the Falkland Islands and being surveyed by competent persons should subsequently be surveyed by others appointed by the Captain and who may be supposed not to be so impartial by inclined as those unconnected with the vessel or Cargo & independant of any interest except that of stating the whole facts as they present themselves - as far as the 2nd Survey goes the damage appears to be almost wholly from straining, very little damage of importance being mentioned from outside injury except to the rudder, Counter, and Copper. You will have gathered from my previous letter the object I have in view viz. to ascertain whether the impossibility of repairing the Ships arises from natural decay and damage accruing therefrom, or whether from the perils of the Sea is of itself the cause of her being condemned - in either case

&c

Captain R. C. Moody
Governor
Falkland Islands.

I apprehend the cargo was heavier than it should have been as she commenced leaking badly very shortly after sailing and long before she touched the ground. The Nelson is stated to be strained, started and split and rendered useless, but no thing said about decay. I shall be obliged by any information you may have it in your power to communicate as to the real state of the vessel and if you know the reason for the further survey being intrusted to other parties than those originally selected.

I remain &c.

(Signed)

Fk. L. Secretan Supt

(Copy)

We the undersigned being called upon by Captain Stewart Patrick Master of the Barque "Venture" of Dundee to survey the said vessel We do hereby certify that we have been on board and carefully examined every part of the ship's cargo, and find as follows viz. That she is now making one half inch of water per hour, that all the fastenings and bolts of the Kelson are started, suspected the keel to be split, all the iron knees worked loose and treenails started, butts off from the lower part of the transom, upper transom off from the timbers, the bolts of the lower strings of the hold beams all started, some in one inch ceiling planks at the butt locks ends off, in many places one inch by the main mast case strained started and split, after part Kelson strained and rendered useless, main beam broken, and knees split, in the lower deck second beam aft the main mast broken and knees started of fastenings strained and loose third beam aft the main mast fastenings started and knees of all the Beams, all the fastenings of the wooden knees of the hold beams broken loose or started, scarf of the upper strings of the hold beams strained and loose. Outside the counter rudder case and wood ends started, rudder strings, the copper upon the ships bottom much wrinkled and loose with many sheets off, and also the top sides very much strained and open. And we hereby declare that the necessary repairs cannot be effected at this Port and do recommend a condemnation, Portsmouth 29th January 1844.

(Signed) John Bailey Mast. of Brig "Hannah"
" Thomas Mills Carpenter "
" D. Wilcocks Mast. of Princess Royal"
" Alex. Brown Carpenter " "
" Charles Melville Mast. Thomas "Montgomery"

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I hereby certify to the best of my knowledge the above survey was held by the above named persons on the British Barque "Venture" in and at this Port of Port Louis "Hudson" Falkland Islands on the 29th January 1844.

(Signed) M. R. Robinson

Alliance Marine Office
7th May 1814.

Sir,

Not being acquainted with any one at the Falkland Islands, I have taken the liberty of addressing you respecting the Ship "Venture" Patrick Master, that in putting in to Port Louis in November last on a voyage from the Pacific with Copper Ore for England where she was condemned as unworthy of Repair and abandoned. The cargo being transhipped into other vessels, the Alliance Office are underwriters on part of both Ships and freight, and from the papers handed to them consisting of a protest and survey dated the 11th November 1813 signed by G. H. Richards Lieut
J. F. Reed Master
S. Kingston Carpenter
Jas. Gatt Master of "Hibernia"
} H. M. S. "Philomel"

it appears she was much strained by heavy weather making 1 foot of water per hour and that in boring the Kelson abaft one inch, the remaining part is perfectly rotten, and from the great weight of Cargo had evidently sunk amidships. Another Survey is mentioned, but not furnished I have therefore to form an opinion upon the present document only, and from its wording I apprehend the cause of her leaky condition to have arisen partly from bad weather and heavy cargo, and partly from the decay, but that the latter cause rendered it impracticable to repair her for any useful purpose, probably a future survey spoken of may have entered into further particulars as it is important to know her precise state and whether the mere damage sustained in her passage might not have been itself repaired temporarily or effectually by ship's Carpenters and assistants from H. M. S. "Philomel"

Captain R. C. Moody,
Governor of the
Falkland Islands.

and the Island had not the vessel herself been unfit for service) by a communication just received at Lloyds from Mr. Hamilton dated Falkland Islands 7th February 1844 he states the vessel to have been sold for £366.. 3.. 4 and she must have been purchased no doubt to be broken up, and the information I wish is what ultimately the damage consisted of, and to what extent the decay had proceeded, and if more than one Survey was held, what the report of the second Survey was. I apprehend the cargo (450 tons of Copper Ore) was more than a vessel of 304 Tons Register could fairly be expected to carry and if her keelson was so Rotten it is only surprising that she came into Port at all.

I need hardly mention to you that underwriters are liable only for damage accruing from bad weather or accident during the voyage insured against, but that natural decay is a risk that the owner of a vessel takes upon himself it being his duty to keep his vessel in a sea-worthy state for the safety of the Crew and the Cargo and to be capable of withstanding the ordinary bad weather that must be expected in a long voyage like the one in question. The protest states the ships to have struck a rock off East Falkland and to have grounded on soft bottom in the Str. of Magellan but she commenced leaking a week after sailing from Chile, so that it is difficult to say what was the cause of her unseaworthy state independant of the age and condition of a North American built ship.

Any expenses you may be put to, or any

any remuneration for the trouble I am giving you that you may think right I shall be happy to pay in any way you please.

I remain &c. &c.

(Signed)

Frederick Secretan

Supt.

Her Majesty's Ship "Curaçoa"
off Monte Video 1st October 1841.

Sir,

Having concluded the necessary arrangements in obedience with orders from Commodore Purvis for forwarding Provisions and Stores for the use of the Government Settlement at the Falkland Islands, I have the honor to inform you thereof, and send you on the other side thereof a list of the same, which are shipped on board the Merchant-brig "Siren" the freight on which, One Hundred and Twenty six Pattagones, to be paid by you on the delivery of the cargo.

I have &c. &c.

(Signed)
Thomas Sabine Pasley Captain
Senior Officer in the
River Plate.

His Excellency
The Lieut Governor
Falkland Islands.

List of Provisions and Stores for the Government Settlement at the Falkland Islands Received per U.S. Frigate "Congress".

Species		Quantity	In what Packages	Remarks
Biscuit	Lbs	2240	In 20 Bags	
Spirits	Galls	80 7/8	" 4½ Hhds	
Pork	Lbs Wt	312	" 6 Barrels	
Flour	Lbs	3920	" 20 "	
Raisins	"	224	" 1 " ½	
Currants	"	150	" 2 Small Casks	
Peas	Bls	15	" 4½ Barrels	
Sugar	Lbs	881	" 6½ "	
Vinegar	Galls	35	" 1 Barrel	
Tobacco	Lbs	141	" 1 ½ "	
Soap	"	350	" 3 ½ "	
Coffee	"	908	" 5 American Barls	
Mustard	"	56	" 2 Cases	
Pepper	"	59	" 1 Small Cask	
Salt	Bushls	4	" 1 Common Cask	
Candles	Lbs	260	" 3 Cases	
Barley	Bushls	17 4/8	" 5 American Barls	
Oats	"	3	" 1 " "	
Indian Corn	"	15	" 3 " "	
Rice	Lbs	805.	" 4 " "	

Sent from "Curacoa"

Bread	Lbs	2240	In 20 Bags	
Spirits	Galls	70	" 1 Puncheon	
Pork	Lbs Wt	320	" 4 Tierces	
Flour	Lbs	3920	" 20 American Barls	
Peas	Bls	15	" 3 Barrels	
Sugar	Lbs	1104	" 3 "	
Vinegar	Galls	55	" 1 Hogshead	
Tobacco	Lbs	168	" 1 Barrel	
Soap	"	361	" in 3½ Hhds	

Her Majesty's Ship "Curaçoa"
off Monte Video
4th January 1845.

Sir

With reference to my letter of the 1st October 1844 a copy of which is annexed hereto, informing you that I had shipped the Provisions sent by Commodore Purvis for the Falkland Islands in the Brig "Ajax". I have now the honor further to inform you that unfortunately that vessel put back to this Port in a sinking state, and went down in the harbour immediately on arriving. The provisions in her were either totally damaged or so much injured as to be unfit to send on, and they were therefore sold for the benefit of the Crown.

Since that time there has been no opportunity of communicating with the Falkland Islands until now and I avail myself of this opportunity to let you know that, as I cannot spare from this ship enough provisions to forward you a fresh supply and as I find that Mr. Lowe resident English Merchant at Monte Video intends to send to the Falkland Islands on his own account, the whole of the Provisions you are in want of, having chartered the English Brig "Camoena" for that purpose, I have thought it better to allow this transaction to be carried out, in preference to purchasing them myself for you, as it appears to me that it will not only be of great advantage to the Islands to encourage a trade to them, but that it will be as economical for the Crown that you should purchase

His Excellency
The Lieutenant Governor
of the Falkland Islands.

purchase them here, at such prices as you may agree on with Mr Lafone's Agent, as for me to do so here and forward them, paying the freight in addition, I therefore shall not send any on Government Account trusting that you will find my decision agreeable to your views, and shall feel obliged by your letting me know if such is, or is not, the case for my future guidance on any other occasion.

I send by the "Renira" the balance of the money which I received from Commodore Purvis for you — the 8,000 Dollars which the "Britomart" took down having been deducted to repay that sum advanced by Mr Lafone to go with her. The freight for the money agreed on is one Pound per cent, as per the enclosed invoice and bill of lading.

I shall feel obliged by your acknowledging the receipt of the said Freight at your earliest convenience.

I have &c. &c.

(Signed) Thomas Sabine Pasley
Captain
& Senior Officer.

Sir Thomas Pasley's Seal

Shipped in good order and well conditioned by
Sir Thomas Sabine Pasley Bt. Captain of His
Majesty's Ship "Curaçoa" in and upon the Mer-
chant Schooner "Renira" whereof Robt. Melville is
Master, and now riding at anchor in the harbour
of Monte Video and bound for Port William
at the Falkland Islands in an iron chest,
Eight Packages entire, and the seal unbroken,
the following treasure as per annexed Invoice
viz.—

Three Hundred and Forty five Pounds
Seven Shillings and Five Pence Sterling.

being marked and numbered as in the margin,
and are to be delivered, in the like good order, and
well conditioned, at the said Port William
Falkland Islands, the act of God, the Queen's
Enemies, Fire, and all and every other dangers
and accidents of the Seas, Rivers, and of Navigation
of whatever nature and kinds soever excepted, unto
His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of the
said Falkland Islands, or in his absence to
the Officer in charge of the Establishment
there, on account of Her Britannic Majesty
paying freight for the said Treasure at the rate
of one Pound per cent with the Primage and
average accustomed. And it is hereby stipulated
and agreed upon between the said Master and
the Shipper and Consignees of the said Treasure,
that, in case of loss or damage happening to the
said Gold, Silver, Specie, or other Articles, as aforesaid,
the Master Officer commanding such Ship, or Vessel,

as

aforesaid, shall not be holden liable without
whereof the Master of the said Schooner hath af-
firmed to three Bills of lading, all of this tenor and
date, the one of which Bills being accomplished, the
other Two to stand void.

Dated on Board the "Reuira"
this 4th Day of January 1845.

(Signed) Charles Melville, Master of the Schooner "Reuira"

Specification

of the Packages described in the foregoing Invoice.

Marks on Packages	No. Inclusive From	To	Contents	Amount Sterling Money £	s.	d.
↑ G. V. No 1 to 8	1	8	1 Sixty Eight Sovereigns, and One Quarter of a Doubloon	68	16	8
			2 Thirteen Crowns, Two Hundred and Forty Three Half Crowns, and One Three Shilling Piece	33	15	6
			3 Six Hundred and Sixty Five Shillings	33	5	0
			4 One Thousand, Three Hundred and Forty Seven Six-Pences and Fifteen Four Penny Pieces	33	18	5
			5 Eighteen Eighths of Doubloons	7	10	6
			6 Thirteen Dollars and Ninety Nine Half Dollars	13	0	5
			7 Two Thousand, Four Hundred and Eighty Two Quarter of Dollars	129	5	5
			8 Eight Hundred and Thirty Seven Eighths of Dollars	21	15	11
			£	341	7	5

(Signed) Thomas Sabine Pasley Captain H.M.S. "Curacoa" and Senior Officer in the River Plate

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Invoice of Eight Packages in an Iron Chest of Public Specie, or Bullion, marked and numbered as per margin and sealed with the Seal or Seals of Sir Thomas Sabine Pasley Baronet Captain of Her Majesty's Ship Curaçoa containing in all as specified on the opposite side. Three Hundred and Forty Nine Pounds, Seven Shillings and Five Pence Sterling

↑
G. V
N°. 168

Shipped by Sir Thomas Sabine Pasley Bt. on behalf of His Excellency the Lieut-Governor of the Falkland Islands, on account of Her Britannic Majesty on board the British Merchant Schooner "Rosina" Charles Melville Master, consigned to His Excellency the Lieut Governor of the said Falkland Islands, or in his absence, the Officer in charge of the Establishment at that place.

Monte Video the 4th. of January 1845.

(Signed) Thomas Sabine Pasley Captain
H. M. Ship Curaçoa
Senior Officer in the River Plate.

Monte Video, January 7th 1845

Sir,

I forwarded to England by Her Majesty's Packet "Spider" which sailed from hence on the 26th Ultimo, the despatches and private letters conveyed to this Port by the Schooner "Renira"

I now forward to you, by the "Renira" the Mails for the Falkland Islands which have arrived here from England together with a few other letters from this Port collected in consequence of the Public notice which I gave of the intended departure of the "Renira" with a Mail for those Islands.

I am &c.

(Signed) Adolphus Turner

Governor Moody
&c. &c. &c.

Falkland Islands

N°. 5 Cannon Row
22nd. January 1844.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit to you a copy of my account with the Government of the Falkland Islands for the period ending 31st. December 1843.

I have &c. &c.
(Signed)
G. Baillie

His Excellency
Governor Moody.

Entered at Page 236

No. 5 Cannon Row
2nd Oct. 1844.

Sir,

I have the honor to acquaint you that in pursuance of Instructions from Lord Stanley I have received the following sums being the proceeds of Six Pounds of Sudsac Seed at £2.10.0 per pound in the following proportions Viz.t

	£	s.	d.
Royal Agricultural Society of England 2 lbs at £2.10.0	5	0	0
Highland Society of London 2 lbs at £2.10.0	5	0	0
Highland Agricultural Society 2 lb at £2.10.0	5	0	0

amounting to the sum of £15.0.0 which has been placed to the Credit of the Colony.

I have &c. &c.

(Signed) G. Baillie

His Excellency
Governor Moody
&c. &c. &c.

Monte Video 2nd. October 1844

Sir,

I have the honor to inform your Excellency that nine days after my arrival here this Port my vessel was wrecked in a heavy gale and this combined with the total want of the principal articles mentioned in the note your Excellency gave me on my departure, has prevented me from fulfilling your orders.

I have thought it best in consideration of the above circumstances to inform Mr. Lafone of the contents of the note, and this Gentleman has chartered the American Brig "Siren" which Vessel takes all the Articles which could be got here according to instructions.

In consequence of press of business here, I am unable to go in the "Siren", but I trust your Excellency will do all in your power to effect as favourable a realization of the goods as if I were there in person.

I am happy to be able to inform your Excellency that I have had news of my Brother Pepe, who had arrived in Sierra in safety and will now probably, be on his way to the Islands. Having nothing further to add I beg to subscribe myself

Your Excellency's

(Signed) Jacinto Espino

His Excellency
Governor Moody
Port Williams
Falkland Islands

Whitmore House
near Guilford Surrey
30th September 1844.

Sir,

I am directed by J. J. Whitington Esq.r to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Robinson's communication of the 1st January 1844 and to remark that Mr. Whitington would not have authorized the cause of which you are pleased to complain but from the then position of affairs at the River Plate assuming that such cause combined with Mr. Whitington having previously conveyed for your case, papers &c. by his vessels, free of charge, and with your expressed anxiety to promote the Interests of the Islands and intercourse with the Settlers would insure your cordiality and courtesy.

I am &c.

(Signed) Th.s Smith

Pr. Sec.r

His Excellency
Lieutenant Gov.r Moody
Falkland Islands

No 4 County Terrace
Harper Street New Kent Road
London
August 26th 1844.

Sir

As a relative of Mr Robert Blandford Stevens formerly a medical practitioner in South America, I ask permission to address your Excellency with a view to obtain information respecting him. No letters have been received since March, 1842, at which time he was expecting a small allotment of land granted to him by the Crown on one of the Falkland Islands, but since then no news, even of his death has come to hand. Having no other possible means of ascertaining anything respecting him, I hope your Excellency will pardon the liberty I take, and shall be deeply grateful for any information as to his being still alive and in health, or if dead, when that occurrence took place, and whether he died intestate, also the exact locality of his residence.

I remain &c

(Signed) Henry Hinton

His Excellency Captain R. C. Moody R. E. &c &c
Governor and Com.r in Chief
of the Falkland Islands

Cobras Rio de Janeiro
April 1845.

Supplied to James Hope Esq. Captain of H. M.
Steam-Ship "Firebrand" a Box said to contain Two Thousand
Pounds Sterling in the undermentioned coin for conveyance
to the River Plate to be forwarded per "Frolic" to His
Excellency the Governor of the Falkland Islands as
per order dated 3rd April 1845.

	Quantity	Species	Amount in £	Stg.	
	1391	Doubloons	1478	16	2
	138	Sovereigns	138	0	0
No Box	7	Half "	3	10	0
	7	Crowns	1	15	0
containing	775	Half "	96	17	0
	3656	Shillings	182	16	0
	3922	Sixpences	98	1	0
	7	4D Pieces		2	4
	10	3 Pieces		3	6
			£ 2000	0	0

(Signed) W. G. Tomlinson
Clerk in Charge

Cobras Rio de Janeiro
13th May 1845.

Sir,

I herewith forward the Bills of Lading of the Provisions & Stuffed on board the "Despatch" Schooner for the establishment under your Command as well as those for the money £2000 sent by Tubeuf to be transferred to the "Isabella" to convey to the Falkland Islands. I should beg to observe that I am afraid that a deficiency of £2-8-4 will be observed this I have provided against by sending by the Master of the Schooner 3 Sovereigns to be delivered to your Excellency to make the same correct. I am also afraid that the Pepper will be found short of 250 this I have also provided against by sending some by the master. All the Stores I hope you will find correct. Having been called upon by the Admiralty to know the reason why I have never forwarded your Excellency's Receipts for all the Provisions &c that have been forwarded from these Stores. I have to request that you will be pleased to transmit the same that I may forward them to the Admiralty for their information

I am &c.

(Signed) W. G. Tomkinson
Clerk in Charge.

His Excellency
The Lieutenant Governor
of the Falkland Islands

Cobras Store
Rio de Janeiro
30th April
1845.

Lading on board the Schooner "Despatch" Wm. G. Grimbleby, Master, for the use of Her Majesty, the Provisions and Stores undermentioned, to be delivered to His Excellency The Lieut-Governor of the Falkland Islands.

The Master engages to proceed immediately with the said Provisions and Stores, wind and weather permitting, and to make the best of his way thither on the penalty of having four-pence per ton a day abated from his freight bill in case of any neglect or delay on his part; and on his delivering the said Provisions and Stores to His Excellency the Governor, he is to receive at the rate of three Pounds Sterling per ton as per agreement for the Shipment of the same at this place.

The warranty of these Provisions will expire on the day mentioned against each Specie	Quantity		Casks No.	English Hhds	English Bar	English ½ Hhds	Small Casks	American Barrels	Firkins Tierces	Iron Hoops	Bread Bags	Solids Contents		
6 Months	Bread	4144 lbs Jno.									37	6	6	8
Unknown	Spirits	274 Gallns "		5						40		1	26	2
Expired	Pork	560 Pieces "							7	42		1	23	2
8 Months	Flour	6272 lbs "						32				5	18	8
Expired	Raisins	504 lbs "				3				8			20	6
Expired	Peas	3368 Bls "				9				54		1	21	6
12 Months	Sugar	1008 lbs "			3					24		0	27	0
No date	Tea	66 lbs "	1										1	3
2 Years	Vinegar	65 Gallns "		1						8			11	6
Unknown	Tobacco	283 lbs "			1	2				23			37	5
Unknown	Soap	464 lbs "					8			32			27	4
	Coffee	837 lbs "						5					34	2
	Rice	1509 lbs "						7				1	7	10
No Warranty Given	Mustard	48 lbs "	2										1	6
	Pepper	50 lbs "	1										1	3
	Salt	4 Bls "							1	6			9	0
	Candles	360 lbs "	13										1	3
	Currants	160 lbs "					1			4			2	8
	Indian Corn	52 Bls "						17				5	6	12
			17	6	4	14	9	61	8	241	37	27	32	0

Gross Tonnage of Provisions — 27 tons 32 0
Do of Stores — 43 " 0 0
Total Tonnage to be freighted for — 70 " 32 0

(Signed) W. G. Tomkinson Commanding Officer

Invoice

No.	Contts.	Marks
Bread		Purchased
37	4144	30th April 1845
	4144	
Spirits		Deptford
100	55	1844
255	54	"
184	54	"
242	56	"
185	54	"
	274	"
Vinegar		
11	55	
	55	
Tobacco		
27	67	Gilliatt
28	74	22 Sept 1843
14	142	
	283	
Pork		J. March 1843
109	80	Do. "
128	80	Do. "
112	80	Do "
131	80	Do. "
15	80	Do 24th Jan'y 1843
133	80	Do J. March 1843
141	80	Do. J. March 1843
	560	
Raisins		Knott
17	168	16th March 1844
21	168	"
13	168	"
	504	
Peas		
164	3 = 6	Sumners Dec. 1843
76	3 = 6	Sumners 1843
157	3 = 6	
117	3 = 6	Sumners Dec. 1843
110	3 = 6	
158	3 = 6	
79	3 = 6	"
71	3 = 6	
143	3 = 6	"
	33 - 6	"

No.	Contts.	Marks
Tea		Cobras
16	66	30th April 1845
	66	Purchased
Currants		
2	160	Cobras
	160	30th April 1845
	160	Purchased
Plums		
No to No		Cobras 30th April
32	6272	1845
	6272	Purchased
Sugar		
13	351	Cobras 30th
4	389	April 1845
7	368	Purchased
	1108	
Soap		
26	56	
92	59	Wheen Dec.
7	58	1843
83	58	"
35	58	"
18	59	"
32	58	"
8	58	"
	464	"
Mustard		
2	48	Cobras
		30th April
	48	1845
		Purchased
Coffee		
1	170	Cobras
2	180	30th April 45
3	160	
4	162	Purchased
5	165	
	837	

No.	Contts.	Marks
Rice		
1	213	Cobras
2	212	30th April
3	211	1845
4	221	
5	214	Purchased
6	220	
7	218	
	1509	
Pepper		Cobras 30th
	50	April 1845
	50	Purchased
Bundles		Cobras
13	260	30th April 45
	260	Purchased
Salt		
1	4.0	Cobras
4 Bags		30th April 45 Purchased
Indian Corn		
1	2.7	
2	2=7	
3	2=7	
4	2=7	Cobras
5	2=7	30th April
6	2=7	1845
7	2=7	Purchased
8	2=7	
9	3—	
10	3—	
11	3—	
12	3—	
13	3—	Signed W. G. G.
14	3—	
15	3—	
16	3—	
17	3—	
	50	

Rio de Janeiro 10th. May 1845.

Sir

Intelligence having reached us of the total loss of the British Brig "Mary Gray" on the West Falkland Islands: and being the Shippers of the Cargo of said vessel. We beg to trouble your Excellency with the following request —

We are informed that the Master, Burnett, had deposited his protest in the Archives of the Government, and it being very desirable that attested Copies should reach our friends in England, We request that one Copy be forwarded to Messrs. John Jackson of Monte Video desiring them to forward it per first opportunity to Messrs. Todd Naylor & Co. of Liverpool and another copy to ourselves here: either direct or per via the River Plate — and whatever expence there may be will be thankfully repaid either to our friends Robt. Herbert Esqr. or to Messrs. Frost as you may direct.

With a tender of our best services at all times in this city.

We have &c.

(Signed)

Naylor Brothers & Co.

To

His Excellency

Governor Moody

&c. &c. &c.

Falkland Islands

Rio de Janeiro 15th May 1845.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a Card of a Foundry recently established in this City, in which can be founded pieces of from 1½ to 2 Tons weight and in a few months, castings of 4 Tons weight may be accomplished.

Should any work of this kind be wanted for your Colony, as Agent of the Foundry I beg leave to solicit your orders – and have the honor to remain &c &c

(Signed) Mark Sadt. Agent,

To His Excellency

Governor Moody

Falkland Islands.

Her Majesty's Ships "Eagle"

at Rio de Janeiro 6th May 1845

Sir,

Having assumed the command of Her Majesty's Ships and Vessels employed on the Brazil Station and South East Coast of South America as Commander-in-Chief, I have to acquaint you therewith and to desire that any communications you may wish to make for Her Majesty's Service relative to the Squadron under my Command may be addressed to me.

I am &c &c

(Signed) S. Kingsfield

Rear Admiral
& Comr.-in-Chief

R. C. Moody Esqr.

Lieut.-Governor

Falkland Islands

"Cobras Stores"

Rio de Janeiro

15th May 1845

Delivered to Mr George Gruzilier Master of the British hired Schooner "Despatch" one case containing six Reams of Foolscap Paper directed to His Excellency the Lieut. Governor of the Falkland Islands—

(Signed) W. G. Tomlinson

Clerk in Charge

No 335

Cobras Yard. 30 April 1845 } An Account of Stores supplied to Mr George Gruzilier Master of the Schooner Despatch.

Species	Quantity To complete	Quantity In Lieu	Value for present use
		Tons	£ . Sh.
Carts complete —	1 in No.	— 0 —	37 — 6
Shingles ———	94000	— 42 —	0 — 0
Nails for Do ———	224 lbs	— 0 —	2 — 6
		43	0 .. 0

W. Tomlinson
Clerk in Charge

"Stanley" Cottage

28th June 1845

Sir

In reply to your letter of this day requesting to be informed of the date of my embarkation for the Falkland Islands, and of your having been honored with the Secretary of State's Instructions that my salary was to commence from that date — I have the honor to inform you that the date of my embarkation was the 11th December last — but I apprehend that it was contemplated by the Secretary of State to grant me my salary from the date of my Gazette appointment viz the 22d of November last — as I applied for same, and in my interview with his Lordship previous to my leaving England I fully understood it was granted.

I am &c &c
(Signed) W. H. Moore

His Excellency
The Governor

Stanley 5th July 1845.

We the Undersigned Inhabitants of the Town of "Stanley" beg to approach your Excellency with sentiments of the greatest respect and request leave to present you with the following address stating that the various reports which have reached us respecting the recent transactions in the Colony have filled us with indignation and distressed us greatly; we are therefore induced to address you and hasten to assure you that we repose the utmost confidence in your ability, integrity and firmness, and to express our admiration of your amiability, kindliness of disposition, and unimpeachable private character.

(Signed) William Henry Moore / Magistrate
Henry J. Hamblen Colonial Surgeon
J. H. Slaughter Ct. to Colo. Govt.
J. R. Longden
John Sulley
James Phillips
Charles M. Suffolk
Alexr. M. Intosh
John Clark
George Bacon
John Robinson
Charles Sobliffe
William Williams
George Errington
Layman de Bruce
John Adams
Jacob Napoleon Goss
John Rudd
Cipriano Gomez
J. G. Kelway
Thomas Learnden
Thomas Silly
Stephen Chatfield

John Carpenter
Jergen Christian Dettloff
Frederick Bachelor
James Watson
Charles Melville
John Johnson
Agustin Roba
Louis Despreaux
Tomas Rolon
Ciriaco Bermitez
Andres Vidall
William Hall
John Markham Dean
Andrios Petaluga
John Culey
Edmund Selbratt Culey
Joseph See
John O'Neil
William Shailor
Henry Bond.

His Excellency
The Governor

For answer to address Vide Mist. Letter Book from the Governor Page 396.

"Stanley" 26th. July 1845.

Sir,

On the 17th. Inst. I attended according to your order to the Govt. House to listen to the Report which your Excellency had to read, and I think if I mistake not, that your Exy. said, that every person had an undoubted right to canvass the proposals of your Exy. as long as they did not canvass the motives. I therefore take it upon me as a single individual to canvass the prohibition of the Fur Sealing, not by any means the motives, but I think myself, that it does not by any means benefit the Govt. or the Colony, but on the contrary, has a tendency to retard. And I certainly must confess as a single individual and the only one as a Settler in the Colony, that has to get their living afloat that I certainly do feel hurt when I pass a reef of Rocks and see what I could make a livelihood from, but dare not touch it, and the very next day some foreign Ships come and take them away, and there is no person to say nay. I think it is your Exy's wish to have a vessel belonging to the Colony and I have all my little property invested afloat, and she is always at your Exy's command whether at Stanley or not in forty eight hours, by dispatching a man and horse across the Island, but I unless I can be allowed the privilege before mentioned, I shall be obliged to sell my vessel which I feel very sorry for, as I am confident that there will never be one better adapted for carrying despatches

His Excellency
Governor Moody.

or anything that your Ex^y may require and I
I is always at your Ex^ys command on reason-
-able terms: provided I could be allowed that
one privilege. And I hope your Ex^y will not
take it amiss to be persented with this humble
petition from an humble individual like me

I am &c &c
(Signed) Charles Melville

Stanley 2nd. August 1845.

To His Excellency
Governor Moody
Falkland Islands.

Memorialist humbly begs to state that on Saturday 2nd. August your Excellency was pleased to give him an allotment to be made a Road by said Memorialist. He Memorialist got every thing ready preparatory to going to work on Monday, but Memorialist was sent for and went to your Excellency's house, where he was informed by Mr. Lowden that your Excellency could not employ him in any manner, owing to a report received from Mr. Phillips regarding his previous character.

Memorialist further begs to state that he has got sufficient proof of his sobriety and attention during the time he worked at the jetty. Memorialist humbly submits it was very harsh to be condemned without a hearing. Memorialist further begs your Excellency will give him a hearing, or if not, he Memorialist must apply to the Civil Law, for regain a condemned character.

Memorialist further submits that had he not a little money of his own, he lost the means a living. Through losing his character, but still being a seafaring man can always get to some other part, but not with it with this hanging on his mind as it would be a very poor encouragement he could give if any person asked regarding the Settlement. Hoping your Ex. will forgive me for expressing the feelings of my mind. I have

(signed) Charles Marsh Sutcliffe

"Stanely" September 5th. 1815.

Sir,

I have the honor respectfully to solicit that your Excellency will be pleased to grant me four days' leave of absence commencing from the 10th. Inst. provided that it would not be causing any great delay in the despatch of public business.

I have &c &c

(Signed) J. H. Slaughter

Clk. to the Colo. Govt.

His Excellency

The Governor

September 6th 1845

Sir,

I shall feel particularly obliged if you will grant me leave of absence for a few days from Wednesday next to visit Anson

I have &c

His Excellency (Signed) H. I. Hamblin

The Governor

Stanley September 13th 1845.

Sir)

The leave of absence which you were recently pleased to grant me having expired I have respectfully to inform your Excellency that I have this day resumed the duties of this Office

I have &c

(Signed) J. H. Slaughter

Clk to Colonial Govt

His Excy

The Governor

Stanley July 11th 1845

Sir,

We have the honor to report to your Excellency that we have examined the Provisions and Stores pointed out to us and have found them to be totally unserviceable and the tools unworthy of repair.

We have &c &c

(Signed, H. J. Hamblin M.C.
" & Colonial Surgeon
His Excellency " J. N. Slaughter Clerk to the
Colonial Government
The Governor " R.t Hearndon Serj.t R.S.&Ms.

Audit Office Somerset Place
7th February 1845

Sir,

Your amount as Governor of the Falkland Islands, of your receipts and Disbursements from 1st of April 1842 to 31st March 1843 having been declared before the Right Honorable the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the 28th January 1845, this is to certify in pursuance of the Act of 1 & 2 Geo. 4 C. 121 Sc. that the Charge and discharge on the said amount are as follows—

	£	s.	d.
Charge	4.	402.	12. 7¼
Discharge	4.	342.	18 6¼

and that on the said account you are indebted in the sum of Fifty Nine Pounds, Fourteen Shillings and one penny.

We are &c &c

(Signed) H. J. Suttrell

Henry Arbuthnot

Capt.n Richard Clement Moody

R. E.

No. 5 Cannon Row
17th February 1845.

Sir,

3rd Dec. 1844

I have the honor to transmit to you a Bill of lading for two Malleted Iron Chests one case of Flower Seeds, and one Box of Mathematical Instruments which have been shipped on board the "Hebe" consigned to the officer administering the Government

I have &c &c

(Signed) G. Baillie

His Excellency
Governor Moody
&c &c &c.

Shipped in good order and well conditioned, by George Baillie Esq^re. in and upon the good Ship call the "Hebe", whereof is Master for this present voyage, C. F. Anderson and now lying in the River Thames, and bound for Falkland Islands.

Officer Administering the Govt. of the Falkland Islands.

Two Malted Iron Chests
One case of Flower Seeds &c.
One Box of Mathematical Instruments

No^s 1 & 2 Malted Iron chests
1 Case Flower Seeds
1 Box. Instruments
4 Packages.

being marked and numbered as in the margin, and are to be delivered in the like good order and well conditioned, at the aforesaid Port of Falkland Islands / The act of God, the Queens Enemies, Fire, and all and every other dangers and accidents of the Seas, Rivers, and Navigation of whatever Nature, or kind soever, & save risk of Boats, so far as Ships are liable thereto, excepted / unto the officer administering the Government or to his assigns, freight for the said Goods being paid in London, Ship lost or not with Primage, and average accustomed. In witness whereof the Master or Purser of the said Ship hath affirmed to three bills of lading, all of this Tenor and Date; the one of which Bills being accomplished, the others to stand void.

Dated in London December 3^rd 1844

Contents unknown to C. F. Anderson
and not accountable for Breakage.

5 Cannon Row
27th February 1845.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit to you my account with the Government of the Falkland Islands for the year ending on the 31st December last.

I have &c &c

(Signed) G. Baillie

His Excellency

Governor Moody

The Government of the Falkland Islands in account with George Baillie Esq^re Agent General for Crown Colonies for the year ending the 31^st December 1844

Cr.

1844		£	s	d
Janry 1st	By Balance in hand 31st Dec^r 1844	..	2	2
Sep^r 9th	Received of the Highland Society of London being the amount of 2 lbs Tussac Seed at £2..10 per lb as per M^r Hooper's letter 5th September 1844	5	..	..
	Royal Agricultural Society of England			
	D^o as per D^o	5	0	0
	Highland Agricultural Society			
	D^o as per D^o	5	0	0
Dec^r 27th	Paymaster of Civil Services as an advance for the service of the Colony	50	0	0
		65	2	2
" 31st	Balance over paid & carried to next A/c	4	5	4
		69	7	6

1844		£	s	d
June 30th	By Paid Postage of Letters 6 Mos to 30th June	..	2	4
July 19	" Mess^rs Riordan & Co^s for 2 Iron Chests as per M^r Stephens letter 6th May 1844	33	8	0
Dec^r 2d	" Mess^rs Ronalds & Sons for Seeds &c required by M^r Stephens letter 11th May 1844	11	14	6
Dec^r 27th	" M^r Stephenson for books supplied to the use of the Government	24	1	2
" 31st	" Postage of Letters 6 mos to 31st Dec^r	..	1	6
	Ed^d			
		69	7	6

Signed / G. Baillie

Sullivans Cottage.
13th October 1845

Sir/

In reply to your favour of the 11th Inst. informing me that you were aware of the man Edward Mc. Farlane, a deserter from H. M. B. "Spy" having surrendered himself to the Civil Power in the Town of Stanley, and requesting me to furnish you with an official notification of the same in writing, and also to inform you what steps I had taken regarding his safe custody and any other measures I might propose to adopt towards him, until I could deliver him over to the Naval authorities. I beg to inform your Excellency that Head Constable William Watts has arrested the Prisoner Edward Mc. Farlane for desertion from H. M. B. "Spy" Lieut. J. Otway Wooldridge R. N. commander at Stanley in the County of Cross I have made out a Warrant committing the Prisoner to the Custody of the keeper of the common Goal at Stanley aforesaid where he now is. I dont intend to adopt any other measures towards him until he is delivered over to the Naval authorities. I beg leave to enclose a description of the Deserter that you may forward it to the Secretary of the Admiralty. Should you wish to do so.

I remain &c &c

(Signed) Wm. H. Moore
J. P.

His Ex.
The Gov.
&c Commander-in-Chief

Queen's Stores — Persons purchasing this Paper are liable to a Prosecution —

Description Return of Edward Mc Farlane committed to confinement at the common Goal Stanley County of Ross Falkland Islands on the eighth day of October 1844 as a Deserter from H. M. Brigantine "Ifley" Lieut S Otway Woolridge Commander

Names	Quality	Where Born	Age	Height Feet	Height Inches	Complexion	Hair	Eyes	Marks	Probable date of Enlistment and where	Name and occupation and address of the Person by whom apprehended	Particulars in the evidence on which the Prisoner is committed	Whether the Prisoner was apprehended or voluntarily surrendered himself as a Deserter	Whether the Prisoner confessed before the Magistrate that he was a Deserter
Edward Mc Farlane	Able Bodied Seaman	Exeter Devon	27	5	5	Sallow	Dark	Grey	Had a Mustache Gait Stoop Looking on Shoulders	Not Known	Head Constable William Hall Barracks Town of Stanley	His admission that he was a Deserter	Voluntarily surrendered himself as a Deserter stating he wished to join the Union to which he formerly belonged	He did

I do hereby certify that the Prisoner has been duly examined before me as to the circumstances herein stated and has declared in my presence that he is a deserter from H. M. Brigantine "Ifley" Lieut S Otway Woolridge Commander

(Signed) William Horsey Moore J. P.
Lieutenant Colonel
Signature of Prisoner
Signature of Interpreter

I certify that I have examined the Prisoner and consider him fit for the duty of the Naval Service

Signature of Medical Man

{ Description Marks & height if not above entered.

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"Stanley" October 23rd.

To His Excellency
R. C. Moody
Governor of the Falkland Islands.

I, John Carpenter Labourer hereby solicits your Excellency's attention to the regard of finding me a place to Sleep - as I cannot obtain one myself. And I, as in duty bound will ever pray.

(Signed) John his + mark Carpenter

Monte Video

15th September 1845.

Sir,

In consequence of late events at Buenos Ayres, which have forced the French Envoy, Baron Deffaudis, and myself to leave that Capital, and the great probability of an immediate rupture between the Argentine Govt and those of England and France, a number of British Subjects, Emigrants and Settlers in the province of Buenos Ayres have taken refuge in this city, whither the affairs of Her Majesty's Legation, in the joint French and English mediation in the River Plate, have called Baron Deffaudis and myself.

As this Capital is still besieged, it is difficult for these Individuals, generally agricultural Labourers and tenders of Cattle, to obtain the means of subsistence, they are therefore, in many instances, obliged to have recourse to Her M.s Legation for assistance. Under these circumstances Her Majs Colony of the Falkland Islands appears to me the best destination within reach for these people. In those Islands, Labourers and Settlers are from all accounts much wanted, and hereafter many Emigrants and their families will doubtless be desirous of seeking safety under the British flag from the continual warfare, oppression and loss from which they suffer at present in the River

His Ex.y
The Govr of the Falkland Islands
&c. &c. &c.

River Plate.

I have therefore applied to Admiral Inglefield for a man of war to convey the Emigrants in question to the seat of Government. Hitherto it has not been possible to detach any of Her Majt's vessels left at Monte Video, other services in the River Plate requiring all the force of the combined squadrons under the command of the French and English Admls

The arrival however of Her Majesty's Brig-antine "Spy," on her way to the Pacific affords an opportunity for sending such as can be ready at a very short notice. Mr Turner H. Mt's Chargé d'Affaires, at my request, has taken steps for forwarding, not exceeding, twenty Emigrants accordingly, who now proceed per H. M. S "Spy" for the Falklands Islands.

As H. Mt's Minister Plenipy.y, I recommend these poor persons to your care and protection, trust-ing that you will find them useful to the Colony: and I should be glad to hear from you by the first opportunity, what class of Emigrants, and what sort of goods you would recommend preferably to for-ward. It may be advisable hereafter to charter a vessel expressly to convey emigrants and their families to the Falkland Islands. In the mean time it is very desirable that a return freight from the Islands should if possible be found. I am informed that salted beef, if not live bullocks, sheep according to their price, tur-

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and perhaps vegetables especially potatoes, may be exported from the Colony. In this city these Articles would find a ready Sale. I submit to your judgment, Sir, the Expediency of directing, if the means at your disposal allow, that barrels of salt beef, and Stacks of cut Peat or turf, ready dried, be prepared for forwarding by the first opportunity of a vessel sailing hence for the Falklands, as a return Cargo.

I shall endeavour to forward some planking, or lumber as it is technically called which I am informed is wanted in the Islands for the construction of Sheds and temporary dwellings and shall be happy to attend to any suggestion from you, as to the articles that it may be desirable in future to send with emigrants.

I have given directions that the mails now here, awaiting an opportunity, be forwarded by the "Spy".

I have &c &c

(Signed) W. G. Ousley

Stanley Falkland Islands

Oct. 28th 1845

Sir,

I beg leave to enclose a letter to the Right Honble the Secretary of State for the Colonies announcing my arrival in this Colony and respectfully request you will cause it to be forwarded.

I have &c &c

(Signed) James Smith Moody
Colonial Chaplain

His Exy
The Govr

Sullivans Cottage
Stanley October 31st

Sir,

In reply to your letter of this day, I beg to inform you, that the Jury impannelled the day before Yesterday, to enquire the circumstances relating to the death of the late Carmelita Penny, found that she drowned herself, while labouring under a fit of temporary insanity and at your desire I enclose the evidence upon which they came to such a conclusion.—

I have &c. &c.

(Signed) Wm. Hend.n Moore

His Excellency

Governor Moody

&c. &c. &c.